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**Have you considered mentioning Our Savior parish in your will? Please help us continue our ministry by remembering us in your will.**

## Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help



Mother of Perpetual Help, today we face so many difficulties. Your picture tells us so much about you. It reminds us to reach out and help those in need. Help us understand that our lives belong to others as much as they belong to us.

Mother of Perpetual Help, you have been blessed and favored by God. You became not only the Mother of the Redeemer, but Mother of the redeemed as well. We come to you today as your loving children. Watch over us and take care of us. As you held the child Jesus in your loving arms, so take us in your arms. Be a mother ready at every moment to help us. For God who is mighty has done great things for you, and God's mercy is from age to age on those who love God. Intercede for us, dear Mother, in obtaining pardon for our sins, love for Jesus, final perseverance, and the grace always to call upon you, Mother of Perpetual Help.

### NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

O Mother of Perpetual Help, grant that I may ever invoke thy most powerful name, which is the safeguard of the living and the salvation of the dying. O purest Mary, O sweetest Mary, let thy name henceforth be ever on my lips. Delay not, O Blessed Lady, to help me, whenever I call on thee; for, in all my temptations, in all my needs, I shall never cease to call on thee, ever repeating thy sacred name, Mary, Mary.

O what consolation, what sweetness, what confidence, what emotion, fill my soul when I utter thy sacred name, or even only think of thee. I thank the Lord for having given thee, for my good so sweet, so powerful, so lovely a name. But I will not be content with merely uttering thy name. Let my love for thee prompt me ever to hail thee, Mother of Perpetual Help. *(Recite 3 Hail Mary's)*

## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

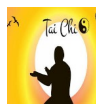
Catholics are encouraged to make a Spiritual Communion. Spiritual Communion is the desiring of Jesus Christ to enter our heart when we are unable for various reasons to receive actual Holy Communion. Pope Francis has urged Catholics to perform Spiritual Communion during the COVID-19 pandemic. This practice was established in the Church for centuries and recommended by several saints.

### Act of Spiritual Communion

*St. Alphonsus Liguori*

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

## TAI CHI CLASS



*It is a low-impact; slow-motion exercise that is often described as "meditation in motion."*

**Classes meet:** Mondays 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. in Jennings Hall.

- Social distancing will be observed at all times.
- No cost
- Everyone is invited.



**THE MEN OF ST. JOSEPH** It is an association of Christian Men united under the Catholic Church who meet weekly to pray together and encourage each other to be the spiritual leader of their families. A weekly one hour meeting is held at **6:00 p.m. every Tuesday in Joseph Hall**. For more information, please contact Deacon Francis or Mike Perry.

## CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS



Online Giving

Visit our website to sign up and to begin contributing automatically to our parish. This convenient new system does not require you to contact your bank to sign up or to make changes. You

can use any of your checking or savings accounts or debit or credit card, and the funds will be automatically transferred to our parish bank account. This system is more convenient for the parish than electronic checks from your bank. And it's convenient for you because you can make changes at any time. Go to our website or download the online giving app on your mobile device. **Contact Judy Pukac at 251-633-6762 x 203 with any questions.**

**For the website** go to [www.oursaviorparish.org](http://www.oursaviorparish.org) then click on the Online Giving link. It's quick and easy!

**For the mobile app** go to the App Store and search for Online Giving and register with Our Savior Catholic Church.



**LINE DANCING** is starting back meeting every Monday in Jennings Hall. Classes start at 6:15 p.m. with a cost of \$5 per person. It is a fun and healthy form of exercise where everyone comes together to have a good time. Come join the fun!!

## PLEASE KEEP DONATING TO GOODWILL EASTER SEALS GOOD SAMARITAN PROGRAM

**ALL DONATION CENTER LOCATIONS ARE OPEN**  
**DAILY 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM, BUT CALL FIRST.**

**YELLOW DONATION FORMS** are available in the *Church and in the Parish Office*. Please turn your yellow donation form into Goodwill when donating. This allows Our Savior and Saint Vincent de Paul Society to receive \$5 gift certificates for our Friends in Need. **THANK YOU, PARISHIONERS**, for your participation and generosity. Please contact Christina Richie should you have any questions.

## STAFF

Father David Tokarz, Pastor  
Deacon Charles Kenny (retired)  
Deacon Norman Gale  
Deacon Jay Boyd  
Deacon Francis Tran  
Jan Murray, Religious Ed  
Tina Lyons, Youth Minister  
Dolores Hale, Ministry of Care  
Daniel Driskell, Music Minister  
Mary Marks, Office Manager  
Judy Pukac, Accountant  
Heide Sarubin, Office Assistant  
Kim McDowell, Maintenance  
Mary Anthony, Housekeeping

## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

**Saturday Mass:** 5:00 p.m.  
**Sunday Masses:** 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
**Weekdays:** 8:30 am Tuesday-Friday  
**Holy Days:** 7 p.m. Vigil & 8:30 a.m. & 7 p.m.

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. & by appointment

## CONTACT

**Office:** 251-633-6762  
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**Website:** [www.oursaviorparish.org](http://www.oursaviorparish.org)  
**Facebook:** Our Savior Catholic Church  
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**Fr. David's email:** [djtokarz1950@gmail.com](mailto:djtokarz1950@gmail.com)

## CHURCH ADDRESS

1801 Cody Rd S, Mobile, AL 36695

## Finance Council:

**Liturgy:** Fr. David Tokarz  
**Parish Life Activities:** Dolores Hale  
**LAFF:** Mary Anthony  
**Life & Justice:** Ricarda Manning  
**Knights of Columbus:** Michael Smitherman  
Grand Knight, Council 11366  
**4th Degree, Knights of Columbus:** Joe Behr  
Faithful Navigator Assembly 2918  
**Ladies Auxiliary:** Tina Lyons  
**Men of St. Joseph:** Francis Tran  
**St Vincent de Paul:** Christina Richie  
**Parish Council:** Vicki Wakefield  
**Sister Parish Com.:** Kathy Powell  
**Boy Scouts:** Edward Nehls  
**Cub Scouts:** Edward Nehls  
**Widows Web:** Judy Adams

## MOVING OR CHANGING ADDRESS

Please notify the parish office 251-633-6762

## NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are interested in joining our parish family, please fill out a card on the table in the back of the church to the left as you enter or online at [www.oursaviorparish.org](http://www.oursaviorparish.org)

## SACRAMENTAL GUIDELINES

**Baptism of infants:** If you are expecting a child or have recently had a child and want to prepare for baptism, please call the parish office (251-633-6762) to schedule a preparation session.  
**Confirmation, RCIA, First Eucharist:** Jan Murray  
251-633-6762 x 206 or [re@oursaviorparish.org](mailto:re@oursaviorparish.org)  
**Matrimony:** Fr. David (six months before the wedding)

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

School of Religion grades K - 12 meets  
Sunday mornings from 9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

## PARISH OFFICE

8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday - Thursday  
8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Friday  
Closed daily for lunch 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

## OUR SAVIOR YOUTH GROUPS

**Email:** [youth@oursaviorparish.org](mailto:youth@oursaviorparish.org)  
**Junior:** 6th - 8th grades  
**Senior:** 9th - 12th grades

## PRAYER CHAIN

Parish Office [office@oursaviorparish.org](mailto:office@oursaviorparish.org)

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.



## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 8, 2021



### IS IT REAL? IS IT TRUE?

The distinction between the words “real” and “true” may seem to be pedantic and unimportant. I disagree, and I base my judgment on the far more intelligent judgments of two very important figures in my life: JRR Tolkien and CS Lewis (the latter having learned this distinction from the former).

Lewis probably expressed this most clearly in a couple of places: the end of his allegorical novel *The Pilgrim's Regress*, and his essay “Myth Became Fact.” Tolkien, on the other hand, was very clear in his crucially important essay “On Fairy Stories.” Their argument: the truth of the meaning is more important than the truth of the event. But this needs some unpacking (especially from the point of view of Tolkien, a fervent Catholic).

Lewis (once he returned to belief in God) thought that stories like those about Jesus were like every other myth of dying/rising—Balder, Osiris, Dionysius... They were “lies, though breathed through silver.” But Tolkien assured him that was not the case. All these myths (= stories expressing a glimmer of truth, by the way: NOT “made up falsehoods”) contain elements of truth that are critical. The difference in Christianity is that the “myth” of Jesus actually happened. A “myth” (with its attendant “truth”) became a “fact,” a “reality.” “In that case,” Lewis said, “I begin to understand...”

What are the other (“pagan”) myths, then? They are “...a real though unfocussed gleam of divine truth falling on the human imagination. The Hebrews, like other peoples, had mythology: but as they were the chosen people so their mythology was the chosen mythology—the mythology chosen by God to be the vehicle of the earliest sacred truths...” (CS Lewis, *Miracles*). So there needs to be a coherence between them and the final expression of reality/truth since they partake to some degree in that reality/truth.

But in Jesus reality becomes truth (or, as Lewis and Tolkien before him put it, “Truth Became Fact”). And that brings us to the Eucharist. We all need nourishment/strength for our bodies; we all need joy (see Psalm 104:14-15). Wine and bread in and of themselves supply that. But with Jesus’ word (and remember: the Resurrection is true, therefore the Eucharist is true), bread becomes Bread; wine becomes Wine—the Bread of Life and the Cup of Eternal Salvation. Myth becomes absolute Fact for us in Him.

Does the Eucharist look like flesh/blood? No, and thanks be to God for that! But if His word can calm the seas and raise the dead and forgive sins, it can make this transformation as well. And why? It’s very simple—because He loves us. Would you reject the gift of Someone who loves you? I don’t think so—so come to the table and do not pretend you don’t want to be loved.

Fr. David

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

“Our Savior parish is a Catholic community, fueled by the Eucharist and infused with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, committed to faith-filled worship, to outreach and welcoming for our brothers and sisters in need, to striving for Christian unity, to pursuing respect for the dignity of all human life, and to building the Kingdom of God on Cody Road and beyond.”

Please pray for those who are sick and suffering in our parish, in a special way...

Bill Barber	Jesus Gallego	Ashley Rickel
Keith Bumpers	Manuela Golden	Vicki Scott
Lisa Brazell	Rose Marie Kervin	Jeb Shell
Annie Ruth Chappell	Monica Knight	Kathy Sirak
Mason Coker	Rady Laron	Mary Ann Stanley
Judy Courtney	Myrtis Mooney	Joe Vegliacich
Leah Dees	Louis Naman	
Michael Dees	Michael Nelson	

**FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE**

James Walsh 8/1/06	Agnes Murray 8/19/06
Sadie Davis 8/1/10	Cullis Holub 8/19/15
Jeanne Pollara 8/1/05	Tom Clinton 8/19/18
Phi Hoang 8/2/09	David Longstaff 8/19/2020
Bonnie Moran 8/2/13	Helen Curry 8/20/17
Madelyn Christiansen 8/3/09	Sullivan O'Rourke 8/21/10
Mary Kress 8/3/14	Henna Dana 8/21/13
James G Murray 8/4/02	Teresa Powell 8/22/08
Cecilia Street 8/4/14	Gary Browning 8/22/2020
Sean Delcambre 8/5/19	Msgr Joseph McArdle 8/23/00
Margarita deCuellar 8/6/01	Eubie Watson 8/23/05
George Kirk 8/6/13	Helen Cullefer 8/23/15
James Roberts 8/7/09	Linda Behr 8/23/18
Samuel P. Garrone 8/7/97	Ann Burns 8/25/08
Haydee Granda 8/7/2020	Edith Klein 8/25/05
Margaret McCusker 8/8/2020	Doug Pierre 8/25/09
David Pomier 8/9/11	George Kutey 8/25/15
John Pigott 8/9/15	William Kirven 8/26/09
Leon Rung 8/10/16	Irene Novak 8/26/12
Pete Garriz 8/10/16	Mary Anne Hennigan 8/26/18
Ruth B. Dunaway 8/11/01	Jean Engler 8/27/97
Thomas Stirling 8/11/08	Conchita Charnock 8/27/12
Misty McKee 8/11/2020	Barry Jaet 8/27/13
Jack Baker 8/13/11	Johnny Crist 8/28/10
Lill England 8/14/08	Harold Clark 8/28/2016
Patsy Kenny 8/14/11	Cesar Cosci 8/29/18
Lillian Giara 8/15/07	Mary Beth Ezell 8/29/19
Lorraine Roberts 8/15/19	Regina Street 8/30/79
Lisa Crum 8/16/07	Ron Willis 8/30/03
Faye Richburg 8/17/08	Mary McQueen 8/30/12
Jerry Callaghan 8/17/12	Lily Villanueva 8/30/15
Doyle Ellis 8/17/04	Doris Henriksen 8/30/2020
Frank Holderfield Sr 8/17/07	Rolando Sema 8/31/12
Brooke Heuermann 8/17/13	
Charles Pollman, Sr. 8/18/08	

**MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK**

**Saturday 5:00 pm:** George A. VanCourt, Jr. (d)  
**8:30 am:** People of the Parish  
**Sunday 11:00 am:** Henry Guchereau (d)  
**8:30 am:** William Ankerson, III (d)  
**Tuesday 8:30 am:** Richard Smith (d)  
**Wednesday 8:30 am:** George E. Lundy, Sr. (d)  
**Thursday 8:30 am:** Tommy Wilson (d)  
**Friday 8:30 am:** Tommy Wilson (d)



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**PRAYER INTENTIONS POPE FRANCIS**

**Intention for Evangelization: – The Church**  
 Let us pray for the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the

**READINGS OF THE WEEK**

**Sat. Reading 1:** Deuteronomy 6:4-13  
**Gospel:** Matthew 17:14-20  
**Sun. Reading 1:** 1 Kings 19:4-8 (116B)  
**Reading 2:** Ephesians 4:30-5:2  
**Gospel:** John 6:41-51  
**Mon. Reading 1:** Deuteronomy 10:12-22  
**Gospel:** Matthew 17:22-27  
**Tues. Reading 1:** 2 Corinthians 9:6-10  
**Gospel:** John 12:24-26  
**Wed. Reading 1:** Deuteronomy 34:1-12  
**Gospel:** Matthew 18:15-20  
**Thurs. Reading 1:** Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17  
**Gospel:** Matthew 18:21-19:1  
**Fri. Reading 1:** Joshua 24:1-13  
**Gospel:** Matthew 19:3-12

**OUR SAVIOR LIVE-STREAMING MASSES**

We will be **live-streaming Daily Mass** on Tuesday-Friday at 8:30 a.m. and **Sunday Mass** at 11:00 a.m. on Facebook.

**Two ways to view the Masses:**

- 1) Go to our website [www.oursaviorparish.org](http://www.oursaviorparish.org) and then click on the Facebook logo at the top right corner and then click on videos to your left.
- 2) Log into Facebook and search for Our Savior Catholic Church. Please make sure you click on follow us on Facebook to get notices when a video is posted.

**MEETINGS OF THE WEEK**

**Sunday** St Vincent de Paul (9:45 a.m.) Joseph  
**Monday** Tai Chi (10:00 a.m.) Jennings  
 Line Dancing (6:15 p.m.) Jennings  
**Tuesday** Men of St. Joseph (6:00 p.m.) Joseph  
**Wednesday** Adoration (9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.)  
 Holy Hour & Novena (6:00 p.m.)  
 Benediction (7:00 p.m.)  
 K of C 4th Degree (7:00 p.m.)  
 Choir (7:00 p.m.)  
**Friday** Singing Needles (10:00 a.m.)



**HOLY HOUR & NOVENA** will resume **August 11th** following Adoration on Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Holy Hour begins at 6:00 p.m. starting with evening prayer followed by the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and then concludes with Benediction at 7:00 p.m.

**CHILD PROTECTION RETRAINING**



Volunteers and employees, it's time to renew your training for Child Protection. You will find instructions for retraining at:  
<https://mobarch.org/childprotection>

If you have any trouble logging into your account, please contact the Office for the Protection of Minors and Adults at 251-434-1559.

**UPDATE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**



Does our Church database have YOUR family membership record correct? Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Directory. It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year.

- Have you changed your phone number or email address?
- Have you moved?
- Are you preparing to move soon?
- Do you want your record published?

If you have **not** already informed the Church Office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the Guide Book & Directory is correct. The Church Office number is 251-633-6762 x 200.

*Thank you for your help!*

Anticipated Offering Income	\$	12,115
Actual Offering Income	\$	8,846
Anticipated Offering Income to date	\$	375,577
Actual Offering Income to date	\$	369,953
YTD Offering: Over (Under)	\$	(5,624)
Budget Offering Year	\$	630,000
Building Fund this week	\$	238
Building Fund to date	\$	5,246
Temascalapa Appeal	\$	17,382
Latin America	\$	766
Garage Sale	\$	10,743.42

Erring on the side of caution we have made the decision to **postpone** Young Adults, Laff's, Praise & Worship, Feast Day Meal, and the Multicultural Festival.

**LADIES ALL FUN & FELLOWSHIP LAFF'S**  
**POSTPONED**

Save the Date for Po-Ke-No **Thursday, August 19th** Jennings Hall

**Social: 6:30 p.m.**  
**Po-Ke-No: 7:00 p.m.**  
**Cost: \$5**

**RSVP** to Tina Lyons or Mary Anthony No later than **August 16th**  
 Bring your ideas for future gatherings! **POTLUCK**, please bring a dish/side or dessert to share.

**OUR SAVIOR'S 2ND ANNUAL  
 MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL**



**POSTPONED**

Next planning meeting **Wednesday, August 18th in Joseph Hall 6:30-7:30**. Our Savior will be hosting their 2nd Annual Multicultural Festival on Saturday, October 23rd in Jennings Hall after the 5 o'clock Mass. We would like to celebrate the richness of all the different cultures and traditions right here at Our Savior. We are looking for parishioners that might be interested in having a table to share their heritage and traditions. Please contact Deacon Francis or Tina Lyons in the office if you are interested in participating!

**PRAISE & WORSHIP SING ALONG**

Pot Luck Dinner (Bring your favorite dish to share)  
 Everyone is invited! Daniel Driskell will lead us in song!

**Masks and Social Distancing will be required.**

**POSTPONED**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Sunday, August 22nd 5 p.m. -7 p.m. Jennings Hall  
 Please RSVP to Tina @ [youth@oursaviorparish.org](mailto:youth@oursaviorparish.org) or 251-633-6762 x 205



Our first ever **AMAZING**  
 "Sunday-Funday-No Cook Day"  
**WOW**, Where to Begin!

**THANK YOU** to every one of you who help make this event to be so successful! Each of you had a special role that made this event happen and there are so many that I won't even begin to name everyone by name because I just don't want to miss anyone. Just know that we are **GRATEFUL** to each and every one of you! Special Thank You to all the parishioners who stopped by after all the Masses and visited the booths and signed up for different organizations. Thank You!!

**YOUTH GROUP UPDATES/EVENTS**



**WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUTH MINISTRY**

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We're planning an Outdoor Day Retreat at Camp Christian!

**SAVE THE DATE**

Saturday, October 2nd

more information to follow

Open to all youth grades 6th-12th & Our Confirmation Class  
 Ms. Tina is looking for 5 or 6 to help lead small groups

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Youth group is open to all Middle School Youth 6th-8th grade & High School Youth 9th-12th grade. Parents and Youth, if you would like to be added to the email/constant contact list so you can receive updates. Please send your email to [youth@oursaviorparish.org](mailto:youth@oursaviorparish.org).

*Our goal here at Our Savior is to provide a safe place to come together with your peers.*

**NEWS FROM THE  
 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

**What You Need To Know About Our Religious Education Programs**

It was wonderful to see so many of you last weekend at Sunday Funday. Thanks for stopping by the **PREP** table to sign up for classes and to volunteer. Congratulations to Margie Bolton who won the greeting card give away!

**PREP** (Parish Religious Education Program) classes begin Sunday, September 12 from 9:45-10:45am. Register online through the parish website ([www.oursaviorparish.org](http://www.oursaviorparish.org)), pick up forms in the parish office, or download the forms from the website. Registration payment can be made online through the website, mailed to the parish office, or brought in person on the first day of class. Make checks payable to "Our Savior Parish". **PREP** catechists, assistants, and substitutes are needed to complete our faculty. Contact Jan Murray to volunteer.

**Confirmation:** Packets were handed out last Sunday. If you have a son or daughter in grades 10 or 11 this fall, registration is the same as **PREP** above unless attending McGill-Toolen Catholic High School. All students seeking the sacrament of Confirmation have an additional, separate enrollment form which is included in the packet. Once archdiocesan guidelines for COVID protocols have been announced, we will establish the Confirmation calendar. Confirmation is scheduled for the fall of 2022.

**RCIA:** Anyone interested in joining the Catholic faith, Catholic adults seeking Confirmation, and Catholics wishing to learn more about their faith are invited to attend RCIA sessions which will take place on Tuesdays after Labor Day. Formal registration happens at the first gathering, but we appreciate knowing in advance that you plan to attend so that our Hospitality Chefs are prepared. Email Jan Murray ([re@oursaviorparish.org](mailto:re@oursaviorparish.org)) or leave a message at 251-633-6762, x206.

**RCIA Hospitality** is looking for a few more cooks to provide a supper for our RCIA Inquirers. You would provide a meal twice during the year. Contact Jan Murray for details.

**Adult Education** opportunities will begin in September on Sundays between the Masses. Eileen Rettig directs this program. Watch the bulletin and Constant Contact alerts for details.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** next weekend for Home Missions. Please be generous.

"... Our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions, nor even at their difficulty, but at the love with which we do them."— St. Therese of Lisieux