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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.

The **MOBILE ACCW** will have its quarterly fall meeting and luncheon on Wednesday, September 15, 2021. It will be held at St. Ignatius Parish in the Marian Center. Registration is from 9-10 am. The meeting will begin at 10:00am with Mass following at 11:00am.

Lunch will be served after Mass. Lunch is \$13.00

Please make reservations by September 10, 2021 to Carlee Russell at (251) 533-4771 carlee.russell@icloud.com; B.J. Robertson at (251) 423-5138 robertson391711@bellsouth.net

This will be our call to convention by Archdiocesan President Sandy Gerth

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

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CHURCH ADDRESS

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Finance Council:

Liturgy: Fr. David Tokarz
Parish Life Activities: Dolores Hale
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Parish Council: Vicki Wakefield
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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

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
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
Junior: 6th - 8th grades
Senior: 9th - 12th grades

PRAYER CHAIN

Parish Office office@oursaviorparish.org

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary August 15, 2021



BRIGHT AS THE SUN, FAIR AS THE MOON

Let's do a bit of theology, if you don't mind...

First of all, we can clear the air about questions from our Bible-based brothers and sisters: no, the Assumption is not found in the Bible (at least, not as such). But it has been believed in/celebrated (especially in the Eastern Churches) since very early times. How did it come to be?

The vision of Revelation 12 is a beginning. And the words of Jesus to the "good thief" (Luke 23) are another point. We could also consider the parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus (Luke 17)—Jesus was happy to describe the place of Father Abraham and Lazarus in heaven. So besides Jesus, holy people (or forgiven people) are in Paradise with the Blessed Trinity "in refreshment, light, and peace." Is it out of line to think that the Blessed Mother ("full of grace; the Lord is with you"—Luke 1) would not also be there? Would Jesus deny to His Mother what He promises us all?

This devotion far precedes agreement on any other Marian beliefs, including that of the Immaculate Conception, hotly debated in the Middle Ages (affirmed by Franciscans like Duns Scotus, though rejected by Dominicans—like St Thomas Aquinas).

If it has been believed for well over a millennium and a half, why was it only in 1950 that it was proclaimed infallibly (*ex cathedra*) by Pope Pius XII? Why was it necessary? I think part of the reason is the historical context—the world was emerging from unspeakable horrors: World War II, the *Shoah*, the devastation of the atomic bomb, the fire-bombings and saturation bombings of Tokyo and Dresden, among other places, the sheer numbers of the slaughtered (all of which, very likely, could have been prevented save for the punitive vengeance of the Treaty of Versailles which formally ended World War I). People were becoming convinced that this is who we are and that there is no future (in the words of an old song by Peggy Lee: "Is that all there is?...Then let's keep dancing..."). The Holy Father wanted to affirm that that isn't all there is—that creation and the body have a destiny of restoration, of transformation, like to the Risen Christ, and that ALL of creation is redeemable and in process of being redeemed (no matter how terrible the present times look). Re-read Romans 8 for this sense.

So: what is conferred on Mary is not, so to speak, a special blessing; it is the blessing promised to all of us. What is unique for her is the timing. We need to wait for the Final Consummation; she, by virtue of her Son and her special role as Mother of God, enjoys our destiny now. But precisely because it is also our destiny, we celebrate her knowing that soon we will join her.

So let's celebrate the Assumption, knowing that we are also celebrating our own eternal future in Him, the one Redeemer of us all.

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...

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| 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

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

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm: People of the Parish
Sunday 8:30 am: Horst Sarubin (d)
11:00 am: Raphael O'Daniel (d)
Tuesday 8:30 am: Henry "Peret" Guchereau (d)
Wednesday 8:30 am: Cullis Holub (d)
Thursday 8:30 am: Agnes Murray (d)
Friday 8:30 am: Linda Behr (d)

Advertiser of the Week



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 Gospel.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sat. Reading 1: Joshua 24:14-29
Gospel: Matthew 19:13-15
Sun. Reading 1: Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab (622)
Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 15:20-27
Gospel: Luke 1:39-56
Mon. Reading 1: Judges 2:11-19
Gospel: Matthew 19:16-22
Tues. Reading 1: Judges 6:11-24a
Gospel: Matthew 19:23-30
Wed. Reading 1: Judges 9:6-15
Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16
Thurs. Reading 1: Judges 11:29-39a
Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14
Fri. Reading 1: Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22
Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

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:

- Go to our website www.oursaviorparish.org and then click on the Facebook logo at the top right corner and then click on videos to your left.
- 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.

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS



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 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.

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!*

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| Anticipated Offering Income | \$ | 12,115 |
| Actual Offering Income | \$ | 17,193 |
| Anticipated Offering Income to date | \$ | 387,692 |
| Actual Offering Income to date | \$ | 387,145 |
| YTD Offering: Over (Under) | \$ | (547) |
| Budget Offering Year | \$ | 630,000 |
| Building Fund this week | \$ | 405 |
| Building Fund to date | \$ | 5,651 |
| Temascalapa Appeal | \$ | 17,517 |

MINISTRY SCHEDULE: ALL CAPTAINS, LECTORS, & USHERS:
Please let me know by **August 31st** if you will be away anytime during the months of **October-December 2021** or if you prefer **not** to be scheduled at this time.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONER:
Cynthia L. Naylor

 **PRAY** for Matthew Gattuso who died August 10th. He was the son of Kathleen Gattuso. May he rest in peace.

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION is scheduled to resume Sunday, **September 12, 2021**. We will meet in the parish library between the Masses (9:45 to 10:45). Because it is the Year of the Eucharist in the Parish, we will start our year with Fr. Mitch Pacwa S.J.'s book *The Eucharist: A Bible Study guide for Catholics*. The book is available from EWTN's religious catalogue for \$10.95 plus shipping. It can also be purchased from Amazon either as a paperback or kindle edition. I will purchase several copies.

Join us for a prayerful discussion. For more information contact Eileen Rettig at 251-661-8619 or emrettig@aol.com

KNIGHT'S KORNER

The group here at the Our Savior Knights of Columbus all hope that you are doing well.

We have made it through our fifth drawing. We have sold over 220 tickets, which is very good, but we would like to have more people enjoy the fun. Knights are hanging out on the porch after Mass on the weekends and Tina has a few in the church office. If you know of anyone that would like a ticket just to let us know and we can get with them.


The winners of the fourth drawing are:
\$25 – Karen Milton
\$50 – Dolores Hale
\$100 – Christina Higdon

We only have four more months of drawings to go. Good luck to all of us.

Thank you for your participation. Any profits that we receive will be going to help worthy causes. So, in the end, we are all winners.
Our Savior Knights of Columbus

| MEETINGS OF THE WEEK | |
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| 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.) Choir (7:00 p.m.) |
| Thursday | Finance Council mtg (6:30 p.m.) |
| Friday | Singing Needles (10:00 a.m.) |

YOUTH GROUP UPDATES/EVENTS



Serving God By Serving Others

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.

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), 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) 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 this weekend for Home Missions. Please be generous.

"In your soul, there must be a deep serenity that everything is in His Hands, that He is the Master of it all, and that He will take care of you."
 - Mother Angelica