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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.



**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



**LINE DANCING** meets 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!!



**MEMORIAL BRICKS:** If you have been thinking about ordering a brick for a friend or a loved one; you will find the forms on the table in the back of the church. Price is \$40 each or 3 for \$100. What a wonderful way to honor or remember a loved one or a

friend. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Judy Pukac at 633-6762 x 203.

## 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.

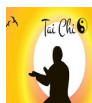
## OUR SAVIOR LIVE-STREAMING MASSES

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.

## 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.**

## 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

## MASS SCHEDULE

**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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**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)

## EUCARISTIC ADORATION

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



## Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 26, 2021



### A SYNOD ON 'SYNODALITY'—WHAT??

Some folks might sarcastically or cynically refer to this as a “meeting on having meetings,” a waste of time. Change to another channel if you think that’s where I’m going.

The word “synod” comes from a couple of Greek words (*syn* + *odos*) that mean walking or journeying or sharing the road together—with one another. Its purpose to have the widest possible input before making policy (or liturgical or disciplinary) recommendations, suggestions, or modifications in Church practice. The primary principle here is that of the surfacing of concerns and perhaps even solutions from the ground up, rather than having answers imposed “from on high”—perhaps even to questions no one is asking, while ignoring the issues that people are concerned about. If we are to “walk together,” then everyone must be heard, not just the hierarchy. Popes and bishops by themselves do not constitute the Church—the whole People of God do. We are all members of the Body of Christ; we are all living stones in the Temple of the Holy Spirit.

Consulting (I use this word deliberately, as I will soon explain) all the People of God means recognizing the wisdom and truth that are contained in the *sensus fidelium*—the awareness of the truth found in the body of believers (aka, us). My hero, St John Henry (Cardinal) Newman, got into a great deal of “hot water” over this issue when he suggested that bishops should be willing to consult the laity over issues like education. He was mis-represented in Rome, and for years he was regarded with great suspicion as not being a faithful (pro-papal) Catholic—this was in part because of the incompetence (to be kind) or the hostility and envy (to be more realistic) of his own local hierarchy. He was finally vindicated, but it took years.

As Newman wanted the laity (the faithful) to be consulted, Pope Francis wants to consult the world-wide Church as well. I hope people can remember that the first synod he called was a two-part event on marriage and family life, and that we at Our Savior held a series of round-table discussions to give everyone who wished a chance “speak or forever hold his/her peace.” Many did, and I’m glad to say that we’ll have that opportunity again, in the very near future. Our Archbishop will be forwarding a series of 10 questions that we can discuss; I’ll edit the replies, get the approval of our Parish Council, and then send them on. Perhaps the bottom-line question (I have not seen them as of this writing) would be: “What do we ‘local folks’ think about being asked our thoughts? Do we believe anyone will hear us?”

These dialogues are intended to take place, first of all, at the parish level. No doubt some pastors will regard this as an exercise in futility and not bother. For the reasons I’ve just expressed, I’m not one of those. No, Pope Francis will not tailor any decisions of theology or practice to the people of Our Savior. On the other hand, if many folks think as we do about any number of issues, then synodality is a way for the Church magisterium (= teaching authority) to move forward to respond to those concerns without being authoritarian and detached from the realities of local churches worldwide.

I want us to participate; I hope you’ll want to participate, as well.

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

**FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE**

John Haugsness 9/1/15	John Lindell 9/11/13
Sue Seelig 9/1/15	Diana Forbes 9/13/06
Joyce Murphy 9/1/15	Geneva J. Seitz 9/13/08
Burkhard Dohm 9/2/18	Agnes Graveman 9/14/06
Harold Klemm 9/3/13	Msr. Tony McDevitt 9/14/10
Bruce Brown 9/3/18	Flo Callaghan 9/14/18
Dorothy Simons 9/4/02	Kenneth Wattier 9/14/2021
Clifford Willis 9/4/13	Julianna Watson 9/16/16
Fannie Beca 9/4/16	Al Pawlowski 9/16/18
Terry Cronis 9/4/18	Louise Cullefer 9/19/16
Molly Elle Pickett 9/5/04	Julia Nunez 9/19/16
Stanford Speer 9/6/2021	Helen Mazurek 9/19/2021
Elsi Kilbert 9/7/06	Cindy Bair 9/20/13
Edward Cruse 9/7/09	David Jacobs 9/20/17
Jerry Turner 9/7/2020	David Stewart 9/21/05
Marshall Langan 9/8/08	Rosa Dunn 9/21/08
Shirley Dennis 9/8/14	Mary Briedenich 9/21/12
Wally Reinhardt 9/8/16	Bernie O'Leary 9/22/01
Evelyn Parker 9/8/2021	Stella Zambrano 9/23/05
Paul Cary 9/9/10	James Witschell 9/25/05
Tom Doyle 9/9/2021	Frank Hale 9/25/14
Robert Stock 9/10/04	James Price 9/26/08
Walter Darring 9/10/04	Shirley Peabody 9/26/2020
Amy Langford 9/10/12	Arthur Giles 9/27/12
Bob Skeel 9/10/14	Nathalie Arditi 9/27/96
Melanie Lynn VanArsdale 9/10/2021	Bob Higdon 9/27/13
Deacon Frank Adams 9/12/06	Gary Henriksen 9/28/17

*In Loving Memory*  
**PRAY** for Kenneth Wattier who died September 14th. He was the father of Kelly Piccini. **PRAY** for Helen Mazurek who died September 19th. She was the mother of Janet Masline. **PRAY** for Stanford Speer who died September 6th. He was the uncle of Patrick Bolton. May they rest in peace.

**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.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS from St Vincent de Paul Society**  
*good works*

Due to COVID, Saint Vincent de Paul Society will be unable to sponsor our Walk for the Poor this September. Our third and final Collection for the year will be November 13th and 14th. We hope that in lieu of the Walk you will consider a donation for both causes during that time. We have the most generous Parishioners and would like to thank you during these difficult times for financial help and donations at Goodwill which give gift certificates for our Friends in Need. Should you have any questions, please contact **Christina Richie 610-7763.**

**LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!**



Our Savior Youth will be hosting their 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat on October 31st from 2pm-4pm. We are in our planning stages, and **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Please let Ms. Tina now if you would like to decorate your car and hand out treats. I'm hoping to have about a dozen or so cars lined up.

**MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK**

**Saturday 5:00 pm:** Frank Hale (d)  
**Sunday 8:30 am:** Scott Stevens (d)  
**11:00 am:** People of the Parish  
**Tuesday 8:30 am:** Communion Service  
**Wednesday 8:30 am:** Communion Service  
**Thursday 8:30 am:** Gary Henriksen (d)  
**Friday 8:30 am:** David Dean (d)

**Advertiser of the Week**



**PRAYER INTENTIONS POPE FRANCIS**

**Universal Intention: – An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle**  
 We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

**READINGS OF THE WEEK**

**Sat. Reading 1:** Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a  
**Gospel:** Luke 9:43b-45  
**Sun. Reading 1:** Numbers 11:25-29 (137B)  
**Reading 2:** James 5:1-6  
**Gospel:** Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48  
**Mon. Reading 1:** Zechariah 8:1-8  
**Gospel:** Luke 9:46-50  
**Tues. Reading 1:** Zechariah 8:20-23  
**Gospel:** Luke 9:51-56  
**Wed. Reading 1:** Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14  
**Gospel:** John 1:47-51  
**Thurs. Reading 1:** Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12  
**Gospel:** Luke 10:1-12  
**Fri. Reading 1:** Baruch 1:15-22  
**Gospel:** Luke 10:13-16

**PRIESTER'S PECANS**

**NEW ITEMS NOW AVAILABLE**



Roasted & Salted Peanuts 10 bags \$5.50  
 Sold out of Chocolate Pies if there is a need, I can place a second order! Orders should be in by **Oct.31<sup>st</sup>**

Priester's Pecan orders for 2021 have been ordered! There is still time to order if you missed the September 10th date. Here's what we have available. This year we will be selling:

- 1 lb Bags Pecan Halves –10 bags
- 1 lb Bags Pecan Pieces- 5 bags
- Roasted & Salted- 10 bags
- Honey Glazed-6 bags \$16.50
- 1 lb Bags of Praline Pecan Halves-10 bags \$13
- 1 lb Bag of Pecan Divinity – 7 bags \$16.50
- Back Country Snack Mix –2 bags &
- Gimme S'more snack Mix – 6 bags \$13
- 9" Pecan Pie 9 pies \$14
- 3" Mini Pecan Pies \$2.50 each or 3/\$5 – 40 available



**GIFT TINS**

- Seven Pecan Favorites 1lb.5oz \$26 - 2 available
- Pecan Candy Christmas Tin 14oz \$18- 7 available
- Pecan Variety Pinwheel 12 oz \$15 – 6 available
- Sweet & Savory Snack Gift Tin 1lb.3oz \$23.50 – 5 available
- Classic Cheese Straws 8oz Tin \$18 – 3 available

If you are interested in preordering, email Tina youth@oursaviorparish.org or stop by my office and place your order!

**COMMUNION SERVICE** Tuesday and Wednesday this week while Fr David is away at the Priest Convocation.

Anticipated Offering Income	\$	12,115
Actual Offering Income	\$	8,130
Anticipated Offering Income to date	\$	460,385
Actual Offering Income to date	\$	449,065
YTD Offering: Over (Under)	\$	(11,319)
Budget Offering Year	\$	630,000
Building Fund this week	\$	88
Building Fund to date	\$	6,656
Disaster Relief	\$	10,469
Catholic University	\$	849

**ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** will begin on Sunday morning, **October 3<sup>rd</sup>** in the parish library, from 9:45 to 10:45. We will be using Father Mitch Pacwa's book *The Eucharist: A Study Guide for Catholics*.

In addition, we will start a ZOOM class on Monday evening 6:30 to 7:30 on the same book. Hoping this will enable those who want to attend but can't make Sunday morning.

The book is available from the EWTN bookstore or Amazon.com in both paperback and kindle. Please contact Eileen Rettig at 251-661-8619 or emrettig@aol.com. I will publish the link for the ZOOM session next weekend.

## KNIGHT'S KORNER

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

We are getting near the end. We have had our sixth drawing. We have sold over 220 tickets, which is very good, but we would like to have more people enjoy the fun. Knights are available on the porch after the masses on the weekends and Tina has a few in the church office. If you know of anyone that would like a ticket, please let us know and we can get with them.

We only have three more months of drawings to go and then the big one. 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

<b>Monday</b>	Tai Chi (10:00 a.m.) Jennings Hall Line Dancing (6:15 p.m.) Jennings Hall
<b>Tuesday</b>	Men of St. Joseph (6:00 p.m.) Joseph Hall
<b>Wednesday</b>	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.)
<b>Thursday</b>	K of C Officer's mtg (7:00 p.m.)
<b>Friday</b>	1st Friday Holy Hour (9:00 a.m.) Singing Needles (10:00 a.m.)



**40 DAYS FOR LIFE FALL 2021 CAMPAIGN** runs from **Wednesday, Sept 22nd – Sunday, Oct 31st**, 6am – 6pm daily. **1.)** Pray and Fast for an end to abortion. **2.)** Sign up to pray for one hour/week or just one hour the whole campaign at the abortion facility, Planned Parenthood, 717 Downtowner Loop West by visiting [www.40daysforlife.com/mobile](http://www.40daysforlife.com/mobile) **3.)** Reach out in our community by spreading the joy of LIFE. Wear precious feet, pass out pro-life literature, put a pro-life sign in your yard, get educated and then educate others about the evil of abortion and about the beauty of LIFE. For questions or help signing up, please contact Ricarda Manning at 251-343-9204.

## YOUTH GROUP UPDATES/EVENTS



### WHAT'S HAPPENING with Youth Ministry

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**We have a Date for our retreat!**

#### All Middle School Youth 6th-8th grade

Your retreat will begin Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. This will be an overnight retreat beginning at 10am Saturday Morning and ending Sunday, October 24th with Fr David doing an Outdoor Mass at 3pm. Families are invited! Please pick up your Permission Slips and packing list from Ms. Tina.

#### All High School Youth & Our Confirmation Class

Your retreat will begin Sunday, October 24th with check in at 9am and ending with Fr David doing an Outdoor Mass at 3pm. Please see Ms. Tina for your paperwork.

Retreat Location:

Camp Christian  
5834 Rabbit Creek Rd  
Theodore, AL 36582  
Cost: \$10

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#### Alive in You Just Announced their Summer Camps for 2022!

Our Savior Youth and their Chaperones will be heading to Knoxville, TN June 28th through July 3rd. I preregistered 17 spots for this Summer! Please let Ms. Tina know if you are interested in attending. I will need minimum 2 male chaperones and 2 or 3 female chaperones. To attend camp, you must be entering into the 9th grade in the Fall of 2023. Please contact Ms. Tina if you are interested in attending. At this time, we are only forming a list of youth and chaperones who would like to attend.

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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 at Our Savior is to provide a safe environment to come together with your peers so we will continue to follow all guideline for the COVID-19 Virus!

All trips need approval from the archdiocese

## NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

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

**PREP** (Parish Religious Education Program) classes begin Sunday, October 3, 2021, at 9:45am. Classes end at 10:45am. **Each student must be pre-registered to attend class on October 3. There will be no registrations on-site on October 3.** Archdiocesan protocols require the following: Everyone entering the building must have a temperature check and wear a mask while inside. Physical distance of 3 feet will be maintained in classrooms with 6 feet distancing being the norm in other areas of the building. **Each student and volunteer must have a signed COVID waiver form on file in order to attend class on October 3.**

**CONFIRMATION** interviews began Wednesday, September 22, 2021. If you did not receive an appointment letter, please contact Jan Murray at 633-6762, x 206 or [re@oursaviorparish.org](mailto:re@oursaviorparish.org).

Check out the bulletin section for the **Youth Group** for retreat details.

The **RCIA** process begins Tuesday, October 5th at 6:30pm in Joseph Hall in the Activities Building. Anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith is welcome.

*"If I were to put all the love in the world into one heart, it would be merely as a spark in comparison with the love the Heart of Jesus has for me."*

- Mother Angelica