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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.

## 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.



**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.

## 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

## 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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**Facebook:** Our Savior Catholic Church  
**Email:** [office@oursaviorparish.org](mailto:office@oursaviorparish.org)  
**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  
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**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-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 10, 2021



## MORE ON THE SYNOD AND US

Two unconnected things surfaced in my mind today that I think relate closely to why I believe our participation in the upcoming Synod is important.

Some time ago I was in a counseling session with someone who was convinced that for most of their life no one had ever truly listened to them. It was an issue that would sometimes bubble up to the surface and cause emotional stress and sadness (and anger).

Recently I've been reading a theological work, a study on the Beatitudes. A line really impacted me with regard to the Synod. The author makes the observation that "... *one's own social location shapes how one responds to the Beatitudes.*" In other words, the context of the Beatitudes is critical to understand, but our understanding will be conditioned by our own context. And so, she continues, "*I've tried to be aware of my own [context], in part by seeking out voices unlike my own...*"

This is the crucial concern for the Synod, from the point of view of Pope Francis. He wants the Synod in Rome in a couple of years to be the culmination of a long and serious process of true listening, not just "hearing" (think of Simon & Garfunkle's "The Sound of Silence"). More than this, the Pope wants more involvement than "the usual suspects"— "*Don't limit yourself to those who come to church or think as you do... Let everyone come in... Go out to meet them, let them question you... Journey together...*" "*You may say to me: 'Father, what do you mean? Are the poor, the beggars, young drug addicts, all those people that society discards, part of the Synod too?'*" "*Yes, dear friends. ... The Synod is for everyone, and it is meant to include everyone. ... unless we include the 'problem people' of society, those left out, we will never be able to deal with our own problems.*" We will need to seek out, to solicit, voices "unlike our own," for the sake of clarity. That's why we'll be making participation in this process as wide-ranging as possible.

I'll offer more of Pope Francis' insights and desires down the line. Just know (which you do, if you heard my "Office Chat" either from Constant Contact or Our Savior's Facebook page) that we will be taking participation seriously at Our Savior. For the entire "People of God" to be heard, the entire "People of God" need to speak.

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	Mills Harris	Job Shell
Annie Ruth Chappell	Rose Marie Kervin	Kathy Sirak
Mason Coker	Monica Knight	Mary Ann Stanley
Judy Courtney	Rady Laron	Joe Vegliacich
Leah Dees	Myrtis Mooney	
Michael Dees	Louis Naman	

**FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE**

Dr. Harold Cohen 10/1/12	Justin Tran 10/20/15
Joe Oberkirch 10/2/13	George Garrett 10/20/17
Albert Sucher 10/3/07	Kathleen Johnson 10/21/17
Lorraine Granger 10/4/12	Mary Marecki 10/21/17
V. J. Crochet, Jr. 10/4/18	Chris McDonough 10/22/16
Mary Ferry 10/5/11	Doris Sprouse 10/24/10
Joan Hamilton 10/6/11	Brett Keegan 10/25/12
Katherine Morrow 10/7/15	Mary Lee Jefferson 10/25/17
Bill Wagner 10/8/13	Dorothy Berry 10/26/16
Capt. Robert H. Harper 10/9/79	Charles Wilson 10/28/12
Yvette Sturm 10/9/09	Pete Portera 10/28/14
Helen Dzik 10/10/06	Robin Clarke 10/28/16
Marjorie Mae Kibler Burt 10/10/14	Rose Mary Pocese 10/28/10
Arden Hoffman 10/10/2020	Edward Nehls, Sr. 10/29/11
Tom Simmons 10/11/10	Phil Martin 10/29/13
Alice Tighe 10/11/13	Evelyn Verzone 10/29/13
Vives B. Lemmon 10/11/19	Jim Oliver 10/29/18
Arthur Kersten 10/12/12	Renee Nicholas 10/30/07
Danny Stafford 10/13/13	Dale Britt 10/30/16
Alton Pierce 10/13/17	Darlene Briggs 10/30/17
Anthony Dravis 10/14/11	Robert Isaac Peabody 10/30/2020
Lois Larose 10/14/16	Vera Bryan 10/31/10
Raphael O'Daniel 10/14/18	Kathleen Noel 10/31/98
Liz Pineda 10/15/10	Erica Foster 10/31/11
Rosie Kate Clark 10/16/18	Eva Garris 10/31/07
Raymond Smith 10/17/96	Mary Bryant 10/31/10
Katherine Rehm Miller 10/17/2020	Charles Bordelon 10/31/16
James Serda 10/18/15	Dr. Ray Landreneau 10/31/17
John Busby 10/19/17	Alvaro Arce 10/31/18
R C Johnson 10/20/11	Patricia Squibb 10/31/2020
Mark Carpenter 10/20/99	

**BOX OF JOY**

Every year, thousands of poor children experience a Christmas without hope. These are children who never receive a picture book, never wear a new shirt, or own a new toy. Participating is easy! Please stop by the church office or pick up a box after Mass the weekend of October 9th & 10th or you can make a donation online and Tina will do the shopping for you. Please return the boxes by **October 30th**. Any questions please contact Tina @ 251-633-6762 x 205



**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.



**Our Savior Parish is forming a YOUNG ADULT GROUP 20 & 30 Something! Food for Body & Soul**

Please join us for Our 1st gathering on Friday, October 29th 6p.m.-8p.m. in Jennings Hall. Fr David will supply the main dish & drinks! We ask that you bring a side or dessert to share.

**Please RSVP by October 24th**

Tina @633-6762 x 205 or youth@oursaviorparish.org  
Jan @ 633-6762 x 206 or re@oursaviorparish.org



**MEMORIAL MASS** will be celebrated **Tuesday, November 2nd** at 7:00 p.m. This Mass honors our loved ones who died in the past twelve months. We look forward to celebrating and worshipping with you.

**MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK**

**Saturday 5:00 pm:** George A. VanCourt, Jr. (d)  
**8:30 am:** Vives B. Lemmon, Jr. (d)  
**Sunday 11:00 am:** People of the Parish  
**Tuesday 8:30 am:** Mary Smith (I)  
**Wednesday 8:30 am:** Marcial Nicanor Aragones (d)  
**Thursday 8:30 am:** Raphael O'Daniel (d)  
**Friday 8:30 am:** Henry & Agnes Graveman (d)

**Advertiser of the Week**

**PRAYER INTENTIONS POPE FRANCIS**

**Intention for Evangelization: – Missionary Disciples**  
We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.

**READINGS OF THE WEEK**

**Sat. Reading 1:** Joel 4:12-21  
**Gospel:** Luke 11:27-28  
**Sun. Reading 1:** Wisdom 7:7-11 (143B)  
**Reading 2:** Hebrews 4:12-13  
**Gospel:** Mark 10:17-30  
**Mon. Reading 1:** Romans 1:1-7  
**Gospel:** Luke 11:29-32  
**Tues. Reading 1:** Romans 1:16-25  
**Gospel:** Luke 11:37-41  
**Wed. Reading 1:** Romans 2:1-11  
**Gospel:** Luke 11:42-46  
**Thurs. Reading 1:** Romans 3:21-30  
**Gospel:** Luke 11:47-54  
**Fri. Reading 1:** Romans 4:1-8  
**Gospel:** Luke 12:1-7



**THE YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST AND OF THE PARISH**

**What the Eucharist Means to Me**

The words from the hymns sung at a recent Sunday's Mass were perfect for meditating on and realizing the depth of the importance of the Eucharist in my life. The hymns have echoed in my mind long after the celebration ended. Snippets of phrases, sometimes jumbled together, yet providing a symphony of thought and a reason to succumb to the richness of their message.

Oh Lord, my God how great Thou art to set before me a table of plenty that supplies for all my needs. A beckoning to taste and see the goodness of the Lord... A reassurance that He is the Bread of LIFE. No more hunger, no more thirst, only everlasting life, and a promise of being raised on the last day... if only I believe.

Oh, bless the Lord my soul, for He gives me all I need... I place my trust in God alone and I delight in my reward... for I am His forever... everlasting, never failing, my Redeemer, my God!

With the Eucharist as a central part of my life, there is no doubt, only reassurance that comes from a pure and deep love between He and I. I, an insignificant being, am loved beyond measure, by the Most Significant, and can, without fear, bring my joys as well as my sorrows, my hopes and my fears and lay them at His feet, knowing He sustains me through every breath and heartbeat with His Body and Blood.

And because of His love, His promises, and His mercy, then truly sings my soul... How Great Thou Art... How Great Thou Art!

*a parishioner*

Anticipated Offering Income	\$	12,115
Actual Offering Income	\$	14,134
Anticipated Offering Income to date	\$	484,615
Actual Offering Income to date	\$	473,307
YTD Offering: Over (Under)	\$	(11,308)
Budget Offering Year	\$	630,000
Building Fund this week	\$	478
Building Fund to date	\$	7,162

### ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND ZOOM ACCESS

**Adult Religious Education** continues this week as we look at Chapter 2 of *The Eucharist: A Bible Study Guide for Catholics* by Fr. Mitch Pacwa, S.J. Those of you familiar with EWTN know Fr. Pacwa is a frequent contributor. His books are available from EWTN and Amazon.

If you miss the Sunday session, feel free to join me on ZOOM Monday evening at 6:30 to 7:30. While I have a paid account that enables me to schedule an hour session the service would be free of charge for you. Please call or email me if you are interested. 251-591-1254 (cell phone) or emrettig@aol.com.

### MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

<b>Sunday</b>	RE / AE (9:45 a.m.) St Vincent de Paul (9:45 a.m.)
<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 RCIA (6:30 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>Friday</b>	K of C 4th Degree mtg (7:00 p.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.



### SAVE THE DATE!

**Our Savior's 15th Annual Merry Mart & Workshop**  
Sponsored By Our Savior Youth Group  
**Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup> Noon-4p.m.**

Watch for more details in the upcoming Bulletin and Constant Contact Emails. We have several vendors already signed up and we have a few more available spots. If you know of any crafter or vendor, please be in contact with Tina Lyons 251-633-6762 x 205 or [youth@oursaviorparish.org](mailto:youth@oursaviorparish.org). We would love for them to join us!



Little Sisters of the Poor (1655 McGill Ave)

### GARAGE & BAKE SALE

Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>

7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

For more information 251-476-6335

### WELCOME NEW PARISHIONER:

Paul Backes

### YOUTH GROUP UPDATES/EVENTS



### WHAT'S HAPPENING with Youth Ministry

Daniel Driskell will lead us in Praise & Worship!! We would also like to invite the youth in the 2nd-5th grade with their family to join us for Pizza, S'mores around the campfire and a couple of fun projects to do as a family. Please let Ms. Tina know as soon as possible if you are able to join us. **Please RSVP by Oct.20th** to make sure I have enough food and supplies. Please see Ms. Tina for your paperwork. **PLEASE BRING A CAMP CHAIR TO SIT AROUND THE FIRE WHEN WE DO PRAISE & WORSHIP.** I will have folding chairs for you to use.

### Praise & Worship Location:

Camp Christian  
5834 Rabbit Creek Rd  
Theodore, AL 36582

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### ALIVE IN YOU SUMMER SERVICE CAMP FOR 2022!

Our Savior Youth and their Chaperones will be heading to Knoxville, TN June 28th though July 3<sup>rd</sup>. I preregistered 17 spots for this Summer! Please let Ms. Tina know if you are interested in attending. I will need minimum of 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.

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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

**PREP** (Parish Religious Education Program) classes began Sunday, October 3, 2021. 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. **In order to comply with these guidelines, it is necessary to close registration since all classes are at the allowable maximum.** Families who still wish to register will be placed on a Waiting List until a withdrawal occurs or there is a change in the protocols. **Each student and volunteer must have a signed COVID waiver form on file.**

Classes will be in session every remaining Sunday in October, November 14 and 21, and December 5 and 12.

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

### PRIESTER'S PECANS



Priester's Pecan orders for 2021 have been ordered! There is still time to order if you missed the September 10th date.

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

*"When we ask for healing, we should ask for healing in the way we need healing. Many ask for physical healing, but I think spiritual healing is more important. I can go to Heaven with crippled legs.*

*I can't get there being hateful or unforgiving."*

*- Mother Angelica*