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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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**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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 17, 2021



## COMMUNION, MISSION, AND PARTICIPATION

I mentioned this past weekend that I had done a bit of “lifting” from Pope Francis’ address on October 9, during the vigil for the opening of the synodal process that will culminate next October in Rome. Marty Haugen composed a hymn, “All Are Welcome”; the goal of the Synod, finally is “All Are Participants.”

What does Francis mean by the words he chose to highlight the meaning of the Synod? The first two are closely related, and they flow from the understanding of Church developed during the Second Vatican Council, particularly in its “Constitution on the Church,” known by its Latin title as *Lumen Gentium* (“A light to [all] the peoples”). So the Church in itself should be a place of visible and real communion—a place of shared life and love for all the members of the People of God, the Body of Christ, the Temple of the Holy Spirit (yes, people—that’s us!). It’s interesting that the phrase “communion of life and love” is perhaps the most typical description of the Blessed Trinity...

But the Church has a role to play, as the title of the Vatican II document clearly indicates—we are to be a Church of mission—of visible witness to the truth and joy of the Gospel message of Jesus Christ. We cannot fully be a Church of mission if we are not fully also a Church of communion. And, Pope Francis insists, we cannot be fully a Church of communion if we are not also a Church of participation. He expresses it in this way: *In the Church, everything starts with baptism. Baptism, the source of our life, gives rise to the equal dignity of the children of God.... Consequently, all the baptized are called to take part in the Church’s life and mission. Without real participation by the People of God, talk about communion risks remaining [wishful thinking].*

Francis realizes there are risks involved, and he identifies three of them. The first he names “formalism,” which is another way of saying the Synod might “go through the motions” and then ignore its conclusions, like “...admiring the magnificent facade of a church without ever actually stepping inside.” He also knows there’s the danger of “intellectualism,” by which he means keeping discussions and conclusions limited to “experts” who offer abstract thoughts that have nothing much to do with reality. Finally, he points out the risk of “complacency.” This is the rejection of the idea of synodality because “We’ve always done it this way,” and he notes that this typically means applying “old solutions to new problems (Matthew 9:16).”

The Holy Father truly wants a listening Church—one that listens to the whole Church. He is willing to face the risks, given the benefits of becoming a Church fully alive in communion, in mission, and in participation. What might the Church look like if this vision were to become a reality? The Church is called to be far more than prelates and Vatican officials; we (yes, we!) are called to be Church.

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	Jeb 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	Mary Marecki 10/21/17
Joe Oberkirch 10/2/13	Chris McDonough 10/22/16
Albert Sucher 10/3/07	Choris Sprouse 10/24/10
Lorraine Granger 10/4/12	Brett Keegan 10/25/12
V. J. Crochet, Jr. 10/4/18	Mary Lee Jefferson 10/25/17
Mary Ferry 10/5/11	Dorothy Berry 10/26/16
Joan Hamilton 10/6/11	Charles Wilson 10/28/12
Katherine Morrow 10/7/15	Pete Portera 10/28/14
Bill Wagner 10/8/13	Robin Clarke 10/28/16
Capt. Robert H. Harper 10/9/79	Rose Mary Pocase 10/28/10
Yvette Sturm 10/9/09	Edward Nehls, Sr. 10/29/11
Helen Dzik 10/10/06	Phil Martin 10/29/13
Marjorie Mae Kibler Burt 10/10/14	Evelyn Verzone 10/29/13
Arden Hoffman 10/10/2020	Jim Oliver 10/29/18
Eddie Foster 10/10/2021	Renee Nicholas 10/30/07
Tom Simmons 10/11/10	Dale Britt 10/30/16
Alice Tighe 10/11/13	Darlene Briggs 10/30/17
Vives B. Lemmon 10/11/19	Robert Isaac Peabody 10/30/2020
Arthur Kersten 10/12/12	Vera Bryan 10/31/10
Danny Stafford 10/13/13	Kathleen Noel 10/31/98
Alton Pierce 10/13/17	Erica Foster 10/31/11
Anthony Dravis 10/14/11	Eva Garris 10/31/07
Lois Larose 10/14/16	Mary Bryant 10/31/10
Raphael O'Daniel 10/14/18	Charles Bordelon 10/31/16
Liz Pineda 10/15/10	Dr. Ray Landreneau 10/31/17
Rosie Kate Clark 10/16/18	Alvaro Arce 10/31/18
Raymond Smith 10/17/96	Patricia Squibb 10/31/2020
Katherine Rehm Miller 10/17/2020	
James Serda 10/18/15	
John Busby 10/19/17	
R C Johnson 10/20/11	
Mark Carpenter 10/20/99	
Justin Tran 10/20/15	
George Garrett 10/20/17	
Kathleen Johnson 10/21/17	

**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

**MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK**

**Saturday 5:00 pm:** Ray Smith (d)  
**8:30 am:** John Ord (d)  
**Sunday 11:00 am:** People of the Parish  
**Tuesday 8:30 am:** Sr. Mary Jo CSJ (I)  
**Wednesday 8:30 am:** Aileen Randag (I)  
**Thursday 8:30 am:** Lois T. Johnson (d)  
**Friday 8:30 am:** Sheila Wilkins (I)



**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:** Romans 4:13, 16-18  
**Gospel:** Luke 12:8-12

**Sun. Reading 1:** Isaiah 53:10-11 (146B)  
**Reading 2:** Hebrews 4:14-16  
**Gospel:** Mark 10:35-45

**Mon. Reading 1:** 2 Timothy 4:10-17b  
**Gospel:** Luke 10:1-9

**Tues. Reading 1:** Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21  
**Gospel:** Luke 12:35-38

**Wed. Reading 1:** Romans 6:12-18  
**Gospel:** Luke 12:39-48

**Thurs. Reading 1:** Romans 5:19-23  
**Gospel:** Luke 12:49-53

**Fri. Reading 1:** Romans 7:18-25a  
**Gospel:** Luke 12:54-59

**WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS:**

Damian & Leslie Collins and their son Matthew



**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 worshiping with you.

There will be refreshments immediately afterwards in Jennings Hall. This Mass is coordinated by the Ministry of Care program.



**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.



**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

*"Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe."* — St. Augustine

Anticipated Offering Income	\$	12,115
Actual Offering Income	\$	12,281
Anticipated Offering Income to date	\$	496,731
Actual Offering Income to date	\$	485,588
YTD Offering: Over (Under)	\$	(11,142)
Budget Offering Year	\$	630,000
Building Fund this week	\$	328
Building Fund to date	\$	7,490

### ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND ZOOM ACCESS

Adult Religious Education continues in the Parish Library between the Masses. We are still using Fr. Pacwa's book on the Eucharist. Last week we had a very lively discussion. The Zoom sessions have been cancelled. For more information contact Eileen Rettig at 251-661-8619 or emrettig@aol.com

### MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

**Sunday** RE / AE (9:45 a.m.)  
**Monday** Tai Chi (10:00 a.m.) Jennings Hall  
 Line Dancing (6:15 p.m.) Jennings Hall  
**Tuesday** Men of St. Joseph (6:00 p.m.) Joseph Hall  
**Wednesday** Adoration (9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.)  
 Holy Hour & Novena (6:00 p.m.)  
 Finance Council mtg (6:30 p.m.)  
 Benediction (7:00 p.m.)  
 Choir (7:00 p.m.)  
**Friday** 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 21st 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. We would love for them to join us!

**PRAY** for Eddie Foster who died October 10th. He was the son-in-law of Chet & Fran Marecki. May he rest in peace.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** next weekend for Propagation of the Faith. Please be generous.

### 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 through 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** classes are in full swing. Due to COVID protocols we are unable to accept any more students. We are happy to place late enrollees on a waiting list. For that same reason, students may not bring friends to PREP classes. Everyone entering the building must receive a temperature check and wear a mask.

The remaining classes for 2021 are October 17, 24, 31 (Safe Environments Curriculum), November 14 and 21, December 5 and 12. On November 1, we strongly urge families to attend the 7:00pm holy day "Exploded" Mass for the Feast of All Saints. During Mass, Fr David will explain what he is doing and why he is doing it. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the Mass and the Eucharist as we close out **The Year of the Eucharist and the Parish**. There are no PREP classes on the following Sunday, November 7.

*'You judge me, O Lord, for, although no one 'knows the things of a man but the spirit of a man which is in him,' there is something further in man which not even that spirit of that man which is in him knows. But you, Lord, who made him, know all things that are in him.*  
 — St. Augustine, Confessions, X, 5

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*'There are two ways of knowing how good God is: one is never to lose Him, and the other is to lose Him and then to find Him.'*  
 — Archbishop Fulton J Sheen