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## 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.

## 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.**

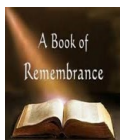
**For the website** go to [www.oursaviorparish.org](http://www.oursaviorparish.org) then click on the Online Giving link. It's quick and easy!

**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 Mary Berthiaume should you have any questions.



**BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE FOR THE DEAD** will be in the back of the church during the month of November. Please add names of family and friends who have died. In December, the regular Book of Prayer Intentions will be returned to the stand in the back of the church.

## 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:** Mary Berthiaume  
**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.



## Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time November 7, 2021



### A TIME AND A PLACE FOR A TITHE

I'm happy that the widow of Zarephath encountered Elijah, and I'm sure she and her son were even happier—they didn't starve to death during the drought-induced famine. I guess I'm happy for Elijah, too, even if it was at his word that God closed up the heavens, producing a multi-year "dry season" as a punishment for King Ahab and Queen Jezebel. After all, he also didn't starve. He was the beneficiary of the Lord's largesse to the widow: oil and flour never ran out. I will not discuss the question of the source of the drinking water for these 3, given that there was no rain... But they made it.

I'm far more puzzled by the widow in the Gospel reading, especially yoked as it is to a specific condemnation of the scribes (aka, professional theologians/teachers; aka by analogy, today's pastors?) who devour widows' houses. I think of certain TV "evangelists" of what is called the "gospel of prosperity," assuring folks that God wants them well off and pleased, and a generous tithe (to them, of course) is the way to show God how much you trust this promise. But it could equally apply to cases when pastors "cook the books" to get special sources of income to buy high-end vacations or beach houses—we're facing scandals like these today, sadly.

But back to the widow—why was she at the Temple, in line to donate to the treasury? She had to know that most others were giving the equivalent of thousands of dollars (looking good as they did). She had to know she'd look pretty pathetic in the company of those high rollers, including how they and she were dressed. She knew she had nothing to match the amounts of their gifts, as they wrote 5-figure checks without even thinking about it. What did she have? Things we take for granted today (Social Security, Medicare/Medicaid, unemployment insurance...) simply didn't exist. She had nothing to fall back on. She had what she had, and that was it. So why was she there, and why was she doing what she was doing?

There is only one answer that makes sense to me: she was so in love with the Lord that nothing else, at least for the time being, mattered so much as her chance to make a material gesture that affirmed her love. She was not buying anything; she was showing that she was giving everything. After all, isn't that the essence of love?

The lesson for us is not about what we're willing to give; it's about what we're not willing to give. Go back again to the rich (young) man on the one hand, and blind Bartimeus on the other. Which one would we rather want to be? Which one are we more likely to be?

Fantasy time: wouldn't it be great if the poor widow and Bartimeus met and got married??

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**

Gloria Snow 11/1/08	Kelley Powell 11/20/07
Shirley Hall 11/1/16	Carol Poe 11/20/19
Lois Ann Hof 11/3/12	David Sandlin 11/21/19
Charles Roberts 11/4/09	Walda Darring Ansel 11/22/19
Donna Mihalsky 11/4/18	James Fisher 11/23/12
Adam Pigott 11/5/11	Marguerite Oden 11/24/14
Adela Villanueva 11/5/15	Michael Pukac 11/24/03
La Sonia Wintzell 11/6/14	Charlie Keegan 11/24/10
Ginger Sliney 11/6/15	Milt Rumsey 11/24/17
Pete Fulda 11/7/11	Joseph B Stewart, Jr. 11/24/19
Fraser Landreneau 11/7/11	Sergio Selva 11/24/19
James W. Duffy 11/8/08	Denise Sweeney 11/25/11
Murray Driskell 11/8/16	Arnold "Jack" Jackson 11/25/2020
Marcel Dionne 11/9/15	Tom Baker 11/26/01
Shirley Bright 11/10/08	Jerry Whisenhunt 11/25/08
Audrey Fitzmorris 11/10/09	Ronald Scott 11/26/03
Vernon L. Barfield 11/11/01	Mary McBee 11/26/10
Mike Alberts 11/13/18	Valerie Moore Carpenter 11/26/65
Jo Ann Gregory 11/14/13	Joan Willis 11/26/17
Alan Gwin 11/14/06	Sue Rogers 11/26/17
Susanna Wise 11/14/04	Mark Alberts 11/27/12
Ann Reynolds 11/14/07	Anthony F. Manzella, 11/27/14
Frederick Meyer 11/14/14	Frances Russell 11/28/09
Annette Thompson 11/15/10	Norbert (Red) Grindel 11/28/12
Patricia Tohill 11/16/13	Charles Oberkirch 11/28/14
Tom Langan, Sr. 11/17/08	Catherine Fullerton 11/28/17
Gene Villarrubia 11/17/07	Myrtle Rumsey 11/28/18
Gilbert Moore 11/17/18	Don Vernon 11/29/10
Augusto Alcocer 11/17/18	James Clifford Carpenter 11/29/16
Claude Antoine 11/20/83	Melvin Watson 11/29/17
Andrea Skeel 11/20/18	Dee Mahrt 11/29/2020
Josephine Thomas 11/24/10	Dianne Moore 11/30/11
Wayne Hall 11/19/13	Jan Skeel 11/30/19

**WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS:**

Alan & Mary Berthiaume  
Julie Zapor



**SPECIAL COLLECTION: St. Vincent De Paul Society** will be standing at the doors with their blue buckets to accept your donations next weekend **November 13th and 14th**. Thank you for your generosity over the years as you continue to help our Friends in Need.

**PRAY** for Richard Eubanks who died October 23rd. He was the husband of Betty Eubanks. May he rest in peace.



**BLOOD DRIVE**  
Sunday, November 14th  
8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

The bloodmobile will be in our parking lot next **Sunday, November 14th**. "It's never been so simple to be significant. One pint of blood saves three lives." Plan on giving blood and help save three lives.

**ADVENT BOOKS** are available in the back of the Church. It is a wonderful guide to help you during the advent season with prayers, meditations, and inspirations.

**2022 CALENDARS** are in the back of the church.

**COMMUNION SERVICE** Tuesday through Friday this week while Fr David is away in Italy.

**MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK**

**Saturday 5:00 pm:** Willie Peck (d)  
**Sunday 8:30 am:** People of the Parish  
**11:00 am:** Francisca & Sergio Selva (d)  
**Tuesday 8:30 am:** Communion Service  
**Wednesday 8:30 am:** Communion Service  
**Thursday 8:30 am:** Communion Service  
**Friday 8:30 am:** Communion Service

**Advertiser of the Week**



**PRAYER INTENTIONS POPE FRANCIS**

**Universal Intention: – People Who Suffer From Depression**  
We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

**READINGS OF THE WEEK**

**Sat. Reading 1:** Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27  
**Gospel:** Luke 16:9-15  
**Sun. Reading 1:** 1 Kings 17:10-16 (155B)  
**Reading 2:** Hebrews 9:24-28  
**Gospel:** Mark 23:38-44  
**Mon. Reading 1:** Wisdom 1:1-7  
**Gospel:** Luke 17:1-6  
**Tues. Reading 1:** Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12  
**Gospel:** John 2:13-22  
**Wed. Reading 1:** Wisdom 6:1-11  
**Gospel:** Luke 17:11-19  
**Thurs. Reading 1:** Wisdom 7:22b-8:1  
**Gospel:** Luke 17:20-25  
**Fri. Reading 1:** Wisdom 13:1-9  
**Gospel:** Luke 17:26-37

**MEETINGS OF THE WEEK**

**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.)  
Benediction (7:00 p.m.)  
Choir (7:00 p.m.)  
K of C 4th Degree (7:00 p.m.)  
**Friday** Singing Needles (10:00 a.m.)

**SYNOD ON SYNODALITY: QUESTIONS AND CONTEXT**

It is important that we hear from everyone because it takes every person's voice and thoughts to form a church. We are here to listen and want you to feel safe to share your thoughts, comments, or questions. All responses will be totally anonymous. We all walk together in our faith and are here with an open heart and mind to listen to what you have to say. Fr. David has scheduled two meetings between the Masses on **Sunday, November 14th** and **Sunday, December 5th** at **9:45 a.m. in Jennings Hall** to give you the opportunity to voice your opinions.



**SAVE THE DATES**

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE**



◆ Sunday, December 5th 6:30 p.m.  
◆ Sunday, December 19th 6:30 p.m.

*"There is nothing the devil fears so much, or so much tries to hinder, as prayer."*

– St. Philip Neri



Anticipated Offering Income	\$	12,115
Actual Offering Income	\$	10,079
Anticipated Offering Income to date	\$	533,077
Actual Offering Income to date	\$	514,362
YTD Offering: Over (Under)	\$	(18,715)
Budget Offering Year	\$	630,000
Building Fund this week	\$	25
Building Fund to date	\$	7,608

### ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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We will not have Adult RE Sunday, Nov. 7, Nov. 14, Nov 28, and Dec. 5. Class on Nov. 21 will cover the final chapter of Fr. Pacwa's book. On Dec 12 we will have a class on The Rosary. Classes resume Jan 9, 2022, and we will be reading and discussing Dr. Scott Hahn's *The Lamb's Supper* and the study guide for that book. For more information please contact Eileen Rettig at 251-661-8619 or emrettig@aol.com



#### Light Your Lamps (Luke 12.35)."

With just four short weeks, Advent can seem to just fly by. So, we must make every day count to fully prepare for the Christ Child's arrival. As Jesus told His Disciples: "Light your lamps and be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks (Luke 12.35-36)." We too are called to be servants to help others get ready for Jesus's knock. Invite the inactive Catholics in your life to the Advent Masses and a glorious Christmas Mass. Let them know they are most welcome to again receive the healing Sacrament of Reconciliation that Jesus gives us as a most precious Christmas gift to prepare us to receive the Holy Eucharist. Invite them also to *Catholics Returning Home*, six short sessions that help them prepare to receive these sacraments in the true Christmas spirit. There are no fees and dress is casual. Yet, these informal sessions will help them keep their true Christmas lights burning bright all year. Our Savior Parish is sponsoring the Mobile Deanery's CRH sessions this Christmas season at Our Savior Parish starting **January 6, 2022 at 7 PM**. For more information and to register, call Eileen Rettig at 251661-8619.

### PRIESTER'S PECANS HAVE ARRIVED !

Thank you to **EVERYONE** who placed an order. Your orders are ready for pick up! You can stop by the office and pick them up Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. or Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> in Jennings Hall from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**We still have a few different items available for sale.**

Still available for \$16.50 for a 1lb. bag

- Pecan Halves & Pieces
- Roasted Salted
- Honey Glazed
- Pecan Divinity



Still available for \$13 for a 1lb. bag

- Chocolate Pecans
- Back Country Snack Mix
- Gimmie S'more Snack Mix
- Praline Pecan

Roasted Salted Peanuts for **\$5.50**

Still have a few gift tins left these make great teacher gifts and Host-ess gifts.

Thank You again for supporting our youth.

### YOUTH GROUP UPDATES/EVENTS



#### WHAT'S HAPPENING with Youth Ministry

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Our Savior Youth held its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Trunk or Treat this past Sunday and WHAT an amazing turn out! Thank you to all the families, youth, and parishioners who gave out candy this year. Your cars looked awesome! Mr. Daniel, thank you for the music, it really added to our event this year.

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**SAVE the DATE** for 2 more special gatherings before the end of the year!

- **Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>** from 2-3:30. We will be making Advent Wreaths and have a few extra special Advent projects!
- **Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>** from 6:30-8pm. We will gather for Christmas Caroling, S'mores around the fire!

Watch for more details on both these events!!

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Youth group is open to all youth in the 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade and their families along with Middle School Youth 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade & High School Youth 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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!

### 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 November 14 and 21, December 5 and 12. There are no PREP classes on Sunday, November 7.



#### SAVE THE DATE!

The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Mart is only 2weeks away!  
**Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**Noon-4p.m. Jennings Hall**

Enjoy your holiday shopping and fun under one roof! You will find the perfect gift for everyone on your list! Enjoy handmade gifts (wreaths, wood art, handmade cards by Jan) and lots of yummys by local designers & businesses. (Hubbell's Heart Jellies, Jams, cookies & cake, and Annette's Yummy for your Tummy cupcakes) We will also have Scentsy, Priest's Pecans, Plants & Yard Art, Limelife by Alcone, Mary Kay and Jewelry. Just to name a few.

Our Savior Youth will also be sponsoring:

- Santa's Workshop (kiddos can shop too!)
- Gift Wrapping
- Concession booth with yummy food!
- Raffle Baskets

**JOIN US FOR A WONDERFUL SHOPPING EXPERIENCE!**

### A Thanksgiving for the Thanksgiving



St Thomas the Apostle Parish (251 N Craft Hwy, Chickasaw) has a Eucharistic Mission starting Monday, November 15th through Saturday, November 20th at 6:00 p.m. with guest speakers explaining the Catholic teachings of the Eucharist. The guest speakers include Fr. Patrick Driscoll, Msgr. James Kee, Msgr William Skoneki, Fr. Stephen Hellman, Msgr. Stephen Martin, and Fr William Saucier. Check the bulletin board for more details.