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PRAYER REQUESTS: Life can be difficult at times and we all need prayer. If you wish to place someone on the prayer list, please contact Frances Stewart at 251-300-7840 or memefrances@yahoo.com or Mary in the parish office. The only thing we ask of you is to please let us know if this person has either recovered, died or is no longer in need of further prayer.



THE FRASSATI SOCIETY OF MOBILE is a new young adults group (20's and 30's) that has been approved by Archbishop Rodi. The Society has four pillars: fellowship, spiritual formation, service, and recreation. The monthly "Frassati Nights" will be an opportunity for faith formation and fellowship with others. They meet the last Thursday of the month at 6:30pm at Little Sisters of the Poor. Visit our website at www.frassatimobile.com for more information!



LINE DANCING is every Monday in Jennings Hall. Classes are from 6:30-8 pm. The cost is \$4 per person. Come join the fun!!



MEMORIAL BRICKS: We are ready to start a new section. 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 ext 203.



WHEN REGISTERING IN THE HOSPITAL, REHAB OR NURSING HOME, please let them know you are Catholic and are a member of Our Savior Church, also contact the parish office with the name of the facility and room number. If you enter through the ER and are admitted into the hospital please inform them of your church affiliation.



TAI CHI CLASS meets here every Monday at 10am in Jennings Hall. It is a low-impact; slow-motion exercise that is often described as "meditation in motion". Everyone is invited.

REMINDER: Doors to the parish office and Jennings Hall are kept locked for everyone's safety. Please ring the doorbell located at each entrance.

STAFF

Father David Tokarz, Pastor
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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
Juan Jose Gutierrez, Music Minister
Mary Marks, Office Manager
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Mary Anthony, Housekeeping

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Mass: 5 pm
Sunday Masses: 8:30 am & 11 am
Spanish Mass: 7 pm Sunday
Weekdays: 8:30 am Tuesday-Friday
Holy Days: 7 pm Vigil & 8:30 am & 7 pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 4:00-4:30 pm & by appointment

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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 Amy Walsh (251-605-8870) 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 K4-12 meets Sunday mornings from 9:45 am -10:45 am

PARISH OFFICE

8 am—4 pm Monday—Thursday & 8 am—3 pm Friday

OUR SAVIOR YOUTH GROUPS

Email: youth@oursaviorparish.org
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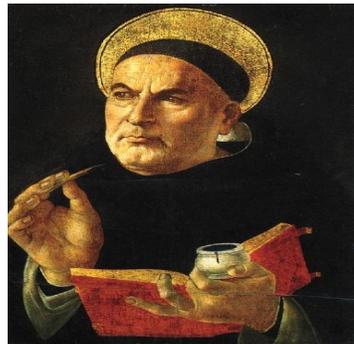
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday 9 am—6 pm followed by Novena



OUR SAVIOR CATHOLIC CHURCH

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 27, 2019



THE IMPORTANCE OF ST THOMAS AQUINAS

Monday is the Memorial of the “Angelic Doctor,” the Dominican scholar Thomas Aquinas. He lived for 50 years (1224-1274), dying in southern Italy while on his way to an ecumenical council that hoped to reunite the Eastern and Western Churches. His presence at that council might have made an extraordinary difference.

No one remembers him for that; instead, if you know his name, it's because of his *Summa Theologica*, a multi-volume analysis and synthesis of Catholic doctrine expanded and explained by use of the newest, hottest form of philosophy of that day: Aristotle. As a small (perhaps not so small) example, the use of Aristotle's categories and Thomas' understanding of the Eucharist gave us the theological concept of *transubstantiation*.

Thomas' approach in the *Summa* was consistent and highly “academic.” In an area of theology he might propose 5-6 topics for discussion, and then he would take them one-by-one. He'd begin by proposing an idea in a negative form: “It seems that [X] is not true...” Then he would offer 3-4 reasons why his negative statement was right. He would then “unload” with a quote from either Scripture or the Church Fathers, prefaced by “But on the other hand...”

This would lead to an interpretation of “the other hand,” followed by refutations of all the reasons he'd offered for the truth of his alternate statement. That being finished—let's move on to the next proposition.

Why am I sharing all this with you? The reason is simple: Aquinas knew how to give proper respect to judgments and understandings that he disagreed with. This is exactly what our society (and, sadly, too often, our Church) seems to be incapable of. When I was teaching, I would tell students that I had no respect for their opinions—in fact, I had no respect for the principal's opinions (I said that several times with him standing at the door of my classroom!). Then I would continue: “Opinions mean nothing. Show me the facts that underlie what you think; only then can we discuss intelligently.” Opinions are mostly nothing more than biases and pre-judgments, too often based on emotion.

It's why the quote I used to introduce our ecumenical dialogue this past Sunday is important. St Peter Faber was one of the original Jesuits who went to Germany to interact with the Lutherans (this was the 2nd generation of the Reformation). I will repeat his words: “It is necessary for anyone who wants to help heretics [*sic!*] in the present age to hold them in great affection and love them very truly. One must...exclude all thoughts and feelings tending to discredit them. One must also win their good will and love by friendly discussion and conversation about matters on which we do not differ, taking care to avoid all controversial subjects that lead to bickering... The things that unite us ought to be the very basis of our approach.” In this light, I recommend that everyone re-read St Paul's Letter to the Romans, chapter 14. Our Church needs to re-learn this lesson, as does our ecumenical and inter-religious dialogue, as does our country.

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	Jeb Shell
Keith Bumpers	Jesus Gallego	Kathy Sirak
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Annie Ruth Chappell	Monica Knight	Mary Ann Stanley
Bill Ciccaglione	Rady Laron	David Stewart
Mason Coker	Mary Lozano	Joe Vegliacich
Judy Courtney	Ashley Rickel	Bradley Wells
Leah Dees	Vicki Scott	Elaine Zoller

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Annie Mae Rumph 1/1/11	Norman Foster 1/15/15
Margot Bean 1/2/15	Michael Tortora 1/16/15
Joyce Holub 1/3/11	Charles Lankheit 1/16/13
William McAdam, Sr. 1/3/13	Fela Quinones 1/17/16
Floyd Williams 1/3/13	Elwin A Rozyskie 1/20/16
Kenny McGee 1/3/18	Lothar Zenkert 1/20/12
Bill Lovorn 1/4/11	Chris Barnett 1/20/09
Dorothy Stone 1/5/09	Steve Allman 1/20/14
Jean Adams 1/6/06	Ted Noller 1/20/14
Betty Hulcher 1/7/17	Sarah Cubley 1/21/06
Charles Rouss 1/7/18	Christopher Cubley 1/21/06
Cherry Porter 1/8/16	Stella DeZego 1/22/68
Stella Abella 1/8/01	Raymond Smith 1/22/13
Carla D'Amico 1/8/09	Betty Jean Icard 1/22/18
James Tohill 1/8/17	Nell Faulkner 1/24/08
Michael Lloyd 1/8/14	Joseph Mortellaro 1/24/16
Al Darring 1/8/18	Jo Ann Ming 1/24/16
Larry Huard 1/9/11	Joseph A. Hantouche 1/25/16
Chris Huggins 1/9/14	Joyce Jackson 1/26/03
Theodore Toth 1/9/17	Ed Ferry 1/26/99
James Puckett 1/10/13	Joan Pignong 1/27/11
Ron Roberts 1/11/11	Clarence Berry 1/27/12
Dennis Schneider 1/11/11	Margaret O'Connor 1/28/10
Sonya Leach 1/13/09	Andrew Thoss 1/29/14
Marion Hagen 1/13/14	Emile Noel 1/30/04
Rehophus Estes 1/13/15	Beverly Tullis 1/30/13
Ida Watson 1/13/04	
Nora "Kitt" Hewlett 1/15/94	

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

Sunday RE (9:45 am)
1st Eucharist Parent mtg 9:50am-Jennings Hall
Widow's Web (1 pm)

Monday Tai Chi (10 am)
Line Dancing (7 pm)

Tuesday Handmade Hugs 1-3
Men of St. Joseph (6pm)
RCIA (6:30 pm)

Wednesday Adoration (9 am)
Bible Sharing (9:30 am)
Holy Hour & Novena (6:15 pm)
Scouts (6:30 pm)
Choir (7 pm)

Thursday Catholics Returning Home (7:00 pm)

Friday 1st Friday Holy Hour (9 am)
Singing Needles (10:30 am)

KNIGHT'S KORNER

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

The Knights have started the New Year assisting in 2 events which ironically happened on the same day, January 13th. First we manned several downtown street corners to monitor traffic for the First Light Marathon which benefits the L'Arche community here in Mobile. We also teamed with the Family Life folks to help prepare a spaghetti dinner for the parish to honor the Baptism of our Lord which marked the official end to the Christmas season. Many thanks to all brother knights who made these 2 events a success!! On a national level the Knights just recently donated the 1000th Ultrasound machine to a clinic in Manassas, VA. These have prevented countless abortions from being performed!! Vivat Jesus!!

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm: Vernon Barfield (d)
Sunday 8:30 am: People of the Parish
11:00 am: Frances Harris (I)

Tuesday 8:30 am: Jim & Josephine Licari (d)
Wednesday 8:30 am: Renee Nicholas (d)
Thursday 8:30 am: Margarita Stewart (I)
Friday 8:30 am: Matt Welch (d)



Advertiser of the Week

PRAYER INTENTIONS POPE FRANCIS
EVANGELIZATION: YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE EXAMPLE OF MARY
That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sat. **Reading 1:** 2 Timothy 1:1-8
Gospel: Mark 3:20-21

Sun. **Reading 1:** Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 (66C)
Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30
Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Mon. **Reading 1:** Hebrews 9:15, 24-28
Gospel: Mark 3:22-30

Tues. **Reading 1:** Hebrews 10:1-10
Gospel: Mark 3:31-35

Wed. **Reading 1:** Hebrews 10:11-18
Gospel: Mark 4:1-20

Thurs. **Reading 1:** Hebrews 10:19-25
Gospel: Mark 4:21-25

Fri. **Reading 1:** Hebrews 10:32-39
Gospel: Mark 4:26-34



CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME: If you have friends or family who were baptized Catholic but not receiving the sacraments regularly, now is the time to invite them home to stay. Our Savior is having a free and informal six week series that meets every **Thursday at 7:00 pm until Thursday, February 7th**. There is no fee, dress code or obligation to participate. To sign up or for more information call Judy Pukac at 251-648-3024.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL SUNDAY: Today is Catholic Charities Appeal Sunday! In every parish across the archdiocese, each parishioner is asked to prayerfully consider making a pledge to the 2019 Catholic Charities Appeal. Catholic Charities distributes millions of dollars to sustain Catholic programs, services and ministries across our archdiocese. The basic Pledge is \$576 per year. We ask that everyone complete and return a pledge envelope and give what you can. If you prefer to donate online, you can text "CCA" to 91999 for a link. We hope you will answer the Call to Give to those in need through your prayerful generosity to this year's Catholic Charities Appeal.

Please, help our parish meet our goal of **\$129,500** this year and obtain 100% participation.



ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST/BRUNCH: **Sunday, February 3rd** after the 11 o'clock Mass in Jennings Hall. All donations help support Our Youth. We will be serving pancakes, egg casseroles, bacon, sausage, hash brown Casserole, fruit, pastries, coffee, OJ & tea.

Anticipated Offering Income	\$ 12,115
Actual Offering Income	\$ 9,583
Online Giving	\$ 473
Anticipated Offering Income to date	\$ 36,346
Actual Offering Income to date	\$ 38,621
YTD Offering: Over (Under)	\$ 2,274
Budget Offering Year	\$ 630,000
Building Fund this week	\$ 90
Building Fund to date	\$ 575

NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Congratulations to our Catechumens who were welcomed into the Church last Sunday: Samantha Addington, Meghan Lynde, Heath Parker, Brent Peek; and to our Candidates who were accepted at the same time: Cheryl Bolton, Michele Praden, Cassandra Wyatt. Please continue to pray for these men and women as they continue their journey to the Easter sacraments. Many thanks to their sponsors and the RCIA team for bringing them this far. Their next big event will be the Rite of Election on Sunday, March 17.

Religious education classes are in session each Sunday in January. Continued attendance is important for all students not just those in the sacramental years. Parents, please continue to pray at home as a family and to attend Mass together each week.

If your son or daughter is in **9th or 10th** grade and you have not attended the **Confirmation** enrollment meeting, please contact Jan Murray immediately by phone or email.

First Eucharist meeting for second grade parents and our RCIC students in grades 3 and 4 will take place at 9:50 a.m. Sunday, January 27, in Jennings Hall. Baptismal certificates are required if not baptized at Our Savior or not turned in at the time of registration.

OUR SAVIOR'S YOUNG AT HEART is planning their first trip of 2019 with Gulf Coast Bus Tours. They offer a Historic Trolley Tour of Downtown Mobile. Step aboard our beautiful, comfortable, climate controlled and open-air (in season) trolleys. We offer expansive views and the feeling of being a part of our history with over 20 homes, museums, attractions, and more. This tour lasts about 90 minutes. All tours depart from 111 South Royal Street.

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Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
Bienville Square
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We will receive a little history as we go by each place.

Date: Tuesday, February 12th

Time: 9:15 am right after 8:30 am Mass and car pool over

Cost: \$15

Lunch: will be decided later

*Please let Tina Lyons (251-633-6762 x 205) know if you plan on attending. She will be making Reservations by **Jan. 28th**.*

ALL are invited to an **EXPLORATORY MEETING** for the possibility of perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Wednesday, February 13, 6:30 pm in the Marian Center at St Ignatius Church (3704 Springhill Ave). For more information, please email Ines Mersch at inesmersch@yahoo.com.

But please remember not to compromise any commitment you already have for our Wednesday Adoration at Our Savior Church.



SOUPER BOWL of CARING 2019 – News

Souper Bowl of Caring is a national movement of young people, working together to fight hunger and poverty in their local communities. The idea for the Souper Bowl of Caring came from this prayer: "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those that do not have a bowl of soup to eat." It all began on Super Bowl Sunday back in 1990. This simple prayer inspired a youth group to create a fun, yet meaningful way to fight Hunger and to reach out to those in need.

It's that time of year when our youth will be participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring Project. We will be collecting Our Souper Bowl of Caring Bags this weekend at all Masses.

We will need about 6 adults to help us on the 27th to deliver bags to the neighborhoods; this should only take about an hour. Lunch will be served! Please let me know if you can help us out and I can get you the proper paperwork. Please remember if you are planning on taking part in the Souper Bowl of Caring Project to please make sure you have your paperwork handed in. Please remember I will need updated medical forms filled out to be kept on file for the year 2019-2020.

Pancake Breakfast next weekend Please watch for an email on details.

Sunday, February 3rd right after the 11 o'clock Mass

Please join us in Jennings Hall

Upcoming Events Reminders

January 12th – Alive in you deposit is due at this time.

January 27th – Delivering Bags to surrounding neighborhoods and collect the bags from the parish. Lunch 12:30 Start delivering Bags around 1:15 and should finish up around 2:30

February 2nd – Pick up bags, start sorting and set up for pancake breakfast –

February 3rd – Pancake Breakfast (Save the Date)

Youth group is open to all Middle School Youth Group 6th-8th grade & High School Youth Group 9th-12th grade Please bring a snack or drink to share with the group at our gatherings.

Please contact Ms. Tina at youth@oursaviorparish.org or 251-633-6762 x 205 if you have any questions.

MISSION TRIP Opportunities for 2020

Hand in Hand Ministries offers several different mission trips. Our Savior went to Belize in 2017 and had an opportunity to build a house for a young family. What an amazing experience it was.

I would like to see if we have any interest in another mission for 2020. Please check out Hand in Hand Ministries website at www.myhandinhand.org

First opportunity would be the Appalachia in Eastern Kentucky, located in Auxier, Kentucky. Cost would be \$500 for a week or \$250 for 3 days. This doesn't include transportation. This trip is open to anyone 18 years old up and we would need at least 10 or more for this trip.

Second opportunity would be Belize and this trip is for anyone 21 years or older. Cost for this trip is \$2300 and for each additional family member that would like to attend the cost would be \$2000. This also includes the airfare. Belize is an English speaking country and you would also need a passport. We would need 10-14 adults for this trip to happen. Both trips would be a tax deduction for your taxes. I don't have any dates in mind yet waiting to see if there is any interest in these opportunities to either The Appalachia or Belize. Please let me know by **January 31st** if you are interested. If you have any questions please contact Tina Lyons at youth@oursaviorparish.org or 633-6762 x205



WELCOME NEW PARISHIONER:
Francisco Elotlan Munguia

"It is better to be a child of God than king of the whole world!"
– St. Aloysius Gonzaga