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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.

STAFF

Father David Tokarz, Pastor
Father Jose Mesa, S.J.
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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Kim McDowell, Maintenance
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
Junior: 6th - 8th grades
Senior: 9th - 12th grades

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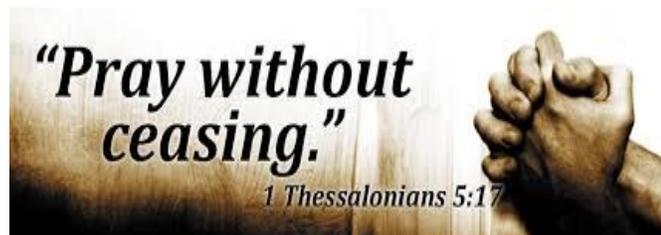
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday 9 am—6 pm followed by Novena



OUR SAVIOR CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 3, 2019



PRAY ALWAYS; PRAY ALL WAYS

St Paul advocated praying constantly or always a number of times in his letters. The classic quote is from I Thessalonians 5:16: “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing...” But he reminds the Colossians pretty well the same thing: “Persevere in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving...” (Colossians 4:2). And he tells the Romans: “Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer” (Romans 12:12). In this, he is really only echoing Jesus Himself, who told the parable of the persistent widow to show “...the necessity for [the disciples] to pray always without becoming weary” (Luke 18:1). But how can anyone actually do this?

This question is at the heart of the Eastern Orthodox use of the “Jesus Prayer,” repeated as a mantra until the words “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me, a sinner” sink deep into a person’s heart and soul and never stop. For those interested, the most wonderful presentation of this process is the work of an anonymous Russian Christian, *The Way of a Pilgrim* (English translation by R M French). It is a beautifully written story of seeking a deeper understanding of praying.

As Catholics, we are also blessed with many ways of praying: beyond our liturgies of the Sacraments and Divine Office, which by nature and definition are communal, we have devotions like Eucharistic Adoration, novenas, Rosary, Prayer of Presence, Centering Prayer, and so on, that can be communal or private. And some of these can share with ecumenical brothers and sisters, as well.

Adoration brings us face to face with the reality of St Paul’s statement about Jesus: “...though he was in the form of God...he humbled himself...” (Philippians 2:6-70). If some folks think that the Real Presence is impossibly degrading for Christ, they need to re-think the Incarnation itself.

The structure of the Rosary leads us into that mystery: of birth, ministry, death, and glorification. The prayers are just as much a set of mantras as the “Jesus Prayer,” and they lift us into communion.

Novenas imitate the actions of the 120 or so disciples and Blessed Mother in the Upper Room, waiting for the promise Jesus made to be fulfilled (Acts 1:13ff): days of prayerful focus and humble obedience.

Prayer of Presence and Centering Prayer bring us to the reality that the mystery of the Triune God is not something to be understood but simply tasted, acknowledged, loved. It is a style of prayer that is very quiet, and it reminds me of a story about the Curé of Ars, who asked an old man what he was doing, sitting in church every day. “I look at God,” the man answered, “and God looks at me.”

So many ways to pray; so many ways to pray always! And why should we? There is only one answer to that: because we are in love. If we are not, prayer makes little sense at all, really.

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
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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

Nick Ciccaglione 2/1/08	John Calametti 2/15/17
Don Lee 2/2/13	Carl Noller 2/17/87
Carmel Cotter 2/3/16	Noah Riddle 2/17/16
Mary Ellen Cruit 2/3/04	Dolores Ramos 2/18/14
Harriett Busby 2/4/99	Ignatius Darring 2/20/09
Tom Pennington 2/4/11	Judy Engler 2/20/16
David Zimlich 2/4/15	Jack Kenny 2/20/13
Steven Grant 2/5/00	Eugene Holt 2/20/13
Rose Ellis 2/6/06	Joan Duffy 2/22/08
Joe Hacker 2/7/11	Renee Gump 2/25/17
John Klemm 2/8/15	Billy Kountz 2/27/07
Harry Ryan III 2/9/02	Mike Walsh 2/27/11
Josephine Stewart 2/9/09	Jacob Moore 2/27/16
Jo Shirey 2/9/17	Lejune Newman 2/27/12
Al Cosci 2/13/11	Earl Jordan 2/28/07
Harold Reed 2/12/09	Tim Lovorn 2/28/08
Jim Murray 2/12/08	H. L. Porter 2/28/08
Don Maurer 2/12/16	Dorothy Puckett 2/29/12
John Ellis 2/14/06	
Jacques Trefontaine 2/15/02	
Florence Bowdion 2/15/07	

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

Sunday	RE (9:45 am) St Vincent de Paul mtg (9:45 am) Pancake Breakfast-Jennings Hall (after 11:00 am Mass)
Monday	Tai-Chi (10 am) Line Dancing (7 pm)
Tuesday	Handmade Hugs (1 pm) Men of St. Joseph (6 pm) 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	K of C mtg (7:00 pm) Catholics Returning Home (7:00 pm)
Friday	Singing Needles (10:30 am)
Saturday	World Marriage Day

 **PRAY** for Yvonne Hacker who died January 26th. She was the wife of Frank Hacker. **PRAY** for Anna Weber who died January 27th. She was the grandmother of Toni Ortiz and Ricarda Manning. May they rest in peace.

CALLING ALL THOSE WHO KNIT OR CROCHET: We have two groups that meet here who help craft gifts for many different organizations. They make baptism blankets to welcome our newest members as well as items for our homebound members. One group meets on Tuesday from 1-3pm and the other meets on Friday from 10:30-noon. For more information, please contact Lola Howard (251-634-0895)

 **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.

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Saturday	5:00 pm: Stanley Rydzynski (d)
Sunday	8:30 am: Jose Wilson (l)
	11:00 am: People of the Parish
Tuesday	8:30 am: Yvonne Hacker (d)
Wednesday	8:30 am: Communion Service
Thursday	8:30 am: Communion Service
Friday	8:30 am: Communion Service

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PRAYER INTENTIONS POPE FRANCIS

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READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sat.	Reading 1: Hebrews 11:32-40 Gospel: Mark 5:1-20
Sun.	Reading 1: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19 (72C) Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13 Gospel: Luke 4:21-30
Mon.	Reading 1: Hebrews 11:32-40 Gospel: Mark 5:1-20
Tues.	Reading 1: Hebrews 12:1-4 Gospel: Mark 5:21-43
Wed.	Reading 1: Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15 Gospel: Mark 6:1-6
Thurs.	Reading 1: Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24 Gospel: Mark 6:7-13
Fri.	Reading 1: Hebrews 13:1-8 Gospel: Mark 6:14-29



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

If you have not returned your Catholic Charities envelope, please do so now. If you prefer to donate online, you can text "CCA" to 91999 for a link. Envelopes are available in the pew. It is our goal to have every family participate to the best of their ability. We ask that you 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.

"If the heart wanders or is distracted, bring it back to the point quite gently and replace it tenderly in its Master's presence. And even if you did nothing during the whole of your hour but bring your heart back and place it again in Our Lord's presence, though it went away every time you brought it back, your hour would be very well employed."
— St. Francis de Sales

Anticipated Offering Income	\$ 12,115
Actual Offering Income	\$ 9,790
Online Giving	\$ 0
Anticipated Offering Income to date	\$ 48,461
Actual Offering Income to date	\$ 48,411
YTD Offering: Over (Under)	(50)
Budget Offering Year	\$ 630,000
Building Fund this week	\$ 125
Building Fund to date	\$ 700

NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Thank you to all the parents who attended the First Eucharist meeting last Sunday. Remember to contact Jan Murray by phone (633-6762, x 206) or email (re@oursaviorparish.org) if you have questions. Banners can be purchased for \$10.00 any Sunday that religious education is in session if you did not purchase one at the meeting.

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.



FOOD FOR THE POOR: Please join us the weekend of February 9th & 10th to hear Father Scott speak at all the Masses about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Father Scott will share personal witness

about Food for the Poor's mission to care for the destitute. Please join us in welcoming Father Scott next weekend.

FR DAVID will be away Monday, February 4th through Friday, February 15th. We will have communion services during weeks while Fr David is away.

YOUNG AT HEART GROUP is planning a Dinner Cruise on Wednesday, February 27th the cost is \$59 which includes a buffet and live music as you cruise the coast.

- Duration: 2.5 hours
- Dinner: Two-entree, self-serve buffet with plenty of sides and salad to select from for your meal
- Dress: Business-casual
- Included: Cruise on our 2 level climate controlled paddle-wheel, The Perdido Queen. Dinner, live music and a full cash bar are included.
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Contact Tina by Wednesday, February 6th with your money & reservations.

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.



WORLD MARRIAGE DAY is next weekend. Please come and celebrate your vocation to family life with us. The Parish Life Committee will offer cake and punch after all the Masses.



Pancake Breakfast this Sunday, February 3rd.

Please join us for our annual pancake breakfast/brunch right after the 11 o'clock Mass!

All proceeds help our youth to attend our summer service camp.

Pancakes, ham & cheese casserole, western casserole, egg & cheese casseroles, hash brown casserole, bacon, sausage, fruit and lots of sweet treats to choose from.

Our Souper Bowl collection of non-perishable food items is coming along. We will be collecting through the next couple of weekends. We will keep you updated on our collection for the SVDP food pantry.

Thank You to everyone who has donated much needed food for our pantry.

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.

Upcoming Events Reminders

February 2nd – Pick up bags, start sorting and set up for pancake breakfast – 10 am to 3pm

February 3rd – Pancake Breakfast begin serving at 12:30 please be here at 11-11:30 or right after 11 o'clock Mass

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.



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For the web site go to 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.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE: If you are going to be out of town or not available any time during the months of April-June 2019, please let Mary in the parish office know by **February 28th**. If you are not receiving emails concerning the schedule, please let someone in the parish office know your current email address so you will receive them in the future. Any changes or exceptions may be sent to office@oursaviorparish.org or by calling 251-633-6762 x 200.