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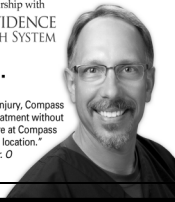
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PRAYER REQUESTS: Life can be difficult at times and we all need prayer. If you wish to place someone on the prayer list, please contact memefrances@yahoo.com or Mary in the parish office. The only thing we ask of you is to please let us know if this 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.



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.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION is an act of love. We need volunteers on Wednesday. If you can help, please contact Janet Broderick at janetb8757@hotmail.com or (251) 635-1644.

The Men's Retreat, scheduled at Visitation Monastery in Mobile, September 6th – 8th, 2019, will be led by Reverend Monsignor Michael V. Reed, J.C.L., of the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee. Monsignor Reed is Pastor of St. Rose of Lima Parish in Milton, Florida. The Retreat begins 5:00 pm Friday September 6th and concludes with breakfast on Sunday, September 8th. For registration and fee information, please contact Mr. Paul Halladay at 251.454.8208 or Visitation Monastery at 251.473.2321.



The Men of St. Joseph are offering the Outback Retreat the weekend of October 25-27, 2019. The group is working with the Archdiocese of Mobile to specifically target students who are freshmen or sophomores in high school. The unique charism of this retreat is that one does not attend alone; rather pairs attend the weekend. The upcoming Outback is for a teen and a parent. This is a great way to evangelize both teens and parents. The hope is that once a parent and a teen are both evangelized they will return to the parish with a renewed openness. Please call or email Patrick Arensberg with any questions or concerns, or to arrange for someone to speak to parish about the retreat ((251) 433-6991 (parensberg@mobarch.org))

Our Savior will be hosting their First ever **MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL** on October 26th in Jennings Hall after the 5 O'clock Mass. We would like to celebrate the richness of all the different cultures and traditions right here at Our Savior. We are looking for parishioners that might be interested in having a table to share their heritage and traditions. So far we have Vietnam, USA, Poland, Philippines, Nicaragua, Mexico, Canada and Italy. If you would like to help at one of these booths or set up one yourself, please contact either Deacon Francis or Tina Lyons in the office. Another thought we had was to see if we could get some adults, youth and younger children to take part in a fashion show to show off the traditional dress of the different cultures. Let us know if you are interested in participating! Watch for more detail in the upcoming weeks. Our next meeting will be Monday, August 26th at 6pm if you can join us.

STAFF

Father David Tokarz, Pastor
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Deacon Jay Boyd
Deacon Francis Tran
Jan Murray, Religious Ed
Tina Lyons, Youth Minister
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Juan Jose Gutierrez, Music Minister
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Kim McDowell, Maintenance
Mary Anthony, Housekeeping

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Mass: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Masses: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Spanish Mass: 7 p.m. Sunday
Weekdays: 8:30 a.m. Tuesday-Friday
Holy Days: 7 p.m. Vigil & 8:30 a.m. & 7 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 4:00-4:30 p.m. & 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 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

OUR SAVIOR YOUTH GROUPS

Email: youth@oursaviorparish.org
Junior: 6th - 8th grades
Senior: 9th - 12th grades

PRAYER CHAIN

Frances Stewart or meme frances@yahoo.com

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. followed by Novena



Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time August 25, 2019



MOTHERS AND SONS

This week we will mark the Memorials of Saint Monica and St Augustine, mother and son. What a pair they made!

There was once a commercial for Anacin where the older woman suggests that the dinner needed salt—the reply? “Mother, please! I’d rather do it myself!” I can hear (in my imagination) Augustine saying the same thing to Monica, early on.

To call Monica “indomitable” would be a massive understatement; “interfering” would have been Augustine’s view. He wanted to live his life with his girlfriend and happily pursue a career as a Manichaeon (a pagan dualist). But Monica would not let go. She begged; she pleaded; she trailed him from North Africa to Rome and from Rome to Milan. She was consoled (or fueled up) by the words of an anonymous bishop, by which she was assured, “The child of so many tears cannot be lost.”

After 17 years of pursuing him, she finally had the pleasure (and relief!) of seeing her son baptized in Milan, after his being inspired by the preaching and holiness of St Ambrose.

Augustine went on, of course, to become ordained a priest, named bishop of Hippo (a small town in North Africa, near his birthplace), and the most influential theologian of the Latin West.

Monica did not live to see all this. On their way back to Africa, they stopped in Ostia, the port-city of Rome. While waiting for transit, Monica took ill and ultimately died there. Augustine’s narrative of this scene (*Confessions* IX, ix-xi) is extremely poignant, and it is filled with remorse for the 17 years of his attempts to avoid his Mother’s pleading and tears. She lapsed in and out of coma, and at one point said, “...why I am here, I do not know.... One thing there was, for which I desired to linger a little in this life, that I might see you a Catholic Christian... God has granted this [so]... What am I doing here?” Augustine’s brother Nagivius thought his Mother would rather die and be buried in her homeland. Her comment is powerful: “Put this body away anywhere. Don’t let care about it disturb you. I ask only this of you, that you remember me at the altar of the Lord, wherever you may be.”

Monica died in Ostia and was buried there. One year, by accident, I came across a fragment of her original tombstone there in Ostia Antica. Centuries later, her body was translated (= moved) from there to the newly-built church of Sant’ Agostino in Rome; it is in a side chapel to the left of the main altar. It is there that I go, whenever I am in Rome, to pray the Rosary for my Mother, who in many ways I take to be a Monica to my Augustine.

For myself, and (I daresay) for Augustine, the Anacin commercial needs to be inverted: “Mother, please: I’m glad I did it with you.”

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	Vicki Scott
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Lisa Brazell	Rose Marie Kervin	Kathy Sirak
Annie Ruth Chappell	Monica Knight	Mary Ann Stanley
Bill Ciccaglione	Rady Laron	Joe Vegliacich
Mason Coker	Mary Lozano	Bradley Wells
Judy Courtney	Marsha Naman	Mary Beth Ezell
Leah Dees	Michael Nelson	Elaine Zoller
Michael Dees	Ashley Rickel	

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

James Walsh 8/1/06	Charles Pollman, Sr. 8/18/08
Sadie Davis 8/1/10	Agnes Murray 8/19/06
Jeanne Pollara 8/1/05	Cullis Holub 8/19/15
Phi Hoang 8/2/09	Tom Clinton 8/19/18
Bonnie Moran 8/2/13	Helen Curry 8/20/17
Madelyn Christiansen 8/3/09	Sullivan O'Rourke 8/21/10
Mary Kress 8/3/14	Henna Dana 8/21/13
James G Murray 8/4/02	Teresa Powell 8/22/08
Cecilia Street 8/4/14	Msgr Joseph McArdle 8/23/00
Sean Delcambre 8/5/19	Eubie Watson 8/23/05
Margarita deCuellar 8/6/01	Helen Cullefer 8/23/15
George Kirk 8/6/13	Linda Behr 8/23/18
James Roberts 8/7/09	Ann Burns 8/25/08
Samuel P. Garrone 8/7/97	Edith Klein 8/25/05
David Pomier 8/9/11	Doug Pierre 8/25/09
John Pigott 8/9/15	George Kutey 8/25/15
Leon Rung 8/10/16	William Kirven 8/26/09
Pete Garriz 8/10/16	Irene Novak 8/26/12
Ruth B. Dunaway 8/11/01	Mary Anne Hennigan 8/26/18
Thomas Stirling 8/11/08	Jean Engler 8/27/97
Jack Baker 8/13/11	Conchita Charnock 8/27/12
Lill England 8/14/08	Barry Jaet 8/27/13
Patsy Kenny 8/14/11	Johnny Crist 8/28/10
Lillian Giara 8/15/07	Cesar Cosci 8/29/18
Lisa Crum 8/16/07	Regina Street 8/30/79
Faye Richburg 8/17/08	Ron Willis 8/30/03
Jerry Callaghan 8/17/12	Mary McQueen 8/30/12
Doyle Ellis 8/17/04	Lily Villanueva 8/30/15
Frank Holderfield Sr 8/17/07	Rolando Sema 8/31/12
Brooke Heuermann 8/17/13	

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

Sunday Catechist mtg (9:45 a.m.) Joseph Hall
Temascalapa Fiesta (5:30 p.m.)

Monday Tai Chi (10:00 a.m.)
Line Dancing (6:30 p.m.)

Tuesday Handmade Hugs (1:00 p.m.)
Men of St. Joseph (6:00 p.m.)

Wednesday Adoration (9:00 a.m.)
Bible Sharing (9:30 a.m.)
Holy Hour & Novena (6:15 p.m.)
Scouts (6:30 p.m.)
Choir (7:00 p.m.)

Thursday K of C Officer's mtg (7:00 p.m.)

Friday Singing Needles (10:30 a.m.)



THE 48TH ANNUAL LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR LAWN PARTY will be held on Sunday, October 20th from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. There is a need for homemade candy to be made and donated for our candy booth. All candy will need to be delivered the week prior.

Volunteers are needed to help at the carnival booths also. Please contact Maria Ann Callaghan at 251-476-6339 ext. 149 to sign up to volunteer.



SISTER PARISH TEMASCALAPA'S ANNUAL FIESTA will be Sunday, August 25th at 5:30 p.m. in Jennings Hall. All are welcome. Good food & good friends. Thanks to everyone for your prayers and financial support for the children of Temascalapa.



CHILD PROTECTION RETRAINING Volunteers, it's time to renew your training for Child Protection. We are using a new on-line system this year. You will find instructions on how to update training

at protection.mobarch.org/training/.

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 p.m.: Joe Gregory, Jr (d)
8:30 a.m.: People of the Parish

Sunday 11:00 a.m.: Lothar Zenkert (d)

Tuesday 8:30 a.m.: Peter, Vinh Nguyen (d)

Wednesday 8:30 a.m.: Jim & Josephine Licari (d)

Thursday 8:30 a.m.: Peter, Vinh Nguyen

Friday 8:30 a.m.: Yvonne Hacker (d)
: Katherine Lersch (d)

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READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sat. Reading 1: Revelation 21:9b-14
Gospel: John 1:45-51

Sun. Reading 1: Isaiah 66:18-21 (123C)
Reading 2: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13
Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

Mon. Reading 1: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10
Gospel: Matthew 23:13-22

Tues. Reading 1: 1Thessalonians 2:1-8
Gospel: Matthew 23:23-26

Wed. Reading 1: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Gospel: Matthew 23:27-32

Thurs. Reading 1: 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13
Gospel: Mark 6:17-29

Fri. Reading 1: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8
Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13



KNIGHT'S KORNER



Hi Everyone, hope you all are enjoying these "dog days" of summer. We sure have missed brother Tad and his prowess for selling raffle tickets after the weekend Masses. It's taken a handful of us just to cover for him. He continues to make good progress at home. Please continue to pray for him. Our future plans include restarting the monthly parish weekend dinners, our annual tootsie roll drive and membership recruitment. Thanks again for your continued support. Vivat Jesus !!

RAFFLE TICKETS: We have almost sold 200 tickets out of the possible 300 we hope to sell; only four more and then the big one. We all still have good odds to win but we would still like to sell more and give others a chance to join the fun. We are trying to sell after the Masses again so spread the word. Thank you for your participation.

**SAVE THIS DATE!
SECURITY TRAINING FOR ALL USHERS**

Date: Saturday, September 7th
Time: 10 am
Place: Church

We are also looking for new ushers for all Masses; if you are interested in becoming an usher please contact Bill Wakefield or Mary in the office.

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION on Sunday between the Masses resumes on Sunday, September 8 at 9:45 in the library. Please join us for doughnuts and coffee. In the first meeting we will discuss the direction of the program for the coming school year. For more information contact Eileen Rettig at emret-tig@aol.com or 251-661-8619

"Never give up prayer, and should you find dryness and difficulty, persevere in it for this very reason. God often desires to see what love your soul has, and love is not tried by ease and satisfaction."

— St. John of the Cross

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Actual Offering Income to date	\$	403,519
YTD Offering: Over (Under)	\$	3,712
Budget Offering Year	\$	630,000
Building Fund this week	\$	52
Building Fund to date	\$	5,317
Temascalapa Appeal	\$	22,519
Home Mission	\$	864



YOUTH GROUP UPDATES/EVENTS

JUST IN! ALIVE IN YOU 2020

Looks like we're heading to Columbia, South Carolina June 16th-21st! Registration opens on August 15th. If you are interested in attending, I will need a \$100 deposit to hold your spot. FYI-- Ms. Sue beat all of you. She already handed in her deposit last Sunday not knowing where we were headed. Now that's **FAITH!!!**

ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH!

The Archdiocese of Mobile, Office of Youth Ministries is planning a Pilgrimage to Washington DC for the March for Life. It is open to all High School youth in the Archdiocese in the 9th-12th grade.

The dates for the pilgrimage are Wednesday, January 22 through Sunday January 26, 2020. You will miss 2 days of school, Thursday & Friday only. The cost is \$300 and it includes hotel accommodations, museum, event fees and bus. You will also need money for meals and personal spending. We will leave on Wednesday evening and arrive in DC on Thursday. The March will take place on Friday, January 24, 2020. We will head back to Mobile on Saturday, January 25th and arrive in Mobile Sunday, January 26th. I will need a \$150 deposit by September 23rd and the balance no later than December 16th.

UPCOMING MEETINGS /EVENTS:

Sept. 11th – Adoration from 5-5:30 (more information later)
Sept. 29th – Youth Fun Day – Bowling, Laser Tag & Pizza at Eastern Shore Lanes

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 252-633-6762 x 205, if you have any questions.

NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Religious Education (RE) classes for 2019-2020 begin Sunday, September 8. Green registration forms are available in the back of the Church. Forms may be downloaded from the website. These classes are for students in grades K through 12 who do not attend a Catholic school. Class begins at 9:45 am and dismisses at 10:45 am. We are in need of catechists and assistants for the fall. Please contact Jan Murray to volunteer or for more information: re@oursaviorparish.org or 633-6762, x 206. Family Registration forms are for new as well as returning students.

First Reconciliation and First Eucharist students are enrolled in grade 2 and must have received religious instruction during the first grade as well.

The next **Confirmation class** will begin the second year of study/preparation this fall for Confirmation in the fall of 2020. Confirmation students must be enrolled in and attending religious education classes or a Catholic high school. Confirmation is for students in the 11th grade and above.

Come and see! The **RCIA Process** will begin September 3, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. for anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Church. All are welcome - non-Catholics, those never baptized, and Catholics who would like a refresher. We begin with a meal and would appreciate knowing if you plan to attend so that our volunteer chefs can plan accordingly. There are forms in the racks at the back of the church or you can call or email Jan Murray, 633-6762, x206, re@oursaviorparish.org.

UPDATE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Does the Church database have YOUR family membership record correct? Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Directory (if you haven't already done so). It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year. Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? Do you want your record published? If you have not already informed the Church Office about changes to your record, please let us know now so the information in the Guide Book & Directory is correct. Please contact the office at either office@oursaviorparish.org or 251-633-6762 x 200 with any changes.

GUIDE BOOK & DIRECTOR ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the church. This book will contain everything pertinent to our church: the various ministries, organizations, committees, activities, functions and events plus a complete directory of all members. This book is being provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to our church, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please contact Tina at 251-633-6762 x 205 or youth@oursaviorparish.org. Recent survey results by Guide Book Publishing show that 92.1% of families would rather patronize a Guide Book & Directory advertiser over a non-advertiser. It "will pay" to advertise in our new Guide Book & Directory.

PRIESTER'S PECANS



It's that time of the year again! Our Savior Youth will be selling Priest's Pecans as a fundraiser to help Our Youth attend their Annual Summer Service Camp with Alive in You. The pecan pies are our biggest seller. If you know how many you will need, let me know by **September 13th**, so I can order plenty along with the mini pies. Watch for more information in the upcoming weeks.



CENTERING PRAYER AND FORGIVENESS PRAYER WORKSHOP

Date: Saturday, September 14, 2019

Times: Refreshments 8:30 a.m.

Workshop 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Place: Joseph Hall

Centering Prayer is a contemplative prayer practice which leads to the opening of mind and heart - our whole being - to God. The Forgiveness Prayer is a guided meditation that leads to forgiveness of self and others. Please join us as we teach and practice these prayer methods. Call for reservations - 251-648-6521 (Gloria) or 251-422-0540 (Alex) **Please make reservations by September 12, 2019.**

ST JOAN OF ARC PARISH will be celebrating its 100th birthday in October of 2020. The Centennial Committee is looking for former parishioners and former SJA students to help with birthday activities. A volunteer spaghetti supper will be held on Thursday, September 26th, at 6:00 p.m., in the school cafeteria. We are also searching for SJA pictures and memorabilia. Those can be taken to SJA Rectory.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS:

Mark & LaRita Nelson

