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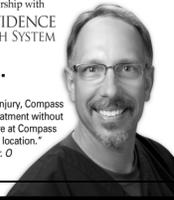
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PRAYER REQUESTS: Life can be difficult at times and we all need prayer. If you wish to place someone on the prayer list, please contact memefrances@yahoo.com or Mary in the parish office. The only thing we ask of you is to please let us know if this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



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/.



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.

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
Judy Pukac, Accountant
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 am 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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Faithful Navigator Assembly 2918
Ladies Auxiliary: Tina Lyons
Men of St. Joseph: Francis Tran
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Parish Council: Vicki Wakefield
Sister Parish Com.: Kathy Powell
Boy Scouts: James Alexander
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

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
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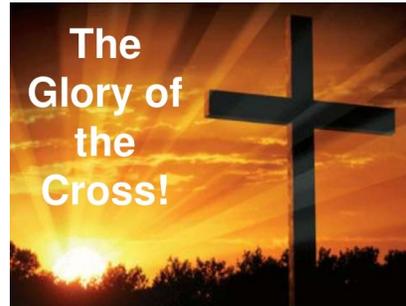
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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 15, 2019



GLORYING IN THE CROSS

As Catholics (and as many other Christians), we think nothing shameful about wearing a cross or crucifix (unless, of course, we're reluctant to "identify" as believers). But do we think of what we are doing and saying when we wear it?

Let's be clear: the cross was the ultimate instrument of death by torture. For a (very rough) comparison, would we be proud (or even willing) to wear around our necks or on our lapels a miniature guillotine, or a syringe/hypodermic needle, or an electric chair, or a noose?

For too many of us, the cross has become sanitized by the distance of time, and therefore socially acceptable. Today we can wear crosses or crucifixes that are made of gold or silver, perhaps also encrusted with precious stones. There's no threat there! But let's go back to the 1st century for a minute.

Galatians is a letter of St Paul written very early on in the history of Christianity—perhaps only 20 years after the Crucifixion. Paul (and everyone else in the Roman Empire) knew exactly what this kind of death entailed. Yet he can tell the Galatians: "God forbid that I glory in anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ..." (Galatians 6:14). In a similar message to the Corinthians (and in a letter also very early), Paul declares that he "...resolved to know nothing while I was with [them] except Jesus Christ, and him crucified" (I Corinthians 2:2). Paul knew what those images would call up—and gold/jewels were not part of the picture.

In our times, perhaps no group understands this more clearly than the propagators of the "gospel of prosperity," led by Joel Osteen, among others. It's for this reason they have no crosses (with or without a *corpus*) in their "churches." The same is true of the so-called "seeker churches"—after all, we don't want folks to be scared by the possibility of having to commit, at some level, to self-sacrifice!

Even in our church, the crucifixes we have (alongside the altar and above the west window) are very sanitized—no suffering, no agony, no sense of torture—just Jesus there on the cross, with no physical stresses except for the fact of His being fixed there. The opposite extreme is Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ*, which is not based on the Gospels but on private revelations to a religious. It's also rooted, I am afraid to say, in Gibson's own predilection for movie violence that borders or (or crosses the border of) sado-masochism. Its one singular virtue is its lack of "neatness."

What's the real bottom line here? I think it's simply that we have forgotten the depth of the love of God in Jesus Christ for us that enabled the Lord to undergo this horrific death for the sake of sinners (re-read Romans 5:1-11). Are we worth it? Many of us would think that answer is no; God, it seems, thinks otherwise. We glory in the Cross because Jesus Christ saw in us people needing a Savior; He was willing to exemplify what salvation means and looks like; He calls us to share His life. The Resurrection validates everything I'm saying here. It is the main and only reason that we can glory in the Cross—it is NOT the end of the story!

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	Michael Nelson
Joyce Bills	Jesus Gallego	Ashley Rickel
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Lisa Brazell	Rose Marie Kervin	Jeb Shell
Annie Ruth Chappell	Monica Knight	Kathy Sirak
Bill Ciccaglione	Rady Laron	Mary Ann Stanley
Mason Coker	Mary Lozano	Joe Vegliacich
Judy Courtney	Myrtis Mooney	Bradley Wells
Leah Dees	Marsha Naman	Elaine Zoller

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

John Haugsness 9/1/15	Diana Forbes 9/13/06
Sue Seelig 9/1/15	Geneva J. Seitz 9/13/08
Joyce Murphy 9/1/15	Agnes Graveman 9/14/06
Burkhard Dohm 9/2/18	Msr. Tony McDevitt 9/14/10
Harold Klemm 9/3/13	Flo Callaghan 9/14/18
Bruce Brown 9/3/18	Julianna Watson 9/16/16
Dorothy Simons 9/4/02	Al Pawlowski 9/16/18
Clifford Willis 9/4/13	Louise Cullefer 9/19/16
Fannie Beca 9/4/16	Julia Nunez 9/19/16
Terry Cronis 9/4/18	Cindy Bair 9/20/13
Molly Elle Pickett 9/5/04	David Jacobs 9/20/17
Elsi Kilbert 9/7/06	David Stewart 9/21/05
Edward Crusse 9/7/09	Rosa Dunn 9/21/08
Marshall Langan 9/8/08	Mary Briedenich 9/21/12
Shirley Dennis 9/8/14	Bernie O'Leary 9/22/01
Wally Reinhardt 9/8/16	Stella Zambrano 9/23/05
Paul Cary 9/9/10	James Witschell 9/25/05
Robert Stock 9/10/04	Frank Hale 9/25/14
Walter Darring 9/10/04	James Price 9/26/08
Amy Langford 9/10/12	Arthur Giles 9/27/12
Bob Skeel 9/10/14	Nathalie Ardit 9/27/96
Deacon Frank Adams 9/12/06	Bob Higdon 9/27/13
John Lindell 9/11/13	Gary Henriksen 9/28/17

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

Sunday	RE (9:45 a.m.) AE (9:45 a.m.) Library St Vincent de Paul mtg (9:45 a.m.)
Monday	Tai Chi (10 a.m.) Jennings Hall Line Dancing (6:30 p.m.)
Tuesday	Handmade Hugs (1:00 p.m.) Men of St. Joseph (6:00 p.m.) RCIA (6:30 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	LAFF's (6:30 p.m.) Joseph Hall Finance Council mtg (6:30 p.m.)
Friday	Singing Needles (10:30 a.m.)



EUCHARISTIC MISSION Father Joseph Aytona, of the Fathers of Mercy, will be visiting Mobile to present a three-night Eucharistic Mission on September 16, 17, and 18 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Ignatius Parish in Mobile. The Mission topics will include: The Eucharist: Source of Miracles; Being a Living Tabernacle through Holy Communion; and Eucharistic Adoration: Conversion & Transformation. All are welcome to attend!

THANK YOU to all the ushers who attended our Safety & Security meeting this past Saturday. We covered many details that included Awareness, what to do in certain situations and the role of an usher. We will follow up with an email that will include the highlights of the meeting. Remember, it's important to be aware of your surroundings when arriving to church or any event. Once again thank you for taking time out to attend this important meeting on Safety & Security, I know how valuable our Saturday mornings are!



LAFF's Ladies all Fun & Fellowship
Thursday, September 19th Joseph Hall
6:30 – Social 7 p.m. – Bunco (\$4)
DON'T FORGET TO INVITE A FRIEND!
Please bring a snack or Drink to share.

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Saturday	5:00 pm: Agnes Graveman (d)
Sunday	8:30 am: Linda Behr (d)
	11:00 am: People of the Parish
Tuesday	8:30 am: Peter, Vinh Nguyen (d)
Wednesday	8:30 am: Belt Reed Family (l)
Thursday	8:30 am: Yvonne Hacker (d)
Friday	8:30 am: Khanh Quoc Pham (d)



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READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sat.	Reading 1: Numbers 21:4b-9 Reading 2: Philippians 2:6-11 Gospel: John 3:13-17
Sun.	Reading 1: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14 (132C) Reading 2: 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Gospel: Luke 15:1-32
Mon.	Reading 1: 1 Timothy 2:1-8 Gospel: Luke 7:1-10
Tues.	Reading 1: 1 Timothy 3:1-13 Gospel: Luke 7:11-17
Wed.	Reading 1: 1 Timothy 3:14-16 Gospel: Luke 7:31-35
Thurs.	Reading 1: 1 Timothy 4:12-16 Gospel: Luke 7:36-50
Fri.	Reading 1: 1 Timothy 6:2c-12 Gospel: Luke 8:1-3



RAFFLE TICKETS: The Knights of Columbus had a meeting last week so we had a drawing. Since we promised to let you know the winners from each drawing, we are sending this email. This was the sixth draw and to this point, we have almost sold 200 tickets out of the possible 300 we hope to sell. We only have three more, and then the big one. We all still have good odds to win but we would still like to sell more tickets and give others a chance to join the fun. We are trying to be there after the Masses again so spread the word. We had our regularly scheduled meeting on the first Thursday of September as we normally do. So, since we had our drawing here are the winners.

\$25 – C. V. Allenbach
\$50 – Tammy Garrett
\$100 – Mike Smitherman

Thank you for your participation. Any profits that we receive will be going to help worthy causes. So in the end, we are all winners.

MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

SAVE the DATE!

Our Savior will be hosting their First Annual Multicultural Festival on Saturday, October 26th in Jennings Hall after the 5 O'clock Mass. We will have 14 countries highlighted that evening. Food Sampling, Music, Dancing and a Fashion Show. We would like to celebrate the richness of all the different cultures and traditions right here at Our Savior! Watch for more information in the upcoming weeks or contact Deacon Francis or Tina in the office.

ALTAR SERVER BANQUET will be next Sunday, September 22nd at 12:30 p.m. in Jennings Hall. All altar servers and their families are invited. A sign-up sheet is in the back of the church.

"It is requisite for the relaxation of the mind that we make use, from time to time, of playful deeds and jokes."— St. Thomas Aquinas

Anticipated Offering Income	\$ 12,115
Actual Offering Income	\$ 12,021
Anticipated Offering Income to date	\$ 436,154
Actual Offering Income to date	\$ 440,911
YTD Offering: Over (Under)	\$ 4,757
Budget Offering Year	\$ 630,000
Building Fund this week	\$ 190
Building Fund to date	\$ 6,030
Catholic University	\$

NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Religious Education (RE) classes for 2019-2020 began 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.

Come and see! The **RCIA** Process began 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.

If you are interested in being an **RCIA sponsor**, please contact Deacon Norman or Jan Murray. There will be an organizational meeting in the coming weeks.



2019 FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK: The Society of St. Vincent de Paul invites you to take part in the 12th Annual Friends of the Poor Walk on **Saturday, September 28th with Mass at 7 am, registration at 7:30 am and the walk starting at 8 am**, in support of

local families in need. If you are unable to participate in the Walk, the Society encourages you to make a pledge in support of the Walk. Register online at www.fopwalk.org or call 251-432-5173. Also, our Vincentians will have tables set up after each Mass the weekends of **September 14th & 15th and September 21st & 22nd** for you to register, sponsor a person or donate. Thank you for your participation in this worthy cause.

HOLY LAND GIFTS - OLIVE WOOD CARVINGS

Holy Land Gifts from the Roman Catholic Church in Bethlehem, the Holy Land, will be visiting our parish the weekend of **Sept. 21/22** and selling their religious olive wood gifts. The proceeds from the sales generate much needed employment opportunities and monetary funds for their Catholic community.

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This Sunday, **September 15** we will discuss Bishop Barron's *Letter to a Suffering Church*.

September 22 Father David will join us for a round table on Bishop Barron's letter.

September 29 we will begin reading Dr. Brant Pitre's book, *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary*. The book is available at Amazon and other online booksellers for about \$15.

Please join us in the library between the Masses on Sundays for discussion, doughnuts and coffee. For more information please contact Eileen Rettig at emrettig@aol.com or 661-8619.



PARISH FEAST DAY CELEBRATION will be Sunday, September 15th. Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 p.m. followed by supper in Jennings Hall. Sign-up sheets for the meal are on the table in the back of the church.

YOUTH GROUP UPDATES/EVENTS

BOWLING < LASER TAG & PIZZA

Permission Slip will be handed out this Sunday and are due back by Sunday, September 22. It's important to let Ms. Tina know if you plan on attending ASAP so we have enough lanes.

SUNDAY FUNDAY!

Sunday, September 29th - Eastern Shore Lanes Bowling Lanes
1:30 to 4:30 cost \$20

PRIESTER's Fundraising Sales are going well! Please pick up your order form if you haven't already.

Remember this fundraiser helps you with your camp fees

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 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. 29th – Youth Fun Day – Bowling, Laser Tag & Pizza at Eastern Shore Lanes

Oct.13th – Parish Picnic

Oct. 20th – Little Sister's Lawn Party

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.

PRIESTER'S PECANS

It's that time a year again! Our Savior Youth will be selling Priestier's Pecans as a fundraiser to help Our Youth attend their Annual Summer Service Camp with Alive in You. If you would like to place an order please see Tina in the office. This year we will be selling: 1 lb. bags of Pecan Halves, Pecan Pieces, Roasted & Salted Pecan Halves and Honey Glazed Pecan Halves for \$16.50

1 lb. bags of Praline & Milk Chocolate Pecan Halves for \$11
1 lb. Bags of Snack Mixes- Back Country, Roasted & Salted Nut Mix, Blueberry Nut Crunch and Health Nut for \$12

Gift Tins – Classic Cheese Straws & Pecan Cheese Straws \$17
Sweet & Salty Tin \$20 & Pecan Variety Pinwheel \$15

New this year 1 lb. bag of Roasted Peanuts \$5.50

Last but not least our Pecan Pies- 9" Pecan Pie and 9" Chocolate Pecan Pie \$14 3"Mini Old -Fashion Pecan Pies \$2 each or 3/\$5 (these are already selling very quickly almost sold out)

Thank You for your **SUPPORT!**

DISASTER RELIEF FUND

The Archdiocese asked that in order to assist the victims of Hurricane Dorian, and any other natural disasters for the remainder of this year that each parish take up a special collection within the next few weeks. These funds will also help with the rebuilding of churches that were impacted by any natural disaster this year. We will have a special collection the weekend of **September 28th – 29th** to help natural disasters for the year of 2019.

SPECIAL COLLECTION this weekend for Catholic University. Please be generous.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING for new altar servers, and any server who wants a refresher, will be held from 2:00—4:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 6th in the church. A sign-up sheet is in the back of the church.