

Choose Life

2-B CHOICE FOR WOMEN

343-4636



DOOR - N - GUTTER PRO
Commercial • Residential
SALES & SERVICE

Garage Doors
Custom Seamless Gutters
Screen Rooms • Patio Covers
Hurricane Protection

Ben, Jeff or Larry Nelson
251.666.8313

3819 Gordon John Dr. Mobile, AL 36693
Info@doorandgutterpro.com
www.doorandgutterpro.com

ACHOO!

"I need a doctor!!"



COMPASS PROVIDENCE
URGENT CARE

in partnership with
PROVIDENCE
HEALTH SYSTEM

NOW OPEN
6901 Airport Blvd.
on the Providence Campus

"Whether you, or your family, is ill or has an injury, Compass Providence is here for quick diagnosis and treatment without an appointment! You'll get the same great care at Compass Providence as you would get at any Compass location."

(251) 634-CARE

www.compassprovidence.com



San Miguel

880 Schillinger Rd. S.
Mobile, AL 36695
251-633-6122
251-633-6543 (Fax)
www.Sanmiguelrestaurante.com

Happy Hour: Monday – Friday
Food & Drink Specials

Wednesday: Fajita Night

Thursday: Margarita Night

Friday & Saturday: Live Music

Delivery to Hospital & Funeral Home • Complete Wedding Service
Bromeliads & Orchids • Landscaping Service & Plants

...More Than Just A Nursery

Laura Kay's Nursery & Florist
Plants, Gifts & Cut Flowers for all occasions

LAURA KAY McBRIDE Phone 251-666-1510
Owner 5600 COTTAGE HILL
RD. MOBILE, ALABAMA 36609

For information about an ad call Mary at 633-6762 ext. 200 or office@oursaviorparish.org

Have you considered mentioning Our Savior parish in your will? Please help us continue our ministry by remembering us in your will.

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 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. Contact parish office at office@oursaviorparish.org

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!

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 Pukat at 633-6762 x 203.

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.

USHERS NEEDED: We are in need of ushers especially at our 5:00 p.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses, but we welcome volunteers at all Masses. An usher is the first person you see when entering the church as they greet you on your arrival and the last one you see as you leave. It is an awesome privilege to not only welcome people to the church, but being for others a representative of a welcoming and gracious God. For more information, please contact Bill Wakefield or the parish office at office@oursaviorparish.org

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!!

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.

CENTERING PRAYER AND THE FORGIVENESS PRAYER

A weekly prayer group with the focus on Centering Prayer and the Forgiveness Prayer will meet on Tuesday at 10:30 am. in the Quiet Room area of the Church. For information call Alex - 251-422-0540 or Gloria - 251-648-6521.

Christmas Eve
5:00 p.m. & Midnight

Christmas Day
10:00 a.m.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
5:00 p.m. (Vigil) & 10:00 a.m.

Have a Blessed & Joyous Christmas

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
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 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

CONTACT

Office: 251-633-6762
Fax: 251-633-7790
Website: www.oursaviorparish.org
Facebook: Our Savior Catholic Church
Email: office@oursaviorparish.org
Fr. David's email: djtokarz1950@gmail.com

CHURCH ADDRESS

1801 Cody Rd S, Mobile, AL 36695

Finance Council: Greg Carpenter
Liturgy: Fr. David Tokarz
Parish Life Activities: Dolores Hale
LAFF: Mary Anthony
Life & Justice: Ricarda Manning
Knights of Columbus: Mike Perry
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: Christina Richie
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
Junior: 6th - 8th grades
Senior: 9th - 12th grades

PRAYER CHAIN

Parish Office office@oursaviorparish.org

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



OUR SAVIOR CATHOLIC CHURCH

First Sunday of Advent December 1, 2019



EXPECTATANTES

This word appears in the original Latin version of the Mass, in the prayer the priest prays between the “Our Father” and the ending “For the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory are yours...” It is a word that has special meaning in the Advent season.

I have many quibbles with the new translation of the *Roman Missal*, especially its attempt at over-literal renderings that make for impossible sentence structures and the attempt to make the language “sacral” by using words that remind me of doing essays in 8th grade that had to incorporate the new list of vocabulary words. But I digress...

Yes, what we say now in this prayer is more “faithful” to the Latin, but what it makes up in being literally correct it loses in poetry. Today, we hear this phrase (*expectantes beatam spem*) translated as “as we await the blessed hope.” The older, more poetic translation was “as we wait with joyful hope.” More literal? No. More fervent? Yes. But what’s the real point that I want to make? It is all about the nature of “expecting.”

No pregnant mother is simply “waiting” for the baby to be born—she (and the whole family) are expecting. That was, after all, our original English description for a mother-to-be: she was not simply “pregnant” or “carrying a fetus”—she was expecting a child. And she was filled with joyful hope that the child would be healthy, wonderful, beautiful... And she was filled with joy.

This brings us to the whole Advent season—a time when we Christians should also be filled with “joyful hope.” The process is muted (or mutilated!) by Christmas carols in stores virtually simultaneously with Halloween (all for the sake of commercialism), but Advent is intended to be a time of preparation and joyful hope. St Paul tells us as much: “In hope we were saved... if we hope for what we do not [yet] see, we wait with endurance” (Romans 8:24a, 25).

If I can revert back to Thanksgiving, it is the hope (the expectation) of a wonderful meal that keeps us from ruining our appetite with cans of Pringles or bags of Doritos. We are willing to hold off, to wait—in joyful hope of the meal to come. And, St Paul reminds us (Romans 5:5): “... [our] hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.” To quote Hamlet (in an altogether different context), this is a consummation devoutly to be wished.

What can this Advent season be like for us? Can we refrain from excessive and early celebration? Can we actually long for the celebration of Christmas, remembering that a “coming” (the meaning of “Advent”) once in the past is simply the promise of another “coming” in the future? Can we spend the time between now and December 25 in true preparation of our hearts? As children, I remember being asked to supply a bit of straw for baby Jesus’ manger by doing good deeds—this is not just a childish practice, after all (read Matthew 5:16, 6:19-21, and 7:21)...

How prepared we can be is, in the final analysis, a function of how much we live in expectation: how much we “wait in joyful hope.”

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

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Joan Fellrath 12/1/10	John Scarangella 12/17/96
Tracy Hurlley 12/1/10	Kathy Ferniany 12/17/17
Raymond Simons 12/1/13	Mary Fayard Coogan 12/18/15
Bob Mihalsky 12/2/18	Jackie Gray 12/18/08
Rita Gump 12/3/11	Jean Sweeney 12/18/11
Walter Neel, Jr. 12/3/07	John Romanos 12/20/06
Jacqueline Cannon 12/3/12	John Verrett 12/20/07
Mary McDonald 12/3/13	Rose Fellrath 12/21/12
Jimmy M. Wall 12/4/14	Lois Cosci 12/21/16
Marcia Romanagno 12/6/18	James Ferry 12/21/08
Sean Frazier 12/8/15	Madison Alford 12/22/14
Rev. Russell Biven 12/8/17	Bill Nicholas 12/22/15
John Duffy 12/10/15	Amy Pounder Dean 12/23/14
James Van Hoosen 12/10/16	Luis Lizeras 12/24/11
Daniel Stadam 12/11/07	Basil "Jack" Bean 12/24/13
Laura Noller 12/11/01	George Murray 12/24/15
Barbara Rozyskie 12/11/09	Mary Allenbach 12/25/18
Richard Wampler 12/11/18	Jude David Delcambre 12/26/14
Joseph Palughi, Jr. 12/12/14	Eddie Randall 12/26/09
Bimbi Stcherbachew 12/13/11	Alice Chappell 12/26/09
Sylvia Dodson 12/15/10	Jennifer Siggins 12/27/05
Mary Emmanuel 12/15/04	Richard Masse 12/28/11
Lois Neno 12/15/13	Victor de la Paz Gapud 12/29/17
Eloise Anderson 12/16/07	Dorothy Frost 12/31/14
Mary Jane Gross 12/16/12	Ruth Schaffer 12/31/17
Maudie Thomas 12/17/12	

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

Sunday	St Vincent de Paul mtg (9:45 am)
Monday	Tai Chi (10:00 a.m.)
	Line Dancing (6:30 p.m.)
Tuesday	Centering Prayer (10:30 a.m.)
	Handmade Hugs (1:00 p.m)
	Men of St. Joseph (6 pm).
	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	K of C mtg (7:00 p.m.)
Friday	1st Friday Holy Hour (9:00 am)
	Singing Needles (10:30 am)
Saturday	Breakfast with Santa (9:00 - 10:30 a.m.)
	K of C Appreciation Dinner (6:00 p.m.)



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: Saturday, December 7th from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. in Jennings Hall. Coffee, donuts, and orange juice. Bring your camera!!

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE will be celebrated on Sunday, December 15th with rosary at 4:30 pm, Songs of Joy at 5:30 pm, and Mass at 6pm followed by a dinner in Jennings Hall.

VOLUNTEERS are needed to assist with the cleaning of the church for Christmas. Can you dust, clean windows or vacuum? We would love to have you join us on Saturday, December 14th. We begin at 7:30am but you are welcomed anytime in the morning. This is a great opportunity to meet others and give service to the church. Any questions call Laura Fellrath@ 666-4025)

SPECIAL COLLECTION next weekend for Retired Religious. Please be generous.

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Saturday	5:00 pm: Diane Perez Muscat (d)
Sunday	8:30 am: Chester Jaskowiak (d)
	11:00 am: People of the Parish
Tuesday	8:30 am: Peter, Vinh Nguyen (d)
Wednesday	8:30 am: Dottie Robinson (d)
Thursday	8:30 am: Felina Martinez & George Martinez (d)
Friday	8:30 am: Anthony Allulli (d)



Advertiser of the Week

PRAYER INTENTIONS POPE FRANCIS

Universal: The Future of the Very Young

That every country determine to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sat.	Reading 1: Romans 10:9-18
	Gospel: Matthew 4:18-22
Sun.	Reading 1: Isaiah 2:1-5 (1A)
	Reading 2: Romans 13:11-14
	Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44
Mon.	Reading 1: Isaiah 4:2-6
	Gospel: Matthew 8:5-11
Tues.	Reading 1: Isaiah 11:1-10
	Gospel: Luke 10:21-24
Wed.	Reading 1: Isaiah 25:6-10a
	Gospel: Matthew 15:29-37
Thurs.	Reading 1: Isaiah 26:1-6
	Gospel: Matthew 7:21, 24-27
Fri.	Reading 1: Isaiah 29:17-24
	Gospel: Matthew 9:27-31



KNIGHT'S KORNER



RAFFLE TICKETS: We have had our eighth out of nine draws for this year's raffle. There is only the final regular drawing and the big prize left. We still have tickets to sell so if you are interested, or you can convince anyone else, please see a Knight. If you want to see the drawing on the last night, it will be December 7th in Jennings Hall. 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.

K OF C PARISH APPRECIATION SPAGHETTI DINNER will be **Saturday, December 7th** after the 5:00 pm Mass in Jennings Hall. They will be serving a delicious dinner plus this will be the final drawing for \$1000. You do not have to be present to win. Everyone is invited to come; so don't miss it. Sign-up sheet in the back of the church.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: St. Vincent De Paul Society will be at the doors after the Masses this weekend with their bright blue buckets to accept your donations. Thank you for your generosity over the years as you continue to help our Friends in Need.

POINSETTIAS may be donated in the name of your loved ones. There is a list and envelopes on the table at the back of the church. Please write your name on the envelope along with your donation, and drop it in the basket.

GIFTS TO CELEBRATE BABY JESUS' BIRTHDAY are to be brought to the 5pm Children's Christmas Eve Mass. The children will process to the Nativity to lay their gifts before the manger. All presents should be for newborns to 6 months old, and will be given to 2-B Choices for Women. Suggested items are diapers, baby wipes, diaper bags, baby shampoo, baby wash, baby lotion, baby oil, strollers, wash clothes, towels, baby clothes (sizes preemie to 3T), infant & toddler picture or story books, and books for new moms.

Anticipated Offering Income	\$	12,115
Actual Offering Income	\$	10,586
Anticipated Offering Income to date	\$	569,423
Actual Offering Income to date	\$	565,731
YTD Offering: Over (Under)	\$	(3,692)
Budget Offering Year	\$	630,000
Building Fund this week	\$	0
Building Fund to date	\$	7,206
Campaign for Human Development	\$	847

NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Religious education classes There are no RE classes on Sunday, December 1 due to the Thanksgiving weekend. The final classes for the first semester are December 8 and 15. Thank you for entrusting your children to us and for taking your responsibility as parents to raise up children in the faith so seriously. Attendance has been very good lately. We appreciate you!

SING PRAISES TO THE NEWBORN KING!

All children and youth in grades K-12 are invited to join us for the Our Savior Catholic Church Children's Choir. No experience is needed to sing, but instrumentalists are required to have at least one year on their instrument. Practices will be held in the sanctuary from 2:00 – 4:00 pm on Sunday afternoons through Christmas (December 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd - party), and students will lead a small concert at 4:30 ahead of 5:00 Christmas Eve Mass. Not only is the Children's Choir a great way for your family to serve this Advent, but we have lots of fun! Please join us if you can make at least 2 rehearsals, and call or text Amy Driskell at (251) 458-5341 if you have any questions.

SEARCH RETREATS are weekend experiences "for teens, by teens" and are the peer-to-peer retreat for high-school-age young people in the Archdiocese of Mobile. Search is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Mobile Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry. On a Search Retreat, teens will experience a faith community, encounter Christ and his Church, and grow in their relationship with God and others. Search Retreat #22 is January 10-12 at Children's Harbor on Lake Martin in Alexander City. For more information or to register, visit <http://www.ArchMobYouth.org/Search>

FREE HOME REPAIRS – 2020

Catholic Social Services of Mobile will host 40 seminarians from St. John Vianney Seminary during mid-January to provide home repairs, free of charge, to elderly and disabled homeowners in Mobile County. For 10 years, the seminarians have spent several days of their winter break helping CSS make minor repairs such as painting, caulking, replacing wood/siding, floor repair, replacing doors and windows, and major yard clean-up. All referrals will be contacted for an assessment of need by our Case Manager and the Home Repair Coordinator. To make a referral, please contact Marilyn King at 434-1550 or by email at mdking@mobarch.org

ANGEL TREE FOR HOMEBOUND AND NURSING HOME RESIDENTS will be in the back of the church this weekend. Please take a Christmas ornament from the tree which will list items for our homebound and nursing home residents. Elderly gifts should be placed in a Christmas gift bag **not** wrapped. Please return all gifts no later than **Sunday, December 15th**.

CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL SERVICE at Ascension Funeral Home (1016 Hillcrest Road) Sunday, December 8th. at 3:00 p.m. A Tree of Remembrance will be set up for you to hang a special ornament in remembrance of your loved one before the service. You are welcome to bring your ornament Monday-Friday (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

ATTENTION ALL MINISTERS: The sign-up sheets for Christmas, and Mary, Mother of God Masses are on the table in the back of the church.

PRAY for Carol Poe who died November 20th. She was the mother of Haley Calametti. **PRAY** for David Sandlin who died November 21st. He was the brother of Celestine Chappell. **PRAY** for Walda Darring Ansel who died November 22nd. She was the sister of Jerry Darring. **PRAY** for Joseph Brent Stewart, Jr. who died November 24th. He was the son of Brent & Kelsey Stewart. May they rest in peace.

YOUTH GROUP UPDATES/EVENTS

BREAKFAST with SANTA

Saturday, December 7th from 8:30-11. Jennings Hall
Looking for several volunteers to help with crafts, Santa's Workshop and I even need a few ELVES to help Santa.

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

FOOD,FUN,FELLOWSHIP & Games
Sunday, December 8th 2p.m. –4p.m.
Please bring a \$10 wrapped gift for Our Gift Exchange and your favorite snack to share. I will supply the main dish and drinks.

PRIESTER's Fundraising Sales are going well! We are already sold out of a few items. We still have Pecan Halves \$16.50.Honey Glazed \$16.50, Praline Sugar \$11, Milk Chocolate \$11 and several bags of Snack mixes \$12. They are going fast but we still have Pecan Pies" 9" Chocolate \$14 and the new favorite Traditional Mini Pies \$2 each or 3/\$5." New this year Roasted & Salted Peanut \$5.50 and we still have a few Cheese Straw Tins \$17.

UPCOMING MEETINGS /EVENTS:

December 7th – Breakfast with Santa
December 8th – Youth Christmas 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 251-633-6762 x 205, if you have any questions.

PRIESTER'S PECANS

Our Savior Youth will be selling Priester's Pecans as a fundraiser to help Our Youth attend their Annual Summer Service Camp with Alive in You.

Thank You to everyone who has supported us with Our Priester's Pecan Fundraiser. We still have a few items left to sell. They make great hostess gifts and teacher gifts.

1 lb. bags of 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- Roasted & Salted Nut Mix, Blueberry Nut Crunch and Health Nut for \$12

Gift Tins – Classic Cheese Straws \$17

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

Last but not least our Pecan Pies-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!**

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Adult Religious Education Join us Sunday, December 8 and December 15 to help prepare for Christmas by reading and discussing Dr. Edward Sri's book *The Dawn of the Messiah*. Amazon has a paperback version for about \$15 and a kindle version for about \$10. Dr. Sri looks at the scriptures concerning the birth of Jesus. The first chapter treats the birth of John the Baptist. Please join us for doughnuts and coffee even if you chose not to get the book. We have lively discussions. For more information contact Eileen Rettig at 661-8619 or emrettig@aol.com

ST JOSEPH SUNDAY MISSALS FOR 2020 are available for sale in the back of the church. The cost is \$5 each. This is an annual missal for parish participation. It contains the complete Masses for all Sundays and Holydays from the beginning of Advent through the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONER:

Thomas Cannon

MASS FOR SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION will be 8:30 Monday morning, December 9th.

"A word or a smile is often enough to put fresh life in a despondent soul." – St. Therese of Lisieux