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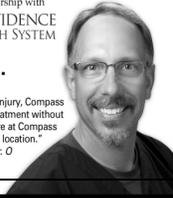
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PRAYER REQUESTS: Life can be difficult at times and we all need prayer. If you wish to place someone on the prayer list, please contact Mary in the parish office. The only thing we ask of you is to please let us know if this person has either recovered,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

Are you willing to serve?

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

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

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Liturgy: Fr. David Tokarz
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Boy Scouts: James Alexander
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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



Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time November 10, 2019



A MATTER OF LIFE OR DEATH

I had a very painful and (for the person calling) traumatic conversation earlier this past week. A relative had committed suicide, and the person calling me was terrified (because of having been educated in the "old school" of Catholic moral theology): was the relative now in hell for all eternity?

Ironically, I had just come back from lunch with a former student whose brother had committed suicide some years past; I did his funeral, as I have done for 6-7 others, including two priests. What needs to be said and understood?

The "old school" teaching was that if a person died unrepentant with a mortal sin on the soul, the person was hell-bound. The taking of one's own life is regarded as a mortal sin. Therefore, such a person was denied a Catholic funeral and denied a burial in a Catholic cemetery. In theory, Catholic teaching held that perhaps at the last split second (after the drinking of the poison or firing the gun or passing out from the gas) the person MIGHT have repented, but in practice this was regarded as unlikely in the extreme.

But there needs to be a qualification. One of the key elements in defining "mortal sin" is free choice. From ancient times (certainly in Biblical times, and through most of the Church's history), pretty well ALL choices were regarded as freely made, traditionally described as "full consent of the will." In the early centuries of the Church, apostasy (denying the Faith) was regarded as a mortal sin and in fact unforgivable, even if the denial was made under torture. The Church pretty quickly modified this hard-line approach, realizing that the essence of the mission of Jesus Christ was forgiveness.

Where things began to get complicated (in a healthy way) was in the 20th century with the advent of psychological understandings of the human person. The Church came to see that not all choices are fully free enough to constitute an action (even if serious in itself) as a "mortal" sin. What are some of these conditions that compromise our free choice?

Many, many of the people who take their own lives are suffering from the torments of bi-polar disease or depression; some are psychotic and schizophrenic; some are driven to take their lives by attacks and ridicule in classrooms or PE shower stalls or lunchrooms or social media. I have known people who are gay and who, through self-loathing thanks to their being ostracized or humiliated or persecuted, either have taken their lives or were seriously contemplating doing so—including a nephew of mine.

What should be done?

Rule #1—we do NOT judge the state of the person's heart/mind/soul. We entrust the person to God, the God of Mercy. Can God heal what was broken in that person? Of course, just as God can (and will need to) heal so much else in each one of us that is also broken, albeit in different ways.

Rule #2—we pray for the person and are present (no words needed; just tears and hugs) to the person's family. They are ripped apart enough by guilt ("I should have seen the warning signs"; "If I'd been a better parent/brother/sister/friend..."). They need strong loving support.

The bottom line: meditate on Matthew 7:1, and thank God that Jesus Christ is the final and ultimate Judge, not us.

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
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Judy Courtney	Marsha Naman	
Leah Dees	Michael Nelson	
Michael Dees	Ashley Rickel	
Jesus Gallego	Vicki Scott	

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Gloria Snow 11/1/08	Wayne Hall 11/19/13
Shirley Hall 11/1/16	Kelley Powell 11/20/07
Lois Ann Hof 11/3/12	James Fisher 11/23/12
Charles Roberts 11/4/09	Marguerite Oden 11/24/14
Donna Mihalsky 11/4/18	Michael Pukac 11/24/03
Adam Pigott 11/5/11	Charlie Keegan 11/24/10
Adela Villanueva 11/5/15	Milt Rumsey 11/24/17
La Sonia Wintzell 11/6/14	Denise Sweeney 11/25/11
Ginger Sliney 11/6/15	Tom Baker 11/26/01
Pete Fulda 11/7/11	Jerry Whisenhunt 11/25/08
Fraser Landreneau 11/7/11	Ronald Scott 11/26/03
James W. Duffy 11/8/08	Mary McBee 11/26/10
Murray Driskell 11/8/16	Valerie Moore Carpenter 11/26/65
Marcel Dionne 11/9/15	Joan Willis 11/26/17
Shirley Bright 11/10/08	Sue Rogers 11/26/17
Audrey Fitzmorris 11/10/09	Mark Alberts 11/27/12
Vernon L.Barfield 11/11/01	Anthony F. Manzella, 11/27/14
Mike Alberts 11/13/18	Frances Russell 11/28/09
Jo Ann Gregory 11/14/13	Norbert (Red) Grindel 11/28/12
Alan Gwin 11/14/06	Charles Oberkirch 11/28/14
Susanna Wise 11/14/04	Catherine Fullerton 11/28/17
Ann Reynolds 11/14/07	Myrtle Rumsey 11/28/18
Frederick Meyer 11/14/14	Don Vernon 11/29/10
Annette Thompson 11/15/10	James Clifford Carpenter 11/29/16
Patricia Tohill 11/16/13	Melvin Watson 11/29/17
Tom Langan Sr. 11/17/08	Dianne Moore 11/30/11
Gene Villarrubia 11/17/07	
Gilbert Moore 11/17/18	
Augusto Alcocer 11/17/18	
Claude Antoine 11/20/83	
Andrea Skeel 11/20/18	
Josephine Thomas 11/24/10	

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

Sunday	RE (9:45 am) AE (9:45 am)
Monday	Tai Chi (10 am) Line Dancing (6:30 pm)
Tuesday	Centering Prayer (10:30 a.m.) - Church 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) K o C 4th Degree (7:00 pm)
Thursday	Memorial Mass (7:00 pm)
Friday	Singing Needles (10:30 am)



NEIGHBOR CENTER ANGEL TREE: Newly released inmates face many adversities and obstacles for successfully transitioning back to the community. To help make this transition a little easier we are asking for support with your donations. Please select an ornament from the tree which lists suggestions. The tree will be located in the back of the church starting next **Saturday, November 16th.** Your donations must be dropped off by **Sunday, November 24th** in the collection box there. Please be generous.



TAMALES: Hispanic Ministry will be selling tamales after all the Masses this weekend November 9th & 10th. Cost is \$10 for 6 tamales.

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Saturday	5:00 pm: Marie Colleli (l)
Sunday	8:30 am: Vernon Barfield (d)
	11:00 am: People of the Parish
Tuesday	8:30 am: Mary Elizabeth & Michael Hudbigsen (d)
Wednesday	8:30 am: Msgr. Michael L Farmer (l)
Thursday	8:30 am: Vives B. Lemmon, Jr. (d)
Friday	8:30 am: Cecelia Bromley (d)

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READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sat.	Reading 1: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17 Gospel: John 2:13-22
Sun.	Reading 1: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14 (156C) Reading 2: 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5 Gospel: Luke 20:27-38
Mon.	Reading 1: Wisdom 1:1-7 Gospel: Luke 17:1-6
Tues.	Reading 1: Wisdom 2:23-3:9 Gospel: Luke 17:7-10
Wed.	Reading 1: Wisdom 6:1-11 Gospel: Luke 17:11-19
Thurs.	Reading 1: Wisdom 7:22b-8:1 Gospel: Luke 17:20-25
Fri.	Reading 1: Wisdom 13:1-9 Gospel: Luke 17:26-37



KNIGHT'S KORNER



RAFFLE TICKETS: We have sold about 210 tickets out of the possible 300 we hope to sell. Only two more drawings 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. Just ask a knight and I am sure he can get a ticket to you for the still low price of \$25. 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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA will be this weekend. These funds help provide pastoral care to those serving in the Armed Services, VA Medical Centers, and their families. You will find envelopes on the table in the back of the church for your contributions. Please be generous.



MEMORIAL MASS will be celebrated **Thursday, November 14th at 7:00 p.m.** This Mass honors our loved ones who died in the past twelve months. We look forward to celebrating and worshipping with you. There will be a reception immediately afterwards in Jennings Hall. This Mass is coordinated by the Ministry of Care program.

OUR ANNUAL THANKS-FOR-GIVING DINNER

Savior Youth Group invites Parishioners (55 & Older) to Saturday, November 23rd in Jennings Hall after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Please sign-up in the back of the church.



Anticipated Offering Income	\$ 12,115
Actual Offering Income	\$ 15,484
Anticipated Offering Income to date	\$ 533,077
Actual Offering Income to date	\$ 533,091
YTD Offering: Over (Under)	\$ 14
Budget Offering Year	\$ 630,000
Building Fund this week	\$ 455
Building Fund to date	\$ 7,123

NEWSFROMTHE RELIGIOUSEDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Religious education classes are in session each Sunday in November. 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!

 **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.

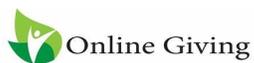
CENTERING PRAYER AND THE FORGIVENESS PRAYER

A weekly prayer group with the focus on Centering Prayer and the Forgiveness Prayer will begin on Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at 10:30 am. We will meet in the Quiet Room area of the Church. For information call Alex - 251-422-0540 or Gloria - 251-648-6521.



The annual Archdiocesan celebration of the Feast of Christ the King will be held on Sunday, November 24th, 2019, beginning at 10:30 a.m. in Bienville Square in downtown Mobile. The Christ the King Procession will walk west on Dauphin Street to Cathedral Square while reciting the Holy Rosary. Upon

conclusion all will enter the Cathedral-Basilica of the Immaculate Conception where Mass will begin at 11:00 a.m. During Mass, Archbishop Rodi will confer the annual Christ the King Medal to those selected by their pastor to be recognized for their exemplary service to the parish community. **Helena "Honey" Shirey** is this year's nominee for the annual 'Christ the King Medal'. Everyone is invited to participate in this celebration and witness to our faith and heritage.



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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.

"Truth sees God, and wisdom contemplates God, and from these two comes a third, a holy and wonderful delight in God, who is love."

— Mother Julian of Norwich

YOUTH GROUP UPDATES/EVENTS

Save the date our Annual Thanks for Giving Dinner is Saturday, November 23rd right after the 5 o'clock Mass. Sign-up sheets are in the back of the church.

PRIESTER's Fundraising Sales are going well! We are already sold out of a few items. We still have Pecan Halves, Roasted & Salted Pecans, Honey Glazed, Praline Sugar, Milk Chocolate and several bags of Snack mixes.

They are going fast but we still have Pecan Pies" Traditional & Chocolate and the new favorite mini pies."

UPCOMING MEETINGS /EVENTS:

November 9th – Praise & Worship- singing at the 5:00 pm Mass & **Nov.10th** singing at the 8:30 am Mass

November 23rd – Thanks for Giving Dinner (more in for later)

December 7th – Breakfast with Santa

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

It's that time of year again! Our Savior Youth will be selling Priestler'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!**

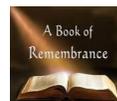
ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We will continue to discuss Brant Pitre's book *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary*. Even if you have not read the book feel free to join us in this fascinating description of how the Old Testament and other ancient writings prefigures Mary in Scripture.

November 10 The New Rachel

November 17 At the Foot of the Cross

Join us for coffee, doughnuts and discussion between the Sunday Masses. For more information contact Eileen Rettig at 251-661-8619 or emrettig@aol.com.



REMINDER that during the month of November our regular Book of Prayer Intentions is removed from the stand, and the Book of Remembrance for the Dead is in its place. Please add in this book only names of friends and family members who have died. In December, the regular Book of Prayer Intentions will be returned.



The 12th Annual St. Vincent de Paul Friends of the Poor Walk was a success! Thanks to all the Walkers and people who donated, we raised \$2,740 for the poor in our Community. As Father David has said, "Our Savior's Parishioners are very generous". Once again God blessed us with beautiful weather the day of the Walk. **THANK YOU** for your participation for our friends in need.

"Guard against anger. But if it cannot be averted, let it be kept within bounds. For indignation is a terrible incentive to sin. It disorders the mind to such an extent as to leave no room for reason."

— St. Ambrose