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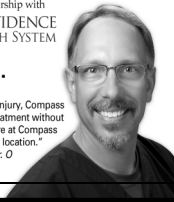
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Have you considered mentioning Our Savior parish in your will? Please help us continue our ministry by remembering us in your will.

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 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: 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
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Deacon Jay Boyd
Deacon Francis Tran
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Dolores Hale, Ministry of Care
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 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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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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



OUR SAVIOR CATHOLIC CHURCH

Second Sunday of Advent December 8, 2019



O MARY, CONCEIVED WITHOUT SIN...

This Sunday is 8 December, and it is the designated date for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Mother. But because nothing (not even the BVM) can supersede a Sunday in Advent, her Solemnity is being transferred to Monday, the 9th. Yes, there will be a Mass that morning here, at 8:30 am. As a point of interest, this celebration is the patronal feast day of our Archdiocese (especially our Cathedral) and of the whole United States.

Is this dogma (and it is a dogma—declared as such by Pope Pius IX in 1854) found in Scripture? No, but there are passages of Scripture that have been used as underpinnings for it—specifically, Luke 1:28 (especially in the Latin *Vulgate* translation), when the angel Gabriel addresses Mary as “full of grace,” and “the LORD is with you.” Theologians since have speculated on how Mary could be “full of grace” before the Atonement; this feast is a way of making an answer.

The speculation reached a peak in the 13th century with the writings of the Franciscan theologian John Duns Scotus, and in terms of popular piety it really took root with the apparitions of our Lady to the Daughter of Charity St Catherine Laboure in 1830, and then to St Bernadette Soubirous (1858). The popular “miraculous medal” is the result of the former apparitions (and thanks to a friend in the parish I have such a medal from the shrine of St Catherine in France, where her incorrupt body is enshrined). The title of this essay, by the way, comes from the inscription around the “miraculous medal.”

But doesn't such a belief deny free will? Does it not “force” Mary to say yes to the angel's statement? Isn't her *fiat* a sham? Not necessarily...

There are ways by which we can be healed of sin—but they all revolve around the Atonement: the sufferings, death, and resurrection of our Lord. Under normal circumstances (read: us!) this healing is post-Easter. But for God there is no such thing as time the way we understand it—there is no such thing as “past/present/future.” There is only one eternal NOW. And so it is possible to understand that Mary was prevented from the sin of Adam by an anticipation of the Atonement, while still being redeemed by the sacrifice of her Son; hers is a preventative experience of our own experience in Baptism. The other great Marian dogma of the Assumption (declared by Pope Pius XII in 1950) is similarly an anticipation of the transformative resurrection we are all destined to experience in Christ.

We refer to Jesus (Colossians 1:15) as the “first-born of all creation.” We can similarly regard Mary as the “first-recreated of all recreation.” But we must never forget that as we remain faithful we are ALL destined to be re-created in the first-born. All finally comes from grace, and all finally is mediated to us through the Only-Begotten Beloved Son.

So by celebrating Mary on this Solemnity we are also celebrating the sanctifying power of her Son, and we are waiting in joyful hope (back to last week's essay on *expectantes!*) for the fulfillment of that power in us. That Mary was blessed in these ways is our guarantee that in Jesus Christ we will also be blessed and highly favored.

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	
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FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Joan Fellrath 12/1/10	John Scarangella 12/17/96
Tracy Hurley 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
Dawn Spevacek 12/2/19	Jean Sweeney 12/18/11
Rita Gump 12/3/11	John Romanos 12/20/06
Walter Neel, Jr. 12/3/07	John Verrett 12/20/07
Jacqueline Cannon 12/3/12	Rose Fellrath 12/21/12
Mary McDonald 12/3/13	Lois Cosci 12/21/16
Jimmy M. Wall 12/4/14	James Ferry 12/21/08
Marcia Romanagno 12/6/18	Madison Alford 12/22/14
Sean Frazier 12/8/15	Bill Nicholas 12/22/15
Rev. Russell Biven 12/8/17	Amy Pounder Dean 12/23/14
John Duffy 12/10/15	Luis Lizeras 12/24/11
James Van Hoosen 12/10/16	Basil "Jack" Bean 12/24/13
Daniel Stadam 12/11/07	George Murray 12/24/15
Laura Noller 12/11/01	Mary Allenbach 12/25/18
Barbara Rozyskie 12/11/09	Jude David Delcambre 12/26/14
Richard Wampler 12/11/18	Eddie Randall 12/26/09
Joseph Palughi, Jr. 12/12/14	Alice Chappell 12/26/09
Bimbi Stcherbachew 12/13/11	Jennifer Siggins 12/27/05
Sylvia Dodson 12/15/10	Richard Masse 12/28/11
Mary Emmanuel 12/15/04	Victor de la Paz Gapud 12/29/17
Lois Neno 12/15/13	Dorothy Frost 12/31/14
Eloise Anderson 12/16/07	Ruth Schaffer 12/31/17
Mary Jane Gross 12/16/12	
Maudie Thomas 12/17/12	

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

Sunday	RE (9:45 am) AE (9:45 a.m.) Widow's Web (1:00 p.m.)
Monday	Tai Chi (10:00 a.m.) Line Dancing (6:30 p.m.) Contemplative prayer (7:00 p.m.)
Tuesday	Centering Prayer (10:30 a.m.) Church Handmade Hugs (1:00 p.m.) Men of St. Joseph (6:00 p.m.) RCIA (6:30 p.m.)
Wednesday	Adoration (9:00 am) Bible Sharing (9:30 a.m.) Holy Hour & Novena (6:15 p.m.) Scouts (6:30 p.m.) Choir (7:00 p.m.) K of C 4th Degree mtg (7:00 p.m.)
Friday	Singing Needles (10:30 a.m.)

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 this weekend for Retired Religious. Please be generous.

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Saturday	5:00 pm: Evelyn Tamayo (d)
Sunday	8:30 am: Mary Allenbach (d)
	11:00 am: People of the Parish
Monday	8:30 am: Dottie Robinson (d)
Tuesday	8:30 am: Peter, Vinh Nguyen (d)
Wednesday	8:30 am: Mary Allenbach (d)
Thursday	8:30 am: Michael Killam (d)
Friday	8:30 am: Arve Henriksen, Jr. (d)

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READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sat.	Reading 1: Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26 Gospel: Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sun.	Reading 1: Isaiah 11:1-10 (4A) Reading 2: Romans 15:4-9 Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12
Mon.	Reading 1: Genesis 3:9-15, 20 (689) Reading 2: Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12 Gospel: Luke 1:26-38
Tues.	Reading 1: Isaiah 40:1-11 Gospel: Matthew 18:12-14
Wed.	Reading 1: Isaiah 40:25-31 Gospel: Matthew 11:28-30
Thurs.	Reading 1: Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab (690A) Gospel: Luke 1:39-47
Fri.	Reading 1: Isaiah 48:17-19 Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19

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.

PRAY for Sergio Silva who died November 24th. He was the brother of Maria Marques. **PRAY** for Jan Skeel who died November 30th. She was the mother of Jennifer Skeel. **PRAY** for Dawn Spevacek who died December 2nd. She was the daughter of Christina Richie. May they rest in peace.

GOODWILL EASTER SEALS GOOD SAMARITAN DONATION PROGRAM

Are you thinking about donating your unused items to Goodwill before the end of the tax year? Please pickup one of the **YELLOW DONATION FORMS** in the back of the church and turn it in to Goodwill when you make your donations. By turning in the yellow form with your donations you will be helping Our Savior and St. Vincent de Paul Society to receive \$5 gift certificates. Any questions, please contact Hank Toth from the St. Vincent de Paul Society or Tina Lyons in the office. **THANK YOU ALL** for participating in this worthy Program to benefit our Friends in Need.

"Never be in a hurry; do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset."
— St. Francis de Sales

Anticipated Offering Income	\$ 12,115
Actual Offering Income	\$ 13,541
Anticipated Offering Income to date	\$ 581,538
Actual Offering Income to date	\$ 579,272
YTD Offering: Over (Under)	\$ (2,267)
Budget Offering Year	\$ 630,000
Building Fund this week	\$ 370
Building Fund to date	\$ 7,576

NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Religious education classes 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 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**.

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.

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

YOUTH GROUP UPDATES/EVENTS

Thank you to everyone who helped out with Breakfast with Santa and Santa's Workshop this past Saturday!!!

If you still need any Priester's Pecans I just put them on sale, we still have a few more to sell, Remember they make great Hostess & Teacher Gifts.

UPCOMING MEETINGS /EVENTS:

January 2020 – Souper Bowl of Caring (looking for some new ideas for this event)

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 SALE!

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 each or 2/ \$29

1 lb. bags of Praline & Milk Chocolate Pecan Halves for \$11 each or 2/ \$18

1 lb. Bags of Snack Mixes- Roasted & Salted Nut Mix, Blueberry Nut Crunch and Health Nut for \$12 each or 2/\$20 or 3/ \$ 17

Gift Tins – Classic Cheese Straws \$17 Now \$14

New this year 1 lb. bag of Roasted Peanuts \$5.50 each or 2/ \$9 or 3/ \$ 7

Last but not least our Pecan Pies- 9" Chocolate Pecan Pie \$14 Now \$11

3"Mini Old -Fashion Pecan Pies \$2 each or Now 4/\$5

Thank You for your **SUPPORT!**

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION only two sessions before we break for Christmas. We continue with Chapter @ of Edward Sri's *Dawn of the Messiah* on Sunday, December 8 and Chapter 3 on December 15. Join us in the parish library between the Masses for doughnuts, coffee and discussion. For more information contact Eileen Rettig at 661-8619 or emrettig@aol.com.

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.

LAFF'S & LADIES AUXILIARY

Save the Date for Our Christmas Gathering

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Jennings Hall

6pm – 9pm

Please bring a wrapped gift (\$20) for our gift exchange and 3 dozen cookies for our cookie exchange if you would like to take part.

Don't forget to bring a tray or basket to put your cookies in so you will have something to take then home in.

We will supply the main dish for dinner, please bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share with the group.

6-6:30 Social --- 6:30 –7:30 Dinner --- 7:30 – 9 Dirty Santa & Our Cookie Exchange

"Patience smooths away lots of difficulties."

— St. John Bosco