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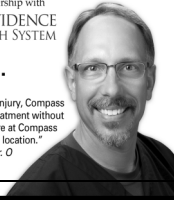
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Have you considered mentioning Our Savior parish in your will? Please help us continue our ministry by remembering us in your will.

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.

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>

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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Ladies Auxiliary: Tina Lyons
Men of St. Joseph: Francis Tran
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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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 29, 2019



HOLY FAMILIES

What makes a family “holy”? This weekend’s feast makes for an easy answer: it means living with Jesus, Mary & Joseph. Nothing could be simpler, and nothing could more easily disqualify us from being holy families (much to some families’ relief: no pressure now). But this would be wrong.

Yes, we are indeed called to be “holy families.” The Psalmist reminds us: “Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord/Until the end of time” (Ps 93:5). And we are to be that house (after all, Vatican II’s *Constitution on the Church* assures us we are living stones in the Temple of the Holy Spirit). So what are we to do? Let’s look at life in Nazareth for some help.

It was a small nuclear family: one child, and both parents. The “one child” half of this would be normal today; the two-parent half, sadly, becoming more and more extraordinary. Yet our one-child “normal” part would have been a rarity then (indeed, perhaps considered a curse); our extraordinary two-parent household would have been typical (at least, until one or the other of the spouses died). Mary was domestic; Joseph was a skilled craftsman, and he brought his adoptive Son up in the same profession. Jesus was known as “the carpenter,” and “the son of the carpenter” (Mark 6:3; Matthew 13:55). How often do crafts and skills and professions and livelihoods get handed down from father to son! Less so, today, than in the past...

So they were in some ways what would have been expected, and in some ways rather set off—then as now. This gives us a clue on how to be “holy families” today. In essence, it means being prayerful and God-centered while doing and being who and what we are, where we are.

We don’t have to be THE Holy Family to be A “holy family.” Where is the presence of mutual love and respect in your husband/wife and parent/child relationships? Where is the value of prayer? It’s really as simple as those two questions, and their answers, as to what constitutes a “holy family” today. You don’t have to be a stay-at-home Mom; you don’t have to be a craftsman; you don’t have to be the Son of God. You can be a computer analyst, or a day laborer; you can do home-schooling or volunteer in the school’s classrooms or lunchrooms; you can play soccer or baseball or be in the band. Or not! All that matters to make you (as individuals and as family units) holy is to focus on love relationships and prayer (and the outreach in loving generosity that naturally is the fruit of these). Yes, we can do it—and looking at the lack of holiness in the world (with the reality of violence, terrorism, bigotry, racism, materialism swallowing our culture), we need it more than ever. Are we up for it? Fr Victor recently challenged us to begin to form a “culture of vocation”—of listening for and obeying God’s call in our hearts. It’s your vocation; it’s our vocation. God will lead us by the right paths; God will confirm us as holy families; God will bless the people with peace.

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
Dawn Spevacek Roe 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
James Ritchie 12/8/19	Luis Lizeras 12/24/11
John Duffy 12/10/15	Basil "Jack" Bean 12/24/13
James Van Hoosen 12/10/16	George Murray 12/24/15
Daniel Stadam 12/11/07	Mary Allenbach 12/25/18
Laura Noller 12/11/01	Jude David Delcambre 12/26/14
Barbara Rozyskie 12/11/09	Eddie Randall 12/26/09
Richard Wampler 12/11/18	Alice Chappell 12/26/09
Joseph Palughi, Jr. 12/12/14	Jennifer Siggins 12/27/05
Bimbi Stcherbachew 12/13/11	Richard Masse 12/28/11
Maria, Le Thi Hoai 12/14/19	Victor de la Paz Gapud 12/29/17
Sylvia Dodson 12/15/10	Dorothy Frost 12/31/14
Mary Emmanuel 12/15/04	Ruth Schaffer 12/31/17
Lois Neno 12/15/13	
Eloise Anderson 12/16/07	
Mary Jane Gross 12/16/12	
Maudie Thomas 12/17/12	

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday Tai Chi (10:00 a.m.)
Tuesday Parish Office Closed (2:00 p.m.)
Wednesday Parish Office Closed
No Adoration
Thursday K of C mtg (7:00 p.m.)
Friday 1st Friday Holy Hour (9:00 a.m.)
 Singing Needles (10:30 a.m.)

**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.

NO MORNING MASS on Tuesday, December 31st.

NO ADORATION on Wednesday, January 1st.

PARISH OFFICE will be closed Tuesday, December 31st at 2:00 p.m. & all day Wednesday, January 1st for New Year's Day.

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 p.m.: Jim & Josephine Licari (d)
Sunday 8:30 a.m.: Mai Thi Pham (d)
 11:00 a.m.: People of the Parish
Tuesday 8:30 a.m.: **No Mass**
 5:00 p.m.: People of the Parish
Wednesday 10:00 a.m.: Skeel Family (l)
Thursday 8:30 a.m.: Jan Skeel (d)
Friday 8:30 a.m.: Joyce Holub (d)

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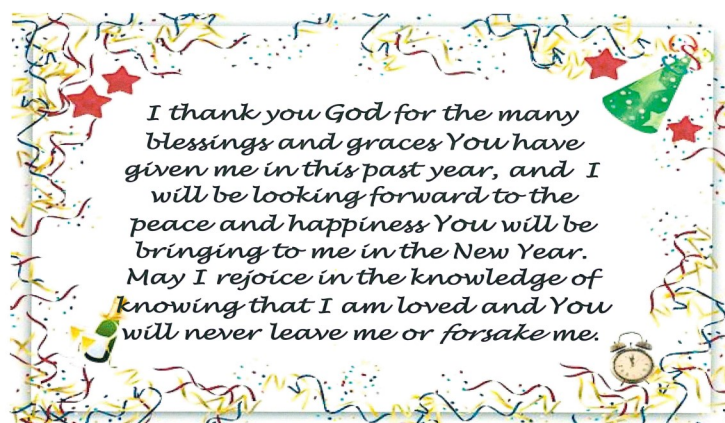
READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sat. Reading 1: 1 John 1:5-2:2
 Gospel: Matthew 2:13-18
Sun. Reading 1: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 (17ABC)
 Reading 2: Colossians 3:12-21
 Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23 (17A)
Mon. Reading 1: 1 John 2:12-17
 Gospel: Luke 2:36-40
Tues. Reading 1: 1 John 2:18-21
 Gospel: John 1:1-18
Wed. Reading 1: Numbers 6:22-27 (18ABC)
 Reading 2: Galatians 4:4-7
 Gospel: Luke 2:16-21
Thurs. Reading 1: 1 John 2:22-28
 Gospel: John 1:19-28
Fri. Reading 1: 1 John 2:29-3:6
 Gospel: John 1:29-34

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

PRAY for Caroline Vanderbilt who died December 23rd. **PRAY** Catherine Yusko who December 23rd. She was the mother of Marybeth Boyd. May they both rest in peace.



Anticipated Offering Income	\$ 12,115
Actual Offering Income	\$ 17,847
Anticipated Offering Income to date	\$ 617,885
Actual Offering Income to date	\$ 621,473
YTD Offering: Over (Under)	\$ 3,588
Budget Offering Year	\$ 630,000
Building Fund this week	\$ 0
Building Fund to date	\$ 7,749
Christmas	\$ 11,249

NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

"Loving God, In word and witness, Pope Francis challenges us to create homes where all people, especially those who are poor and vulnerable, find acceptance, love and compassion. Following his leadership and with your grace, may we pattern our living after the Holy Family and may we faithfully repair, renew and reconcile all that is broken in the beautiful yet wounded family of your Church, the people of God. Amen." (Written by Sr Chris Kollhoffer, IHM)

Religious education classes resume Sunday, January 12, 2020 at 9:45 a.m.

2020 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES are in the parish office. You may pick them up there any time or they can be mailed you at your request.

SOCIAL MEDIA

We are live on Facebook. The instructions for Facebook is listed below.

FACEBOOK :

Log into Facebook

Search for Our Savior Catholic Church if you are not already following us on Facebook.

Click on videos and all past videos should come up.

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If you have any questions please contact Tina at 633-6762 x 205 or email: youth@oursaviorparish.org



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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!

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"Keep the joy of loving God in your heart and share this joy with all you meet, especially your family. Be holy."

— St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

YOUTH GROUP UPDATES/EVENTS

Wishing Everyone Many Blessings in The New Year!
Save the Date!

We have rescheduled the Thanks for Giving Dinner for Saturday, January 25th @6:30 in Jennings Hall. We would like to invite all those 55 and older to join us for this special dinner just for you!

Starting in January we will begin to gear up for the Souper Bowl of Caring Project to help fill our St. Vincent DePaul's food pantry. Our first meeting will be Saturday, January 25th from 10-Noon in Jennings Hall .

Alive in You Updates

Just a reminder if you haven't already sent in your original \$100 deposit please do so as soon as possible.

Your next payment will be due by January 15th \$ 120.

UPCOMING MEETINGS /EVENTS:

January 25th – Souper Bowl of Caring work day- Jennings Hall 10 -NOON & Set up for the Thanks for Giving Dinner

January 25th – 5:30 set up 6:30-8 server & clean up more details later

January 26th – Souper Bowl of Caring work day – Jennings if needed 12:30-1:30

February 2nd – Deliver Bags to surrounding areas – 12:30- 3:30 (will need adult drivers to help out)

February 8th – Pick up bags and sort in Jennings Hall – 9:30-1:30

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 gathering. Please contact Ms. Tina at youth@oursaviorparish.org or 251-633-6762 x 205, if you have any questions.

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME If you have friends or family who were baptized Catholic but not receiving the sacraments regularly, now is the time to invite them home to stay. Our Savior is having a free and informal six week series that meets once a week starting **Thursday, January 9th to February 13th at 7:00 p.m.** There is no fee, dress code or obligation to participate. To sign up or for more information call Judy Pukac at 251-648-3024.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for the months of January through March 2020 has been sent to all the ministers. If you have not received the new schedule, please contact the parish office with your correct email or mailing address.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD is a holy day of obligation. Masses will be (vigil) Tuesday, December 31st at 5:00 p.m. and Wednesday, January 1st at 10:00 a.m.

THANK YOU for your very kind donations to our home-bound & nursing home parishioners and to the Neighbor Center. Your generosity will make an immediate difference in the lives of both groups. Through your donations we have been able to make their Christmas and New Year a lot brighter. Thanks again for your kindness

Solemnity of the Epiphany

Sunday, January 5th

Bi-Lingual Mass at 6:00 p.m.

Spaghetti Supper after Mass
Sign-up sheet in the back of church



"Help me to journey beyond the familiar and into the unknown. Give me the faith to leave old ways and break fresh ground with You." – St. Brendan the Navigator