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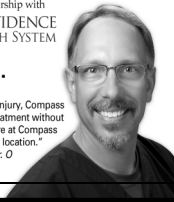
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Have you considered mentioning Our Savior parish in your will? Please help us continue our ministry by remembering us in your will.

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.

STAFF

Father David Tokarz, Pastor
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Deacon Jay Boyd
Deacon Francis Tran
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Tina Lyons, Youth Minister
Dolores Hale, Ministry of Care
Juan Jose Gutierrez, Music Minister
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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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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

The Baptism of The Lord January 12, 2020



(WHAT) DO I BELIEVE?

I remember, years ago, speaking with a woman who was a convert; she was struggling in her relationship with her (at best, indifferent) Catholic husband. I observed to her that much of the problem was that all he wanted was for her to come into the Church, but she truly became a full-blown Catholic. She had come to believe completely in the Catholic Church's presentation of Jesus' teaching, she was baptized during the Easter Vigil, and she was determined to live it in her life. This was not what her husband had bargained for.

We recite a Creed at Mass every Sunday and Solemnity—most of the time, the “Nicene-Constantinopolitan” Creed; during Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter, the “Apostles’ Creed.” Both begin with the words “I believe...” But what and how do we believe? How do the words of the Creed form a structure for living out the Faith?

The “Apostles’ Creed” is especially relevant as it is a form of what was the old Roman baptismal Creed; it is based on the questions we still ask today, of parents and godparents, when babies are baptized. “Do you believe...?” “I do.” But what are the implications for us in agreeing with these words?

Every Easter Sunday we use this Creed (in sung form, here at Our Savior) as an explicit renewal of our baptismal promises; if we were (as infants) too young, then, to affirm the Faith ourselves, every year we are asked to claim it. Even more: the purpose of the “holy water” in church is to be a sacramental: a reminder of our baptism every time we enter a church, dip our hand in, and bless ourselves. We are saying, “YES, Lord, I believe; I affirm and re-claim my baptism; I want to live as a child of the Light; I want to follow Jesus.” Taking just a few seconds to make ourselves conscious of our action, we are making a profound statement of how we want our lives to be ordered.

It is also important to remember the words of St Peter (Acts 2:38): “Repent and be baptized, every one of you...” and the words of St Paul (Romans 6:3): “...are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?” This “death” is “repentance”—*metanoia*, the changing of the way one thinks, and therefore changing the way one believes and behaves. Choosing to be baptized (and choosing to renew our baptismal promise) is the pledge that we desire this changing, and it is the efficacious grace that washes away our sins and incorporates us into the Body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12-13).

Living as members of the Body of Christ does not mean making ourselves perfect, but it does mean being open to being perfected by God. This perfecting is not instantaneous but a process—a process of increasing, day by day, in our capacity to love and forgive, to accept being loved and forgiven.

At this point, the Rite of Baptism declares: “This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it, in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Our baptism must be professed in word and in deed; as the hymn declares, “They’ll know we are Christians by our love.”

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 Kernin	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

Annie Mae Rumph 1/1/11	Norman Foster 1/15/15
Margot Bean 1/2/15	Michael Tortora 1/16/15
Joyce Holub 1/3/11	Charles Lankheit 1/16/13
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Floyd Williams 1/3/13	Elwin A Rozyskie 1/20/16
Kenny McGee 1/3/18	Lothar Zerkert 1/20/12
Bill Lovorn 1/4/11	Chris Barnett 1/20/09
Margaret Bruce 1/4/2020	Steve Allman 1/20/14
Dorothy Stone 1/5/09	Ted Noller 1/20/14
Jean Adams 1/6/06	Sarah Cubley 1/21/06
Betty Hulcher 1/7/17	Christopher Cubley 1/21/06
Charles Rouss 1/7/18	Stella DeZego 1/22/68
Cherry Porter 1/8/16	Raymond Smith 1/22/13
Stella Abella 1/8/01	Betty Jean Icard 1/22/18
Carla D'Amico 1/8/09	Nell Faulkner 1/24/08
James Tohill 1/8/17	Joseph Mortellaro 1/24/16
Michael Lloyd 1/8/14	Jo Ann Ming 1/24/16
Al Darring 1/8/18	Joseph A. Hantouche 1/25/16
Larry Huard 1/9/11	Joyce Jackson 1/26/03
Chris Huggins 1/9/14	Ed Ferry 1/26/99
Theodore Toth 1/9/17	Yvonne Hacker 1/26/19
James Puckett 1/10/13	Joan Pignong 1/27/11
Ron Roberts 1/11/11	Clarence Berry 1/27/12
Dennis Schneider 1/11/11	Anna Weber 1/27/19
Sonya Leach 1/13/09	Margaret O'Connor 1/28/10
Marion Hagen 1/13/14	Andrew Thoss 1/29/14
Rehophus Estes 1/13/15	Emile Noel 1/30/04
Ida Watson 1/13/04	Beverly Tullis 1/30/13
Nora "Kitt" Hewlett 1/15/94	

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

Sunday	RE (9:45 a.m.) AE (9:45 a.m.)
Monday	Tai Chi (10:00 a.m.) Line Dancing (7:00 p.m.)
Tuesday	Centering Prayer (10:30 a.m.) 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.) Finance Council mtg (6:30 p.m.) Catholics Returning Home (7:00 p.m.)
Friday	Singing Needles (10:30 a.m.)



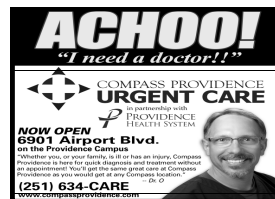
SAVE the DATE!

We have rescheduled Our
Thanks for Giving Dinner for **Saturday, January 25th**
Jennings Hall 6:30 p.m.

Our Savior Youth would like to invite all those 55 & older to the
Thanks for Giving Dinner
to Thank You for all your support & prayers!
Sign up sheets are in the back of the Church.

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Saturday	5:00 p.m.: Ron Roberts (d)
Sunday	8:30 a.m.: Linda Behr (d)
	11:00 a.m.: People of the Parish
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.: Burkhard Dohm (d)
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.: Betty Kemp (d)
Thursday	8:30 a.m.: Linda Skeel-Haenel (d)
Friday	8:30 a.m.: Robert Skeel (d)



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PRAYER INTENTIONS POPE FRANCIS

Promotion of World Peace

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sat.	Reading 1: 1 John 5:14-21 Gospel: John 3:22-30
Sun.	Reading 1: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 (21ABC) Reading 2: Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38 Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17 (21A)
Mon.	Reading 1: 1 Samuel 1:1-8 Gospel: Mark 1:14-20
Tues.	Reading 1: 1 Samuel 1:9-20 Gospel: Mark 1:21-28
Wed.	Reading 1: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20 Gospel: Mark 1:29-39
Thurs.	Reading 1: 1 Samuel 4:1-11 Gospel: Mark 1:40-45
Fri.	Reading 1: 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a Gospel: Mark 2:1-12

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

**GOODWILL EASTER SEALS
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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.

PRAY for Margaret Bruce who died January 4th . She was the aunt of Judy Pukac. May she rest in peace.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

Please watch your mail this week for a letter, pledge envelope and brochure from Archbishop Rodi regarding the 89th Annual Catholic Charities Appeal. I ask that you prayerfully consider supporting the 2020 Catholic Charities Appeal. This appeal supports more than 30 ministries within the Archdiocese of Mobile. Please complete the envelope you receive with your intended pledge and place it in the collection basket next week or drop it by the parish office.

Anticipated Offering Income	\$	12,115
Actual Offering Income	\$	12,364
Anticipated Offering Income to date	\$	12,115
Actual Offering Income to date	\$	12,364
YTD Offering: Over (Under)	\$	249
Budget Offering Year	\$	630,000
Building Fund this week	\$	577
Building Fund to date	\$	577

NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Religious education classes resume Sunday, January 12, 2020, at 9:45 a.m., We wish everyone a happy and blessed New Year 2020!

MOBILE DEANERY ACCW Winter Quarterly Meeting will be on Wednesday, January 29th.

Place: St Thomas Catholic Church
(251 N. Craft Hwy, Chickasaw, AL 36611)

Registration: 9:15 a.m.

Meeting: 9:45 a.m.

Mass: 11:15 a.m.

Lunch: Immediately following Mass

Cost: \$13.00

Please make reservations by January 17th with Carlee Russell 251-533-4771 or Betty Robertson 251-423-5138

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING 2020

Our Savior Youth is holding their annual food drive to help St. Vincent DePaul stock their food pantry.

Last year we were able to help 240 families, a total of 717 family members.

Without your help we may not have been able to help these families.

Last year we collected over 14,000 nonperishable food items. We would LOVE your support again this year.

Our Savior Youth will be at the back of the church the weekend of February 1st & 2nd handing out Souper Bowl of Caring Bags!

We also set up an online giving with You Give Goods, by donating online they will email you a tax receipt for your purchase.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR DONATING ONLINE:

(1) yougivegoods.com (click on the link)

(2) click on Donate to Causes

(3) Search by Food then hit search

(4) Look for Our Savior Youth's Souper Bowl of Caring 2020 (should be a picture of our church)

(5) Click on picture then click on shop now

All goods ordered online will be shipped directly to Our Savior at the end of our drive.

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION resumes Sunday, January 12. We are continuing discussing Dr. Edward Sri's book *Dawn of the Messiah*.

Jan 12 chapter 4 "The Last Prophet" (The Birth of John the Baptist)

Jan 19 chapter 5 "The Messiah's Birth" (The Nativity)

Jan 26 chapter 6 "Pierced by a Sword" (The Presentation)

Please join us in the library at 9:45 for doughnuts, coffee, discussion and fellowship even if you have not read the book. For more information contact Eileen Rettig 251-661-8619 or emrettig@aol.com.

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 on **Thursday at 7:00 p.m. until February 13th**. There is no fee, dress code or obligation to participate. For more information call Judy Pukac at 251-648-3024.

JOHN HENRY CARDINAL NEWMAN

Thursday, January 23rd
7:00 p.m. in the Church

In the wake of the recent canonization, and in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, come hear a conversation on the ecumenical implications of the life of John Henry Cardinal Newman. Fr David and Rev Albert Kennington will explore Newman's theology and pastoral ministry, both as an Anglican and as a Catholic, and they will suggest ways his example can lead us forward in dialogue.

"Our Lord never intended that we should merely learn by heart the Our Father... [T]hat is not the purpose...of His gift of it to us. ...I must study it carefully, petition by petition... Indeed, this prayer is little else than a series of remarks made by a child to his Father. The very want of connection between each petition...seem to suggest that it should be said very slowly, pausing after each...to let their meaning and harmony echo to the base of the soul."

– Fr. Bede Jarrett