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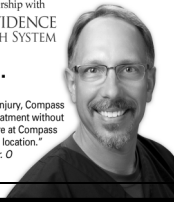
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**Have you considered mentioning Our Savior parish in your will? Please help us continue our ministry by remembering us in your will.**

**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  
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 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

## CONTACT

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**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  
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**Life & Justice:** Ricarda Manning  
**Knights of Columbus:** Mike Perry  
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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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:youth@oursaviorparish.org)

**Junior:** 6th - 8th grades

**Senior:** 9th - 12th grades

## PRAYER CHAIN

Parish Office [office@oursaviorparish.org](mailto:office@oursaviorparish.org)

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



# OUR SAVIOR CATHOLIC CHURCH

## The Epiphany of The Lord January 5, 2020



### DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE?

“Said the night wind to the little lamb...” On this Epiphany weekend (the real date, we all know, is Monday the 6<sup>th</sup>: the end of the “12 Days of Christmas”), it is a good question for us to ask ourselves. The word “epiphany” comes to us from the Greek, and it means a revelation or manifestation. Three things were traditionally celebrated on this day (now separated on different Sundays)—Jesus’ being revealed to the Magi, His being revealed at the Jordan River during His baptism, with the descent of the Holy Spirit and the voice of the Father; and the beginning of His public ministry with the miracle at the wedding feast in Cana. The *Liturgy of the Hours* preserves this combination especially in the antiphon for the Cantic of Zechariah (the *Benedictus*) in Morning Prayer:

*“Today the Bridegroom claims his bride, the Church, since Christ has washed her sins away in Jordan’s waters; the Magi hasten with their gifts to the royal wedding; and the wedding guests rejoice, for Christ has changed water into wine, alleluia.”*

But these tidbits are really a sideline for us—interesting, informative, but not terribly helpful either as challenge or encouragement. We need more.

What do we see? Are the eyes of our heart open to see salvation announced by a star, or to see a redeemer in a child? Seeing, as we know, is not always believing. The Gospel from the Feast of St. John the Apostle (27 December) told us that Peter and the Beloved Disciple both ran to the tomb of Jesus and found it empty; Peter went away confused, but the Beloved Disciple “saw and believed.” What was the difference? It was surely not what was seen, but with what—with the eyes of faith. This is a great mystery: what you see is not (only) what you get! So look deeper, or (to quote a hymn by the Dameans): look beyond. William Blake put it so well in his poem “Auguries of Innocence”:

*To see a World in a Grain of Sand/And a Heaven in a Wild Flower/Hold Infinity in the palm of your hand/And Eternity in an hour.*

Jesus reminded us of the difference, after healing the man born blind (John 9). When the Pharisees reject Jesus and insist they are not blind, Jesus responds, “If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying ‘We see,’ so your sin remains.”

All this leads us to the Eucharist and the question what do we see? What do we perceive? What (and Whom) do we love? In fact, when we approach the altar, we are preparing to “hold Infinity in the palm of [our] hand”!

Why is all this so allusive and not descriptive? I think the answer is that God is not a scientist but an artist; not a logician or a lecturer but first and foremost a poet. And if we are made in the image and likeness of God, that means we should also try to engage the world poetically, with special vision. Do we (can we) see what God sees?

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...

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Jesus Gallego	Vicki Scott	

### FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Annie Mae Rumph 1/1/11	Michael Tortora 1/16/15
Margot Bean 1/2/15	Charles Lankheit 1/16/13
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William McAdam, Sr. 1/3/13	Elwin A Rozyskie 1/20/16
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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 1/8/11	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	
Norman Foster 1/15/15	

### MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

<b>Sunday</b>	St Vincent de Paul mtg (9:45 a.m.) Widow's Web (1:00 p.m.) Epiphany Mass & Dinner (6:00 p.m.)
<b>Monday</b>	Tai Chi (10:00 a.m.) Line Dancing (7:00 p.m.)
<b>Tuesday</b>	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.)
<b>Wednesday</b>	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.) K of C 4th Degree (7:00 p.m.)
<b>Thursday</b>	Catholics Returning Home (7:00 p.m.)
<b>Friday</b>	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

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5:00 pm:</b> Rita Williamson (d)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:30 am:</b> Scott Stevens (d)
	<b>11:00 am:</b> People of the Parish
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:30 am:</b> Jim Murray (d)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:30 am:</b> Mike Doran (d)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:30 am:</b> Sergio Selva (d)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:30 am:</b> Andrea 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

<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Reading 1:</b> 1 John 3:7-10 <b>Gospel:</b> John 1:35-42
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Reading 1:</b> Isaiah 60:1-6 (20ABC) <b>Reading 2:</b> Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 2:1-12
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Reading 1:</b> 1 John 3:22-4:6 <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Reading 1:</b> 1 John 4:7-10 <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 6:34-44
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Reading 1:</b> 1 John 4:11-18 <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 6:45-52
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Reading 1:</b> 1 John 4:19-5:4 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 4:14-22a
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Reading 1:</b> 1 John 5:5-13 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 5:12-16

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 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.

**OUR APPRECIATION** to the many parishioners of Our Savior that made contributions for the purchase of the poinsettias which adorned the church this Christmas Season. A list of all the donors and their loved ones will be on the bulletin board. The memory of your loved ones will be in our prayers always. Thank you again for your generosity.

"...in order to escape from [the devil's] deceit, and to be pleasing to Me, you must enlarge your hearts and affections in My boundless mercy, with true humility. You know that the pride of the Devil cannot resist the humble mind, nor can any confusion of spirit be greater than the broadness of My good mercy, if the soul will only truly hope therein."

— St. Catherine Of Siena, *The Dialogue*

<b>Anticipated Offering Income</b>	\$ 12,115
<b>Actual Offering Income</b>	\$ 10,449
<b>Anticipated Offering Income to date</b>	\$ 630,000
<b>Actual Offering Income to date</b>	\$ 631,922
<b>YTD Offering: Over (Under)</b>	\$ 1,922
<b>Budget Offering Year</b>	\$ 630,000
<b>Building Fund this week</b>	\$ 40
<b>Building Fund to date</b>	\$ 7,789

#### 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!

**Congratulations** to David Hantouche who was named a National Merit Semi-Finalist at St Paul's! He was selected based on his scores on the 2019 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test representing less than 1% of the nation's high school graduating seniors. David now has the opportunity to continue in the National Merit Scholarship Competition. Good luck, David!

#### 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.

Please make sure you click on follow us on Facebook to get notices when a video is posted.

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](http://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

#### 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](mailto:mdking@mobarch.org)

#### 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 the Epiphany

**Sunday, January 5th**

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

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



**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](mailto:emrettig@aol.com).