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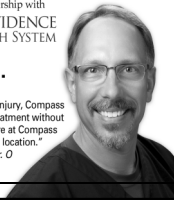
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**Have you considered mentioning Our Savior parish in your will? Please help us continue our ministry by remembering us in your will.**

**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 Audrey Cline or the parish office at office@oursaviorparish.org

**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.

## 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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## CHURCH ADDRESS

1801 Cody Rd S, Mobile, AL 36695

**Finance Council:** Greg Carpenter  
**Liturgy:** Fr. David Tokarz  
**Parish Life Activities:** Dolores Hale  
**LAFF:** Mary Anthony  
**Life & Justice:** Ricarda Manning  
**Knights of Columbus:** Mike Perry  
Grand Knight, Council 11366  
**4th Degree, Knights of Columbus:** Joe Behr  
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



## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 16, 2020

### CAN THIS LENT BE "BETTER"?

RCIA is a time of special "purification" for our catechumens and candidates. But what about the rest of us? What should Lent be all about for us? The early Church Fathers suggested that it was a time for accompaniment—learning, acting, fasting, and praying along with those who would soon be equal members of the Body of Christ. How can we do this?

Scripture especially (and not surprisingly) offers us a great number of possibilities. Among them are the so-called "Penitential Psalms"—##6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, and 143. Lucky for you, I'll be doing presentations on these Psalms during the Thursday evenings of Lent this year! But you might want to spend some time, as well (or instead) praying through the readings assigned for the Triduum (Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday), especially those of the Easter Vigil. Many of us do not or cannot participate in that evening's liturgy; praying through the assigned Scripture passages is a good way of entering into the experience vicariously. There are also the five (!) "Servant Songs" of Isaiah, found in chapters 42, 49, 50, 53, and 61 (used in the liturgies of Holy Week). They are central to an understanding of Jesus' mission and message.

Leaving the passages themselves for a bit, you might focus on personalities or themes. There is a great collection of the former in the Lenten liturgies: the young couple at Cana, the Samaritan woman at the well, the man born blind, poor Lazarus; the disciples' reaction after Jesus' "Bread of Life" discourse; the woman caught in adultery; the night-time visit of Nicodemus.

Or you might spend time considering the titles Jesus is given especially in the Fourth Gospel: Bread of Life, Door, Good Shepherd, Resurrection/Life, Way/Truth/Life... There is so much rich fare in the Scriptures of Lent and Easter!

Some prefer to do, rather than reflect. There are possibilities here, as well. Stations of the Cross and fish-fry suppers are every Friday in Lent—come join us for devotion and fellowship.

Let me end with a series of questions prompted by the encyclical *Nono Millennio Ineunte* (*The Coming New Millennium*) by Pope St John Paul II:

What does being a Catholic mean to me?

What does Catholic education and formation in my Faith mean to me? Am I a 'Sunday morning Catholic,' or am I willing to take the challenge fully to live my Faith?

How much do I know and understand about what I profess to believe? Am I in love with Jesus Christ?

Do I treasure the Eucharist as His great gift of self to me?

Do I desire to be a full-time Catholic, proud of my Faith and my Church, willing to "walk the walk"?

In the words of John Paul:

"...since baptism is a true entry into the holiness of God through incorporation into Christ and the indwelling of his Spirit, it would be a contradiction to settle for a life of mediocrity marked by a minimalist ethic and a shallow spirituality. ... 'Do you wish to become holy?' It means to set before [us] the radical nature of the Sermon on the Mount: 'Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect' (Matt. 5:48)." Or at least, be open to being perfected... Are we?

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

Nick Ciccaglione 2/1/08	Florence Bowdion 2/15/07
Don Lee 2/2/13	John Calametti 2/15/17
Carmel Cotter 2/3/16	Carl Noller 2/17/87
Mary Ellen Cruit 2/3/04	Noah Riddle 2/17/16
Harriett Busby 2/4/99	Dolores Ramos 2/18/14
Tom Pennington 2/4/11	Ignatius Darring 2/20/09
David Zimlich 2/4/15	Judy Engler 2/20/16
Steven Grant 2/5/00	Jack Kenny 2/20/13
Rose Ellis 2/6/06	Eugene Holt 2/20/13
Ethel Vaisin 2/6/19	Joan Duffy 2/22/08
Richard J. Smith, Jr. 2/6/2020	Renee Gump 2/25/17
Joe Hacker 2/7/11	Agnes Griffith Harper 2/26/03
Charlotte Faye Grimes 2/7/19	Billy Kountz 2/27/07
John Klemm 2/8/15	Mike Walsh 2/27/11
Harry Ryan III 2/9/02	Jacob Moore 2/27/16
Josephine Stewart 2/9/09	Lejune Newman 2/27/12
Jo Shirey 2/9/17	Earl Jordan 2/28/07
Al Cosci 2/13/11	Tim Lovorn 2/28/08
Harold Reed 2/12/09	H. L. Porter 2/28/08
Jim Murray 2/12/08	Dorothy Puckett 2/29/12
Don Maurer 2/12/16	
John Ellis 2/14/06	
Jacques Trefontaine 2/15/02	

### MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

<b>Sunday</b>	RE (9:45 a.m.) AE (9:45 a.m.) St Vincent de Paul mtg (9:45 a.m.) 1st Eucharist Parent mtg (10:00 a.m.) Jennings Hall Widow's Web (1:00 p.m.)
<b>Monday</b>	Tai Chi (10:00 a.m.) Line Dancing (7:00 p.m.) Contemplative prayer (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.)
<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.)
<b>Thursday</b>	LAFF's (6:30 p.m.) Joseph Hall
<b>Friday</b>	Singing Needles (10:30 a.m.)

### FREE ONLINE NEW LENTEN SERIES

**METANOIA:** A Journey with Christ into conversion. This ten part series begins February 3rd and ends Holy Week. It features Father David Pivonka, TOR, President of Franciscan University of Steubenville and founder of Ministry of the Wild Goose. Beautifully filmed in the Holy Land. Journey into a season of grace, hope, repentance and transformation! [thewildgooseisloose.com](http://thewildgooseisloose.com)

*Judy Adams*

**WELCOME NEW PARISHIONER:**  
Ellarnie Washington

### MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.:</b> Agnes Murray (d)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.:</b> People of the Parish
	<b>11:00 a.m.:</b> George Romano (d)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.:</b> Communion Service
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.:</b> Communion Service
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.:</b> Communion Service
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.:</b> Communion Service

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### PRAYER INTENTIONS POPE FRANCIS

#### Listen to the Migrants' Cries

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

### READINGS OF THE WEEK

<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Reading 1:</b> 1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34 <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 8:1-10
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Reading 1:</b> Sirach 15:15-20 (76A) <b>Reading 2:</b> 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 5:17-37
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Reading 1:</b> James 1:1-11 <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 8:11-13
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Reading 1:</b> James 1:12-18 <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 8:14-21
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Reading 1:</b> James 1:19-27 <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 8:22-26
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Reading 1:</b> James 2:1-9 <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 8:27-33
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Reading 1:</b> James 2:14-24, 26 <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 8:34-9:1

### KNIGHT'S KORNER

**RAFFLE TICKETS:** We will be selling raffle tickets after the Masses for \$25 each. Please see a knight for tickets or more information. All tickets drawn go back in for the next month's drawing. The first drawing will be in April; so buy your tickets early so you have more chances of winning. Good luck everyone!!



**PARISH LIFE BINGO** will be **Saturday, March 7th** in Jennings Hall. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Adults and Children are invited. We will have a concession stand with hotdogs, drinks, and etc. Come enjoy the **FUN!!**

**THANK YOU** Carol Stapleton has been coming to Our Savior for a long number of years, but her health is going to limit her ability to attend pretty severely. She wants to thank everyone who has been so kind to her, especially ushers and those folks who, coming back from Communion, reach out to her with a smile or a kind word or a touch. She is very, very grateful for the love.

"What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like." - St. Augustine

<b>Anticipated Offering Income</b>	\$ 12,115
<b>Actual Offering Income</b>	\$ 10,949
<b>Anticipated Offering Income to date</b>	\$ 72,692
<b>Actual Offering Income to date</b>	\$ 68,710
<b>YTD Offering: Over (Under)</b>	\$ (3,982)
<b>Budget Offering Year</b>	\$ 630,000
<b>Building Fund this week</b>	\$ 170
<b>Building Fund to date</b>	\$ 1,220

#### NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

**Religious education classes** are in session February 16. There is no class on Sunday, February 23 due to Mardi Gras.

**Parent meeting** for First Eucharist is Sunday, February 16 at 10 am in Jennings Hall.

**LEAP FOR LIFE FAMILY EVENT** - Grilled hotdogs and Family Fun with Tommy Burns DJ Services at the **40 DAYS FOR LIFE KICK OFF RALLY** is Saturday, February 29th, at 10:30am in the Women's Resource Center parking lot, 718 Downtowner Loop West. Guest speakers are Senator Bill Hightower, Representative Chris Pringle & Mr. Jerry Carl. Pick up signs and materials to promote 40 Days for Life in your church, family, and community. For info: Jennifer Porr 251-751-7401 or Mae Rehm 251-554-2032.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** covers the abortion site in prayer from 6am – 6pm from Ash Wednesday, February 26th – Palm Sunday, April 5th. To sign up for vigil hours to pray on the abortion sidewalk, visit [www.40daysforlife.com/mobile](http://www.40daysforlife.com/mobile). For help, contact Ricarda Manning 251-343-9204 or [manning\\_r@bellsouth.net](mailto:manning_r@bellsouth.net) or Mae Rehm at 251-554-2032 or [maemouse@aol.com](mailto:maemouse@aol.com).

**ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** We will continue to discuss Dr. Edward Sri's book *Dawn of the Messiah* hoping to finish it by the Mardi Gras break. Please join us for coffee, doughnuts, and lively discussions in the parish library between the Sunday Masses. For more information contact Eileen Rettig at [emrettig@aol.com](mailto:emrettig@aol.com) or 251-661-8619.

#### PLEASE WELCOME FATHER BAPTISTE FROM FOOD FOR THE POOR

Please join us the weekend of February 15-16 to hear Rev. Glen P. Baptiste speak at all the Masses about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

Father Baptiste will share personal witness about Food For The Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another.

Fr. Baptiste is incardinated in the Diocese of Montego Bay. Before preaching on behalf of Food For The Poor, Fr. Glen taught at St. Louis University, served as an associate pastor in Missouri and served as Rector of the Cathedral Church in Hamilton, Bermuda.

**PRAY** for Richard J. Smith, Jr. who died February 6. He was the father of Marilyn Nelson. May he rest in peace.

#### HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

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For itinerary, costs, and other information, please contact Fr Tom Weise 334-520-0031

**FR DAVID** will be away until February 25<sup>th</sup>. We will have communion services during the week while Fr David is away.

#### YOUTH GROUP UPDATES/EVENTS

##### SOUPER BOWL OF CARING 2020

Service Project is well underway!

**WOW!** This weekend our youth and adult helpers picked up from the surrounding neighborhoods, sorted, counted and boxed up 5,163 nonperishable food items for our SVDP Food Pantry! Just a quick reminder: We will meet this Sunday, Feb.16th to count, sort and box up any donations we receive this weekend.

Jennings Hall 12:30-2

Please bring a snack or drink to share.

##### ALIVE IN YOU UPDATES:

Thank You Ms. Sue & Ms. Traci with helping to plan our 2 free days when we go to Alive in You.

Watch for more details!

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

The second payment of \$120 was due January 15, 2020.

##### UPCOMING MEETINGS /EVENTS:

**February 15th & 16th** – Collecting Souper Bowl of Caring Food Bags before all Masses

**February 16th** – Jennings Hall 12:30-2 – help sort food items

**February 28th** – Stations of the Cross 6pm and Lenten Dinner at 6:30 (watch for more details)

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](mailto:youth@oursaviorparish.org) or 251-633-6762 x 205, if you have any questions.

#### CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

If you have not returned your Catholic Charities envelope, please do so now. Envelopes are available in the pew. The parish goal is to have every family participate to the best of their ability. Please, answer the Call to Give to those in need through your prayerful generosity to this year's Catholic Charities Appeal. Please, help Our Savior meet our goal of **\$129,500** this year and obtain 100% participation.

#### WE HAVE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING TO DATE:

**Pledges Received 152**

**Total Amount Pledged \$104,745.99**

**RICE BOWLS** are in the back of the church. During Lent when you give up little things like coffee, candy, or alcohol we can make more room for God in our lives. The money you save can go to help those in need. Use these rice bowls to help with one of the big three of Lent: *almsgiving*. Rice bowl donations can be turned in at the offertory at each Mass during Lent.

**LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKS** are in the back of the church in three different languages (English, Spanish, and Vietnamese.) They will help guide you through the 40 days of Lent with prayers, meditations, and inspiring essays. Please one per family.

**PARISH LENTEN MISSION** Our Mission will be February 29th - March 4th, given by Fr Dennis McManus a priest of our Archdiocese and currently teaching at Georgetown University in Washington, DC. Fr Dennis will preach at morning Masses 8:30 a.m. Monday - Wednesday, as well as Monday and Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. We will end with a parish Reconciliation service on Wednesday evening. The theme: "*Conversations of Jesus.*"