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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.

FREE ONLINE NEW LENTEN SERIES

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Deacon Francis Tran
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Dolores Hale, Ministry of Care
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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: 3:30-4:30 p.m. & by appointment

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CHURCH ADDRESS

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Liturgy: Fr. David Tokarz
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Ladies Auxiliary: Tina Lyons
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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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



OUR SAVIOR CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fourth Sunday of Lent March 22, 2020



THE TRUTH [AND NOTHING ELSE] WILL SET YOU FREE

Throughout the history of Christianity, there have been folks looking for shortcuts to salvation. Even from very early times, groups (somewhat mistakenly) lumped together as “Gnostics” thought that since redemption has already occurred, no actions could possibly affect our guarantee of being saved—so go for it! This view has survived in a bizarre twist of Evangelical theology as “Once saved, always saved” (NOT, by the way, actual Baptist teaching). Others taught that they (and they alone) had the “key” to salvation—you’ll need us to initiate you into the secret mysteries of what Jesus really taught.

Later on, to the great shame of the Catholic Church, the concept of the indulgence made its appearance. Originally it was meant to motivate folks to join the Crusade to “rescue” the Holy Land—if you died on the way or in battle, your salvation was assured. This quickly morphed into the idea that any good work (usually involving a cash donation) could win you an indulgence that would send you, at death, straight into Paradise. We all know how this upset Martin Luther (though perhaps you don’t know his biggest objection at the beginning was that this practice was keeping his people from coming to Confession!). Donations (aka, fees) for indulgences usually wound up in papal coffers for the building of the new St Peter’s basilica. As one professor of mine from Notre Dame put it, “Do you know how much it cost to build St Peter’s? It cost us the Reformation.” The theology of the indulgence could be massaged into something reasonable, but of course no one in those days preached it reasonably.

In our own times, we have the so-called “gospel of prosperity.” Did you know God wants you to be happy and therefore prosperous? If you give to God (aka, a full tithe, aka to me the tele-preacher), God will bless you with abundance. It works for those preachers—I guess God must want them to be really happy...

But in all these deviant forms of “gospel,” there’s not a word about the Cross or “Deny yourself” or “Blessed are the poor/meek/mournful...” or “Some of you will be put to death.” What’s also conveniently forgotten is Jesus’ warning: “False messiahs...will arise...to deceive, if that were possible, even the elect” (Matthew 24:24). Are they in our midst?

What does Jesus Himself say? “Sell what you have and give to the poor; store up for yourselves treasure in heaven; deny yourself, take up your cross each day and follow me; forgive and you will be forgiven; love your enemies and do good to them; strive to follow the narrow way.” This is not a popular message! But if it is the truth (and if Jesus IS the Truth), it is the only way to ultimate happiness. Everything else is a dead-end, a blind alley, a path of no exit. Lent is a time set aside to help us come to terms with the difference between false and true truth. It’s not too late! What is it we’re really searching for? Do we know our hearts well enough to know in what ways the Lord is calling us both to discipleship and fulfillment? Are we ready to say YES and be truly free?

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	Vicki Scott
Keith Bumpers	Rose Marie Kervin	Jeb Shell
Lisa Brazell	Monica Knight	Kathy Sirak
Annie Ruth Chappell	Rady Laron	Mary Ann Stanley
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Judy Courtney	Myrtis Mooney	Bradley Wells
Leah Dees	Marsha Naman	Elaine Zoller
Michael Dees	Michael Nelson	
Jesus Gallego	Ashley Rickel	

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Henry Graveman 3/1/99	Ken Huggins 3/15/13
Arlene Norton 3/1/08	Donald Lemmon 3/16/15
Maribelle Weir 3/1/12	George McLean 3/16/07
Walter Bequette 3/1/12	Donald Sacramona 3/16/90
Janice Pocase 3/1/14	Libby Mann 3/17/11
Margaret Kirven 3/2/10	Ted Nameniuk 3/18/08
Ethel Carter 3/3/13	Elizabeth Anderson 3/18/12
Patty McLean 3/3/18	Frank Nash 3/18/17
Russ Masse 3/4/14	Winifred Tohill 3/19/08
Judy Darring 3/4/13	John Baker 3/19/14
Deana Williams 3/5/10	Elaine Villarrubia 3/19/14
Shawn Jacobs 3/4/06	Louise Carlson 3/20/08
Nellie Doyle 3/4/09	Gene Stassi 3/20/14
John M. Broderick 3/5/07	James Rufus Johnson 3/20/17
Frank Stapleton 3/5/12	Juancho Ortiz 3/22/16
Alberta Quina 3/5/12	Lois Jourdan 3/22/14
Edna Street 3/6/07	Robert Gray 3/22/15
Pete Chieplich 3/6/10	Kevin O'Connor 3/23/09
Chester Benson 3/6/10	Joy Heiter O'Rourke 3/23/09
Margaret Roh 3/6/18	Paul Spizuco 3/23/14
Martha Guimond 3/6/2020	Magdalena Woodniok 3/24/08
Michael Patano 3/7/16	Michael Doran 3/24/19
Bill Healy 3/7/18	Doc Giesselmann 3/25/14
Ollie Oberkirch 3/7/2020	Jim Thomas 3/25/15
Annie Hacker 3/8/11	Marylyn O'Rourke 3/25/94
Tommy Wilson 3/8/18	Billy Turner 3/25/16
Stephen Ellis 3/11/04	Tom Langan 3/26/15
Claude Christianson 3/10/05	Myzidia Hyatt 3/29/09
Stephanie Ellis 3/11/04	Linda Skeel-Haenel 3/29/19
Joseph Smith 3/10/07	Msgr Joseph Jennings 3/30/15
Kathleen Jones 3/12/05	Priscilla Renaud 3/31/10
John Hagen 3/12/16	Timothy LaFramboise 3/31/17
Janice Harding 3/12/2020	Johnny Reid 3/31/17
Ruth Komrowski 3/13/11	Christine Johnson 3/31/18
Mary Cosci 3/13/17	
Mabel Lloyd 3/14/2020	
Etta Lee Sciple 3/15/09	

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

All regularly scheduled meetings have been **cancelled** through April 5th due to concerns of the covid-19 pandemic.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS:

Joe & Liz Russell, III

SPECIAL COLLECTION this weekend for Catholic Relief Services. Please be generous.



EASTER LILY MEMORIAL may be donated in the name of a loved one. You may donate online through our web site by clicking on the **Online Giving link** or by mail to the parish office.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for the months of April through June 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.

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Sunday 11:00 am: People of the Parish
Tuesday 8:30 am: Robert Bowie (d)
Wednesday 8:30 am: Gabriella Segalla-Pickett (d)
Thursday 8:30 am: David Stewart (d)
Friday 8:30 am: Jay Welch (d)



Advertiser of the Week

PRAYER INTENTIONS POPE FRANCIS

Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sat. Reading 1: Hosea 6:1-6
Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

Sun. Reading 1: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7,10-13a (31A)
Reading 2: Ephesians 5:8-14
Gospel: John 9:1-41

Mon. Reading 1: Isaiah 65:17-21
Gospel: John 4:43-54

Tues. Reading 1: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12
Gospel: John 5:1-16

Wed. Reading 1: Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10
Reading 2: Hebrews 10:4-10
Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Thurs. Reading 1: Exodus 32:7-14
Gospel: John 5:31-47

Fri. Reading 1: Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22
Gospel: John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

KNIGHT'S KORNER

RAFFLE TICKETS: We will be selling raffle tickets 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!!**

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Adult Religious Education We do not know when Adult Religious Education will resume, most probably not until after Easter. Keep checking the bulletin. For more information please contact Eileen Rettig at 251-661-8619 or emrettig@aol.com.

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. For help, contact Ricarda Manning 251-343-9204 or manning_r@bellsouth.net or Mae Rehm at 251-554-2032 or maemouse@aol.com

Anticipated Offering Income	\$ 12,115
Actual Offering Income	\$ 8,954
Anticipated Offering Income to date	\$ 133,269
Actual Offering Income to date	\$ 122,101
YTD Offering: Over (Under)	\$ (11,169)
Budget Offering Year	\$ 630,000
Building Fund this week	\$ 58
Building Fund to date	\$ 1,821
Rice Bowls	\$ 113

NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Religious education classes are cancelled until further notice. Information to continue student learning during this time was emailed to all religious education parents on Tuesday, March 17. If you did not receive it, please check your spam or junk folder. If you wish to borrow a textbook for use with your son or daughter, please contact Jan Murray at re@oursaviorparish.org.

IRIS alerts will be sent periodically from the Church to update you on postponements and cancellations. If you are not receiving these alerts on your phone, cell phone, and email, please contact Tina Lyons at youth@oursaviorparish.org and she will set you up.

Now is a perfect time to begin or to enhance **family prayer times**. Say the rosary together. Pray the Stations of the Cross. Read the Bible, the daily Mass readings, the Sunday Mass readings for guidance. Those readings are listed each week in the bulletin.

Adult education classes between the Masses on Sunday follow the same schedule as religious education classes for students. As such, these gatherings also are cancelled until further notice.

Fr David's Thursday night Bible Study on the penitential psalms will only be live-streamed at 7pm. No audience allowed!

Remember to keep the suggested six foot distance when you are out in public. Wash your hands, stay safe and pray!

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

We encourage you to try online giving while we pray for the recovery of everyone impacted by this Covid-19 pandemic.



Online Giving

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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!

For the mobile app go to the App Store and search for Online Giving and register with Our Savior Catholic Church.

YOUTH GROUP UPDATES/EVENTS

As of now all youth activities are canceled until further notice. I am sending out emails to keep you updated on what is happening with Youth Ministry.

Our Soup & Sandwich Thank You Lunch will be postponed until a later time.

Once again THANK YOU for all your support in donating food items to our SVDP Food Pantry. You are allowing them to help so many families and they couldn't do it with our support.

Next Up: Lenten Dinners Have been CANCELED!

Thank you to everyone who donated a dessert to the Lenten Dinners and helped set up & cleaned afterwards.

Alive in You Updates:

In 84 days, we will be leaving for Alive in you 2020! Parent Meeting is **canceled**. Please watch for an email with information.

Ms. Tina

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.

Covid-19 Pandemic Update

"...beginning Wednesday, March 18, the following steps should be followed in the Archdiocese of Mobile. These standards are effective until Sunday, April 5, 2020, but may be extended depending on future developments." Based on the recent changes by Archbishop Thomas J. Rodi; *"parish and school meetings and activities are canceled."*

We will be **live-streaming Mass** Tuesday-Friday 8:30 a.m. Mass and Sunday 11:00 a.m. on Facebook; otherwise, all services are suspended through Palm Sunday. If you are not already following us on Facebook, please sign-up using the instructions below to view daily and weekend Masses.

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

"It is a lesson we all need—to let alone the things that do not concern us. He has other ways for others to follow Him; all do not go by the same path. It is for each of us to learn the path by which He requires us to follow Him, and to follow Him in that path."

— St. Katharine Drexel