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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.

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.

ARCHBISHOP'S DAILY MASS: Every morning at 8:00 am a daily Mass celebrated by Archbishop Thomas Rodi will be available on the Archdiocese of Mobile website (www.mobarch.org). The Mass can be viewed at any time during the day. Efforts are being made to add the Mass live on Facebook. This should be available by the end of March.

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
Danial Driskell, 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

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Finance Council: Greg Carpenter
Liturgy: Fr. David Tokarz
Parish Life Activities: Dolores Hale
LAFF: Mary Anthony
Life & Justice: Ricarda Manning
Knights of Columbus: Mike Pery
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

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

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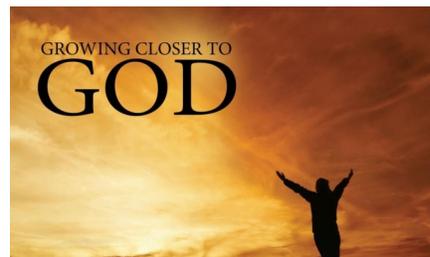
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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



Fifth Sunday of Lent March 29, 2020



THE LONELINESS OF THE LONG-DISTANCE PRAYERS

These last several days I have had a peaceful time: sitting on the patio of the rectory in late afternoon or early evening, perhaps with my Rosary, perhaps with a glass of wine. I watch the birds going at it at the bird-feeders I have; I watch bluebirds preparing a nest in one of the bird-houses in the back yard. There has been a gentle breeze, and the temperatures have been so pleasant! Beyond the 15 or so yards from the back of the Florida room and patio to the retaining wall, I can stare out at what seems like the “forest primeval”—extensive and dense enough to hide my view of the church and office building on one side, and the Lexington neighborhood on the other. At the bottom of the access road beyond our back field there are pathways of creeks that remind me of the entrance into Narnia; the trees here in the back yard look more like Middle Earth.

It's a serene, calming, pleasurable experience. And I am not happy with it. What's wrong with this picture?

At those times of day I should not be able to be so comfortable and relaxed. I should be engaged: with RCIA, or with Finance or Parish Council meetings, with Knights of Columbus, or with Stations of the Cross and fish-fry supper. But since we are shut down, none of those important things is happening, and I am missing encounter with the true church of Our Savior. I always remember the saying of Fr John Robinson of blessed memory: “Church is what's left over after the building burns down.” WE (and not the building) are the Body of Christ, living stones in the Temple of the Holy Spirit.

I know many people have been tuning in on our parish's Facebook page to watch the Masses; even with one “server” (one of our deacons, on a rotating basis) to do the readings and make the responses, it's very lonely; it's also eerie. As I write this (Saturday, 21 March) we are marking the vernal equinox (1st day of spring). Days have been getting longer and longer—marching toward the summer solstice. This (and the longer sunshine of Daylight Saving Time) makes us happy, optimistic, excited. After all, spring break and summer vacation can't be far away.

And yet, at the same time, we're anticipating even more serious and restrictive measures that will impact Holy Week and Easter. Spring break has effectively been canceled on the beaches; summer “vacation” may well already have started for our elementary and high school students. Will there be graduations?

In the face of all this, we can remember the “social isolation” Jesus experienced in the prison of the high priest, in the presence of Pilate, in the desolation of the cross—and we can never forget this as the horrifying but real prelude to the Resurrection. We too will rise!

We can embrace this time as a time of grace: of a new kind of Lenten sacrificial giving and living. It can make us more sensitive to others in our community at greater risk from this epidemic. It can give us more time for prayer. In short, if we wish, it can be the vehicle for drawing us closer to Christ, and therefore lightening our loneliness.

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
Mason Coker	Mary Lozano	Joe Vegliacich
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	Shari Allenbach 3/20/2020
Alberta Quina 3/5/12	Juancho Ortiz 3/22/16
Edna Street 3/6/07	Lois Jourdan 3/22/14
Pete Chieplich 3/6/10	Robert Gray 3/22/15
Chester Benson 3/6/10	Kevin O'Connor 3/23/09
Margaret Roh 3/6/18	Joy Heiter O'Rourke 3/23/09
Martha Guimond 3/6/2020	Paul Spizuco 3/23/14
Michael Patano 3/7/16	Magdalena Woodniok 3/24/08
Bill Healy 3/7/18	Michael Doran 3/24/19
Ollie Oberkirch 3/7/2020	Sherry Norville 3/24/2020
Annie Hacker 3/8/11	Doc Giesselmann 3/25/14
Tommy Wilson 3/8/18	Jim Thomas 3/25/15
Stephen Ellis 3/11/04	Marylyn O'Rourke 3/25/94
Claude Christianson 3/10/05	Billy Turner 3/25/16
Stephanie Ellis 3/11/04	Tom Langan 3/26/15
Joseph Smith 3/10/07	Myzidia Hyatt 3/29/09
Kathleen Jones 3/12/05	Linda Skeel-Haenel 3/29/19
John Hagen 3/12/16	Msgr Joseph Jennings 3/30/15
Janice Harding 3/12/2020	Priscilla Renaud 3/31/10
Ruth Komrowski 3/13/11	Timothy LaFramboise 3/31/17
Mary Cosci 3/13/17	Johnny Reid 3/31/17
Mabel Lloyd 3/14/2020	Christine Johnson 3/31/18
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.

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

SPECIAL COLLECTION next weekend for Aid to the Church in Central & Eastern Europe. Please be generous.

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: Walter P Neel (d)
Wednesday 8:30 am: David Stewart (d)
Thursday 8:30 am: Tony Durst (d)
Friday 8:30 am: Evelyn Durst (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: Jeremiah 11:18-20
Gospel: John 7:40-53

Sun. Reading 1: Ezekiel 37:12-14 (34A)
Reading 2: Romans 8:8-11
Gospel: John 11:1-45

Mon. Reading 1: Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62
Gospel: John 8:1-11

Tues. Reading 1: Numbers 21:4-9
Gospel: John 8:21-30

Wed. Reading 1: Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95
Gospel: John 8:31-42

Thurs. Reading 1: Genesis 17:3-9
Gospel: John 8:51-59

Fri. Reading 1: Jeremiah 20:10-13
Gospel: John 10:31-42

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

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



Visit our website to sign up and to begin contributing automatically to our parish. This convenient new system does not require you to contact your bank to sign up or to make changes. You can use any of your checking or savings accounts or debit or credit card, and the funds will be automatically transferred to our parish bank account. This system is more convenient for the parish than electronic checks from your bank. And it's convenient for you because you can make changes at any time. Go to our website or download the online giving app on your mobile device. Contact Judy Pukac at 251-633-6762 x 203 with any questions.

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.

RECONCILIATION: Fr David will hear confession on Saturday from 4 to 5 p.m. on the church porch, and also by appointment.

Anticipated Offering Income	\$ 12,115
Actual Offering Income	\$ 12,811
Anticipated Offering Income to date	\$ 145,385
Actual Offering Income to date	\$ 134,912
YTD Offering: Over (Under)	\$ (10,473)
Budget Offering Year	\$ 630,000
Building Fund this week	\$ 100
Building Fund to date	\$ 1,921
Rice Bowls	\$ 128
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 425

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!

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!!**

GOODWILL GOOD SAMARITAN DONATION PROGRAM UPDATE

YELLOW DONATION FORMS are available in the parish office, but call ahead since the normal office hours may change. **Goodwill will have new limited drop off hours of 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.** When making your donations to Goodwill remember to turn in one of the yellow donation forms so Our Savior and St. Vincent de Paul Society will receive \$5 gift certificates. **THANK YOU ALL** for participating in this worthy Program to benefit our Friends in Need. Any questions, please contact Hank Toth.

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.
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

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

PRAY for Mable Lloyd who died March 14th. **PRAY** for Sherry Norville who died March 24th. May they rest in peace.

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.

"If during vocal prayer your heart is drawn to mental prayer, do not restrain it, but let your devotion take that channel, omitting the vocal prayers which you intended to say: that which takes their place is more acceptable to God, and more useful to your own soul."

St. Francis de Sales, *Introduction to the Devout Life*