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THANK YOU to the many parishioners of Our Savior who contributed to the purchase of the beautiful poinsettias, the magnificent Christmas tree, and lovely flower arrangements that decorated and enhanced our Christmas liturgies. Thank you for your generosity. The memory of your loved ones will be in our prayers always.



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STAFF

Father David Tokarz, Pastor
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Deacon Norman Gale
Deacon Jay Boyd
Deacon Francis Tran
Jan Murray, Religious Ed
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Dolores Hale, Ministry of Care
Daniel 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.
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

CONTACT

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CHURCH ADDRESS

1801 Cody Rd S, Mobile, AL 36695

Finance Council:

Liturgy: Fr. David Tokarz
Parish Life Activities: Dolores Hale
LAFF: Mary Anthony
Life & Justice: Ricarda Manning
Knights of Columbus: Michael Smitherman
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: Edward Nehls
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

PRAYER CHAIN

Parish Office office@oursaviorparish.org

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 27, 2020



THEIR FAMILY AND OURS

The earliest images I have had of the Holy Family came from prayer cards that were (shall we say?) idealized: Joseph gently rocking a plane over a board, Mary sitting and knitting, Jesus playing with the wood curls Joseph was creating. One detail still stands out in my memory—not a one of them was breaking a sweat. Somehow, I think there's a disconnect between that image and the lived reality. Even Norm Abrams breaks a sweat, and he has a table saw and powered lathe...

The primary market-town near Nazareth was Sepphoris, about 5 miles away. Whatever Joseph was making (and it might well have been timbers for houses or frames for beds), it had to be taken there (hopefully by ox-drawn cart), and surely from an early age Jesus would have helped with loading and unloading and walking the 10 total miles of a round-trip journey. I'm sure if they weren't bringing the goods of an advance sale, they were praying they'd not have to bring anything back to Nazareth!

So Jesus would have been, early on, a "gofer," and soon after he'd be a full-fledged apprentice, with Joseph teaching him the use of the tools of the trade. He also was known, after all, as "the carpenter" as well as "the son of the carpenter." Jesus' (and Joseph's) hands and feet would have been heavily calloused.

What of Mary? She was spared some heavy lifting, but she was emphatically not spared heavy labor. She would be responsible for at least a portion of a garden that might well have been shared by friends/extended family. She would be responsible for taking sheep's wool, spinning it, weaving it into blankets and clothing. And she would be expected to prepare meals while doing all of this.

So a fundamental characteristic of this family is work—just as it is for our families. Some of it would surely be toilsome, but it would be able to be transformed into activity of great dignity, provided one additional characteristic were added—love. This is what makes Jesus, Mary, and Joseph a distinctly holy family—the Holy Family. The depth and quality of their love makes them special. But love in our own families can make us "holy families," too. We celebrate them as we want them to be models for us.

Pope St John Paul II wrote an important encyclical about work: *Laborem Exercens*. In it he praised two human activities that allow us to transcend ourselves: love and work—both at their best producing things that take their existence from us and become themselves on their own terms. Here is the basis of our celebration, and here is the goal of our own families' lives. Let's live this life to the full.

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

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Joan Fellrath 12/1/10	Maudie Thomas 12/17/12
Tracy Hurley 12/1/10	John Scarangella 12/17/96
Raymond Simons 12/1/13	Kathy Ferniany 12/17/17
Bob Mihalsky 12/2/18	Mary Fayard Coogan 12/18/15
Dawn Spevacek Roe 12/2/19	Jackie Gray 12/18/08
Rita Gump 12/3/11	Jean Sweeney 12/18/11
Walter Neel, Jr. 12/3/07	John Romanos 12/20/06
Jacqueline Cannon 12/3/12	John Verrett 12/20/07
Mary McDonald 12/3/13	Rose Fellrath 12/21/12
Larry Silva 12/3/2020	Lois Cosci 12/21/16
Jimmy M. Wall 12/4/14	James Ferry 12/21/08
Marcia Romanagno 12/6/18	Madison Alford 12/22/14
Sean Frazier 12/8/15	Bill Nicholas 12/22/15
Rev. Russell Biven 12/8/17	Amy Pounder Dean 12/23/14
James Ritchie 12/8/19	Caroline Vanderbilt 12/23/19
John Duffy 12/10/15	Catherine Yusko 12/23/19
James Van Hoosen 12/10/16	Luis Lizeras 12/24/11
Daniel Stadum 12/11/07	Basil "Jack" Bean 12/24/13
Laura Noller 12/11/01	George Murray 12/24/15
Barbara Rozyskie 12/11/09	Mary Allenbach 12/25/18
Richard Wampler 12/11/18	Jude David Delcambre 12/26/14
Joseph Palughi, Jr. 12/12/14	Eddie Randall 12/26/09
Bimbi Stcherbachew 12/13/11	Alice Chappell 12/26/09
Maria, Le Thi Hoai 12/14/19	Jennifer Siggins 12/27/05
Sylvia Dodson 12/15/10	Richard Masse 12/28/11
Mary Emmanuel 12/15/04	Victor de la Paz Gapud 12/29/17
Lois Neno 12/15/13	Dorothy Frost 12/31/14
Eloise Anderson 12/16/07	Ruth Schaffer 12/31/17
Mary Jane Gross 12/16/12	

OUR SAVIOR LIVE-STREAMING MASSES

We will be **live-streaming Daily Mass** on Tuesday-Friday at 8:30 a.m. and **Sunday Mass** at 11:00 a.m. on Facebook.

Two ways to view the Masses:

- 1) Go to our website **www.oursaviorparish.org** and select the resources menu at the top right, and then click on the link "Daily Mass".
- 2) Log into Facebook and search for Our Savior Catholic Church. Please make sure you click on follow us on Facebook to get notices when a video is posted.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION is celebrated on the porch or in the church foyer on Saturdays 4:00 to 4:30 p.m. and by appointment.

HOLY COMMUNION ON CHURCH PORCH OR IN THE FOYER:

Fridays 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.
Sundays noon - 12:30 p.m.

NO HOLY COMMUNION ON CHURCH PORCH Sunday, December 27th & Friday, January 1st



GIFTS TO CELEBRATE BABY JESUS' BIRTHDAY may be brought to all Masses and placed on the table in the back of the church. All presents should be for newborns to 6 months old and will be given to 2-B

Choices for Women and Mary's Shelter. Suggested items are diapers, baby wipes, diaper bags, baby shampoo, baby wash, baby lotion, baby oil, strollers, wash clothes, towels, baby clothes (sizes preemie to 3T), infant & toddler picture or story books, and books for new moms. Gifts are due back no later than **Sunday, January 3rd**.

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Saturday	5:00 pm:	Maria, Me Nguyen (d)
Sunday	8:30 am:	Maria Barfield (d)
	11:00 am:	People of the Parish
Tuesday	8:30 am:	No Mass
Wednesday	8:30 am:	No Mass
Thursday	8:30 am:	No Mass
	7:00 pm:	Billy Nicholas
Friday	10:00 am:	People of the Parish

Advertiser of the Week



PRAYER INTENTIONS POPE FRANCIS

For a life of prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

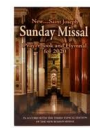
READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sat.	Reading 1: Acts of the Apostles 6:8-10; 7:54-59
	Gospel: Matthew 10:17-22
Sun.	Reading 1: Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3 (17B)
	Reading 2: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
	Gospel: Luke 1:22-40
Mon.	Reading 1: 1 John 1:5-2:2
	Gospel: Matthew 2:13-18
Tues.	Reading 1: 1 John 2:3-11
	Gospel: Luke 2:22-35
Wed.	Reading 1: 1 John 2:12-17
	Gospel: Luke 2:36-40
Thurs.	Reading 1: 1 John 2:18-21
	Gospel: John 1:1-18
Fri.	Reading 1: Numbers 6:22-27 (18ABC)
	Reading 2: Galatians 4:4-7
	Gospel: Luke 2:16-21



ATTENTION LECTORS, & USHERS: We need volunteers for Mary, Mother of God Masses. Please contact the parish office if you would like to volunteer for the following Masses:

Mary, Mother of God (December 31st & January 1st): 7:00 p.m. (Vigil) & 10:00 a.m. (Lectors, & Ushers)



ST JOSEPH SUNDAY MISSALS are available in the back of the church. This is an annual missal for parish participation. It contains the complete Masses for all Sundays and Holydays from the beginning of Advent through the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. The cost is \$5 each.

PARISH OFFICE will close at noon Thursday, December 31st and all day Friday, January 1st for New Year's Day.

NO 8:30 A.M. MASS on Tuesday, December 29th through Thursday, December 31st. There will be a Communion Service on those days.

"The Spirit of God is a spirit of peace, and he speaks and acts in peace and gentleness, never in tumult and agitation. ...If we want to recognize and follow the Spirit's motions, it is of the greatest importance to maintain a peaceful heart in all circumstances."

— Fr. Jacques Philippe, *In the School of the Holy Spirit*

Anticipated Offering Income	\$ 12,115
Actual Offering Income	\$ 14,328
Anticipated Offering Income to date	\$ 617,885
Actual Offering Income to date	\$ 595,718
YTD Offering: Over (Under)	\$ (22,167)
Budget Offering Year	\$ 630,000
Building Fund this week	\$ 0
Building Fund to date	\$ 7,951

NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Religious education classes: Catechists will continue to send lessons to parents' emails each week beginning January 10, 2021. Please encourage your sons and daughters to keep up with their faith formation on a weekly basis. God bless you for your understanding and participation.

The sacrament of Reconciliation for our second graders is tentatively scheduled for the first week of Lent (mid-February). Parents, please stress the form for the sacrament and prayers (Act of Contrition, Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be).

The next Confirmation class is forming. This class is for students who will be in the 11th or 12th grade in the fall of 2022. Confirmation preparation is a 2-year program and students must be enrolled in Religious Education classes at Our Savior or attend a Catholic High School. If you presently have a 9th or 10th grader not enrolled in religious education, please stop by the office for a registration form or download a form from the parish website.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church? Are you a Catholic who would like to learn more about your faith? Are you an adult Catholic who has never been confirmed? Please contact Jan Murray (633-6762, x206) for details on our process while COVID-19 restrictions are still in place.



Light Your Lamps (Luke 12.35)."

With just four short weeks, Advent can seem to just fly by. So, we must make every day count to fully prepare for the Christ Child's arrival. As Jesus told His Disciples: "Light your lamps and be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks (Luke 12.35-36)." We too are called to be servants to help others get ready for Jesus's knock. Invite the inactive Catholics in your life to the Advent Masses and a glorious Christmas Mass. Let them know they are most welcome to again receive the healing Sacrament of Reconciliation that Jesus gives us as a most precious Christmas gift to prepare us to receive the Holy Eucharist. Invite them also to *Catholics Returning Home*, six short sessions that help them prepare to receive these sacraments in the true Christmas spirit. There are no fees and dress is casual. Yet, these informal sessions will help them keep their true Christmas lights burning bright all year. Our Savior Parish is sponsoring the Mobile Deanery's CRH sessions this Christmas season at Our Savior Parish starting **January 7, 2021 at 7 PM**. For more information and to register, call Eileen Rettig at 251661-8619.

2021 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES are in the parish office. You may pick them up any time during office hours. If you would like to receive church envelopes, please contact the parish office.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for the months of January through March 2021 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.

YOUTH GROUP UPDATES/EVENTS

**Wishing Everyone
A Happy New Year!**

Thank You to everyone who donated to the Advent Food Boxes project. We collected 36 boxes of food to be donated to those in need in the Bayou La Batre Area and to our St. Vincent DePaul food pantry.

Our Savior youth would like to
Thank you for your support in this fundraiser!

Youth group is open to all Middle School Youth Group 6th-8th grade & High School Youth Group 9th-12th grade. Please contact Ms. Tina at youth@oursaviorparish.org or 251-633-6762 x 205, if you have any questions.



THANK YOU for your very kind donations to our home-bound & nursing home parishioners and to the Neighbor Center. Your generosity made an immediate difference in the lives of both groups. Through your donations we have been able to make their Christmas and New Year a lot brighter especially this year which has been a little challenging for all of us. Thanks again for your kindness.



Our Savior Parish

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Christmas Eve

December 24th 5:00 p.m. & Midnight

Christmas Day

December 25th 10:00 a.m.

Feast of the Holy Family

December 26th (Vigil) 5:00 p.m. & December 27th 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

December 31st (Vigil) 7:00 p.m. & January 1st 10:00 a.m.

Solemnity of the Epiphany

January 2nd (Vigil) 5:00 p.m. & January 3rd 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Have a Joyous Christmas & a Blessed New Year