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SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Catholics are encouraged to make a Spiritual Communion. Spiritual Communion is the desiring of Jesus Christ to enter our heart when we are unable for various reasons to receive actual Holy Communion. Pope Francis has urged Catholics to perform Spiritual Communion during the COVID-19 pandemic. This practice was established in the Church for centuries and recommended by several saints.

Act of Spiritual Communion

St. Alphonsus Liguori

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the
Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

TAI CHI CLASS



It is a low-impact; slow-motion exercise that is often described as "meditation in motion."

Classes meet: Mondays 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
in Jennings Hall.

- * Social distancing will be observed at all times.
- * Masks are encouraged.
- * No cost
- * Everyone is invited.

Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help



Mother of Perpetual Help, today we face so many difficulties. Your picture tells us so much about you. It reminds us to reach out and help those in need. Help us understand that our lives belong to others as much as they belong to us.

Mother of Perpetual Help, you have been blessed and favored by God. You became not only the Mother of the Redeemer, but Mother of the redeemed as well. We come to you today as your loving children. Watch over us and take care of us. As you held the child Jesus in your loving arms, so take us in your arms. Be a mother ready at every moment to help us. For God who is mighty has done great things for you, and God's mercy is from age to age on those who love God. Intercede for us, dear Mother, in obtaining pardon for our sins, love for Jesus, final perseverance, and the grace always to call upon you, Mother of Perpetual Help.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

O Mother of Perpetual Help, grant that I may ever invoke thy most powerful name, which is the safeguard of the living and the salvation of the dying. O purest Mary, O sweetest Mary, let thy name henceforth be ever on my lips. Delay not, O Blessed Lady, to help me, whenever I call on thee; for, in all my temptations, in all my needs, I shall never cease to call on thee, ever repeating thy sacred name, Mary, Mary.

O what consolation, what sweetness, what confidence, what emotion, fill my soul when I utter thy sacred name, or even only think of thee. I thank the Lord for having given thee, for my good so sweet, so powerful, so lovely a name. But I will not be content with merely uttering thy name. Let my love for thee prompt me ever to hail thee, Mother of Perpetual Help. *(Recite 3 Hail Mary's)*

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
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 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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Liturgy: Fr. David Tokarz
Parish Life Activities: Dolores Hale
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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 the parish office (251-633-6762) 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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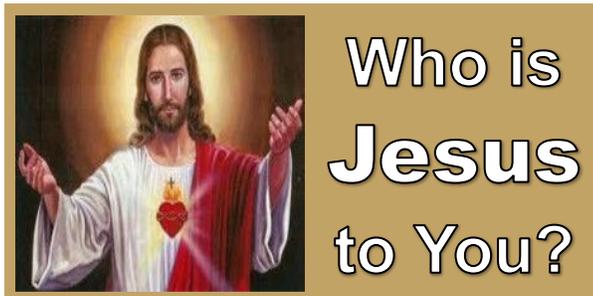
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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 31, 2021



POWER AND AUTHORITY

I'm sorry that this will seem too "academic" and perhaps even "pedantic," but it's what I have to offer, right now.

There are two Greek words that are of importance this weekend (even though only one features in the Scriptures for Mass): *dynamis* and *exousia*: "power" and "authority." The latter word has special meaning in this weekend's Gospel excerpt. We need to see their inter-relationship.

Clearly, Jesus had the "power"—He exorcised demons and healed the sick. This was overt, observable by all, and without doubt. The real question was (and is) where the power came from: in other words, we need to know (as He was asked by the chief priests, scribes, and elders, after He cleansed the Temple) "By what authority are you doing these things?" Perhaps a clearer translation of this phrase and its use of *exousia* for us would be "What/Who gives you the right to do these things?" This is critical: the power is undeniable; the issue is its source.

Jesus had a tendency to play "fast and loose" with Sabbath prescriptions ("The Son of Man is lord even over the Sabbath"), and for observant Jews this was a serious problem. So: what if His "power" comes from the "authority" of Satan, for the purposes of leading people astray from fidelity to Torah and God? Jesus was accused of this, as we know, and the charge was not dismissive or mean-spirited; folks needed to know. Of course, Jesus' reply to this charge is really brilliant (read Mark 3:20-27). He is effectively saying that even if this is the case, it's still Good News for you—the realm of the prince of demons is experiencing civil war, and his realm will fall! "But if it is by the finger of God..." (Luke 11:20).

This is Jesus' healing "authority," but He also has explicitly teaching authority. In our context this means that He doesn't bother to quote the precedents of previous rabbis in debating an issue—He declares on His own what is right and true (re-read Matthew 5:21-48, the so-called "Six Antitheses"), going so far as, if not correcting, at least expanding Torah. Who does He think He is—God??

That's for us to answer. "By what authority" is just a re-wording of the central question of St Mark's Gospel: "Who do you say that I am?" Remember—the answer to this question must be lived, not simply mouthed. Lent is coming—it will be the perfect time to reflect for ourselves our own personal, consequential response. Who do we say that He is? What difference does it make in our lives?

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

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Annie Mae Rumph 1/1/11	Linda Valente 1/16/2021
Margot Bean 1/2/15	Fela Quinones 1/17/16
Joyce Holub 1/3/11	Joe Kress, Sr. 1/17/2020
William McAdam, Sr. 1/3/13	Henry Guchereau 1/19/2021
Floyd Williams 1/3/13	Elwin A Rozyskie 1/20/16
Kenny McGee 1/3/18	Lothar Zenkert 1/20/12
Bill Lovorn 1/4/11	Chris Barnett 1/20/09
Margaret Bruce 1/4/2020	Steve Allman 1/20/14
Dorothy Stone 1/5/09	Ted Noller 1/20/14
Jean Adams 1/6/06	Sarah Cubley 1/21/06
Fred Adams 1/6/2021	Christopher Cubley 1/21/06
Betty Hulcher 1/7/17	Stella DeZego 1/22/68
Charles Rouss 1/7/18	Raymond Smith 1/22/13
Cherry Porter 1/8/16	Betty Jean Icard 1/22/18
Stella Abella 1/8/01	Nell Faulkner 1/24/08
Carla D'Amico 1/8/09	Joseph Mortellaro 1/24/16
James Tohill 1/8/17	Jo Ann Ming 1/24/16
Michael Lloyd 1/8/14	Joseph A. Hantouche 1/25/16
Al Darring 1/8/18	Joyce Jackson 1/26/03
Larry Huard 1/9/11	Ed Ferry 1/26/99
Chris Huggins 1/9/14	Yvonne Hacker 1/26/19
Theodore Toth 1/9/17	Joan Pignong 1/27/11
James Puckett 1/10/13	Clarence Berry 1/27/12
Ron Roberts 1/11/11	Anna Weber 1/27/19
Dennis Schneider 1/11/11	Margaret O'Connor 1/28/10
Sonya Leach 1/13/09	Cecilia Lyons 1/28/2020
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
Sam Signorelli 1/13/2021	Bill Saeger 1/31/2020
Winston Valente 1/14/2021	
Nora "Kitt" Hewlett 1/15/94	
Norman Foster 1/15/15	
Madeline Signorelli 1/15/2021	
Michael Tortora 1/16/15	
Charles Lankheit 1/16/13	

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm: Renee Nicholas (d)
Sunday 8:30 am: Mary Lozano (d)
11:00 am: People of the Parish
Tuesday 8:30 am: Elizabeth Jackson (d)
Wednesday 8:30 am: Millie Olzinski (d)
Thursday 8:30 am: George & Nellie Doyle (d)
Friday 8:30 am: Jose Aguirre (l)

Advertiser of the Week



PRAYER INTENTIONS POPE FRANCIS
Intention for Evangelization: – Human Fraternity
 May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sat. Reading 1: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19
Gospel: Mark 4:35-41
Sun. Reading 1: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 (71B)
Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35
Gospel: Mark 1:21-28
Mon. Reading 1: Hebrews 11: 32-40
Gospel: Mark 5:1-20
Tues. Reading 1: Malachi 3:1-4
Reading 2: Hebrews 2:14-18
Gospel: Luke 2:22-40
Wed. Reading 1: Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15
Gospel: Mark 6:1-6
Thurs. Reading 1: Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24
Gospel: Mark 6:7-13
Fri. Reading 1: Hebrews 13:1-8
Gospel: Mark 6:14-29

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.

COMMUNION SERVICE this week on Tuesday through Thursday while Fr David is recovering. The Mass Intentions shown for Tuesday through Thursday were offered at the morning Masses last week since his surgery was postponed.

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME will meet in the parish library on **Thursday evenings at 7 PM through February 11, 2021**. Masks and social distancing will be practiced. For more information contact Eileen Rettig at 251-661-8619. If no answer please leave a message.

Your continuous donations have allowed the St Vincent de Paul Society to help the poor with their rent, utilities, medical expenses, and many other needs. Please consider helping the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to bring the love and mercy of Jesus to those who feel left out and abandoned. If you are unable to drop money in the poor boxes, please mail your checks made payable to *St Vincent de Paul Society* to Our Savior Church. Thank you for your generosity over the years as you continue to help our Friends in Need.

"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

Anticipated Offering Income	\$	12,115
Actual Offering Income	\$	8,134
Anticipated Offering Income to date	\$	48,462
Actual Offering Income to date	\$	36,753
YTD Offering: Over (Under)	\$	(11,709)
Budget Offering Year	\$	630,000
Building Fund this week	\$	0
Building Fund to date	\$	603

PLEASE KEEP DONATING TO GOODWILL EASTER-SEALS GOOD SAMARITAN PROGRAM

ALL DONATION CENTERS WITH RETAIL LOCATIONS ARE OPEN DAILY 10:00 AM - 6:00PM, Azalea Road, Airport Road, Schillinger Road, Tillman's Corner and Moffett Road

YELLOW DONATION FORMS are available in the Parish Office but please call ahead. Please turn your yellow donation form into Goodwill when donating. This allows Our Savior and Saint Vincent de Paul Society to receive \$5 gift certificates for our Friends in Need. **THANK YOU, PARISHIONERS**, for your participation and generosity. Please contact Christina Richie should you have any questions.

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS



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.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS:

Doug & Tina Fridley and family
Brittany Combs



PRAY for Sam Signorelli who died January 13th. He was the brother of Esther Truxillo. **PRAY** for Madeline Signorelli who died January 15th. She was the sister-in-law of Esther Truxillo. **PRAY** for Henry Guchereau who died January 19th. He was the brother of Mary Alice Gregory. May they rest in peace.



CONGRATULATION to our newly baptized member: **Asher Minh Hinman** (parents: Kenneth & Nikki Hinman). We welcome you to our parish family.

"Since all our love for God is ultimately a response to His love for us, we can never love Him in the same way He loves us, namely, gratuitously. Since we are fundamentally dependent on God and in His debt for our creation and redemption, our love is always owed to Him, a duty, a response to His love. But we can love our neighbor in the same way that He loves us, gratuitously—not because of anything the neighbor has done for us or because of anything that we owe him, but simply because love has been freely given to us. We thereby greatly please the Father."

- Ralph Martin, *Fulfillment of All Desire*, p. 261

YOUTH GROUP UPDATES/EVENTS

Youth group is open to all Middle School Youth 6th-8th grade & High School Youth 9th-12th grade.

Parents and Youth if you would like to be added to the email/constant contact list so you can receive updates please send your email to youth@oursaviorparish.org. Remember for me to add any youth to the youth email list I need your parent's permission. Our goal here at Our Savior is to provide a safe place to come together with your peers.

We will have a planning meeting on Sunday, January 31st in Jennings Hall. We will begin making plans for Souper Bowl of Caring and the first ever Arch Mob Youth Fest! Please let me know if you can attend so I can plan accordingly. Parents Welcomed!

Please contact Ms. Tina at youth@oursaviorparish.org or 251-633-6762 x 205, if you have any questions.

NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Religious education classes: As emailed lessons continue, 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 scheduled for the Tuesday after Ash Wednesday. Parents, please stress the form for the sacrament and prayers (Act of Contrition, Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be). First Eucharist will be celebrated in May at a date to be announced.

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. Parents with students at McGill-Toolen Catholic High School please send your student's name and present grade to Jan Murray at re@oursaviorparish.org

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL



If you have not returned your Catholic Charities pledge card, please do so now. If you prefer to donate online, you can text "CCA" to 91999 for a link. Envelopes are available in the pew. It is our goal to have every family participate to the best of their ability. We ask that you answer the Call to Give to those in need through your prayerful generosity to this year's Catholic Charities Appeal. Please, help our Parish meet our goal of **\$129,500** this year and obtain 100% participation.

UPDATE FROM JAN MURRAY

The Annual Catholic Charities Appeal has begun. This weekend is our second chance to participate. To date we have **41** pledges totaling **\$27,900** so we have a ways to go to meet our goal of 100% participation and **\$129,500**. Thank you to all who have already pledged. Please pray about the Appeal and decide how you can participate. If you have not participated in the past, please consider doing so this year. No amount is too small. \$5, \$10, \$20 given from the heart is a blessing to those in need. You can even designate your gift for Direct Aid to the Poor or one of the other causes listed in the brochure. God bless you for your generosity!