



Resurrection Catholic Church
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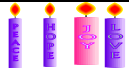
Fr. Manuel Williams, C.R., Pastor

✠ Sr. Rita Washington, S.F.C.C., Director of Religious Ed.
 Mr. Leon Moore, Parish Council President
 Mr. W. Clifford Petty, Pastoral Musician

Sr. Gilda Marie Bell, Minister of Care
 Mrs. Michelle Coe, Administrative Assistant
 Mrs. Alcyne Harris, Clerical Assistant

MASS SCHEDULE: Sunday – 9:00 a.m.; **Holy Days** – 6:00 p.m., **Daily Hours:** Thursday, 9:00 a.m. with the school
 Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; Friday 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

SUNDAY DECEMBER 23, 2018-- THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



SACRIFICIAL GIVING: Thanks be to God and to you for your support of your Church last Sunday. May God continue to inspire us to share time, talent and treasure with this faith community.

Weekly Offering (Church Collection): \$4,675.00
Collection Basket: \$3,643.00 / Online: \$532.00 / Mailed \$500.00
Church Collection YTD: \$228,303.21
 Building Fund: \$35.00
Building Fund YTD Total: \$5,589.00
 75th Anniversary: \$50.00
75th Anniversary Total: \$11,891.00
ICO: \$15.00
Food Pantry: \$65.00
 Poinsettias: \$242.00
Poinsettias Total: \$415.00



In the first reading, God promises King David that his house and his kingdom will endure forever. It is through Mary's "Yes" – "I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say." – that the promise finds fulfillment.

(Luke 1:38)

C H R I S T M A S G R E E T I N G



The Christmas Spirit is the Holy Spirit that lets us love each other. Let the spirit of love gently fill our hearts. Let us remember God's gift to the world. Not just for Christmas, but for every single day. May peace be your gift at Christmas and your blessing all year through!

*Blessed Christmas,
 Fr. Manuel, and Your Pastoral Staff*

CHRISTMAS MASS



Come share with us in a night of word, music, and dance as we welcome our newborn King!
 Midnight Mass will be celebrated tomorrow, December 24 and will begin with an 11:30 p.m. prelude. **Christmas Day Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday at 11:00 a.m.**

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE



Interested in seeing "The Gospel of Luke" at Alabama Shakespeare Festival with us? Resurrection Catholic Missions has a few reserved seats for the 7:00 p.m. show on Friday, December 28 for just \$26.00. For more information and tickets, contact Michelle Coe via email at Mcoe@rcmsouth.org.

Email: Sr. Gilda Bell at sgildab@yahoo.com * Michelle Coe at mcoe@rcmsouth.org * Clifford Petty at cpetty@rcmsouth.org or Alcyne Harris at aharris@rcmsouth.org

CONTACT IN THE PARISH AND MISSION CENTER

Apostles of the Resurrection
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Bulletin
Burse Club
Choir, Adult
Church Environment
Confirmation Class
Eucharistic Ministers
Hospitality Committee
Interfaith Community Outreach
Knights of Peter Claver
Knights of Peter Claver, Ladies' Auxiliary
Knights of Peter Claver Jr. Daughters Counselor
Knights of Peter Claver Jr. Knights Commander
Knights of Peter Claver Jr. Knights Assistant Commander
Lectors
Liturgical Dancers
Marriage Preparation
Mass Program/Songsheet
Minister of Care
Nazareth /Resurrection Alumni Director
Nazareth /Resurrection Alumni Organization
Our Lady's Sodality
Parish Council
Religious Education
RCIA
Resurrection Catholic School
Resurrection Catholic School PTO
Youth Ministry

Evelyn Harris
 Angela Barnes
 Gladys Copeland
 John Carpenter, Derek Coe
 Vera McDonald
 Alcyne Harris
 Kelley Calloway
 W. Clifford Petty
 Thelma Williams, Erma Carter
 Leon Moore, Vonzetta Graham
 Fr. Manuel Williams, C.R., Sr. Gilda Bell
 Wanda Twitty
 Salena Moore
 Grand Knight W. Clifford Petty
 Grand Lady Yolanda Sayles Robinson
 Lady Vicki Golson
 Knight Dr. Theodore Smith
 Knight Keith Golson
 Airy Thomas
 Erika Brooks, Linda Carpenter, Nora Powell, LaShaundra Ross
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 Vera McDonald
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 President, Leon Moore
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 Vera McDonald, Fr. Manuel C.R., Sr. Gilda Bell
 Principal, Tamarcus Milner
 Mr. Keith Golson
 Linda Carpenter, Farley Rudolph

ONLINE GIVING: [HTTPS://OSVONLINEGIVING.COM/1006](https://osvonlinegiving.com/1006)

PRAY FOR THE UNBORN: The Rosary is said every 2nd Sunday before Mass. Please join us in the Sanctuary.
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Preparation and celebration of sacrament scheduled as needed. **Call the parish office.**
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION is celebrated before Mass, and by appointment.
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: The Archdiocese requires a four-month preparation period before marriage. A couple **must** inform the Parish Office before a date is set.
SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST: In order to receive the sacrament of First Eucharist in second grade, children must regularly participate in Catholic religious' education in Kindergarten and First Grade.
CONFIRMATION: In order to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, young people must have regularly participated in Catholic religious' education from First Eucharist until they are a junior in High School. Classes are held the last Tuesday of each month.
RCIA: Adult religious education classes – every Wednesday at 7 p.m. from September through Pentecost.
SUNDAY SCHOOL/CCD: Children/youth religious education classes every Sunday after Mass, September through May.
OUR LADY'S SODALITY meets every 1st Sunday after Mass in the Fr. Richard Administration Building
KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER meets every 2nd Sunday after Mass in the Fr. Richard Administration Building
KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER, LADIES' AUXILIARY meets every 2nd Sunday in the Fr. Richard Administration Building
KPC/KPCLA meets jointly every 5th Sunday in the Fr. Richard Administration Building
KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER, JUNIOR KNIGHTS meets every 3rd Sunday after CCD
NAZARETH / RESURRECTION ALUMNI ORGANIZATION meets every 4th Thursday of the month in the Villa Conference Room
NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome to Resurrection! PLEASE REGISTER. Forms are available in the vestibule.

BULLETIN: To ensure that your bulletin announcement appears in the Sunday bulletin, please submit your announcements **no later than Wednesday, 4:30 p.m.** Email your announcement to mcoe@rcmsouth.org, parish@rcmsouth.org, call 263-4221, fax it to Mrs. Alcyne Harris at 263-4999, or bring it by the parish office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 3** RCS K-8 students return
- January 5-10** Yale University Winter Service Visit
- January 7** RCS Pre-K students return
- January 7-13** National Migration Week, Many Journeys, One Family
- January 15** ACCW Winter Quarter Luncheon & Meeting, St. Bede Catholic Church
- January 16** School Mass with Archbishop Rodi
- January 12-19** St. John's University, Jamaica, NY Winter Service Visit
- January 20-21** Wellesley College Visit
- January 22-27** International World Youth Day
- January 25-27** Men's ENIGMA Retreat, Villa Conference Room
- February 22** KPC Mardi Gras Ball, Resurrection Catholic School, 8:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m., RCS gymnasium, black-tie

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

- December 23:** Emanuel Obi
- December 24:** John Adams, Kristopher Maye, Rebecca Mohr, Vincent Peck
- December 25:** Rickey Brown
- December 26:** Ashiya Long, Raymond Wilson
- December 27:** Dibé Djonret
- December 28:** V'Sean Golson (19), Alesha Thomas
- December 29:** Trinity Smith (19), Nelson Summerlin, III
- December 30:** Loretta Williams, Clarence Harris, Jr.
- December 31:** Yemiah Levett (21), Victoria Maddox, Gwendolyn Nicks
- January 1:** Maurice Asouzu, Robert E. Johnson, Rosalyn Stanford, Lori Burke, Michael Burke
- January 3:** Courtney Barlow, Tyrone Brown, Kerry Knox, Murray Maye, Chelsye Peck (11)
- January 4:** Marcus Carpenter, Ashley Carvalho, Lauren Carvalho, Ohaegi Perkins-Childs (19), Derek Thomas
- January 5:** Natasha Broughton, Moses Butcher, Sr., James Moore

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

- December 30:** Leon & Lynette Moore (46)

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- December 23, 1867** Madame C.J. Walker, millionaire cosmetologist, born in Delta, LA
- December 23, 1970** World Trade Center (NYC) became the world's largest office building
- December 25, 1956** Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth survives the bombing of his home in Birmingham, AL
- December 26** Feast of St. Stephen, patron of stonemasons
- December 27** Feast of St. John Apostle, patron of sculptors and printers
- December 29** Feast of St. Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury
- December 29, 1962** The Supremes made their first musical debut

Ministry Schedule					
	Eucharist	Lectors	Gifts	Servers	Ushers
TODAY <i>December 23, 2018</i> <i>The Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	Kaitlin Coe Jackson, Nora Powell, Maggie Stringer	Sean Golson & Kiara Peters Wreath: Rena Ross	The Kelley Calloway Family	Andrew Hargrove, Cameron Prince, Cet-Ki Williams	Marcus Carpenter, Delores Coe, Leon Moore, Nora Powell, Cynthia Taylor
<i>December 24, 2018</i> <i>Christmas Midnight</i>	Sr. Gilda Bell, Gladys Copeland, Denise Vaughn	Derrilyn Leach Wilson & Dymon Burke	Kendra Golson, Daniel Jones, Kara Jones	Jerome Broughton, Derek Coe, Eugene Elmore, Jr.	Walter Davis, William Golson, Leon Moore, Nora Powell, Wanda Twitty
NEXT SUNDAY <i>December 30, 2018</i> <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph</i>	Michelle Coe, Richetta Stanford, Joan Thomas	Jason Carpenter & Koby Tate	Renardo Smith, Nanyamka Shukura	Jalen Barlow, Angel Calloway, Chandler Ross	Jerome Broughton, Patricia German, Constance Sator, Kippy Tate, Airy Thomas

PRAYER LIST

Marian Alexander, Leo Allen, Brandon Anderson, Kendrick Arrington, II, Bridget Barlow, Dorothy Barlow, Vickie Barlow, Barry Barber, Carey Barnes, Alma Beasley, Arnold Bell, Essie Bell, Kevin Bell, Ethel Bell, Lois Bivens, Melanie J. Sparks Bosak, Elmore Boyd, Johnny Brannon, Jerome Broughton, Anthony Burden, John Carpenter, Father David Carucci, Michelle Coe, Cassandra Copeland, Steward Copeland, Charlotte Corbin, Bernice Crenshaw, Doris Crenshaw, Mary Cuffe, Mecylah Danley, Sarah Davis, Margarete Day, Fr. Stan Deresienski, SSE, Japonica Ellis, Msgr. Michael L. Farmer, Cecilia Fike, Brandi Fisher, Doyle Flowers, Rex Flowers, Joan Ford, Lucinda Garrison Fowler, Helen Foster, Sr. Gloria Fox, C.R., Robert Ganucheau, John German, Terry German, Edward Goellner, Veronica Goellner, Yvette Wilcox Goellner, Cecile Gray, Michelle Greer, Dorothy Guilford, Samuel James Guadalupe, Sr. Patsy Guyton, S.F.C.C., Debbie Hall, Doris Hall, Phyllis Hall, Alcyne Harris, Clarence Harris, Evelyn Harris, Kevin Harris, Marcy Harris, Barry Hedblom, Lois Herndon, Ophelia Hill, Jacqueline Hudson, Iris Hurd Hunter, Kevin Jackson, Priscilla Jackson, Veronica Jackson, Rebecca James, Mary Ellen Jeter, Ethel Garrison Johnson, Gail Johnson, Johnetta Johnson, Roxy Jones, Tricia Keeton, Debbie Kemsel, Felicia Kenney, Marie Kenny, Nathan Kozel, Frances Knight, Shaquille LaFond, Jewel Lewis, Kathy Long, Rosetta Lovelace, Andre Lyke, Most Reverend Oscar H. Lipscomb, Clarence Manly, Robert Masline, Deacon Stanley Maxwell, Melanie McDonald, Vera McDonald, Betty McGowan, Jamil McKenzie, Deanna McRay, Cyndi Messina, Cyntina Milner, Makena Milner, Sr. Carolyn Minert, C.R., Courtney Minor, James Minor, Jacqueline Montgomery, Evelyn Moore, James Moore, Sr., Samuel Moore, Benjamin Morton, Mabel Neely, Gene Nelson, LaTonya Nicks, Eleazor Nikoi, Lula B. Nikoi, Carolyn Norvel, Audrey O'Connor, Keesha Peterson, Ronnie Peters, Elaine Poole, Michael Pitts, Alaida Pugh, Jerry Radka, Alex Ragesdalle, Joel Rivera, Farley Rudolph, Loretta Deville Salomon, Gene Sator, Lula Sayles, Mildred Selmar, Fr. David Shoemaker, Herbert Smith, Jr., Ruth Smith, Dr. Theodore Smith, Willie Ann Smith, Yvette Smiley Smith, Vernon Snoddy, Valentine Spencer, Victor Splitt, Timothy Spraggins, Richetta Cofield Stanford, Carol Stevens, Ernestine Stephens, Ronald Stephens, Deacon Allen Stevens, Barbara Stevens, Rubye Sullivan, Fr. Gene Szarek, C.R., Carrie Tarver, Fr. Kenneth Taylor, Jonathan Landon Taylor, Brenda Tell, The Telleria Family, Derek Thomas, The Lewis Thompson Family, Faye Thornton, Sherman & Merle Todd, Mary Trainor, Dolores Turner, Charles Twitty, Mary Yon, Iris Vanessa Vaughn, Marie Washington, Jemellia Webb, Steve Webb, Ashley Whatley, Brenda White, Kevin Wilcox, Lorena Wilkerson, Edward Williams, Deacon Nathan Williams, Deborah Willis.

Engaged Couples: Alida Pugh & Brannan Cunningham; Jarred Twitty & Shaunté Bailey

Homebound Parishioners: Bridget Barlow, Sarah Davis, Jessie Hudson, Mabel Neely, Carol Roper, Sheila Sprowl, Edna Thornton, Edward Williams

Military Deployed, Overseas or In Training: Steven Beasley, Aaron Billups, Alexander Buchanan, Heidi Hedblom, Terrance Perkins, and Wesley Pitts.

✠ **Mr. Alfred Snoddy**, the brother of Wanda Twitty, brother-in-law of Charles Twitty, and uncle of Jarred Twitty, entered eternal life on Tuesday, December 18, 2018. Funeral services were held on Saturday, December 22, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. from Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church, Eutaw, AL.


Eternal life grant unto him Lord and may perpetual light shine upon him. Prayerful condolences and the promise of prayers are extended to the entire Snoddy and Twitty families.

PARISH NEWS


DECEMBER GRADUATES

Congratulations to Kendra Golson who graduated with a BS in Human Services from Troy University on December 14 and Kimberly Henderson who graduated from Troy University-Montgomery Campus with a BS degree in History on December 17, 2018.

PARISH CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

 The Parish and Mission offices will be closed Monday, December 24 – Wednesday, December 26 in observance of Christmas. The offices will be closed on Monday, December 31 and Tuesday, January 1 in observance of the New Years Holidays.


CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

 **Children's Liturgy of the Word will begin on Sunday, January 6.** It will be held the second Sunday of each month and is offered for ages 2 – 2nd grade. Call Kaitlin Coe-Jackson at (334) 513-9777.


Thank You

The Sunday School Program, PreK-6th Grade, would like to thank the Catechists, students and their parents for a job well done on the program, "Shepherds, Sheep and a Savior", last Sunday. A special thank you for those who joined us in a special tribute to Sr. Rita Washington, SFCC..

POINSETTIA PLANTS


 The poinsettia plants are \$6.00 for 6-1/2" pots, \$12.00 for 8" pots or \$14.00 for 10" baskets. Order forms may be found on the table in the vestibule.

Sanctuary Candle Remembrance

 The Sanctuary Candle is lit for the week of December 23-29 *in remembrance of all who have entered eternal life this year. May they experience the joy of eternal life.*


YOUTH MINISTRY

With Heartfelt Thanks

 Christmas is about giving! Mrs. Salena Moore, Director of Interfaith Community Outreach Program, extends heartfelt thanks to all members of our parish who helped make Christmas more meaningful this year for our seniors. As always, we thank you to our Youth Council for sponsoring a successful Angel Tree Drive.


KPC NEWS

MARDI GRAS BALL

 The Knights of Peter Claver, Father Manuel Williams Council and Court #345, invites you to their sixth Annual Mardi Gras Ball on Friday, February 22, 2019 at Resurrection School gymnasium from 8:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. This is a formal black-tie affair. The cost is \$50.00 per person.


RESURRECTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Happy Holidays!

 The Christmas holidays fill us with joy, peace and love. The Scriptures remind us of the true meaning of Christmas. God gave his best gift, Jesus, the Savior of the World. Resurrection Catholic School students, **K-8 Grades will return on Thursday, January 3, 2019. Pre-K students return on January 7. Merry Christmas!!**

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

ENIGMA RETREAT

 **enigma** *Even Now I Give Myself Away!* A Discernment Retreat for young black Catholic men, ages 16 & up, and for young black men who attend Catholic Schools will have a retreat Friday, January 25 – Sunday, January 27 at Resurrection Catholic Missions. Attendees should arrive by 6:30 p.m. Friday and plan to depart after 2:00 p.m. Sunday. For more information and reservations, call Michellle Coe at (334) 230-1964 or e-mail at mcoe@rcmsouth.org. Please see flyer in today's bulletin.

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS SCHEDULES

Christmas Day Mass will be celebrated at the following churches:

St. Bede.....8:30 a.m.
Holy Spirit.....9:00 a.m.
St. Joseph, Prattville.....9:00 a.m.
St. Peter.....10:00 a.m.
Queen of Mercy.....10:00 a.m.
Resurrection Catholic Church.....11:00 a.m.

ANNUAL PRAYER BREAKFAST



"We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools."

Bishop Baker and the Office of Black Ministry will present a Diocesan Prayer Breakfast in Commemoration of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Saturday, January 12 at 10:00 a.m. in the Cathedral of Saint Paul Parish Life Center, downtown Birmingham. The speaker will be Ms. Therese Wilson Favors, professor, educator, catechist and writer. The guest choir will be Saint Paul's Diocesan Gospel choir. Tickets are \$20.00 and may be purchased through the Office of Black Ministry. Call Mr. James Watts Jr. at (205) 838-8313 or email jwatts@bhmdiocese.org.


ADORATION CHAPEL



The Montgomery Area Perpetual Adoration Chapel at Our Lady Queen of Mercy Church on Narrow Lane Road needs committed adorers and prayer partners.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

FREE CERTIFIED INCOME TAX PREP

 SaveFirst, sponsored by Auburn University, Montgomery, Troy University, Montgomery, and Faulkner University offers FREE certified tax preparation and electronic filing services for working families and individuals. We provide these services for households earning up to \$55,000.00 with children, or up to \$20,000.00 without children. Appointments begin mid-January. To make an appointment call the SaveFirst appointment hotline at 1-888-99-TAX-AL.

MLK COMMUNITY CELEBRATION



The 5th Annual MLK Celebration will be held on Friday, January 18, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. at the Davis Theater.

This celebration is sponsored by Friends of the Theatre, ASU College of Visual and Performing Arts, and Troy University. The event will feature The Montgomery Interfaith Choir and Presentation of The Beloved Community Awards. Matinee tickets are \$5.00 and evening tickets are \$10.00. Call (334) 229-6755 or visit www.keepersofthedream.org.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY



CompTIA Security+ is the certification that covers the essential principles for network security and risk management threats and vulnerabilities. This preparation boot camp will be held on January 14 - February 7 at 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Troy University Montgomery in conjunction with Trenholm State Community College, TechMGM and the Alabama Community College System. A basic knowledge of computers and networking is required. Full scholarships for tuition is now available. Class is limited to 18 participants. Apply today. Call Renita Scott (334) 420-4400 or e-mail rscott@trenholmstate.edu. For more information, see sheets in the vestibule.

MONTGOMERY DEANERY ACCW



The Winter Quarterly ACCW Meeting, Mass and Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, January 15 at St. Bede Catholic Church. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. Cost is \$16.00. Please RSVP by Thursday, January 10 to Mary Chamberland at 272-6906.

RESPECT LIFE



"To couples who cannot have children of their own, you are no less loved by God; your love for each other is complete and fruitful when it is open to others."

*Pope Saint John Paul, II
February 13, 1982 homily
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We pray for married couples who long to welcome a child into their family. May the coming of the Christ Child bring hope and peace.