



Resurrection Catholic Church
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Sr. Gilda Marie Bell, Minister of Care
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Mr. Leon Moore, Parish Council President
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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 13, 2020 – THE THIRD 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):** \$6,987.57
Dropped off/Mailed: \$4,084.57 / Online: \$2,903.00
- Building Fund:** \$40.00
- Interfaith Community Outreach** \$160.00
- Sanctuary Candle:** \$40.00
- School**..... \$10.00

“Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” – 1 Thessalonians 5:16 - 18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. “Rejoice always” means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. “Pray constantly” means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. “Give thanks in all circumstances” means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

ADVENT



A Joyful Sunday. The Third Sunday of Advent is also known as *Gaudete* Sunday. The word “*gaudete*” is derived from the Latin words “*gaudium*,” joy, and “*gaudeo*,” to rejoice or be glad. *Gaudete* Sunday occurs eight to thirteen days before Christmas, and the nearness of the feast is reason for great joy.

The Term “Gaudete.” *Gaudete* is taken from the Entrance Antiphon: “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near” (paraphrase, Phil 4:4-5). Advent is a time of joyful expectation and eager preparation for the Solemnity of Christmas.

Multiple Reasons for Joy. There is joy in looking forward to the annual celebration of Christmas, but there is also joy in recalling the birth of Jesus on the first Christmas. The joy is heightened because he was born to save us from our sins (Mt 1:21b). The joy also extends to anticipation of the Second Coming, either at the end of physical life or the end of the world, the time when believers will be given the crown of righteousness (2 Tm 4:8) and a place in the Father’s house (Jn 14:2) to dwell with God and his angels and saints for all eternity.

Gaudete Sunday – The Third Sunday of Advent - TheCatholicSpirit.com : TheCatholicSpirit.com

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL PTO



Resurrection Catholic School PTO is selling smoked Boston Butts on Saturday, December 19. Pickup at 3:00 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the students at **Resurrection Catholic School**. The cost is \$30.00 each. **Please preorder no later than Friday, December 16.** Call PTO President, Keith Golson at (334) 868-9404.

CONTACTS IN THE PARISH AND MISSION CENTER

- Apostles of the Resurrection
 - Apostolate for Persons with Disabilities
 - Achdiocesan Pastoral Council
 - Altar Servers
 - Baptism Classes
 - 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. Daughter Counselor
 - Knights of Peter Claver Jr. Daughter Assistant Counselor
 - Knights of Peter Claver Jr. Knight Commander
 - Knights of Peter Claver Jr. Knight Assistant Commander
 - Lectors
 - Liturgical Dancers
 - Marriage Preparation
 - Mass Program/Songsheet
 - Minister of Care
 - Nazareth /Resurrection Alumni Organization
 - Notary Public
 - Our Lady 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
 - Regina Sadler
 - Michelle Coe
 - 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 Derek Coe
 - Grand Lady Yolanda Sayles Robinson
 - Lady Vicki Golson
 - Lady Yolonda Dickerson
 - Knight Keith Golson
 - Knight Brandon Thomas
 - Airy Thomas
 - Erica Brooks, Linda Carpenter, Nora Powell, LaShaundra Jackson
 - Fr. Manuel Williams, C.R.
 - W. Clifford Petty
 - Fr. Manuel Williams, C.R., Sr. Gilda Bell
 - President, Teresa Anderson Woods
 - Michelle Coe
 - President, Deborah Jefferson
 - President, Leon Moore
 - Regina Sadler
 - Fr. Manuel C.R., Sr. Gilda Bell, Leon Moore
 - Principal, Dr. Martha Pettway
 - Mr. Keith Golson
 - Linda Carpenter

- 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.**
- 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 Villa
- 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
- KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER, JUNIOR DAUGHTERS** meets every 2nd Sunday after CCD
- NAZARETH / RESURRECTION ALUMNI ORGANIZATION** meets every 4th Thursday of the month in the Villa
- NEW PARISHIONERS:** *Welcome to Resurrection!* **PLEASE REGISTER.** Forms are available in the vestibule.

BULLETIN: To ensure that your 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 or call (334) 230-1964.

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

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Dec. 17 Advent Bible Study via Zoom, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

December 13 Tiatay Harris, Christopher Jackson, Nora Rita Powell
December 14 Myleigh Butcher (14), Gladys Copeland, Rhea Lyons
December 15 Lakesha Powell, Katori Rainne Stanford (10), Alvin Dwight Thomas
December 16 Mona Davis, James Dawson, Jo'Liam Golson (11), William Turner
December 17 Elmore Patterson
December 18 Katelyn Childs (15)
December 19 Alnita Peters
December 20 Caleb Ross (9), Ruby Wooding
December 21 Tomiko Stanford Porter
December 24 Kristopher Maye, Rebecca Mohr

ANNIVERSARIES

December 18 Janice and Dwight Thomas (49 years)
December 20 Acquanetta and Richard Knight (40 years), Patrice and Emmanuel Obi (27 years)

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

December 13, 1983 Wilton D. Gregory ordained Catholic Bishop for Chicago, IL
December 13, 1903 Ella Baker, civil rights and human rights activist born in Norfolk, VA. She died on her birthday in 1986 in New York, NY.
December 14 Feast of St. John of the Cross
December 14, 1819 Alabama is admitted as the 22nd state, making 11 slave states and 11 free states.
December 14, 1829 John M. Lanston, abolitionist/educator/politician born in Louisa County, VA.
December 15, 1791 The Bill of Rights became law, thereby guaranteeing the rights of all U.S. Citizens.
December 15, 1943 "Fats" Waller, jazz pianist, died in Kansas City, MO.
December 16, 1870 The Negro Methodist Episcopal Church founded.
December 16, 1976 President Jimmy Carter appoints Andrew Young, the first African-American, as Ambassador to the United Nations.
December 17, 1996 Pierre Toussaint declared Venerable by Pope John Paul, II.
December 1, 1991 Michael Jordan named Sportsman of the Year by *Sports Illustrated*
December 18, 1865 Slavery is abolished in the United States. The 13th Amendment is formally adopted into the U.S. Constitution, ensuring that "neither slavery nor involuntary servitude... shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction."
December 19, 1875 Carter G. Woodson, historian and father of Black History, born in Canton, VA.
December 19, 1891 Charles Uncles, SSJ, 1st Black priest ordained in the U.S.

PRAYER REQUESTS



Marian Alexander, Leo Allen, Kendrick Arrington, II, Rev. Richard Balazs, C.R., Columbia Baldwin, Bridget Barlow, Dorothy Barlow, Rhonda Barlow, Vickie Barlow, Barry Barber, Carey Barnes, Dakari Barnes, Rev. Steve Bartczyszyn, C.R., Alma Beasley, Arnold Bell, Kevin Bell, Ethel Bell, Lois Bivens, Elmore Boyd, Jerome Broughton, Jennifer Tarver Brown, Anthony Burden, Erica Butler, Tim Butler, Sr., John Carpenter, Erma Carter, Father David Carucci, Sr. Helen Colbert, C.S.J., Gladys Copeland, Charlotte Corbin, Bernice Crenshaw, Mecylah Danley, Annie David, Sarah Davis, Margarete Day, Lady Yolonda Dickerson, Gene Elmore, Elsie Finner, Joan Ford, Helen Foster, Sr. Gloria Fox, C.R., Vivian Fox, Annie Franklin, David Franklin, Jr., David Franklin, Sr., Ida Freely, Tonya Franklin, Roneshia Gardner, John German, Terry German, Edward Goellner, Veronica Goellner, Yvette Wilcox Goellner, Anthony Golson, Mrs. Jeannie Graetz, Michelle Greer, George Guilford, Cristina Guillet, Sr. Patsy Guyton, S.F.C.C., Debbie Hall, Doris Hall, Andrew Hargrove, Sr., Andrew Hargrove, Jr., Athena Hargrove, Alcyne Harris, Evelyn Harris, Kevin Harris, Marcy Harris, Barry Hedblom, Ophelia Hill, Jacqueline Hudson, Iris Hurd Hunter, Fr. Victor Ingalls, Cornelius Jackson, Kevin Jackson, Veronica Jackson, Rebecca James, Mary Ellen Jeter, Regina Jobe, Ethel Garrison Johnson, Gail Johnson, Johnetta Johnson, Roxy Jones, Betty Kerman, Felicia Kenney, Marie Kenny, Nathan Kozel, Frances Knight, Shaquille LaFond, Jewel Lewis, Rosetta Lovelace, Fay Lyons, Mildred Maddox, Ivy Malden, Clarence Manly, Melanie McDonald, Shawn McDonald, Betty McGowan, Jamil McKenzie, Deanna McRay, Sr. Carolyn Minert, C.R., Courtney Minor, James Minor, Jacqueline Montgomery, James Moore, Kyle Moore, Sr., LaTonya Nicks, Lula B. Nikoi, Carolyn Norvel, Fr. William Norvel, S.S.J., Dorothy J. Ogden, Audrey O'Connor, Ronnie Peters, Willie Petty, Elaine Poole, Michael Pitts, Albert Pickett, Marvin Pickett, Alaida Pugh, Jerry Radka, Alex Ragesdalle, Fr. Pierre Riches' Family & Friends, Joel Rivera, Dennis Romano, Farley Rudolph, Lula Sayles, Curtis Scott, Tony Scott, Mildred Selmar, Rhonda Shell, Fr. David Shoemaker, Herbert Smith, Jr., Ruth Smith, Willie Ann Smith, Yvette Smiley Smith, Roosevelt Smitherman, Victor Splitt, Timothy Spraggins, Richetta C. Stanford, Carol Stevens, Ernestine Stephens, Ronald Stephens, Allen Stevens, Barbara Stevens, Susan Strauss, Clarence Stringer, Rubye Sullivan, Fr. Gene Szarek, C.R., Carrie Tarver, Cynthia Taylor, Jonathan Taylor, Brenda Tell, Anthony Thomas, Jr., Derek Thomas, Nia Thomas, Lewis Thompson Family, Michael Washington, Edna Thornton, Faye Thornton, Sherman & Merle Todd, Dolores Turner, Charles Twitty, Martha Varner, Iris Vanessa Vaughn, Zachary Walk, Marie Washington, Jemellia Webb, Steve Webb, Annie Webster, Franklin Webster, Ashley Whatley, Brenda White, Lorena Wilkerson, Edward Williams, Deacon Nathan Williams, Thelma Williams, Deborah Willis, Jane Young.

PRAY FOR OUR HEALTH CARE WORKERS: *Brandon Anderson, Maurice Asouzu, Erica Brooks, Christopher Fenderson, Regina Gibson, Vicki Golson, Myrtle Goore Davis, Cassandra Henderson, Phillip Lyman, Theresa Maye, Patrice Obi, Keyla Petty, Alida Pugh, Lauren Rowe, Gracie Sayles, Regina Skrivanek, Jameson & Tashawna Stokes, Bryan Strickland, Ann Summerlin, Kanika Thomas, Martha Varner & Twila Wheat.*

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS: Bridget Barlow, Sarah Davis, Carol Roper, Sheila Sprowl, Dolores Turner, Edward Williams.

PARISH NEWS

Sanctuary Candle



The Sanctuary Candle is lit for the week of December 13-19, 2020 that all can find joy in the waiting for the coming of the Newborn Christ.

COME FOR THE BREAD OF LIFE



Resurrection Parish invites parishioners to come to the Church on **Sunday, December 29, 2020** between **1:00 pm - 2:00 pm** for a

Communion Service. A brief service is followed by distribution of the Eucharist. Enter through the front doors of the Church, proceed up the main aisle...observing social distancing....and depart through the side doors near the sanctuary.

Those who desire may remain in the Church and socially distant pray in the pews for a period of time. Masks must be worn right up until the time of receiving the sacred species.

Communion is offered once a month on the last Sunday of the month until we are able to gather together again as a parish family of faith.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS



Keep in your prayers the young people who will receive the sacrament of First Eucharist when we are able to gather as a faith community again – **Chandler Bassett, Andrew Davis, Kennedy Dunson, Rachel Hurd, Ta'Corey Richardson and London Rudolph..**

WEDDING BANNES!



Please pray for **Audrienna Jackson** and **Johnny Brannon** who prepare to be joined in the sacrament of Holy Matrimony on Jan. 16, 2021.

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Sunday School classes are held twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in the school. Snacks will be available.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Students in the Confirmation Class will meet, **Sunday, December 27**, and on the last Sunday of each month from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the school.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY



The weekly Bible study is exploring **The Gospel According to Mark.** To participate in the last session, visit the RCM website at www.rcmsouth.org.

Look for the slide with the four Advent candles. There are two clickable links. One link will take you directly to the Zoom session. The other link directs you to the calendar where you can add the session to your own personal calendar.

To prepare for the final session read the remaining chapters of Mark's Gospel. Fr. Manuel presents the lesson with opportunity for questions and answers. This week's class will be held on **Thursday, December 13, 2020** from **6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

HEALTH MINISTRY

CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAYS

The safest way to celebrate winter holidays is to celebrate at home with the people you live with.

Travel and gatherings with family and friends who do not live with you can increase your chances of getting or spreading COVID-19 or the flu. Here are ideas for celebrating the winter holidays safely.

Host a virtual celebration with friends and family

- Schedule a time to eat a meal together virtually and have people show their main dish, vegetable, or dessert.
- Host a virtual "ugly" holiday sweater contest.

Gather virtually for a gift exchange or activity

- Schedule a time to meet virtually to open gifts together.
- Build gingerbread houses, decorate cookies, or make holiday crafts and decorations.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays/winter.html>

INTERFAITH COMMUNITY OUTREACH

ANGEL TREE



This year, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we will not have the traditional Angel Tree with Mrs. Moore and her volunteers delivering gifts.

Instead, we are asking parishioners to be angels and bring joy to the seniors in the Interfaith Community Outreach program by purchasing a gift card (or gift) to be mailed directly to the seniors. Please call Salena Moore at (334) 230-1961 for the name and address of someone you can help.

WEEKLY PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION

Please call Ms. Bobbetta Jones at 334-230-1950 to find out if produce boxes will be distributed each Thursday. When available, the boxes are shared on **a first come, first served** basis.

KUDOS

Congratulations to **Samarria Munnerlyn Dunson** who has been appointed to a two-year term on the Advisory Board of Catholic Social Services Montgomery. Her term of office will begin on February 1, 2021.

KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER AND LADIES AUXILIARY

KPC COUNCIL 345

The Knights of Peter Claver, Council 345 will meet via Zoom on Sunday, December 13 at 1:00 p.m. Please plan to participate in this important meeting. **The election for new officers will take place at this meeting.**



KPC Council 345 will sell smoked turkeys for Christmas on **Thursday, December 24** between **2 p.m. – 5 p.m.** The cost is \$30.00. Call Knight Derek Coe at (334) 303-5622 or Knight Keith Golson at (334) 868-9404 to place your order.

KPCLA COURT 345

KPCLA Ct 345 December meeting will be held virtually on December 13, 2020 @11:10am



Congratulations to the ballerinas of Resurrection Catholic Community.

Kudos to Junior Daughters: **Alexandria Brooks** and **Chloe Anderson** on a graceful and elegant

performance in the classical Mistletoe held on Dec 6, 2020.

The junior daughters of KPCLA Ct 345 hosted a virtual PJ Party on Dec 5, 2020. Christmas was in the air. Fun Filled activities included: matching pajamas/other goodies that were donated by **Lady Lloria James** and her sister **Samarria Dunson**. Creative thought provoking games, listened to Xmas songs by request, made ornaments, a Xmas cup and a Xmas globe. They even had a pedicure kit and polished their toenail, gifts and so much more.

Congratulations are in order for Lady Lloria James and Samarria Dunson on being selected Judges.

Prosecutor Lloria James, was just elected to the circuit court and her sister, Samarria Dunson, was elected to serve as a municipal judge for Montgomery.

RESPECT LIFE



"O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free."

~ USCCB, "Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita"

We pray for all victims of human trafficking that they may find hope and healing in the Lord who proclaims liberty to captives and release prisoners.

ARCHDIOCESE OF MOBILE OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

God gives you a mission. How will you respond? Rejoice in the Spirit who is at work in you. (Isaiah 61: 1-2, 10-11). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, call Father Victor Ingalls (251) 415-3871, or write: vocations@mobarch.org