



Resurrection Catholic Church
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Sr. Gilda Marie Bell, Minister of Care
 Mrs. Michelle Coe, Administrative Assistant

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 20, 2020 – 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): \$5,083.60
Dropped off/Mailed: \$4,045 / Online: \$1,038.60
Christmas: \$580.00
Building Fund: \$40.00
Angel Tree: \$170.00

“Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!” – Luke 1:28

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God’s call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all

we have been given. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ’s light to the world through our gratitude and generosity

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

As we celebrate the coming of the Lord as the Babe of Bethlehem, we are all mindful of the losses so many in our parish family, city, country and world have suffered in 2020. Christmas reminds us this Babe came so that through His life, suffering, death and Resurrection all our lives are transformed and ultimate joy is in store for all of us. May we rejoice, even this year, in the gift of His life and in the lives of those who loved us and allowed us to love them in return. Merry Christmas

Fr. Manuel

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 Bernard Ross
 Grand Lady Yolanda Sayles Robinson
 Lady Yolonda Dickerson
 Lady Lloria James
 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

December 27 Communion Service, 1-2 p.m., Church
January 7, 2021 Bible Study via Zoom, 6:30-7:30 p.m. (every Thursday)

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

December 20 Caleb Ross (9), Ruby Wooding
December 21 Tomiko Stanford Porter
December 24 Kristopher Maye, Rebecca Mohr
December 28 Pamela Chappell, V'Sean Golson (21)
December 29 MaKayla Patterson (17), Trinity Smith (21)
December 31 Vicki Maddox, Gwendolyn Nicks
January 1 Maurice Asouzu

ANNIVERSARIES

December 20 Acquanetta and Richard Knight (40 years), Patrice and Emmanuel Obi (27 years)
December 30 Lynette and Leon Moore (48 years)

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

December 20, 1860 South Carolina seceded from the Union, initiating the Civil War.
December 20, 1988 Leonard J. Olivier ordained Catholic Bishop of Washington, DC.
December 21 Feast of St. Peter Canisius
December 21, 1911 Josh Gibson, known as the “Black Babe Ruth”, born in Buena Vista, GA.
December 21, 1965 Four pacifists indicted in New York for burning draft cards — Thomas C. Cornell, 31, co-secretary of the Catholic Peace Fellowship; Roy Lisker, 27, a volunteer of the Catholic Worker Movement; James E. Wilson, 21, a volunteer at the Catholic Worker Movement and a member of the Fellowship for Reconciliation; and M P, Edelman, a full-time worker for the War Resisters League.
December 22, 1943 W.E.B. Du Bois, 1st African-American member of National Institute of Arts and Letters.
December 23 Feast of St. John of Kanty
December 23, 1814 African-Americans platoons held their position in the Battle of New Orleans.
December 23, 1867 Madame C.J. Walker, millionaire cosmetologist, born in Delta, LA.
December 23, 1919 Alice Parker, received a patent for a gas heater furnace.
December 24, 1898 Irwin Mollison, 1st African-American Federal Judge, born in Vicksburg, MS.
December 24, 1956 African Americans defy a city law in Tallahassee, Florida, and occupy front bus seats.
December 25, 1907 Cab Calloway, premier jazz entertainer, born in Rochester, NY
December 26, 1966 Dr. Maulana Ron Karenga celebrates the first Kwanza, a seven-day African-American celebration of family and heritage.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Marian Alexander, Leo Allen, Kendrick Arrington, II, 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, Anne Depas Orange, 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, Mary Snoddy, 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, Fr. Clarence Williams, CPPS, Edward Williams, Deacon Nathan Williams, Thelma Williams, Deborah Willis, Jane Young.

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

✠ **Rev. Richard Balazs, C.R.**, former Provincial Superior for the U.S. Province of the Congregation of the Resurrection, a priest for 63 years, entered eternal life on Saturday, December 12, 2020. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Hyacinth's Basilica in Chicago, IL on Thursday, December 17, 2020.

✠ **Mr. Homer Harris**, brother of Charles Harris, brother-in-law of Patricia Harris, entered eternal life on Tuesday, December 15 in Plainfield, NJ. Funeral services will be announced at a later date.

✠ **Mr. Rodney Scott**, former teacher at Resurrection Catholic School, entered eternal life on Thursday, December 17, 2020. Funeral services will be announced at a later date.

Eternal life grant unto them O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them. Prayerful condolences and the promise of prayers are extended to the priests and brothers of the Congregation of the Resurrection, and the Balazs, Harris and Scott families.

PARISH NEWS

Sanctuary Candle



The Sanctuary Candle is lit for the week of December 20-26, 2020 for those who will celebrate the Christmas holiday for the first time without a loved one.

COME FOR THE BREAD OF LIFE



Resurrection Parish invites parishioners to come to the Church on **Sunday, December 27, 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, Tacorie Richardson and London Rudolph..**

WEDDING BANNS!



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

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.

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.

BIBLE STUDY



The weekly Bible study, exploring **The Gospel According to Mark** will continue in the New Year. Classes will resume on **Thursday, January 7, 2021** from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER AND LADIES AUXILIARY

KPC COUNCIL 345



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.

HEALTH MINISTRY

BENEFITS OF GETTING A COVID-19 VACCINE

COVID-19 vaccination will help keep you from getting COVID-19

- COVID-19 vaccines are being carefully evaluated in clinical trials and will be authorized or approved only if they make it substantially less likely you'll get COVID-19.
- Based on what we know about vaccines for other diseases, experts believe that getting a COVID-19 vaccine may help keep you from getting seriously ill even if you do get COVID-19.
- Getting vaccinated yourself may also protect people around you, particularly people at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19.
- Experts continue to conduct more studies about the effect of COVID-19 vaccination on severity of illness from COVID-19, as well as its ability to keep people from spreading the virus that causes COVID-19.

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

We have been notified that there will be no produce boxes for the remainder of the year. Please call Ms. Bobbetta Jones **after January 5, 2021** 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.

RESPECT LIFE

"Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother." Learn ten tips at respectlife.org/support-her

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

We pray for all parents awaiting the birth of their child. May they look to the Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph and follow their example of cherishing and protecting human life.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

ARCHDIOCESE OF MOBILE OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

Fourth Sunday of Advent – December 20, 2020 Mary was called to be



open to the extraordinary. What do you need to say? "let it be" in response to God's call to you. Trust that the Lord is with you and will guide you always. (Luke 1: 26–38). If you think God is calling you to be a priest,

call Father Victor Ingalls (251) 415-3871, or write: vocations@mobarch.org

TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS:

Christmas Midnight Mass. Fr. Den Irwin will be celebrating a Missa Cantata in the Extraordinary Form at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church 545 White Rd. Wetumpka, AL 36092. For more information, email frirwin@ologchurch.org or call 334-567-0047. Everyone is welcome.