



**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  
 Mr. W. Clifford Petty, Pastoral Musician

**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 JANUARY 3, 2021**  
**THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**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):** ..... \$5,875.00  
*Dropped off/Mailed: \$4,680.00 / Online: \$875.00 / Christmas: \$320.00*
- Building Fund:** ..... \$10.00
- Interfaith Community Outreach:** ..... \$50.00
- School:** ..... \$60.00
- Our Lady Sodality Donation:** ..... \$2,500.00
- KPC/KPCLA Donation:** ..... \$10,818.05



*“..they fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh...” - Matthew 2:11*

*Notice the order of events in the Magi’s visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!.*

**THE WHOLE FAMILY**

**"ARISE, FOR THY LIGHT IS COME"**

*Be enlightened, be enlightened, O Jerusalem, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee, Jesus Christ, born of the Virgin Mary.*

*--Theme Song for the Feast of the Epiphany taken from the Lesson, Epiphany Mass.*

**THE MEANING OF EPIPHANY**

For many years in the English speaking world the feast of Epiphany has been overshadowed by that of Christmas. But unless we realize the significance of this great day, we see only one side of the mystery of the Incarnation. Now after contemplating the staggering fact that God has become a human child, we turn to look at this mystery from the opposite angle and realize that this seemingly helpless Child is, in fact, the omnipotent God, the King and Ruler of the universe. The feast of Christ’s divinity completes the feast of His humanity. It fulfills all our Advent



longing for the King "who is come with great power and majesty." We see that whereas Christmas is the family feast of Christianity, Epiphany is the great "world feast of the Catholic Church."

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Mass in the Fr. Richard Administration Building
- KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER** meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Mass in the Fr. Richard Administration Building
- KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER, LADIES’ AUXILIARY** meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in the Villa
- KPC/KPCLA** meets jointly every 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the Fr. Richard Administration Building
- KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER, JUNIOR KNIGHTS** meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after CCD
- KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER, JUNIOR DAUGHTERS** meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after CCD
- NAZARETH / RESURRECTION ALUMNI ORGANIZATION** meets every 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mcoe@rcmsouth.org) or call (334) 230-1964.

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## SCHEDULED EVENTS

- January 7, 2021** Bible Study via Zoom, 6:30-7:30 p.m. (every Thursday)  
**January 24** Communion Service, 1-2 p.m., Church  
**January 24, 2021** Catholic Charities Appeal Sunday
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## BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

- January 3** Chelsye Leach-Peck  
**January 4** Marcus Carpenter  
**January 5** Natasha Broughton, Moses Butcher  
**January 6** Kellie Johnson  
**January 7** Moore Asouzu, Henry Guilford  
**January 8** Carole Batiste Felder, Amon Robinson, Dora Fenderson Wright  
**January 10** Citrus Rudolph, III (10)  
**January 11** Alexander Buchanan, Miles Henderson  
**January 12** London Rudolph (8), Vanessa Stacks  
**January 13** Daniel Jones, Jr.  
**January 14** Leon Moore, Jr.  
**January 15** Linda Carpenter  
**January 16** Emma Evelyn Harris
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## ANNIVERSARIES

- January 8** Veronica and Michael Washington (47 years)  
**January 11** Berneice and William Guilford (18 years)
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## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- January 3, 1521** Martin Luther excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church  
**January 3, 1624** William Tucker, 1<sup>st</sup> Black child born in the American Colonies, baptized in Jamestown, VA  
**January 3, 1966** Samuel Younge, Jr., 1<sup>st</sup> student killed in the Civil Rights Movement  
**January 4** Feast of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton  
**January 4, 1920** The Negro National League, the first black baseball league, organized by Rube Foster  
**January 5** Feast of St. John Neumann  
**January 5, 1943** George Washington Carver, scientist/botanist/educator/inventor, died in Tuskegee, AL  
**January 6** Feast of St. André Bessette  
**January 6, 1966** Harold R. Perry, SVD ordained Catholic Bishop for New Orleans, LA  
**January 7** Feast of St. Raymond of Penyafort  
**January 7, 1955** Marian Anderson, 1<sup>st</sup> African-American to perform at the Metropolitan Opera  
**January 8, 1811** Charles Deslondes led the Louisiana slave revolt  
**January 9, 1866** Fisk University convened its first classes in Nashville, TN

## PRAYER REQUESTS



Marian Alexander, Karys Allen, Karidan Allen, Leo Allen, Deacon Terry Anderson, 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, Delores Coe, 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, Debbie Kemsel, Ted Kemsel, Felicia Kenney, Marie Kenny, Betty Kerman, Nathan Kozel, Frances Knight, Deacon James Labadie, 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., Leah Nelson and James Ware Family, 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, Teon 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, Fr. Stephen Vrazel, 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.

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## RETURN TO ETERNAL LIFE

✠ **Ms. Fannie Mae Bruce**, aunt of Daniel Webster and Twila Webster, mother of Claretha, Jacqueline, Jessie, Olivia and Vicki Bruce, entered eternal life on Wednesday, December 30, 2020. Funeral arrangements to be announced.

Eternal life grant unto her O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon her. Prayerful condolences and the promise of prayers are extended to the Bruce and Webster families.

## PARISH NEWS

### Sanctuary Candle



The Sanctuary Candle is lit for the week of January 3-9, 2021 in remembrance of the birthdays of †James Selmar, Sr. (1/5) and †James Selmar, Jr. (1/7).

### COME FOR THE BREAD OF LIFE



Resurrection Parish invites parishioners to come to the Church on **Sunday, January 24 2021** 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 next **Thursday, January**

**7, 2021** from **6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

## THANK YOU

Thanks to the **Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary of Council and Court 345** for their generous contribution of \$10,818.05. Thanks also to **Our Lady Sodality** for their generous contribution of \$2,500.00 to be used towards the purchase of a golf cart to make traversing the complex easier on our staff.

## HEALTH MINISTRY

### NEW YEAR – NEW YOU!

A new year often signifies a fresh start for many people. For some, this means setting health goals, such as losing weight, following a healthier diet, and starting an exercise routine.

However, more often than not, the health and wellness resolutions chosen are highly restrictive and unsustainable, leading most people to break their resolutions within a few weeks. This is why many people make the same resolutions year after year.

To break that cycle, it's important to make resolutions that can not only improve health but also be followed for life.

### EAT MORE WHOLE FOODS



One of the easiest and most sustainable ways to improve overall health is to eat more whole foods.

Whole foods, including vegetables, fruits, nuts, seeds, whole grains, and fish, contain a plethora of nutrients that your body needs to function at an optimal level.

Research shows that following a whole-foods-based diet may significantly reduce heart disease risk factors, body weight, and blood sugar levels, as well as decrease your risk of certain diseases, such as type 2 diabetes

What's more, adding more whole foods to your diet can be done slowly and consistently. For example, if you're not used to eating vegetables, start by adding one serving of your favorite veggie to your diet every day.

For more ways to achieving a Healthier You, visit [www.healthline.com/nutrition/realistic-new-years-resolutions](http://www.healthline.com/nutrition/realistic-new-years-resolutions)

## INTERFAITH COMMUNITY OUTREACH

### WEEKLY PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION

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.

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Statistics are not very exciting but sometimes that's the best way to convey good information! Since the start

of the COVID-19 pandemic, Resurrection has been heavily involved in the Ministry of Feeding People! Thanks to all of the donations and volunteer help approximately **23,000 lbs. of food** has been given to individuals and families who have experienced food insecurity as well as the seniors who are regularly served by our staff. This food has come from the Montgomery Area Food Bank. In addition, about **1,000** USDA-packaged produce and dairy boxes have been distributed weekly since the beginning of July. On top of that, the Child Nutrition Program at Resurrection Catholic School has served more than **45,000 meals** to area children, outside the normal school lunch program. So if you wonder if your donation has an impact, just think about the children and families who would go hungry without your generosity. **THANK YOU!**

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

### ARCHDIOCESE OF MOBILE

### OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

God's glory continues to shine in our world. Where do you need to carry the light of Christ? Consider being a light for the world as a Church minister. (Isaiah 60:1—6). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, call Father Victor Ingalls (251) 415-3871, or write: [vocations@mobarch.org](mailto:vocations@mobarch.org)