

**Resurrection Catholic Church 2815 Forbes Drive** Montgomery, Alabama 36110 Tel: 334-263-4221; Fax: 334-230-1866 www.rcmsouth.org



All that we have

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Mr. Leon Moore, Parish Council President

Fr. Manuel Williams, C.R., Pastor

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

Mr. W. Clifford Petty, Pastoral Musician MASS SCHEDULE: Sunday – 9:00 a.m. (digitally due to COVID-19; visit www.rcmsouth.org)

#### SUNDAY NOVEMBER 28. 2021 - THE FIRST 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: (Basket: \$3,398.00 / Online: \$1,653.00)	\$5,501.00
Building Fund	\$40.00
Food Pantry	
Interfaith Community Outreach	
School	\$15.00

"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." (Lk 21:28)

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation for the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. What will you do differently this Advent season to grow in friendship and love with Jesus? How will you inspire others to do the same? Start by sharing your God story with others, especially those closet to you. Invite and accompany them on their faith journey this Advent.

# THE ADVENT WREATH



Advent is a time of preparation and hope, a season full of rich tradition. A common tradition during this season is the Advent wreath. At your local parish, and perhaps in your own home, the wreath is a reminder of the light of Christ. Each week that the candles are lit, we are reminded that the Christmas season is approaching and we should prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus. But do you know the history behind the Advent wreath?

We can trace the origins of the Advent wreath back to pagan tradition. Pre-Christian Germanic people lit candles and placed them in wreaths during the darkest days of winter as a sign of hope for the light that would come with Spring time. Throughout history, the use of the wreath was adopted by Christians (probably during the Middle Ages) as a way to prepare for the light Christ brings during the Christmas season.

On the first Sunday of Advent, a purple candle is lit. This candle is known as the prophet's candle, and it symbolizes the hope of Christ's coming. During this season of Advent, we'll hear from the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the coming of the Savior.

## **INTERFAITH COMMUNITY OUTREACH** THANKSGIVING BOXES



Thanksgiving boxes were distributed to our neighbors served by the Interfaith Community Outreach program this past week. Thanks are extended to **Brandon Anderson** for coordinating this activity and to Alnita Peters and her granddaughter, Aniya, who helped package and deliver boxes and to Muaath al-*Khattab* who also helped prepare the boxes.

#### ANGEL TREE



The Angel Tree for seniors of RCM's Interfaith Community Outreach Program can be accessed online at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F45ACAC23A6F4CF8-angel. We will try to have a physical sign-up sheet in the vestibule next week. Please visit the link if you would like to participate in this year's Angel Treeproject. For more information please contact Sr. Katie Frank at (334) 230-1915 or via email at kfrank@rcmsouth.org.

CONTACTS IN THE PARISH AND MISSION CENTER

**Apostles of the Resurrection** Apostolate for Persons with Disabilities Archdiocesan 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 Counselor Knights of Peter Claver Jr. Knight Commander Knights of Peter Claver Jr. Knight Assistant Commander Knight Brandon Thomas Lectors Liturgical Dancers **Marriage Preparation** Mass Program/Songsheet Pastoral Care / 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

Evelvn 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 Lloria James Lady Samarria Dunson Knight Keith Golson 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 President, 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 Sunday 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 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 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 sgildab@yahoo.com \* Michelle Coe mcoe@rcmsouth.org \* Sr. Kathryn Frank, SSND kfrank@rcmsouth.org W. Clifford Petty at cpetty@rcmsouth.org

## SCHEDULED EVENTS

November 29	FIAAL Prayer for Peace Vigil, 7 p.m.
December 1	RCIA class, 6 p.m.
December 2	Bible Study, 6-7:30 p.m. via Zoom
December 4	Gift Hope MGM, First United Methodist Church, Cloverdale Park, 10-12 p.m.
December 19	Welcome Home for Christmas Breakfast
January 9, 2022	ENIGMA Bi-monthly Gathering, Resurrection, 4-8 p.m.
January 31	Last day to complete the Archdiocesan Synod survey
February 4-6	ENIGMA Weekend Retreat
June 27-July 15	Institute for Black Catholic Studies, Xavier University of Loiusiana

# BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

November 23	Muriel Ingersoll (90)
November 28	Gracie Sayles
November 30	Amber Gibson
December 1	Jordan Anderson, Mayola Johnson
December 2	Airy Thomas
December 3	Leah Hedblom, Danielle Jackson
December 4	Vickie Barlow, Thomas Barnes-Pack, Neah Belser (21), Davis Williams (20)
December 7	Julian Bennette (20), John Hawkins
December 8	Kiera Stacks, Tre'Anthony Stacks
December 9	Skylar Barlow (3), Milton A. Davis, Colin Ross (16), Twila Webster, Sheryl Young
December 11	Andrew Hargrove (17), Rebecca James, Jordan Patterson (20)
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# ANNIVERSARIES

November 30	Jewell and Michael Pitts (30 Years)
November 30	Gena and Kippy Tate (30 Years)
December 11	Patricia and John German (39 Years)

# THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

November 28, 1961	Ernie Davis was the first African-American to win the Heisman Trophy
November 29, 1915	Billy Strayhorn, jazz composer, born in Dayton, OH.
November 30	Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle.
December 1, 1865	Shaw University, the oldest HBCU, was established in Raleigh, NC.
December 1, 1955	Rosa Parks refused to give up her bus seat and was arrested in Montgomery, AL.
December 2, 2008	Odetta Holmes, "The Voice of the Civil Rights Movement", died in New York,
	NY.
December 3	Feast of St. Francis Xavier
December 3, 1847	Frederick Douglass and Martin R. Delany published the first issue of the North
	Star, an anti-slavery paper.
December 4	Feast of St. John Damascene
December 4, 1833	The American Anti-Slavery Society was founded in Philadelphia, PA.

# **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)**



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process in which adults become full, participating members of the Catholic Church. RCIA classes for Resurrection Parish are held every Wednesday evening, from 6-8 p.m. If you are interested in learning more about the RCIA process or would simply like to refresh your knowledge of the Catholic faith, please contact Sr. Gilda Bell, Fr. Manuel Williams, or Mr. Leon Moore.

**Who can attend?** Adults who have not been baptized; adults who have not received confirmation; non-Catholics who desire to know more about the Catholic faith or who desire to be a Catholic; Catholics who desire to increase and deepen their knowledge about their Catholic faith.

Ministry Schedule							
Date	Eucharist	Lectors	Gifts	Servers	Ushers		
Next Sunday	Sr. Sandra Helton,	Sr. Gilda Bell	Hospitality	Leon Moore	Erma Carter		
November 28, 2021	SSND	Michael Jackson	Ministers	Nora Powell	Deborah		
Feast of Christ the King				Carlton Robinson	Jefferson		
					Clif Weatherly		
		Advent Wreath					
		Jewell Pitts					

# PRAYER REQUESTS

Marian Alexander, Leo Allen, Deacon Terry Anderson, Mary Archdeacon and Family, Kendrick Arrington, II, Columbia Baldwin, Bridget Barlow, Dorothy Barlow, Rhonda Barlow, Vickie Barlow, Barry Barber, Carey Barnes, Dakari Barnes, Alma Beasley, Arnold Bell, Kevin Bell, Ethel Bell, Lois Bivens, Elmore Boyd, Elder Leo Brock, Susie Brock, Jerome Broughton, Curtis "Chap" Browder, Buena Browder, Tracy Browder, Michelle Browder and Stephen Browder, Jennifer Tarver Brown, Katrina Bryant, Anthony Burden, Erica Butler, Tim Butler, Sr., John Carpenter, Erma Carter, Father David Carucci, Derek Coe, Gladys Copeland, Charlotte Corbin, Mary Cuffe, Mecylah Danley, Annie David, Sarah Davis, Margarete Day, Lady Yolonda Dickerson, Elaine Dorsey, Gene Elmore, Charlie Ester, 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, Carolyn Glass, Edward Goellner, Yvette Wilcox Goellner, Anthony Golson, Michelle Greer, William Guilford, Cristina Guillet, Larry Guyton, Sr. Patsy Guyton, SFCC, Debbie Hall, Doris Hall, Evelyn Harris, Kevin Harris, Marcy Harris, Veronica Moore Harris, James Herndon, Ophelia Hill, Phyllis Hill, Wanda Hill, Ronald Howard, Jacqueline Rose Hudson, Iris Hurd Hunter, Barbara Jackson, Kevin Jackson, Veronica Jackson, Rebecca James, Mary Ellen Jeter, Regina Jobe, Ethel Garrison Johnson, Gail Johnson, Isabella Johnson, Johnson, Roxy Jones, 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, Betty McGowan, Louise McKenzie, Nicole & Carl McKinney, Katie Miller, Deanna McRay, Sr. Carolyn Minert, C.R., Liam Monk, Jacqueline Montgomery, James Moore, Kyle Moore, Sr., Gwendolyn Nicks, LaTonya Nicks, Lula B. Nikoi, Carolyn Norvel, Fr. William Norvel, S.S.J., Dorothy J. Ogden, Audrey O'Connor, Anne Depas Orange, Ronnie Peters, Latasha Peterson, Cliff Petty, Michael Pitts, Albert Pickett, Marvin Pickett, Elaine Poole, Austin from Publix, Alaida Pugh, Jerry Radka, Alex Ragesdalle, Anne Reynolds, Joel Rivera, Farley Rudolph, Morris Sayles, Curtis Scott, Mildred Selmar, Rhonda Shell, Fr. David Shoemaker, Tai-Kristin Smedley, Herbert Smith, Jr., Ruth Smith, Willie Ann Smith, Yvette Smiley Smith, Roosevelt Smitherman, Mary Snoddy, Fr. Frank Sofie, Valentine Spencer, Victor Splitt, Timothy Spraggins, Richetta Stanford, Carol Stevens, Ernestine Stephens, Ronald Stephens, Allen Stevens, Barbara Stevens, Susan Strauss, Clarence Stringer, Maggie Stringer, Rubye Sullivan, Fr. Gene Szarek, C.R., Carrie Tarver, Cynthia Taylor, Jonathan Taylor, Brenda Tell, Lewis Thompson Family, Faye Thornton, Sherman & Merle Todd, Dolores Turner, Judith Turner, Charles Twitty, Mary Vanderbilt, Rosalind Vanderbilt, Leon Varner, Martha Varner, Iris Vanessa Vaughn, Fr. Stephen Vrazel, Zachary Walk, Marie Washington, Michael Washington, Jemellia Webb, Steve Webb, Annie Webster, Franklin Webster, Whitney Webster, Ashley Whatley, Brenda White, Kevin Wilcox, Maureen Wilcox, Lorena Wilkerson, Fr. Clarence Williams, CPpS, Deacon Nathan Williams, Thelma Williams, Deborah Willis.

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS: Bridget Barlow, Sarah Davis, Sheila Sprowl, Dolores Turner.

MILITARY: Nakeisha Gauntt, Heidi Hedblom, Wesley Pitts, Rickey Sequeira, Caro Stanford, Kayla Summerlin.

**HEALTH CARE WORKERS:** Maurice Asouzu, Erica Brooks, Anil Dalling (in training), Christopher Fenderson, Regina Gibson, Vicki Golson, Myrtle Goore Davis, Cassaundra Henderson, Barbara Jackson, Phillip Lyman, Theresa Maye, Patrice Obi, Keyla Petty, Alida Pugh, Lauren Rowe, Gracie Sayles, Rickey Sequiera, Regina Skrivanek, Jameson & Tashawna Stokes, Bryan Strickland, Ann Summerlin, Kanika Thomas, Martha Varner, Twila Wheat and Felicia Williams Smith.

## ENTERED ETERNAL LIFE

**†Mrs. Pauline Smith**, one of our neighbours served by our Interfaith Community Outreach program and a special friend of Mrs. Salena Moore, entered eternal life on Friday, November 19, 2021. Funeral arrangements will be announced.

#### MASS PROTOCOLS

Please observe the following protocols when attending Mass:

- 1. Masks or other suitable face covering must be worn throughout the service.
- 2. If you feel sick, please do not enter the sanctuary.
- 3. Please maintain social distancing unless seated with members of your own family or household.
- 4. Each person receives their own personal missalette to keep for use throughout the remainder of the year. Missalettes will not be collected at the end of Mass.
- 5. Offertory baskets will not be passed person to person. A collection basket will be placed by the entrance for your offertory.
- 6. At the Sign of Peace no physical contact is allowed (no hugs, handshakes, etc.)
- 7. Communicants must keep social distancing when in the Communion line

# PARISH NEWS

#### THANK YOU

The family of Tony Danell Scott extends heartfealt thanks for all the love and support shown to them during their time of bereavement. *The Scott Family* 

## WEDDING BELLS ARE RINGING



Please keep in your prayers the following couples who are preparing to be united in the sacrament of Holy Matrimony:

- ♥ Katrina Bryant and Andrey Scott
- Andrea Martin and Elijah Gaddis
- ♥ Renardo Smith and Isis Hunley

#### PRAYER CALL

Sister Patsy Guyton, SFCC and friends invite you to join them on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. for prayer. You can either email your prayer requests to <u>patsysfcc@aol.com</u> and/or by calling 1 727/731-5133 no access code needed. For more info, call Sister Patsy at 334/593-9541



#### **BIBLE STUDY**

You are invited to join the weekly Bible Study group via Zoom every Thursday evening from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Visit the RCM website for the link to the Bible Study. If you can get the Oxford University Press large print edition of the *New American Bible*, you will find it easier to follow

the class. This edition is available through a variety of online stores that sell books.

The class is currently studying the Gospel of St. Luke and will resume after the Thanksgiving Break. In preparation for the class on December 2 read the Gospel of Luke, Chapter 16. We will discuss the parable of the Honest Steward and the parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus.

# CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

*First Sunday of Advent* -- *November 28, 2021* - "Strengthen your hearts in holiness." Are you being called to grow in holiness as a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister? Contact the Vocation Office at (251) 434-1559 or email: vocation@mobarch.org.

**Primer Domingo de Adviento-** 28 de Noviembre de 2021 - "Fortalece tu corazón en la santidad." ¿Estás llamado a crecer en santidad como sacerdote, diácono, hermano religioso o hermana religiosa? Comuníquese con la Oficina de Vocaciones al (251) 434-1559 o envíe un correo electrónico a: vocations@mobarch.org.

## Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreats Upcoming Events

Upcoming in-person events at BTSR and virtual events offered by us or our sister spirituality centers.

Come Celebrate *Christmas Time in the Pines Drive-Thru* at Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat in Fort Mitchell, AL. Enjoy lights, music, fun Christmas displays and a gift bag to take home – all from the safety of your vehicle! **December 17-19, 22-23** from 7-9 pm EST.

#### Dec 8 - Advent Day Of Prayer

Jan 21 - Jan 23 - <u>Women's Retreat: Joyful Mysteries Of</u> <u>Miryam Of Nazareth</u>

#### Mar 11 - Mar 13 - Celtic Retreat

Jul 1 - Jul 3 - Family Retreat Weekend

Please Contact Sr. Gail Lambert, MSBT, sponsored retreat coordinator, for more information and to register. Phone: 334-855-4474 or Email: <u>btsr@msbt.org</u>

#### SYNOD SURVEY



As Pope Francis invites all Catholics to have their voices heard leading up to 2023's Synod of Bishops, the Archdiocese of Mobile is encouraging everyone to share their thoughts. An eight-question survey will be available

until January 31, 2022 at **www.mobarch.org**. The questions center under the theme "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participating and Mission." Pat Arensberg and Janet Masline of the Archdiocese of Mobile's Office of Evangelization and Family Life will compile the responses into a report that will be submitted to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). The USCCB will then submit a report for the Synod of Bishops, which will adopt a final document. All dioceses across the globe are participating in the Synod, although it's up to each diocese as to how to gather input.

# TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS:

Sunday, December 5th 1:30 pm at <u>Our Lady of</u> <u>Guadalupe Catholic Church</u> 545 White Rd. Wetumpka, AL 36092. For more information, call (334) 567-0047 or email <u>frirwin@ologchurch.org</u>. Everyone is welcome.

#### CATHOLIC TOURS

#### Holy Land Discovery with Jordan

Take your FAITH ON A JOURNEY, to the Holy Land Discovery to Israel and Jordan on this 11 day experience. April 1-11, 2022. You will visit: TEL AVIV, ISRAEL – JAFFA- CAESAREA- MEGIDDO-NAZARETH – BET SHE'AN – MAGDALA – SEA OF GALILEE – CAPERNAUM – MOUNT OF BEATITUDES – CANA – BETHLEHEM – JERUSALEM – MASADA AND THE DEAD SEA– PETRA, JORDAN–AMMAN-EXCURSION TO JERASH, AJLOUN & ANJARA.

Mass will be offered on your journey. Land prices begin at \$2,919 per person, based on double occupancy. A deposit of \$549 per person will reserve your space. Space is LIMITED. Contact Brian at <u>Brian@CatholicCruisesandTours.com</u> for more information. Call and ask for Eileen, your Faith Based Journey Specialist. Phone 860-399-1785

## INSTITUTE FOR BLACK CATHOLIC STUDIES at XAVIER UNIVERSITY LOUISIANA

The Institute for Black Catholic Studies will be held from June 27 – July 15, 2022. Mark your calendars and consider taking a class next summer.

#### **RESURRECTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

### What's Happening at Resurrection? GRANT ACTIVITY AT RCS!

Through grant funding new personnel will onboard next week:

- School Counselor
- School Nurse
  - School Librarian/K-4 tutor
- PT Custodian
- Three tutors for the Afterschool Learning Program
- Math Specialist for daily resource

A new grant was submitted, November 24, 2021.

Through grant funding, air purifiers and student desk shields will be delivered to each classroom on November 29, 2021.

#### PRAY FOR OUR STUDENTS

Dear Lord, thank you for our children. We **pray** for every child and their **safety** for this school year. Grant every child listening ears because Your Word says that whoever listens to You will live in **safety** and be at ease without fear or harm.

## **RESPECT LIFE**

"Having received the gift of the Gospel of Life, we are the people of life and a people for life. It is our duty to proclaim the Gospel of Life to the world. To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself. Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of Life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society."

~ USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary"

We pray for all the faithful that the Lord may help us build a culture of life in vigilant expectation of His return.

## COMMUNITY

#### COMMUNITY CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST

The annual Interfaith Christmas Nativity Exhibit will take place December 1-5, from 1-8 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 3460 Carter Hill Road. *Admission is free.* All are welcome. Nativity displays from around the world; concerts by local performers.

# MONTGOMERY BALLET

The Nutcracker is on stage with our very own *Natalie Hurd* performing.

- Greenville at Greenville High School on December 5 at 2:00 pm
  - Montgomery at MPAC on December 9 at 6:30 pm