

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



All that we have

helongs to

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 DECEMBER 5. 2021 - THE SECOND 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: \$2,749.00 / Online: \$1,314.00)	\$4,063.00
Building Fund	\$25.00
Food Pantry	
Interfaith Community Outreach	
School	\$15.00

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." (PHILIPPIANS 4:6)

St. Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God - He is the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. Remember, that we are created in God's image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous with all of our gifts as well. Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave to possessions. It allows us to gratefully and generously share ourselves and our goods with others.

### THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



As we progress through the spiritual journey of Advent, the second Sunday traditionally symbolizes the virtue of Faith. The second purple candle that is lit on this day is known as the "Bethlehem Candle." Reflecting on the journey of Mary and St. Joseph to Bethlehem during the weeks leading up to the first Christmas is a good way to remain in a spirit of humble reflection and penance.

Certainly, even the faith of Mary and St. Joseph must have been put to the test during the arduous journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem. They had to travel 90 miles to the city of Joseph's ancestors: south along the flatlands of the Jordan River, then west over the hills surrounding Jerusalem, and on into Bethlehem.

They were not unaccustomed to traveling on foot, but with Mary's advanced state of pregnancy, to say that "the going was rough" would be a terrible understatement, bordering on blasphemy. They would have passed through dry, rough terrains, rocky hillsides, desert valleys and perhaps green olive groves, relying on the kindness of strangers to find a place to rest at night.

All this hardship was borne in a spirit of faith, knowing that what had been promised to them would be fulfilled, despite all physical evidence to the contrary. The Child in Mary's womb would be the Savior of all humanity. The Creator of all the hillsides and valleys through which they passed would soon, so very soon, take His first breath amongst them. Within a matter of days, the entire world would be changed.

https://americaneedsfatima.org/articles/the-four-sundays-of-advent

### **RITE OF ACCEPTANCE**



Today we welcome new candidates into our community who have chosen to journey through the RCIA process - Tenika Danley and Deborah Neal. Let us show them our support with prayer and encouragement as they continue their discernment process.

### **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.

### 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

**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.

Linda Carpenter

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 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 sgildab@yahoo.com \* Michelle Coe mcoe@rcmsouth.org \* Sr. Kathryn Frank, SSND kfrank@rcmsouth.org W. Clifford Petty at cpetty@rcmsouth.org

#### SCHEDULED EVENTS

December 8	RCIA class, 6 p.m.			
December 9	Bible Study, 6-7:30 p.m. via Zoom			
December 17-19	Christmas Time in the Pines, Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat, 7-9 p.m.			
December 19	Welcome Home for Christmas Breakfast			
December 22-23	Christmas Time in the Pines, Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat, 7-9 p.m.			
January 7-9, 2022	SEARCH Retreat			
January 9	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			
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)			
December 12	Whitney Hawkins, Janice Thomas			
December 13	Tiatay Harris, Christopher Jackson, Nora Powell			
December 14	Myleigh Butcher (15), Gladys Copeland, Rhea Lyons			
December 15	Lakesha Powell, Katori Rainne Stanford, Alvin Dwight Thomas			
December 16	Jo'Liam Golson (12), Mona Davis, James Dawson, William Turner			
December 17	Elmore Patterson			
December 18	MiKayla Brown, Katelyn Childs (16)			
ANNIVERSARIES				

December 11

Patricia and John German (39 Years)

### THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

December 5, 1935	Mary McLeod Bethune, educator, founded the National Council of Negro
	Women in New York, NY.
December 6	Feast of St. Nicholas
December 6, 1932	Richard Spikes patented modifications to the automatic gear shift.
December 7	Feast of St. Ambrose
December 7	Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
December 7, 1992	Derek Walcott received the Nobel Prize in Literature.
December 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception
December 8, 1991	Tap dancing legeds ayard and Harold Nicholas received Kennedy Center
	Honor in Washington, DC.
December 9	Feast of St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
December 9, 1872	P.B.S. Pinchback took the oat to become the acting governor of Louisiana.
December 10, 1950	Ralph J. Bunche won the Nobel Peace Prize for his work as a mediator in
	Palestine.
December 10, 1985	Bishop Desmond Tutu received the Nobel Peace Prize.
December 10, 2009	President Barack Obama received the Nobel Peace Prize.
December 11	Feast of St. Damasus I
December 11, 1961	Langston Hughes musical Black Nativity opened Off Broadway.

Ministry Schedule							
Date	Eucharist	Lectors	Gifts	Servers	Ushers		
Next Sunday December 12, 2021 The Second Sunday of Advent		Charles Twitty Leon Moore	Hospitality Ministers	Keith Golson Carlton Robinson Clif Weatherly	Pamela Garrett Jacqueline Hudson Patrice Obi Denise Vaughn		
		Advent Wreath Regina Sadler					

# 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, Johnetta Johnson, Roxy Jones, Debbie 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, 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.

### 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.
- 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.
- Offertory baskets will not be passed person to 5. person. A collection basket will be placed by the entrance for your offertory.
- At the Sign of Peace no physical contact is 6. allowed (no hugs, handshakes, etc.)
- Communicants must keep social distancing when 7. in the Communion line

# **PARISH NEWS**

# 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 Hunlev**

### 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 patsysfcc@aol.com 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. The class is currently studying the Gospel of Luke. For the class on December 12, read Luke, Chapters 17 & 18 paying attention to the Parables of Larazus and the Rich Man in Ch. 16 and the Persisent Widow in Ch. 18.

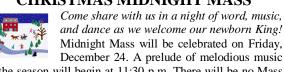


Remember a loved one during Christmas with a beautiful poinsettia plant that decorate our Sanctuary each year! The plants are \$10.00 each. Donation forms will be available next week.

## WELCOME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

The Parish Annual Welcome Home for Christmas Breakfast and Program will be held on Sunday, December 19 after Mass. The Sunday School children will present a Christmas program. Join us for food, fellowship and entertainment.

#### CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS



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December 24. A prelude of melodious music of the season will begin at 11:30 p.m. There will be no Mass on Christmas Day.

# INTERFAITH COMMUNITY OUTREACH

#### ANGEL TREE

The Angel Tree for seniors of RCM's Interfaith Community Outreach Program is available online at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F45ACAC23A6F 4CF8-angel. Please visit the link to participate in this year's Angel Tree Project. If you would like the Parish Staff to shop for your gift you can also make a donation at https://www.osvhub.com/rcmsouth/funds/angel-tree. For more information please contact Sr. Katie Frank at (334) 230-1915 or via email at kfrank@rcmsouth.org. Many thanks to those who have signed up to help make Christmas joyful for our seniors.

# **CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**

### **Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreats**

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 - Women's Retreat: Joyful Mysteries Of Mirvam Of Nazareth 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: btsr@msbt.org

#### SEARCH RETREAT

The Archdiocesan sponsored SEARCH Retreat for High School Youth is coming up January 7th - 9th at Children's Harbor, Lake Martin, AL. It's a tradition based on Cursillo spanning back over 50 years and can change your teen's LIFE. The SEARCH retreat is led by teens from the Archdiocese and is a High School only retreat. On a SEARCH Weekend there is sharing by the team members, songs, prayer, small group discussions, Eucharist, Reconciliation, quiet time and great fellowship. The weekend begins on Friday evening and goes to Sunday afternoon.

The registration cost is \$100.00. Your registration fee includes sleeping quarters, meals, and all the materials for the weekend. Scholarships are available, please don't let cost be an issue.

For more information and registration forms visit https://mobarch.org/searchretreat or contact Brandon Bender bbender1@gmail.com or Tex Phelps ovm@mobarch.org

### **OFFICE OF VOCATIONS**

Second Sunday of Advent - December 5, 2021 - Are you seeking "knowledge and full insight to help you determine" your vocation in Christ as a priest, deacon or in consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (251) 434-1559 or email: vocation@mobarch.org.

Segundo Domingo de Adviento - 5 de Diciembre de 2021 -Está buscando "conocimiento y una visión plena que le ayude a determinar" su vocación en Cristo como sacerdote, diácono o en la vida consagrada? Comuníquese con la Oficina de Vocaciones al (251) 434-1559 o envíe un correo electrónico a: vocations@mobarch.org.

#### 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." 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 submit a report for the Synod of Bishops, which will adopt a final document. All dioceses across the globe are participating in the Synod.

### **TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS:**

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

#### **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**

#### 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**

"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 who man enslaves, let God set free." ~ USCCB. "Praver 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 to prisoners.

### COMMUNITY

MACBETH



Young Arts presents *Macbeth*, directed by Sean Golson, at the Jubilee Community Center, December 10-12, 2021. Ticket

Reservation Link:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/voung-arts-presentsmacbeth-tickets-207524991837

### 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

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

Today is the last day to see 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.

