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Sr. Gilda Marie Bell, Minister of Care
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MASS SCHEDULE: Sunday – 9:00 a.m. (digitally due to COVID-19; visit www.rcmsouth.org)

SUNDAY DECEMBER 12, 2021 – 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:** (Basket: \$4,810.00 / Online: \$3,006.00) **\$7,816.00**
- Second Collection (Retired Religious)** **\$25.00**
- Building Fund**..... **\$130.00**
- Food Pantry**..... **\$15.00**
- Interfaith Community Outreach**..... **\$100.00**
- Poinsettias**..... **\$10.00**
- School** **\$15.00**



2nd Collection: The *Retirement Fund for Religious* helps religious communities care for their aging members. Please donate to today's second collection during Mass or online. retiredreligious.org

“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 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – GAUDETE SUNDAY



During the season of Advent, we await the celebration of Christ’s birth and His coming again at the end of time. Over four weeks, we prepare our hearts for Christmas in penitential reflection. But in the middle of the season, Gaudete Sunday calls us to rejoice in hope!

What does Gaudete mean? Gaudete means “rejoice” in Latin.

Why do we light a pink candle on Gaudete Sunday? The Catholic Church uses the color rose to indicate a joyful feast day or holiday. Gaudete Sunday’s counterpart in Lent is Laetare Sunday, another break in penance to rejoice in hope as we approach Easter. During both days, a priest will usually wear rose vestments.

www.catholicextension.org/stories/what-is-gaudete-sunday

WELCOME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS



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

POINSETTIA PLANTS



Remember a loved one during Christmas with a beautiful poinsettia plant that helps decorate our Sanctuary each year! The plants are \$10.00 each. Donation forms are included in this week’s bulletin.

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**
 - 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**
- 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 Lloria James
 Lady Samaria Dunson
 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
 President, 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 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 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 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 Louisiana

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

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)
December 19	Alnita Peters
December 20	Caleb Ross (10), Ruby Wooding
December 21	Tomiko Stanford Porter
December 24	Kristopher Maye, Rebecca Mohr

ANNIVERSARIES

December 20	Acquanetta and Richard Knight (41 Years)
December 20	Patrice and Emanuel Obi (28 Years)

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

December 12	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
December 12, 1870	Joseph H. Rainey was the 1 st African American elected to the U.S. House of Representatives.
December 13	Feast of St. Lucy
December 13, 1983	Wilton D. Gregory was ordained Catholic Bishop for Chicago, IL.
December 14	Feast of St. John of the Cross
December 14, 1829	John M. Langston, abolitionist/educator was born in Louisa County, VA.
December 15, 1791	The Bill of Rights became law, thereby guaranteeing the rights of all U.S. Citizens.
December 16, 1976	Andrew Young was the 1 st African American appointed Ambassador to U.N.
December 17, 1996	Pierre Toussaint was declared Venerable by Pope John Paul, II.
December 18, 1865	The 13 th Amendment abolishing slavery in the U.S. went into effect.

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.

Ministry Schedule

Date	Eucharist	Lectors	Gifts	Servers	Ushers
Next Sunday <i>December 19, 2021</i> The Fourth Sunday of Advent	Sr. Gilda Bell	Junior Daughters	Hospitality Ministers	Ronnie Peters Nora Powell Carlton Robinson	John Carpenter Kassandra Scott Wanda Twitty
		Advent Wreath Junior Daughters			

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, Christopher Fenderson, Regina Gibson, Vicki Golson, Myrtle Goore Davis, Cassandra 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.
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

WEDDING BELLS ARE RINGING



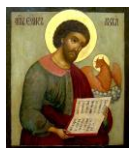
Please keep in your prayers the following couples who are preparing to be united in the sacrament of Holy Matrimony:

- ♥ **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 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 16, read Luke, Chapter 18 paying attention to the Parable of the Persistent Widow.

URGENT REQUEST



The parish urgently needs volunteers to deliver Christmas fruit baskets to our octogenarians the week of December 20. If you are able to assist please contact **Sr. Katie Frank** at kfrank@rcmsouth.org.

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KUDOS

Congratulations to **Samarria Munnerlyn Dunson** who was nominated as Person of the Year 2021 for the Kershaw YMCA.

CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS



Come share with us in a night of word, music, and dance as we welcome our newborn King! Midnight Mass will be celebrated on Friday, 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.

CHURCH DECORATING



Help make our place of worship fit for the newborn King! We will decorate the church for Christmas on **Monday, December 20 beginning at 10:30 a.m.**

Sanctuary Candle Remembrance



The Sanctuary Candle is lit for the week of December 12-18, in honor of all the benefactors of Resurrection Catholic Missions.

THANK YOU!

Many thanks to the individuals who helped get the Missions' annual Christmas appeal in the mail this week – **Brandon Anderson, Angela Barnes, Sr. Gilda Bell, Sr. Katie Frank, Bobbetta Jones, Jacque Rose Hudson, and Carlton Robinson.** It was a herculean task but many hands made light work.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreats

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

Jan 21 - Jan 23 - Women's Retreat: Joyful Mysteries Of Miryam 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

Third Sunday of Advent -- December 12, 2021 - "All were questioning in their hearts." Are you considering a vocation as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (251) 434-1559 or email: vocation@mobarch.org.

Tercer Domingo de Adviento - 12 de Diciembre de 2021 - "Todos estaban cuestionando en 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.

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

1. On Wednesday, October 8, 2021, RCS student body (1st - 8th) grades attended the performance of "The Nutcracker" at the Montgomery Performing Arts Center (MPAC) via chartered bus. Two of our students, **Natalie Hurd** and **Kennedy Johnson** were a part of the performance. The students were excited to support their classmates.
2. On Wednesday, October 8, 2021, several of our students beautifully read and participated in Mass. Thank you **Mrs. Carpenter** for assisting in their preparation.
3. Congratulations to **D'Riah Hood** (2nd grade) on receiving **1st Place** in the Alabama State Dance Championships.



RESPECT LIFE

"Jesus calls each of us to 'care for the other as a person for whom God has made us responsible' (EV 87). The encyclical *The Gospel of Life* recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty and malnutrition to murder and war. Particular emphasis, however, is placed on threats to life at its beginning and end - precisely when it is most in need of protection. In modern times, children in their mothers' wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the 'least of these' in our world's estimation." ~ *Excerpt from *Evangelium vitae* c 1995, *Libreria Editrice Vaticana*. Used with permission. All rights reserved. *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities*

We pray that God may help us prepare the way of the Lord by acting with tenderness and compassion especially toward the most vulnerable among us.