



Resurrection Catholic Church

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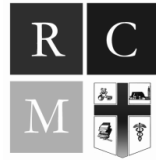
Sr. Gilda Marie Bell, Minister of Care

Mrs. Michelle Coe, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Leon Moore, Parish Council President

Mr. W. Clifford Petty, Pastoral Musician

MASS SCHEDULE: Sunday – 9:00 a.m. (digitally due to COVID-19; visit www.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

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
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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

SUNDAY DECEMBER 19, 2021 – THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SACRIFICIAL GIVING: Sacrificial giving for the week of December 12-18 will be reported in next week's bulletin.

"For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy." (LUKE 1:44)
When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading at Mass, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. What are you doing to grow in friendship with Jesus? How do you prepare for Mass each week? Or, do you just show up and expect to be entertained? As the Body of Christ, we are called to be active participants, not just passive observers..

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT MEANING AND SYMBOLISM



The word Advent comes from the Latin word *adventus*, which means "coming." Advent in the 4th and 5th century was a time of preparation for the baptism of new Christians. Christians would spend 40 days in prayer and fasting to prepare for the celebration that accompanied the baptism of new believers.

Over time, advent was connected to the coming of Christ. Originally, Christians used this term to reference Christ's second coming, but by the Middle Ages Advent was connected to Christ's first coming that we celebrate at Christmas. Today, we celebrate Advent over the four Sundays leading up to Christmas each year.

The Advent season is an invitation for us all to choose to set aside the fear and uncertainty that has defined 2020. It's a chance to be intentional about taking our focus off of the hustle of the Christmas season. We can also give to God the sadness that many may be feeling as many of us will need to observe the holiday season differently this year. This fourth Advent Sunday we are reminded that Jesus offers us peace in every season and nothing is impossible with him!

The fourth candle of Advent is called the "Angel Candle" and symbolizes peace. This name comes from the fact that the angels announced that Jesus came to bring peace (Luke 2:14). This week we are reminded that Jesus came to bring peace to our hearts and to our world!

www.crosswalk.com/special-coverage/christmas-and-advent/

WELCOME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS



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

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 this 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.

CHRISTMAS CLOSURES

The Parish and Mission offices will be closed this week on **Thursday and Friday, December 23 and 24, 2021** so that employees can fully enjoy the Christmas holidays with their loved ones. The offices will reopen on Monday, December 27, 2021.

SCHEDULED EVENTS

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 19	Alnita Peters
December 20	Caleb Ross (10), Ruby Wooding
December 21	Tomiko Stanford Porter
December 24	Kristopher Maye, Rebecca Mohr
December 27	Mirabai Shehabi-Sadasivan (6)
December 28	Pamela Chappell, Sean Golson
December 29	MaKayla Patterson (18), Trinity Smith, Nelson Summerlin, III
December 31	Vicki Maddox, Gwendolyn Nicks
January 1	Maurice Asouzu

ANNIVERSARIES

December 20	Acquanetta and Richard Knight (41 Years), Patrice and Emanuel Obi (28 Years)
December 30	Lynette and Leon Moore (49 Years)

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

December 13, 1933	Cicely Tyson, actress, best remembered for her role in The Autobiography of Ms. Jane Pittman was born.
December 20	Feast of St. Dominic of Silos
December 20, 1808	The United States bought the Louisiana territory from France.
December 21	Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle
December 21, 1965	Four pacifists were indicted in New York for burning draft cards — Thomas C. Cornell, co-secretary of the Catholic Peace Fellowship; Roy Lisker, a volunteer of the Catholic Worker Movement; James E. Wilson, 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	Feast of St. Zeno, St. Flavian
December 23	Feast of St. Yvo of Chartres
December 23, 1933	Pope Pius XI condemned the Nazi sterilization program.
December 24	Feast of Sts. Adam and Eve
December 24, 1956	African Americans defied a city law in Tallahassee, Florida, and occupied front bus seats.
December 25, 1907	Cab Calloway, band leader, the first Jazz singer to sell a million records was born.
December 26	Feast of St. Stephen, First Martyr
December 26, 1966	Dr. Maulana Karenga celebrated the first Kwanza, a seven-day African-American celebration of family and heritage.

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 26, 2021</i>	Sr. Gilda Bell	Charles Twitty Jarred Twitty	Hospitality Ministers	Jewell Pitts Wesley Pitts Carlton Robinson	Erma Carter Deborah Jefferson Clif Weatherly
The Feast of the Holy Family					

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 Selmor, 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.

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

CHRISTMAS BLESSING



As we celebrate the coming of the Lord as the Babe of Bethlehem, we are all mindful of the challenges and joy so many in our parish family, city, country and world have experienced in 2021. 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 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

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**

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. .

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 available in the vestibule.

CHURCH DECORATING



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

KUDOS

Congratulations to our very own **Sean Golson**, who directed a marvelous production of Shakespeare's *Macbeth* that was performed at the Jubilee Community Center earlier this month. We are looking forward to seeing more productions directed by him.

Sanctuary Candle Remembrance

The Sanctuary Candle is lit for the week of December 19-26, in honor of our Blessed Savior, the Newborn Babe of Bethlehem.

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. 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 oym@mobarch.org

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

Fourth Sunday of Advent -- December 19, 2021 - "It is by God's will that we have been sanctified." How is God calling you to grow in holiness? If He may be inviting you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (251) 434-1559 or email: vocation@mobarch.org.

Cuarto Domingo de Adviento - 19 de Diciembre de 2021 - "Es por la voluntad de Dios que hemos sido santificados." ¿Cómo te está llamando Dios a crecer en santidad? Si Él está invitándolo al sacerdocio, diaconado o 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.

CALLING ALL DEDICATED CATHOLIC MEN



Fraternus is an organization which is dedicated to mentoring boys into virtuous Catholic men. It is a Catholic brotherhood for all ages. For over a decade, Fraternus has been recovering the lost art of mentoring, harnessing the power of brotherly men and fathers, and teaching the virtues rooted in Christ as the path to authentic manliness. If you are a Catholic man - and especially a father- and this sounds like something that you would like to be a part of, come to an interest meeting Thursday, January 13th from 7:00 – 8:30 pm at Holy Spirit parish hall as we consider starting a chapter here in the Montgomery area. For more information contact Fr. Den Irwin at 334-567-0047, by email at frirwin@ologchurch.org or Doug Davis at gdougDavis@gmail.com or 334-354-1131. **Check out Fraternus.net**

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



Resurrection Catholic School is on Christmas break until Monday, January 4, 2022. We wish all the students and faculty and joyful, peaceful and restful Christmas and hope they come back well rested to start a fresh new year in 2022.

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..