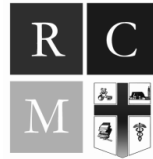




# Resurrection Catholic Church

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Sr. Gilda Marie Bell, Minister of Care  
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MASS SCHEDULE: Sunday – 9:00 a.m.; visit [www.rcmsouth.org](http://www.rcmsouth.org) for virtual Mass; Thursday – 10:00 a.m. (School Mass)

## NOVEMBER 27, 2022 – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 27 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 2022 - PRIMER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

The parish online giving link for sacrificial giving is <https://osvhub.com/rcmsouth/giving/funds>.

**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: .....	\$2,365.00
Online .....	\$1,428.00
Building Fund .....	\$20.00
Food Pantry.....	\$35.00
Gym Use .....	\$50.00
Sanctuary Candle .....	\$20.00

“Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.” Matthew 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and you begin to see God’s active presence in your life. You grow in gratitude, each day, for all that we have been given.

“ ¡Por lo tanto permanezcan despiertos! Ya que no saben que Día vendrá nuestro Señor.” Mateo 24: 42

Las personas que tiene problemas de salud o experiencias cercanas a la muerte generalmente aprecian mejor el hecho de que cada día es un don de Dios. El resto de nosotros da por sentado que estaremos aquí el día de mañana. Sin embargo, al comenzar a ver cada día como un don, se dará cuenta de todos los pequeños milagros que suceden diariamente y comenzará a ver la presencia activa de Dios en su vida. Su gratitud crecerá cada día, por todo lo que se nos ha dado.

## CHRIST THE KING 2022



Congratulations to **Wanda Twitty** who received the Archdiocese of Mobile's *Christ the King* medal on Sunday, November 20, 2022 at a special Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Mobile.

Wanda received this honor in recognition of her outstanding support and dedication to Resurrection parish and Mission center.

## ADVENT SEASON



Advent season is an invitation to set your mind off of the stresses of the year. We can take our focus off of the crazy hustle that can be associated with the Christmas season that often threatens to produce more hassle than delight. Advent is a chance to focus our thoughts on the gift God has given us in his son Jesus who stepped down from Heaven and took the form of a man *so that we might believe*.

The tradition for the first Sunday of Advent includes lighting the candle of *hope*. This candle of hope symbolizes promises delivered through the prophets from God as well as the hope we have in Christ. God crafted a great rescue plan that he lays out in Scripture. This plan foretells years in advance the arrival of Christ. The Bible also gives us a glimpse of the future and promises that God will come down to create a new heaven and Earth.

This first Sunday of Advent we read, pray, and reflect on the hope God’s plan gives us (foretold by the prophets and fulfilled by the life and death of Christ), and we meditate on the promise of Christ’s coming glory-filled return.

## 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 Samarria Dunson
- Knight Keith Golson3
- Knight Brandon Thomas
- Airy Thomas
- Erica Brooks, Linda Carpenter, Nora Powell
- 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
- Brandon Anderson, Erica Brooks, 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:** Call the parish office to schedule a baptism class as well as a date for the baptism.

**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 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.

Email: Sr. Gilda Bell [sgildab@yahoo.com](mailto:sgildab@yahoo.com) \* Michelle Coe [mcoe@rcmsouth.org](mailto:mcoe@rcmsouth.org) \* W. Clifford Petty at [cpetty@rcmsouth.org](mailto:cpetty@rcmsouth.org)

## SCHEDULED EVENTS

<b>December 3</b>	Gift Hope MGM, Cloverdale Park, 10:00 a.m. – Noon
<b>December 4</b>	Our Lady Sodality Meet and Greet, After Mass, Fr. Richard Building
<b>December 18</b>	Welcome Home for Christmas Breakfast and Sunday School Program
<b>December 24</b>	Midnight Mass, prelude at 11:30 p.m.
<b>December 25</b>	Christmas Day Mass, 11:00 a.m.
<b>December 26</b>	Offices Closed for Christmas Holiday
<b>February 10-12, 2023</b>	ENIGMA Retreat, Holy Spirit Hall, Mobile
<b>February 22</b>	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>
<b>March 4-11</b>	Creighton University Spring Break Service Immersion
<b>March 4-11</b>	The Catholic University of America Spring Break Service Immersion
<b>March 4-11</b>	Detroit Mercy Service Immersion
<b>March 11-18</b>	Marquette University Service Immersion
<b>March 18-25</b>	DePaul University Service Immersion

### YOUR PARISH PROFILE

Update your personal profile at <https://mobile.parishsoftfamilysuite.com/Default.aspx>. Click on the “New User” tab to create an account. Once an account has been created you can upload your photo, and update your personal information.

### BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

<b>November 27:</b>	Jonathan Robinson, Nayobi Taylor (5)
<b>November 28:</b>	Gracie Sayles
<b>November 30:</b>	Amber Gibson
<b>December 1:</b>	Jordan Anderson
<b>December 2:</b>	Airy Thomas
<b>December 3:</b>	Leah Hedblom, Danielle Jackson
<b>December 4:</b>	Vickie Barlow, Thomas Barnes-Pack, Neah Belser, Davis Williams (21)
<b>December 7:</b>	Julian Bennette (21), John Hawkins
<b>December 8:</b>	Kiara Stacks, Tré-Anthony Stacks
<b>December 9:</b>	Skylar Barlow (4), Milton A. Davis, Collin Ross (17), Twila Webster, Sheryl Young

### ANNIVERSARY WISHES

<b>November 26:</b>	Veronica and Ben Willkie (23 Years)
<b>November 30:</b>	Jewell and Michael Pitts (31 Years)
<b>November 30:</b>	Gena and Kippy Tate (31 Years)
<b>December 10:</b>	Gabriela Basurto Luna and Marcos Aviles Vargas (12 Years)

### THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

<b>November 27, 1990</b>	Charles Johnson won the National Book Award for <i>Middle Passage</i>
<b>November 28, 2020</b>	Wilton D. Gregory installed as the first African American Cardinal
<b>November 29, 1997</b>	100 Years of Josephite evangelization in Lebeau, LA
<b>November 30</b>	Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle
<b>November 30, 1998</b>	Margaret Walker, poet and writer, died in Chicago, IL.
<b>December 1, 1865</b>	Shaw University, oldest HBCU, was established in Raleigh, NC.
<b>December 2, 2008</b>	Odetta Holmes, “ <i>The Voice of the Civil Rights Movement</i> ”, died in New York, NY.
<b>December 3</b>	Feast of St. Francis Xavier
<b>December 3, 1847</b>	Frederick Douglass and Martin R. Delaney published the first issue of the <i>North Star</i> , an anti-slavery paper.

### 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. (September through May.) 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
<i>Today, November 27, 2022 - First Sunday of Advent</i>	Michelle Coe	Milton Davis Helen Jones <b>Advent Wreath</b> Regina Skrivanek	Aiden and Chase James	Charles Twitty Renardo Smith Keith Golson	Marcus Carpenter Leon Moore Nora Powell Mays
<i>Next Sunday December 4, 2022 – Second Sunday of Advent</i>	Jacqueline Rose Hudson	Brandon Anderson Louise LaGrave <b>Advent Wreath</b> The Sequeira Family	Xavier and Roland Maddox	Derek Coe Keith Golson Leon Moore	Erma Carter Deborah Jefferson Felicia Williams Smith Clif Weatherly

## *THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER*

Marian Alexander, Leo Allen, Deacon Terry Anderson, Kendrick Arrington, II, Arthur Bailey, Columbia Baldwin, Bridget Barlow, Dorothy Barlow, Rhonda Barlow, Vickie Barlow, Barry Barber, Angela Barnes, Carey Barnes, Dakari Barnes, Alma Beasley, Annie Bell, Arnold Bell, Sr. Gilda Bell, Kevin Bell, Edwina Bell, Ethel Bell, Gloria Bell, Lois Bivens, Jarred Bridges, Jerome Broughton, Jennifer Tarver Brown, Anthony Burden, Erica Butler, Tim Butler, Sr., John Carpenter, Erma Carter, Fr. David Carucci, Bishop Ferd Cheri, OFM, Candi Coe, Gladys Copeland, Charlotte Corbin, Bernadette Costello, Doris Crenshaw, Mary Cuffe, Mecylah Danley, Annie David, Margarete Day, Yolonda Dickerson, Elaine Dorsey, Baby Duff, Kayley Duff, Dora Fenderson, 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, Janice Grant, Michelle Greer, William Guilford, Cristina Guillet, Larry Guyton, Sr. Patsy Guyton, SFCC, Debbie Hall, Doris Hall, Br. Bill Hallas, C.R., Evelyn Harris, Kevin Harris, Marcy Harris, Veronica M. Harris, James Herndon, Ophelia Hill, Phyllis Hill, Wanda Hill, Keanan Hood, Ronald Howard, Jacqueline Hudson, Iris Hurd Hunter, Barbara Jackson, Kevin Jackson, Veronica Jackson, Rebecca James, Mary Ellen Jeter, Regina Jobe, Ethel G. Johnson, Johnetta Johnson, Robert Johnson, Robin Johnson, Roxy Jones, Debbie Kemsel, Felicia Kenney, Marie Kenny, Betty Kerman, Frances Knight, Richard 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, Deanna McRay, Sr. Carolyn Minert, C.R., Liam Monk, Jacqueline Montgomery, James Moore, Kyle Moore, Sr., Shawntice Moore, Gwendolyn Nicks, LaTonya Nicks, Lula B. Nikoi, Carolyn Norvel, Fr. William Norvel, S.S.J., Dorothy J. Ogden, Audrey O'Connor, Ronnie Peters, Latasha Peterson, Cliff Petty, Michael Pitts, Albert Pickett, Marvin Pickett, Elaine Poole, Alaida Pugh, AR, Jerry Radka, Alex Ragesdalle, Anne Reynolds, Joel Rivera, Sara Moran Romano, Farley Rudolph, Morris Sayles, Curtis Scott, Mildred Selmar, Rhonda Shell, Fr. David Shoemaker, Joseph Silver, Rosalyn Silver, Fr. Paul Sims, C.R., 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, Sam Strickland, Clarence Stringer, Maggie Stringer, Rubye Sullivan, Fr. Gene Szarek, C.R., Carrie Tarver, Cynthia Taylor, Jonathan Taylor, Brenda Tell, Faye Thornton, Sherman & Merle Todd, Willie Tolbert, Mary Trainor, Saint Trevel, Dolores Turner, Judith Turner, Charles Twitty, Mary Vanderbilt, Rosalind Vanderbilt, Leon Varner, Ray Vaughn, Iris Vanessa Vaughn, Fr. Stephen Vrazel, Zachary Walk, Marie Washington, Jemellia Webb, Steve Webb, Annie Webster, Franklin Webster, Whitney Webster, Ashley Whatley, Brenda White, Molly White, Diarmuid Wilcox, Kevin Wilcox, Maureen Wilcox, Lorena Wilkerson, Fr. Clarence Williams, CPPS, Isaac Williams, Nathan Williams, Thelma Williams.

**HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS:** Bridget Barlow, Jerome Broughton, Ophelia Hill, Farley Rudolph, Sheila Sprowl, Dolores Turner.

**MILITARY:** Marcus Carpenter, Nakeisha Gauntt, Heidi Hedblom, Terrence Perkins, Wesley Pitts, Gracie Sayles, Rickey Sequeira, Caro Stanford, Kayla Summerlin.

## MASS PROTOCOLS

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. At the Sign of Peace no physical contact is allowed (no hugs, handshakes, etc.)
6. 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:

- ♥ *Lauren Levins and Ennis Harvey*
- ♥ *Renardo Smith and Isis Hunley*

### BIBLE STUDY



Bible Study is every Thursday evening from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. The class is study the Acts of the Apostles. For the class

on **Thursday, December 1**, read Acts Chapter 14.

All are invited to join the weekly Bible Study group via Zoom. Visit the RCM website for the link. **The link is on one of the slides on the website. Either scroll through the slides until you find the Bible Study slide or wait for it to load on your device.**

### Sanctuary Candle Remembrance



The Sanctuary Candle is lit for the week of November 27 – December 3, 2022 in loving memory of **Freddie B. Thomas, Jr.** Please call the Parish office at 230-1964 or email Michelle Coe at [mcoe@rcmsouth.org](mailto:mcoe@rcmsouth.org) if you wish to have the candle lit for your special intention. The suggested donation is \$20.00.

## INTERFAITH COMMUNITY OUTREACH

### RESURRECTION FOOD PANTRY



Feeding the Community

The Resurrection Food Pantry is well stocked and available to those who need food assistance. Call (334) 263-4221 to be directed to a member of the staff who will arrange for a food package to be put together based on the family size.

### ANGEL TREE



Information about the Resurrection's Angel Tree Program for the seniors of RCM's Interfaith Community Outreach Program will be posted on the parish Facebook page as well as in the bulletin next week. Please contact Brandon Anderson at [banderson@rcmsouth.org](mailto:banderson@rcmsouth.org) or Michelle Coe at [mcoe@rcmsouth.org](mailto:mcoe@rcmsouth.org).

## OUR LADY SODALITY

### MEET AND GREET

Our Lady Sodality will have a *Meet and Greet* next Sunday, December 4, 2022 immediately after Mass in the Fr. Richard Administration Building. Please join the OLS for an afternoon of games, chat, chew and fun. Contact Jacque Rose Hudson at (334) 651-1416 for more information.

## RESURRECTION HEALTH MINISTRY

### YOGA, TAI CHI AND PILATES



Join Brandon Anderson every Saturday in the school gym for one full hour of exercise. The first 30 minutes will be stretching, yoga and pilates. The second 30 minutes will cater to the older crowd with chair Tai Chi and traditional Tai Chi classes. **The time is 10:30 am -11:30 am.** All are welcome!

## 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.*

## BLESSED TRINITY SHRINE RETREAT

Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat, a Catholic retreat center in Alabama, has exciting retreats coming up in the Fall. For additional information and to register online, please visit our website at [msbt.org/btsr](http://msbt.org/btsr).

**December 5-9 - Introspections at Advent**

**January 20-22, 2023 – Annual Women's Retreat**

**January 27-29, 2023 – Annual Men's Retreat**

**March 3-5, 2023 – What Does it Mean to be Chosen?**

**April 28-30, 2023 – Discernment in Everyday Life**

**July 7-9, 2023 – Christ Be Our Light**

For more information, please contact our Administrative Assistant, Michelle, at 334-855-4474 (ext 1).

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

### ENIGMA

A monthly fellowship for young Black Catholic men and young Black Christian men who attend Montgomery Catholic Schools (8th grade through 25 years) is held once a month, on a Sunday evening, at Montgomery Catholic Athletic Center, 5350 Vaughn Road, Montgomery, AL from 5:00 8:30 p.m. For more information or questions, contact Margie Lilly at 251-415-3871. Join the group on **December 4** for fun, fellowship, food, fraternity and faith. **The annual ENIGMA retreat will be held at Holy Spirit Hall in Mobile February 10-12, 2023. MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

### VOCATIONS

**First Sunday of Advent** -- Advent is a time of watching and waiting. Are you open to the surprising ways God comes to you? Be attentive to God's call in the ordinary. (Mark 13: 33–37). 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).

**Primer Domingo de Adviento** - El Adviento es un tiempo de observación y espera. ¿Estás abierto a las formas sorprendentes en que Dios viene a ti? Esté atento al llamado de Dios en lo ordinario. (Marcos 13: 33–37). Si cree que Dios lo está llamando a ser sacerdote, llame al Padre Victor Ingalls (251) 415-3871, o escriba [vocations@mobarch.org](mailto:vocations@mobarch.org).

## BINGO AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH

**BINGO, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>, 6:30 PM IN THE PARISH HALL AT ST. PETER'S!**



\$1 cards, 50/50. Proceeds will go towards the Building Fund. Come join the fun!! There will be Bingo at St. Peter's every second Friday of each month.

## CATHOLIC CRUISES

**Fátima, Lourdes & Shrines of Spain Tour**

**April 11 - 22, 2023**

**Prices start at \$2069 per person (based on double occupancy). Deposits of only \$800.00 per person will reserve your space. Space is VERY LIMITED.**

Visit some of the most treasured Marian shrines, pilgrimage sites, and spiritual places in Portugal, Spain, and France. Hear about the apparition of the Blessed Virgin to the shepherd children in Fátima, learn about the journey taken by pilgrims from all over the world into Santiago de Compostela and visit Loyola and Manresa to get inspired by St. Ignacio's Jesuit mission. In Braga, walk the monumental steps of the Sanctuary of Bom Jesus do Monte and in Burgos, marvel at the majestic Cathedral. Join the nightly Rosary and candlelight procession in Lourdes. Spend one night by the inspiring Montserrat Sanctuary, where you will also attend Mass. End in Barcelona with time to celebrate, reflect, and rejoice. Call Brian at Catholic Cruises and Tours at 860-399-1785 for more information.

## COMMUNITY



**A special way to shop this Christmas Saturday, December 3 / 10am – Noon Cloverdale Park across from FUMC Montgomery Or Online November 20 - December 6**

**Gift Hope** will again offer people in the River Region an opportunity to rethink the traditional Christmas gift, by giving them a better alternative – giving hope to someone in need. **Gift Hope** supports area ministries and nonprofits through an event where you can purchase a variety of "gifts" in honor of a friend or loved one.

By supporting **Gift Hope**, you help fund specific items from one or more nonprofits working in the Montgomery area to help those in need -- for example, one week of hot meals for an elderly couple in need, or one night's shelter for a homeless family. (Gifts will be available at a variety of prices, starting at \$5.) The gift recipient will receive from the gift purchaser a card announcing the gift(s) made in the recipient's name and the name(s) of the designated nonprofits.

**Gift Hope 2022** is an outdoor, community event sponsored by the Church & Society Ministry Team of the First United Methodist Church in Cloverdale Park. Join us on Saturday, December 3 and support your community. For those unable to attend, online shopping will be available from November 20 - December 6 at [www.fumcmontgomery.org/gifthope/](http://www.fumcmontgomery.org/gifthope/).