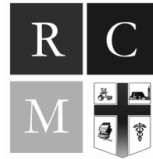




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MASS SCHEDULE: Sunday – 9:00 a.m.; visit www.rcmsouth.org for virtual Mass; Thursday – 10:00 a.m. (School Mass)

JANUARY 1, 2023 – FEAST OF OUR LADY, MOTHER OF GOD 1 DE ENERO DE 2023 - SANTA MARÍA, MADRE DE DIOS

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.



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| Christmas Eve Offering: | \$801.00 |
| Christmas Day Offering..... | \$5,992.00 |
| Online..... | \$1,041.00 |
| Building Fund | \$100.00 |
| Poinsettias | \$50.00 |
| School..... | \$10.00 |

“And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.” LUKE 2:19

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God’s call. She heard God’s message, and immediately said “yes.” Mary teaches us to live with joy and gratitude for the many blessings God has given us. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ’s light to the world. We do this through lives of gratitude and generosity.

“Y María, por su parte, guardaba todas estas cosas en su corazón y meditaba acerca de ellas” LUCAS 02:19

Después de Jesús, miramos a María como nuestro modelo ideal de corresponsabilidad. Vivió toda su vida obedeciendo el llamado de Dios. Ella escuchó el mensaje de Dios, y dijo «Sí» inmediatamente. María nos enseña a vivir con alegría y gratitud por las muchas bendiciones que Dios nos ha dado. Así como la luna refleja la luz del sol, María refleja la luz de Cristo. Como María, nosotros somos llamados a reflejar la luz de Cristo al mundo. Nosotros lo hacemos a través de una vida de gratitud y generosidad.

NEW YEAR’S PRAYER



Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, faith. Where there is despair, hope. Where there is darkness, light. Where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console. To be understood as to understand. To be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Prayer of St. Francis

JOSEPHITE CALENDARS

The Josephite calendars are available on the table in the vestibule. Please take one per household. **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

NEW YEAR’S HOLIDAY



The Parish and Mission offices will be closed on **Monday, January 2, 2023** in observance of the New Years Holiday. The offices will reopen on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

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 2nd 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 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 * W. Clifford Petty at cpetty@rcmsouth.org

SCHEDULED EVENTS

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| January 2 | Offices Closed for the New Year Holiday |
| January 13, 2023 | Resurrection Group Outing to see <i>Jubilee</i> , 7 p.m., Alabama Shakespeare Festival |
| February 10-12 | ENIGMA Retreat, Holy Spirit Hall, Mobile |
| February 22 | ASH WEDNESDAY |
| March 4-11 | Creighton University Spring Break Service Immersion |
| March 4-11 | The Catholic University of America Spring Break Service Immersion |
| March 4-11 | Detroit Mercy Service Immersion |
| March 11-18 | Marquette University Service Immersion |
| March 18-25 | 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

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| January 1: | Maurice Asouzu |
| January 3: | Chelsye Leach Peck (15) |
| January 4: | Marcus Carpenter |
| January 5: | Natasha Broughton, Moses Butcher, Sr., James Moore, Sr., Valencia Pringle |
| January 6: | Kellie Johnson, Jacob Martinez (13) |
| January 7: | Moore Asouzu, Henry Guilford |
| January 8: | Carol Batiste-Felder, Dora Fenderson, Amon Robinson |
| January 10: | Cytrus Rudolph, III (12) |
| January 11: | Alex Buchanan, Miles Henderson |
| January 12: | London Rudolph (10), Vanessa Stacks |
| January 13: | Daniel Jones |
| January 14: | Leon Moore, Jr. |

ANNIVERSARY WISHES

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| January 11: | Berniece and William Guilford (20 Years) |
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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

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| January 1, 1863 | Emancipation Proclamation issued, the freedom of Slaves. |
| January 2 | Feast of Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen |
| January 2, 1889 | The first National Negro Catholic Congress held in Washington, DC. |
| January 3 | Feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus |
| January 3, 1966 | Samuel Younge, Jr. was the first student killed in the Civil Rights Movement. |
| January 4 | Feast of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton |
| January 4, 1986 | Eddie Plicque, first African-American ring announcer, world championship boxing match, died in Chicago, IL. |
| January 5 | Feast of St. John Neumann |
| January 5, 1943 | George Washington Carver, scientist, botanist, educator, inventor, died in Tuskegee, AL. |
| January 6 | Feast of St. André Bessette |
| January 6, 1966 | Harold R. Perry SVD was ordained Catholic Bishop for New Orleans, LA. |
| January 7 | Feast of St. Raymond of Penyafort |
| January 7, 1955 | Marian Anderson was the first African American to perform at the Metropolitan Opera. |

| Ministry Schedule | | | | | |
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| Date | Eucharist | Lectors | Gifts | Servers | Ushers |
| <i>Today</i> January 1, 2023 | Denise Vaughn | Michelle Coe Rosalind Pijaux Hale | The Sequiera Family | Derek Coe Keith Golson Renardo Smith | Erma Carter Deborah Jefferson Felicia Smith Clif Weatherly |
| <i>Next Sunday</i> January 8, 2023 | Helen Jones | Brandon Anderson Jewell Pitts | The Jackson Family | Ronnie Peters Barbara Parker Leon Moore | Pamela Garrett Jacqueline Hudson Patrice Obi Denise Vaughn |

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, 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, Keith Moore, Kyle Moore, Sr., Shawntrice 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, Kaiyan Xavier Street, 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.

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.

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

OUR LADY SODALITY

Our Lady Sodality will **NOT** meet today after Mass.

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 & Ennis Harvey**

♥ **Renardo Smith & Isis Hunley**

Sanctuary Candle Remembrance

The Sanctuary Candle is lit for the week of January 1-7, 2023 in loving memory of **Hannah Carmel Wilcox**. Please call the Parish office at 230-1964 or email Michelle Coe at mcoe@rcmsouth.org if you wish to have the candle lit for your special intention. The suggested donation is \$20.00.



BIBLE STUDY



Bible Study is every Thursday evening from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. The class will resume this Thursday, January 5, 2023.

To prepare for this class, read Acts Chapter 15.

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

KUDOS

Congratulations to **W. Clifford Petty** who received an honorary doctorate of Musical Arts from Graham Theological Seminary on December 28, 2022.

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!

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Spring Semester 2023

The students will return after their Christmas break on Wednesday, January 4, 2023.

INTERFAITH COMMUNITY OUTREACH

RESURRECTION FOOD PANTRY



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.

RESPECT LIFE

"Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united himself with every human being and desires for us to share eternal life with him.... Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God and we reflect his glory in the world." ~ *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities; The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary*

We pray on this Feast of the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, that we may be given the grace to always see in others the face of Christ our Savior.

COMMUNITY



JANUARY. 13, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Tickets Prices are \$25 per ticket

Festival Stage / Recommended Ages 12+

Playwright and director Tazewell Thompson brings an innovative and heart-stirring score to life with this uplifting a cappella tribute inspired by real life. The world-renowned Fisk Jubilee Singers shattered racial barriers in the U.S. and abroad, entertaining kings and queens. For more than 150 years, the bold a cappella African American ensemble born on the campus of one of the nation's premiere HBCUs has blended their rich voices together to share a heritage of suffering, strength, and endurance. Featuring uplifting spirituals and hymns including "Wade in the Water," "Ain't That Good News," "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" and "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen," this a cappella performance will ignite audiences of every generation.

Come to this show as a group and enjoy a cultural outing in a relaxed environment. For ticket information, please call Michelle Coe at 230-1964.

Please pay for your **reserved** tickets in the Parish Office or online at:

<https://www.osvhub.com/rcmsouth/giving/funds/jubilee-at-asf>

no later than **Thursday, January 5, 2023**. Tickets will be available for pickup after 1 p.m. on **Friday, January 6**.

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 **JANUARY 29, 2023** 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!

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Mary is known by many titles often evoking her role in Salvation history such as Queen of Heaven; celebrating her virtues such as Mother of Good Counsel; or referencing her apparitions such as Our Lady of Guadalupe. The oldest and most foundational title for Mary is Μητηρ or Mother as found in Scripture. The oldest theological title is that of Θεοτοκος (Theotokos), Bearer of God or Mother of God.

Although the latter title is very common and perfectly accepted today it was not so from the beginning. This title likely was first used around the year 200 and became widely accepted by about the year 300, give or take some decades. At first, it seems to have been used for its poetic beauty without giving much thought to its theological implications. But as the title became more popular its theological significance was carefully studied and discussed.

Gregory of Nazianzus (329-390) famously wrote: "...if anyone does not agree that Holy Mary is the Mother of God, he is at odds with the Godhead." This affirmation belies the fact that not everyone accepted the title of Theotokos.

To settle the matter Emperor Theodosius II called the Council of Ephesus in 431 at the insistence of Patriarch Cyril of Alexandria and Pope Celestine of Rome. The Council solemnly affirmed the title of Theotokos, and ever since, Mary has been known as the Mother of God.