

Resurrection Catholic Church

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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)

DECEMBER 17, 2023 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 17 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2023 – 3^{er} DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

The parish online giving link for sacrificial giving is https://osyhub.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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Sunday Collection Basket and Mailed Offerings \$4,311.00 Online Giving......\$1,103.00 Food Pantry\$45.00 Sanctuary Candle\$20.00 School.....\$520.00



"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus." – 1 Thessalonians 5:16 – 18 -

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

"Estén siempre contentos. Oren sin cesar. Den gracias en todas las circunstancias, porque esa es la voluntad de Dios para ustedes como creventes en Jesucristo." - 1 TESALONICENSES 5:16-18

Esta lectura de las escrituras resume a la Corresponsabilidad. "Estén siempre contentos" quiere decir colocar su confianza en el Señor; Él proveerá para todas nuestras necesidades. "Orar constantemente" significa que la oración debe ser una conversación fluida con Dios a través de todo el día, todos los días. "De gracias en todas las circunstancias" quiere decir dar gracias aún en las malas situaciones, agradezca siempre a Dios. Sufrir un poco avuda a construir empatía con los demás en situaciones similares, y muestra nuestra dependencia de Dios.

WELCOME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS



The Parish's Annual Welcome Home for Christmas Breakfast and Program will be held next Sunday, December 24 after Mass. The Sunday School children will present their annual Christmas program. Join us for food, fellowship and entertainment.

ANGEL TREE

The Angel Tree gifts for the seniors of RCM's Interfaith Community Outreach Program will be delivered this week. For more information please contact Michelle Coe at mcoe@rcmsouth.org (334-230-1964). Please bring your WRAPPED gifts to the Administration Building no later than tomorrow so that gifts can be delivered early in the week.

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 Sunday, December 24. A prelude of melodious music of the season will begin at 11:30 p.m. Christmas Day Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. New Year's Day Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m.

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 Grand Knight Knights of Peter Claver Deputy Grand Knight** Knights of Peter Claver, Ladies Auxiliary Grand Lady **KPCLA**, Vice Grand Lady Knights of Peter Claver Jr. Daughter Counselor Knights of Peter Claver Asst. Jr. Daughter Counselor Knights of Peter Claver Jr. Knight 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 Resurrection Catholic School Child Nutrition Program** 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 Michelle Coe Grand Knight Carlton Robinson Knight Keith Golson Grand Lady Rosalind Pijeaux Hale - kpcla345gl@gmail.com Lady Rena Ross Lady Lloria James Lady Samarria Dunson Knight Clif Weatherly Airy Thomas Erica Brooks, Linda Carpenter, Nora Powell May 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, Ms. Janeen Gadson Director, Ms. Twila Webster 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/vouth religious education classes every Sunday after Mass. September through May. OUR LADY 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 quarterly in the Fr. Richard Administration Building **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

December 17	Welcome Home for Christmas Breakfast and Program, After Mass, School Hall
Dec. 20 – Jan. 2, 2024	Christmas Holidays for Resurrection Catholic School
January 3	Teacher Inservice at Resurrection Catholic School
January 3	RCIA class, 6 p.m., Fr. Richard Administration Building
January 4	Students Return from Christmas break
January 4	Weekly Bible Study via Zoom, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
January 4-11	St. Norbert College, Student Visit to Montgomery/Resurrection
January 5-7	Catholic Mobilizing Network Visit to Montgomery/Resurrection
January 10	S.A.L.T. Gathering, 10 a.m., Fr. Richard Administration Building
February 12-16	Catholic Theological University Civil Rights Pilgrimage
February 23-25	Archdiocesan Catholic Youth Conference, Perdido Beach, AL
February 24	KPCLA Youth Workshop, School Gym
Feb. 24-March 1	Loyola Marymount University Los Angeles, Spring Break Trip
March 2-8	Creighton University Spring Break Trip
March 2-8	Detroit Mercy Spring Break Trip
March 9-15	DePaul University Spring Break Trip
May 13-19	Misericordia University Civil Rights Trip
July 17-21	National Eucharistic Congress, Indianapolis, IN
October 4-6	Black Catholic Theological Symposium, Montgomery, AL

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

December 17:	Elmore Patterson
December 18:	MiKayla Brown, Katelyn Childs (18)
December 19:	Alnita Peters
December 20:	Caleb Ross (12), Andrey Scott (2), Ruby Wooding
December 21:	Alma Beasley, Tomiko Porter
December 24:	Kristopher Maye, Rebecca Mohr
December 27:	Mirabai Shehabi-Sadasivan (8)
December 28:	Pamela Chappell, Sean Golson, Emily Hurtado Morales (11)
December 29:	Makayla Patterson (20), Trinity Smith, Kai Stokes (11), Nelson Summerlin, Jr.
December 30:	Judith St. Onge

ANNIVERSARIES

Lori and Michael Burke (26 Years)
Janice and Dwight Thomas (52 Years)
Patrice and Emanuel Obi (30 Years)
Lynette and Leon Moore (51 Years)

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

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.
December 19, 1875	Carter G. Woodson, historian and father of Black History, was born in New Canton, VA.
December 19, 1891	Charles Uncles, SSJ became the first Black priest to be ordained in the U.S.
December 20, 1860	South Carolina seceded from the Union, initiating the Civil War.
December 20, 1988	Leonard J. Olivier was ordained Catholic Bishop of Washington, D.C.
December 21	Feast of St. Peter Canisius
December 21, 1911	Josh Gibson, known as the "Black Babe Ruth" was born in Buena Vista, GA.
December 21, 1956	The Montgomery buses were integrated.
December 22, 1943	W.E.B. Du Bois became the first African American member of the National Institute of Arts and
	Letters.
December 23	Feast of St. John of Kanty
December 23, 1867	Madam C.J. Walker, millionaire cosmetologist, was born in Delta, LA.

Ministry Schedule							
Date	Eucharist	Lectors	Gifts	Servers	Ushers		
Today	Melvetta Leach	Derrilyn Wilson	Chandler Ross	Andrew Hargrove	John Carpenter		
December 17,	Peck	Keri Smith	Amber Gibson	Ronnie Peters	Delores Coe		
$2023 - 3^{rd}$		Advent Wreath:		Barbara Parker	Kassandra Scott		
Sunday of Advent		Riché Richardson			Wanda Twitty		
Next Sunday	Richetta Cofield	Chelsye Leach-	Jaden Davis,	Jo'Liam Golson,	Marcus Carpenter, Jaden		
December 24,	Stanford	Peck, Keri Smith	McKenzie Wilson	Emily Hurtado,	Davis, Angel Hollins-		
$2023 = 4^{th}$		Advent Wreath:		Jacob Martinez	Morgan, Leon Moore,		
Sunday of Advent		Maddison Morgan			Nora Powell Mays,		
					McKenzie Wilson		
Midnight Mass	Michelle Coe	Charles Twitty, Sr.	The William	Derek Coe, Keith	John Carpenter, Deborah		
December 24,		Patsy Guyton,	Golson Family	Golson, Leon	Jefferson, Kassandra		
2023		SFCC		Moore	Scott, Wanda Twitty		

Please note that the weekly ministry assignments, as well as the readings for each Sunday can be found on the Mission calendar, located on our website. If you are unsure if you are on the schedule, please check the calendar at https://www.rcmsouth.org/home/calendar/

THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Marian Alexander, Leo Allen, Felipe Altamirano, Juan Altamirano, Dcn. Terry Anderson, Kendrick Arrington, II, Moore Asouzu, Arthur Bailey, Columbia Baldwin, Bridget Barlow, Dorothy Barlow, Vickie Barlow, Barry Barber, Angela Barnes, Carey 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, Beatrice Butler, Erica Butler, Timothy Butler, Jr., Kimberly Carlton, John Carpenter, Linda Carpenter, Erma Carter, Fr. David Carucci, Gladys Copeland, Charlotte Corbin, Bernadette Costello, Doris Crenshaw, Mecylah Danley, Annie David, Margarete Day, Yolonda Dickerson, Jack Diez, Elaine Dorsey, 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, Keith Golson, 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, Deborah Jefferson, Mary Ellen Jeter, Regina Jobe, Ethel G. Johnson, Johnetta Johnson, Robert Johnson, Robin Johnson, Bobbetta Jones, Roxy Jones, Debbie Kemsel, Felicia Kenney, Marie Kenny, Betty Kerman, Frances Knight, Deacon James Labadie, Shaquille LaFond, Jewel Lewis, Rosetta Lovelace, Fay Lyons, Mildred Maddox, Ivy Malden, Clarence Manly, Ayanna Marshall, Lynlee Faith McDonald, 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, Carolyn Norvel, Fr. William Norvel, S.S.J., David Ogden, Dorothy J. Ogden, Audrey O'Connor, Jeanette Penney, Alnita Peters, Ronnie Peters, Latasha Peterson, Cliff Petty, Michael Pitts, Albert Pickett, Marvin Pickett, Elaine Poole, Alaida Pugh, AR, Jerry Radka, Alex Ragesdalle, Anne Reynolds, Trinity Richards, Joel Rivera, Gavin Roeder, 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, Shirley Smith, Willie Ann Smith, Yvette Smiley Smith, Mary Snoddy, Fr. Frank Sofie, Valentine Spencer, Victor Splitt, Richetta Stanford, Carol Stevens, Ernestine Stephens, Ronald Stephens, Allen Stevens, Barbara Stevens, Susan Strauss, Kaiyan Street, Maggie Stringer, Rubye Sullivan, Fr. Gene Szarek, C.R., Mel Tardy, Sr., Carrie Tarver, Cynthia Taylor, Jonathan Taylor, Brenda Tell, Airy Thomas, Faye Thornton, Sherman & Merle Todd, Willie Tolbert, Thomas Tolliver, Mary Trainor, Saint Trevel, Judith Turner, Charles Twitty, Wanda Twitty, Mary Vanderbilt, Rosalind Vanderbilt, Leon Varner, Denise Vaughn, Ray Vaughn, Iris Vanessa Vaughn, Fr. Stephen Vrazel, Zachary Walk, Marie Washington, Marya Washington, Jemellia Webb, Steve Webb, Annie Webster, Franklin Webster, Whitney Webster, Fr. Tom Weise, Ashley Whatley, Brenda White, Molly White, Kevin Wilcox, Kevin Barry Wilcox, Maureen Wilcox, Lorena Wilkerson, Isaac Williams, Nathan Williams, Thelma Williams,

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS: Marion Alexander, Bridget Barlow, Jerome Broughton, Ophelia Hill, Pat and John German, Jeanette Penney, Farley Rudolph, Sheila Sprowl.

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

MASS PROTOCOLS

Observe the following protocols when attending Mass:

- 1. Masks or other suitable face covering may 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. At the Sign of Peace, no physical contact is allowed (no hugs, handshakes, etc.)

PARISH NEWS

CHURCH DECORATING



Help make our place of worship fit for the newborn *King!* We will decorate the church for Christmas this Tuesday. December 19 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

WEDDING BELLS ARE RINGING



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

♥ Lauren Levins & Ennis Harvey

♥ Molly Strickland and Christian Waugh (12/30/23)

Sanctuary Candle Remembrance

The Sanctuary Candle is lit for the week of December 17-23, 2023 praying for peace in areas of strife around the world and in our country during this joyful but sometimes stressful time of the year. Call the Parish office 230-1964 or email Michelle Coe at at mcoe@rcmsouth.org if you wish to have the candle lit

for your special intention. The suggested donation is \$20.00.

BIBLE STUDY



The next class is Thursday, January 4, **2024.** All are invited to join the weekly Bible Study group via Zoom. Visit the RCM website for the link. The current topic is "Women in the Bible". Thus far, we have

discussed Sarah and Hagar, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of Jesus, the Samaritan woman, Deborah, the sisters of Lazarus, Martha and Mary, Delilah, Rahab, Miriam, Abigail and Ruth.

S.A.L.T. (SENIOR ADULTS LIVING **TRIUMPHANTLY**)

The next S.A.L.T. gathering will be Wednesday, January 10, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Fr. Richard Administration Building. The group will enjoy a delicious meal prepared by the Child Nutrition staff as well as fellowship, and games. .

If you would like to contribute towards the S.A.L.T. program, a gift list has been created on Amazon to purchase candy and gifts for the participants. Visit www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guestview/14AWBGKTVFT50

Please make sure to contact Sr. Gilda Bell to reserve your place and for more information at (334) 230-1952 or gbell@rcmsouth.org.

INTERFAITH COMMUNITY OUTREACH HELPING THOSE IN NEED

Many thanks to all of you who support the Interfaith Community Outreach program through your gifts and your prayers. This week we were able to get organic potatoes, cabbage, pears, mini watermelon, blackberries, blueberries, fresh corn and block cheese. Your gifts truly make a difference to those we are privileged to serve.

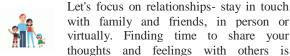
KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER AND LADIES AUXILIARY



Peace

II Thessalonians 3:16 "Now the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all."

WELLNESS TIP



with family and friends, in person or virtually. Finding time to share your thoughts and feelings with others is important for your mental health. Create some new memories with those you care about the most!

Thank you Resurrection Family!

We could not have done it without your support. It is because of you and others like you, we had a successful Food Drive.

Court 345 Junior Daughters **KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER BOSTON BUTT SALE**

The Knights of Peter Claver Council 345 are having a Boston Butt sale on Saturday, December 23 and Sunday, December 24. The Butts are \$40 each and there are only eleven (11) available. Call Derek Coe at (334) 303-5622 or Keith Golson at (334) 868-9404 to place your order. The Butts can be picked up after 2 p.m. on Saturday or after Mass on Sunday.

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 whom man enslaves, let God set free."

~ USCCB, "Prayer 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 prisioners.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

LATIN MASS

Traditional Latin Mass will be offered at Midnight Christmas Eve at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 543 S. Union St. Montgomery, AL 36104. Parking is available just past the church in the Montgomery Public Schools Professional Services Center lot. Handicapped parking is available in that same lot and in the lot just before the church where there are only limited spaces. Everyone is welcome. For more information, Email: latinmasscentralalabama@gmail.com

FATIMA, LOURDES & SHRINES OF **SPAIN TOUR APRIL 19 THROUGH APRIL 30. 2024**

Land starting at \$2369 per person based on double occupancy. An \$850 per person deposit is required to hold your space.

Starting from picturesque Lisbon, visit some of the world's most treasured Marian shrines, pilgrimage sites, and spiritual places of 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 life, reflect, and rejoice.

This 12-day group tour includes hotels, guides, historians, land transportation, 11 breakfasts and 7 dinners.

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I'm a daily pilgrim, taking each day as a new opportunity to discover & share about life, people & places. Whilst I now live in Italy, I'm originally from Galicia in Spain and have double nationality due to my

Portuguese father. I'm proud to consider Catholic faith-based travelling my specialist field. As I always explain to the pilgrims I'm glad to meet on our way, these experiences transcend the simpler sense of vacation touring as we do not only travel in search of shopping, exploring, leisure, relax or entertainment, but we travel to meet what, somehow, has been part of us from the very beginning of our existence through our identity, our family or cultural heritage: that's pilgrimating, a journey that takes us to redefine our existence according to our beliefs through those sites where these have happened or been commemorated.

