



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)



CONTACTS IN THE PARISH AND MISSION CENTER

Apostles of the Resurrection
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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

Evelyn Harris
Angela Barnes
Gladys Copeland
John Carpenter, Derek Coe
Regina Sadler
Michelle Coe
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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 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

DECEMBER 24, 2023 – TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 24 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2023 – 4º 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.

Sunday Collection Basket and Mailed Offerings.....\$3,382.00
Online Giving.....\$1,094.00
Building Fund\$16.00
Food Pantry\$515.00
Poinsettias\$10.00
School\$35.00



“Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!” – Luke 1:28 - After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God’s call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given. 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 through our gratitude and generosity.

“Salve, llena de gracia, El Señor está contigo.” - LUCAS 1:28 - Después de Jesús, vemos a María como un ideal de corresponsabilidad. Vivió su vida entera obedeciendo el llamado de Dios. María nos enseña a vivir con alegría por todo lo que nos ha sido dado. Así como la luna refleja la luz del sol, María refleja la luz de Cristo. Como María, somos llamados a reflejar la luz de Cristo al mundo a través de nuestra gratitud y generosidad.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

In a year filled with so many challenges and so many blessings we all need the measure of joy and hope that the birth of the Prince of Peace brings. Your pastoral staff praises and thanks God for the gift of this parish community.

May this Christmas bring consolation to broken hearts and joy to all our hearts.

Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE



Come share with us in a night of word, music and dance, as we welcome our newborn King! Midnight Mass will be celebrated tonight. 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. on December 25, 2023

New Year’s Day Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on January 1, 2024.

SCHEDULED EVENTS

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 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
December 31:	Victoria Maddox, Gwen Nicks
January 1:	Maurice Asouzu
January 3:	Chelsye Leack-Peck (16)
January 4:	Marcus Carpenter (4)
January 5:	Natasha Broughton, Moses Butcher, Sr., James Moore, Sr., Valencia Pringle
January 6:	Kellie Johnson, Jacob Martinez (14)

ANNIVERSARIES

December 30:	Lynette and Leon Moore (51 Years)
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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

December 24, 1898	Irwin Mollison, the first African American Federal Judge was born in Vicksburg, MS.
December 25	Feast of the Nativity of the Lord
December 25, 1907	Cab Calloway, premier jazz entertainer, was born in Rochester, NY
December 26	Feast of St. Stephen
December 26, 1966	First day of Kwanzaa, an African Americal cultural holiday developed by Dr. Mulana Ron Karenga.
December 27	Feast of St. John
December 27, 1992	Most Rev. James P. Lyke died. At the time of his death, he was the highest ranking Black clergyman in the United States.
December 28	Feast of the Holy Innocents
December 28, 1954	Denzel Washington, actor, born in Mount Vernon, NY.
December 29	Feast of St. Thomas Beckett
December 29, 1917	Thomas Bradley, the first African American mayor of Los Angeles, was born in Calvert, TX.
December 30, 1928	Bo Diddley, R&B legend, was born in McComb, MS.

Ministry Schedule					
Date	Eucharist	Lectors	Gifts	Servers	Ushers
<i>Today</i> December 24, 2023 - 4th Sunday of Advent	Richetta Cofield Stanford	Chelsye Leach-Peck, Keri Smith Advent Wreath: Maddison Morgan	Jaden Davis, McKenzie Wilson	Jo'Liam Golson, Emily Hurtado, Jacob Martinez	Marcus Carpenter, Jaden Davis, Angel Hollins-Morgan, Leon Moore, Nora Powell Mays, McKenzie Wilson
Tonight, Midnight Mass December 24, 2023	Michelle Coe	Charles Twitty Sr. Patsy Guyton, SFCC	The William Golson Family	Derek Coe Keith Golson Leon Moore	John Carpenter Deborah Jefferson Kassandra Scott Wanda Twitty
Next Sunday, December 31, 2023 – Feast of the Holy Family	Helen Jones	Michael Jackson Kelley Calloway	Doris and William Turner	Alexandria Brooks Charlotte Brooks Samuel Guadalupe	Victoria Maddox Rena Ross Constance Sator Airy Thomas

THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Marian Alexander, Leo Allen, Kendrick Arrington, II, Moore Asouzu, Columbia Baldwin, Bridget Barlow, Dorothy Barlow, Vickie Barlow, Angela Barnes, Carey Barnes, Alma Beasley, Annie Bell, Arnold Bell, Sr. Gilda Bell, Edwina Bell, Gloria Bell, Lois Bivens, Jerome Broughton, Jennifer Tarver Brown, John Carpenter, Linda Carpenter, Erma Carter, Fr. David Carucci, Gladys Copeland, Mecylah Danley, Yolonda Dickerson, Dora Fenderson, Sr. Gloria Fox, C.R., John German, Terry German, Keith Golson, William Guilford, Sr. Patsy Guyton, SFCC, Br. Bill Hallas, C.R., Evelyn Harris, Kevin Harris, James Herndon, Ophelia Hill, Ronald Howard, Jacqueline Hudson, Iris Hurd Hunter, Barbara Jackson, Kevin Jackson, Veronica Jackson, Rebecca James, Deborah Jefferson, Mary Ellen Jeter, Regina Jobe, Johnetta Johnson, Robert Johnson, Rosetta Lovelace, Fay Lyons, Ivy Malden, Clarence Manly, Lynlee Faith McDonald, Sr. Carolyn Minert, C.R., Jacqueline Montgomery, James Moore, Shawntrice Moore, Gwendolyn Nicks, LaTonya Nicks, Fr. William Norvel, S.S.J., Jeanette Penney, Alnita Peters, Ronnie Peters, Cliff Petty, Michael Pitts, Alaida Pugh, AR, Anne Reynolds, Gavin Roeder, Farley Rudolph, Rosalyn Rudolph, Morris Sayles, Mildred Selmar, Fr. David Shoemaker, Joseph Silver, Rosalyn Silver, Fr. Paul Sims, C.R., Ruth Smith, Yvette Smiley Smith, Fr. Frank Sofie, Richetta Stanford, Ernestine Stephens, Ronald Stephens, Barbara Stevens, Maggie Stringer, Rubye Sullivan, Fr. Gene Szarek, C.R., Carrie Tarver, Cynthia Taylor, Brenda Tell, Airy Thomas, Charles Twitty, Wanda Twitty, Leon Varner, Denise Vaughn, Fr. Stephen Vrazel, Marie Washington, Marya Washington, Annie Webster, Franklin Webster, Whitney Webster, Fr. Tom Weise, Lorena Wilkerson, 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.

ENTERED ETERNAL LIFE

†**Mr. Rickey Brown**, the husband of *Jennifer Tarver Brown*, entered eternal life on Friday, December 15, 2023. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, December 30, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at First Missionary Baptist Church 106 Holcombe Avenue, Union Springs, AL 36089.

†**Ms. Ida Mae Freely**, the mother of *Lester Baldwin*, entered eternal life on Wednesday, December 20, 2023. Funeral services are pending.

†**Mr. Francis Phillip Dorsey**, the uncle of *Sr. Gilda Bell*, and younger brother of Mother Annie Bell, entered eternal life on Monday, December 18, 2023 in New Iberia, LA. Funeral services are pending.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them. Prayers and condolences are extended to the Bell, Brown, Dorsey, Freely, and Tarver families.

We mourn because we are human

We rejoice because we are Christians

*And we celebrate the power of Jesus' Resurrection
For we are a Resurrection People in life and in death*

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

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 24-30, 2023 in honor of the newborn Prince of Peace. 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



The next class is **Thursday, January 11, 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. **Studying Makeda, the Queen of Sheba. Read 1 Kings 10 and 2 Chronicles 9.**

CONFIRMATION



Nine young people in the parish are preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in 2024. The Archbishop will confer this sacrament on **Sunday, March 17, 2024**. Please keep in your prayers, the following: *Alexandria*

Brooks, Angel Calloway, Jaden Davis, Andrew Hargrove, Maddison Morgan, Chandler Ross, Collin Ross, Sophie Sequeira, and Erin-Michael Tyler.

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to our newest parishioner, *Ms. Wanda White*, who recently joined our parish family. Ms. White has relocated from Indianapolis where she was a member of St. Rita parish.

THANK YOU!



The family of *Amos James Jr.* would like to thank the congregation for your prayers, phone calls and assistance during his medical emergency last Sunday. All of your efforts were very much appreciated. Blessings to all!

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/guest-view/14AWBGKTVFT5Q

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

ANGEL TREE GIFTS

This week, gifts were delivered to almost 20 seniors served by Resurrection Catholic Missions' Interfaith Community Outreach program. Additionally, the food pantry doors revolved all week as we served upwards of ten families in any one day. Thank you so much for supporting the ICO program.

KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER AND LADIES AUXILIARY



OUR FATHER

Savior, Brother, Healer

FRIEND

Protector, Holy Spirit, Creator

PROVIDER

Strengthened, Wisdom

PEACE OF MIND

Energizer and Company Keeper

WE THANK YOU

FOR THE MANIFOLD BLESSINGS OF 2023

We pray Your presence

BE WITH US THROUGHOUT 2024.

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 Blessed Mother, at the angel's word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own. By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need without conditions or expectations. Obtain for us the grace to bring Christ to any expectant mother who is alone and afraid." ~ *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities*

We pray that by the example of the Blessed Mother we may be inspired like Mary to have the courage to say "yes" to God's gift of human life.

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

COMMUNITY

MARTIN LUTHER KING EVENT



The National Center for the Study of Civil Rights and African-American Culture at Alabama State University will observe the **95th Birthday of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** on Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at the Montgomery Interpretive Center, 1521 Harris Way, Montgomery, AL 36106.

The theme is "The Making of a Civil Rights Leader: Martin Luther King, Jr. during his Montgomery Years 1954-1960. There will be reflections from former church members, neighbors, friends and key associates.