



Resurrection Catholic Church

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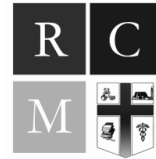
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MASS SCHEDULE: Sunday – 9:00 a.m.; visit www.rcmsouth.org for virtual Mass; Thursday – 10:00 a.m. (School Mass)



CONTACTS IN THE PARISH AND MISSION CENTER

Apostles of the Resurrection
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

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
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Lady Rena Ross
Lady Lloria James
Lady Samarra Dunson
Knight Cliff Weatherly
Airy Thomas
Erica Brooks, Linda Carpenter, Nora Powell May
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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/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 31, 2023 – THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY 31 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2023 – LA SAGRADA FAMILIA DE JESÚS, MARÍA Y JOSÉ

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.....	\$3,845.00
Christmas Offering.....	\$1,300.00
Online Giving.....	\$475.00
Building Fund.....	\$10.00
Food Pantry.....	\$70.00
Poinsettias.....	\$50.00
School.....	\$20.00
<u>Midnight Mass/Christmas Day</u>	
Sunday Collection.....	\$370.00
Christmas Offering.....	\$1,119.00



“...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive.” - *Colossians 3:13* - Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then, share the gift of forgiveness with someone – a family member, a friend or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

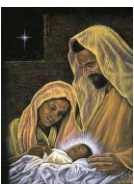
“...Como el Señor los ha perdonado, así deben ustedes perdonar.” - *COLOSENSES 3-13* - Perdonar es una de las cosas difíciles para las personas. No podemos dar lo que no tenemos. Necesitamos recibir la misericordia y el perdón de Dios antes de darlos a otras personas. Acérquese al sacramento de la Reconciliación y reciba la misericordia y el perdón de Dios. Entonces, comparta el don del perdón con alguien - un miembro de la familia, un amigo o un compañero de trabajo. Tome su teléfono y llame o envíe un mensaje de texto a alguien, justo en este momento.

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

NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY

The Administration, Parish, and School offices will be closed Monday, January 1 and Tuesday, January 2, 2024 in observance of the New Year holiday. The offices will reopen on Wednesday, January 3, 2024.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

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 6-11	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 9-16	Marquette University Spring Break Trip
March 24-30	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 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)
January 7:	Moore Asouzu, Henry Guilford
January 8:	Carol Batiste-Felder, Dora Fenderson, Amon Robinson
January 10:	Cytrus Rudolph, III (13)
January 11:	Alexander Buchanan, Miles Henderson
January 12:	London Rudolph (11), Vanessa Stacks
January 13:	Daniel Jones

ANNIVERSARIES

January 7:	Martha and Leon Varner (42 Years)
January 11:	Berniece and William Guilford (21 Years)

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

December 31, 1972	Robert oClemente, baseball all-star, died in San Juan, PR.
January 1	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
January 1, 1863	The Emancipation Proclamation issued, the freedom of Slaves.
January 2	Feast of Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
January 2, 1889	Frist National Negro Catholic Congress in Washington, D.C.
January 3	Feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus
January 3, 1624	William Tucker, the 1 st Black child born in the American Colonies, baptized in Jamestown, VA.
January 4	Feast of St. Elizabeth-Ann Seton
January 4, 1986	Eddie Picque, the first African American ring announcer of world championship boxing, 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. Andre Bessette
January 6, 1966	Harold R. Perry, SVD, ordained Catholic Bishop for New Orleans, LA.

Ministry Schedule					
Date	Eucharist	Lectors	Gifts	Servers	Ushers
<i>Today December 31, 2023 – Feast of the Holy Family</i>	Helen Jones	Michael Jackson Kelley Calloway	Xavier and Roland Maddox	Alexandria Brooks Charlotte Brooks Samuel Guadalupe	Victoria Maddox Rena Ross Constance Sator Airy Thomas
<i>Next Sunday, January 7, 2024 – Feast of the Epiphany</i>	Maggie Stringer	Rosalind Pijaux Hale Katrina Scott	Ava Stanford and Katori Stanford	Nora Powell Mays Charles Twitty Erin-Michael Tyler	Michael Jackson Deborah Jefferson Barbara Parker Clif Weatherly

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, Mecylah Danley, Annie David, Margarete Day, Yolonda Dickerson, Jack Diez, Elaine Dorsey, Elsie Finner, Joan Ford, Helen Foster, Sr. Gloria Fox, C.R., Annie Franklin, David Franklin, Jr., David Franklin, Sr., 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, 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, 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 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, Beverly Elaine Summerlin, 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 White, 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

ENTERED ETERNAL LIFE

†**Brian Alloway**, brother of Roderick Alloway, uncle of Shanis Sadler, cousin of Dwight Thomas, Vonzetta Graham, John and Linda Carpenter, Felicia Thomas and Anthony Thomas, entered eternal life on Tuesday, December 19.

†**Bobby Brown**, brother-in-law of John and Linda Carpenter, uncle of Marcus, Jason and Jessica Carpenter, entered eternal life on Saturday, December 23. A Celebration of Life was held on Saturday, December 30, at Safe Harbor Church in Montgomery

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them. Prayers and condolences are extended to the Alloway, Brown, Carpenter, Graham, Sadler and Thomas 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

Sanctuary Candle Remembrance



The Sanctuary Candle is lit for the week of December 31, 2023 – January 6, 2024 in loving memory of **Hannah Carmel Wilcox** and **Georgia Ann Boyd**, both of whom entered eternal life on January 1st. The candle is requested by the Coe family. 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.

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**

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. We will be studying Makeda, the Queen of Sheba. To prepare, 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**.

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.

THANK YOU

Thanks to the ministrations of several people, our sanctuary was ready to receive the newborn King. They honored Erma Carter and Mother Williams with their talents. Many thanks to **Margarita Altamirano, Sr. Gilda Bell, Rosalyn Johnson, Jewell Pitts, Carlton Robinson, Connie Sator, and Juliette Wimberly**

The **Musical Prelude** before Midnight Mass showcased a young, talented flautist in the person of **Miguel Rodriguez**. Many thanks to **Abate Desta, Andrae Jiles and W. Clifford Petty** for helping us to workshop with a meditative musical medley.

Resurrection Catholic Church is so blessed to have a plethora of talent in our parish.

KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER AND LADIES AUXILIARY



Message from Grand Lady Hale

Happy New Year! These words will be said in less than 24 hours and may come very easy for so many of us who have what we need from day to day. Consider what these words may mean to those who lack even their daily needs? Let us use this upcoming new year to reach out to those less fortunate than we are. I propose that we can give a lot through "daily prayer for each other," for those we know and those we may not know Luke tells us (12:48) "To whom much is given much will be required."

Let us verbalize these prayers of need for those around us whose needs may seem unbearable to them and at the same time, think of ways we can be of assistance.

RESPECT LIFE

"O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties. Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion." ~ *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-life Activities - A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers*

We pray that friends and families of women with difficult pregnancies may provide loving, life-affirming support for both mother and child.

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.

NEW YEAR'S PRAYER



O Jesus, our Savior, and our Lord, by the proclamation of your grace, you took the yoke of the law from our necks, and removed the burden from our shoulders to

your own; Hear the prayers of your Church, that we may joyfully serve you here, and see your glorious presence in all its joy in the life to come; through your mercy, O our God, you are blessed, and live and govern all things, now and forever. Amen.

Source: Mozarabic Collect for New Year