



Resurrection Catholic Church

2815 Forbes Drive
Montgomery, Alabama 36110
Tel: 334-263-4221
www.rcmsouth.org



Fr. Manuel Williams, C.R., Pastor

Sr. Gilda Marie Bell, Minister of Care (334) 230-1952

Mr. Leon Moore, Parish Council President

Mrs. Michelle Coe, Administrative Assistant (334) 230-1964

Mr. W. Clifford Petty, Pastoral Musician (334) 230-1963

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

JANUARY 4, 2026 – THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 5 DE ENERO DE 2026 – LA EPIFANÍA DEL SEÑOR



The parish online giving link for sacrificial giving is <https://osvhub.com/rcmsouth/giving/funds> or click the QR code.

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.

Midnight Mass (Christmas Offering).....	\$ 946.00
Sunday Collection Basket and Mailed Offerings:	\$ 3,113.00
Christmas Offering.....	\$ 520.00
Online	\$ 1,082.00
Building Fund	\$ 35.00
Food Pantry.....	\$ 50.00
Poinsettias.....	125.00
School.....	\$ 213.00



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

On this day, dear Savior, your light shines brightly in our midst. You are the Light of the world, the light in our darkness, ever with us, ever showing us the way. On this great feast of light, when the Magi came guided by a star, may we, like them, offer you gifts that symbolize our love for you. May we offer you the gold of our faith, the myrrh of our repentance and the frankincense of our devotion. May we bow before you, Holy Savior, as the three Wise Men did, with great and abiding joy. On this day, may we, too, stand in your light and so give glory to our God.

Caravans of Camels



About those camels, we are not too sure about them. Yes, every nativity scene shows the Magi seated on stately dromedaries, or leading their beasts of burden by bit and rein. But, quite honestly, the story of the Magi never tells us how they got there. They could have traveled on foot, in chariot, on horseback, on elephants, or by camel—but we just do not know.

The reason we keep putting them on camels in our art is because of Isaiah’s prophecy.

He predicted that caravans of camels would fill Jerusalem and that people from the East would come bearing gold and frankincense. “Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!” he proclaims. “Your light has come.”

In Matthew’s story, the Magi realize that Jerusalem’s light has come. They follow the star and bring their gifts of gold and frankincense. Myrrh, too. By telling about these gifts, Matthew turns our attention back to Isaiah. Reading that prophecy, we realize that the light Isaiah mentioned is the Light of the World, Jesus Christ.

When we see the Magi seated on camels, we are remembering Isaiah. When we remember Isaiah, we remember the light that came to shatter the darkness of our world. Those camels carry hope.

Lectionary Bulletin Inserts: Reflections on the First and Second Readings, Year A © 2019 Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications. All rights reserved. Written by Paul Turner. *Lectionary for Mass* © 2001, CCD.

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/Worship Aid
- 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
- 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.

- Evelyn Harris
- Angela Barnes
- Gladys Copeland
- Keith Golson, Leon Moore
- 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 W. Clifford Petty
- Knight Carlton Robinson
- Grand Lady Rosalind Pijeaux Hale - kpcla345gl@gmail.com
- Lady Pamela Garrett
- Lady Melvetta Leach-Peck
- Lady Daphne Hawkins
- Knight Cliff 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

- Michelle Coe
- President, Tina Golson
- President, Leon Moore
- Regina Sadler
- Fr. Manuel C.R., Sr. Gilda Bell, Leon Moore
- Principal, Dr. Teisha Pessoa

- Manager, Ms. Twila Webster
- Brandon Anderson, Erica Brooks, Linda Carpenter

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 parishoffice@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

January 4	Our Lady Sodality Monthly Meeting, Fr. Richard Administration Building, After Mass
January 4	Children's Liturgy of the Word
January 5	RCS Students return after the Christmas Break
January 8	Weekly Bible Study Class, 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
January 10	KPC/KPCLA Gulf Coast Joint Board Meeting, Fr. Richard Admin Building, 10:00 a.m.
January 11	KPC Meeting, Fr. Richard Administration Building, After Mass
January 11	KPCLA Meeting, Fr. Richard Administration Building, After Mass
January 14	Monthly S.A.L.T. meeting, Fr. Richard Administration Building, 10:00 a.m.
January 24	Atlanta Interfaith Group visit to Montgomery (Fr. Jeffrey Ott)
February 27-Mar 1	ACYC, Orange Beach, Alabama
March 7-14	University of Detroit Mercy Spring Break Service Trip
March 7-14	Marquette University Spring Break Service Trip

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

January 4:	Marcus Carpenter
January 5:	Natasha Broughton, Moses Butcher, Sr. (95), James Mooe, Sr., Valencia Pringle
January 6:	Kellie Johnson, Jacob Martinez (16)
January 7:	Moore Asouzu, Henry Guilford
January 8:	Carol Batiste-Felder, Dora Fenderson, Amon Robinson
January 10:	Cytrus Rudolph, III (15)
January 11:	Alexander Buchanan, Miles Henderson
January 12:	London Rudolph, Vanessa Stacks
January 13:	Daniel Jones
January 14:	Leon Moore, Jr.
January 15:	Linda Carpenter
January 16:	Liam Coe (8), Evelyn Harris, Jacqueline Montgomery
January 17:	Jina Duvernay, Adrienne Henry, Salena Moore

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

January 7:	Martha and Leon Varner (44 Years)
January 11:	Berneice and William Guilford (23 Years)
January 16:	Audrienna and Johnny Brannon (5 Years)

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

January 4, 1986	Eddie Plicque, 1 st 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 became the 1 st African American to perform at the Metropolitan Opera.
January 8, 1811	Charles Deslondes led the Louisiana slave revolt.
January 9, 1866	Fisk University convened its first classes in Nashville, TN.
January 10, 1866	The Georgia Equal Rights Association organized.

Ministry Schedule					
Date	Eucharist	Lectors	Gifts	Servers	Ushers
<i>Today, The Solemnity of the Feast of the Epiphany</i>	Dorothy Barlow Melvetta Leach Peck Rosalind Pijoux Hale	Linda Bassett Rebecca Mohr	Aiden and Chase James	Alexandria Brooks Helen Jones Jewell Pitts	Deborah Jefferson Barbara Parker Clif Weatherly
<i>Next Sunday, the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord</i>	Sr. Gilda Bell Helen Jones Kelley Calloway	Angela Fisher Hall Keri Smith	Ezra and Naomi Ward	Erika Jackson Gabriella Jackson Katori Stanford	Pamela Garrett Kippy Tate Martha Varner

THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Marian Alexander, Leo Allen, Carlos Altamirano, Felipe Altamirano, Juan Altamirano, Dcn. Terry Anderson, Kendrick Arrington, II, Brandon Anderson, Moore Asouzu, Arthur Bailey, Columbia Baldwin, Bridget Barlow, Dorothy Barlow, Vickie Barlow, Barry Barber, Angela Barnes, Carey Barnes, Alma Beasley, Arnold Bell, Sr., Lois Bivens, Carolyn Bivins, Judy Bjorklund, Maxine Bullock, Kimberly Carlton, Jessica Carpenter, John Carpenter, Linda Carpenter, Erma Carter, Fr. David Carucci, Derek Coe, Gladys Copeland, Charlotte Corbin, Siobhán Costello, Mecylah Danley, Annie David, Margarete Day, Yolonda Dickerson, Jack Diez, Elaine Dorsey, Fred Douglas, Sherman Douglas, Willie Douglas, Sam Fenn, Elsie Finner, Joan Ford, Helen Foster, Sr. Gloria Fox, C.R., Annie Franklin, David Franklin, Jr., David Franklin, Sr., Tonya Franklin, Roneshia Gardner, Terry German, Carolyn Glass, Yvette Wilcox Goellner, Keith Golson, Michelle Greer, William Groce, Samuel Guadalupe, Laura Guilford, William Guilford, Cristina Guillet, Larry Guyton, Sr. Patsy Guyton, SFCC, Debbie Hall, Doris Hall, Evelyn Harris, Kevin Harris, Marcy Harris, Veronica M. Harris, Wanda Hill, Ronald Howard, Jacqueline Hudson, Pamela Hudson, Edith Hunter, Barbara Jackson, Kevin 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, Eraine Kozel, Deacon James Labadie, Shaquille LaFond, Jewel Lewis, Rosetta Lovelace, Fay Lyons, George Mackey, Mildred Maddox, Ivy Malden, Clarence Manly, Ayanna Marshall, Deacon Clarence McDavid, Betty McGowan, Louise McKenzie, Nicole & Carl McKinney, Deanna McRay, Sr. Carolyn Minert, C.R., Liam Monk, Jacqueline Montgomery, Benjamin Morton, Sheila Mosely, James Moore, Keith Moore, Kyle Moore, Sr., Salena Moore, Shawntrice Moore, Marielle Munnerlyn, David Neal, Gwendolyn Nicks, LaTonya Nicks, Carolyn Norvel, Fr. William Norvel, S.S.J., David Ogden, Dorothy J. Ogden, Sabrina Osborne, Audrey O'Connor, Jeanette Penney, Ms. Pennington, Alnita Peters, Ronnie Peters, Latasha Peterson, Cliff Petty, Albert Pickett, Marvin Pickett, Elaine Poole, Alaida Pugh, AR, Jerry Radka, Alex Ragesdalle, Trinity Richards, Joel Rivera, Sara Moran Romano, Regina Sadler, Morris Sayles, Curtis Scott, Cassandra Scott, Mildred Selmar, Rhonda Shell, Erica Shepherd, Fr. David Shoemaker, Fr. Paul Sims, C.R., Annie Smith, Herbert Smith, Jr., Ruth Smith, Shirley Smith, Willie Ann Smith, Yvette Smiley Smith, Mary Snoddy, Valentine Spencer, Victor Splitt, Richetta Stanford, Carol Stevens, Ernestine Stephens, Ronald Stephens, Allen Stevens, Barbara Stevens, Susan Strauss, Kaiyan Street, Lynda Strickland, Maggie Stringer, Rubye Sullivan, Beverly E. Summerlin, Mel Tardy, Sr., Cynthia Taylor, Jonathan Taylor, Airy Thomas, Faye Thornton, Sherman & Merle Todd, Fr. David Tokarz, Willie Tolbert, Saint Trevel, Judith Turner, Charles Twitty, Wanda Twitty, Michael Tyler, Robert Tyus, Rosalind Vanderbilt, Leon Varner, Lillie 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, Maureen Wilcox, Lorena Wilkerson, Nathan Williams, Thelma Williams, Woodrow Williams.

ETERNAL LIFE


†**Ms. Thelma Burton**, the aunt of *Nora Rita Powell Mays and R. Clif Weatherly*, entered eternal life on Monday, December 29, 2025. Funeral services will be announced.

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon her. Prayers and condolences are extended to the Burton and Weatherly families and to all those who knew and loved Ms. Burton.

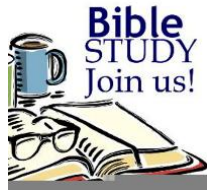
*We mourn because we are human; We rejoice because we are Christians;
And we celebrate the power of Jesus' Resurrection; For we are a Resurrection People in life and in death.*

PARISH NEWS

SANCTUARY CANDLE REMEMBRANCE

 The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in loving memory of **Hannah Carmel Sheehan Wilcox**. Call the Parish office at 230-1964 or email Michelle Coe at parishoffice@rcmsouth.org if you wish to have the candle lit for your special intention. The suggested donation is \$20.00.

BIBLE STUDY



Bible Study classes run from 6:00-7:30 p.m. on Thursday evening. All are invited to participate. The group is currently studying Psalmody. You can access the class by clicking on the link on the website at www.rcmsouth.org or visit the Mission calendar on the site. The next class will be held on Thursday, January 8, 2026.

PRAYER GROUP



Join Sister Patsy and members every Wednesday evening from 6:30 -7:00 on the prayer call line at 1(727) 731- 5133 or call to give Sister Patsy your prayer request, at (334) 451- 0328.

2026 CALENDARS



The Josephite Calendars for 2026, "*African American History & Heritage*," are now available in the vestibule. This year's calendar focuses on "saints among us". **Please take only one for each household.**

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

MONTHLY GATHERING



The first S.A.L.T. gathering for 2026 will be held on **Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.** The S.A.L.T. gathering is open to all senior (retired) parishioners. Please call Sr. Gilda at: 334-414-4476 to reserve your space.

RESURRECTION YOUTH GROUP



Resurrection Youth Group, 7th through 12th grades CCD class thanks all who contributed to the Care Packages for homeless individuals in

our community. The Care Packages were delivered this week.

Many thanks to all who donated to the Angel Tree. Those gifts will be delivered to seniors in our community this coming week.

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS RETURN FOR THE NEW YEAR!

Please pray for the students and teachers this New Year as Resurrection. Teachers return tomorrow and students return to their studies on Tuesday.

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.

KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER AND LADIES AUXILIARY

2025

Forgetting

those things that are behind

Reaching Forward

to those things which are ahead I

Press Toward

the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in

Christ Jesus

Philippians 3:13

2026



KPCLA 345 meeting next Sunday after mass in the Admin Building.

COMMUNITY



stretching with MGOA + friends

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24TH
10:30 A.M.

2815 FORBES DR.
RESURRECTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL GYM

\$2 ENTRY FEE



ACYC26
THE CALL

And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." -Mark 1:17

FEB. 27 - MAR. 1
PERDIDO BEACH RESORT

MEET OUR SPEAKERS

SR. MARIE, O.P.
FR. DREW CLARY, C.S.C.
FR. AUGUSTINE WETTA

SPEAKER BIOS
[HTTPS://MOBARCH.ORG/SPEAKER-BIOS](https://mobar.org/speaker-bios)

IMPORTANT DATES
HOTEL DEADLINE: JAN. 27
CONFERENCE REGISTRATION: FEB. 09

ARCHMOB
ACYC 2026
THE CALL
MARK 1:18-20