



# Resurrection Catholic Church

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

## DECEMBER 1, 2024 – THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2024 - 1ER 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: .....	\$4,665.00
Online .....	\$778.00
Second Collection (Saintly Six) .....	\$25.00
Building Fund .....	\$15.00
Food Pantry .....	\$1,797.00
School .....	\$40.00



“But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.” (LUKE 21:28)

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation for the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. What will you do differently this Advent season to grow in friendship and love with Jesus? How will you inspire others to do the same? Start by sharing your God story with others, especially those that are closest to you. Invite and accompany them on their faith journey this Advent..

### OUR LADY SODALITY MEET AND GREET



Our Lady Sodality invites ladies of the parish to the annual *Meet and Greet* on Sunday, December 1, 2024 immediately after Mass in the Father Richard Administration Building. Please join OLS for food, fellowship, games, prizes and lots of fun.

### A PRAYER FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Father, let your hope arise in our hearts! Lift our eyes up to see that you alone are where our hope comes from. Help us to shake off the anxiety, discouragements, and distractions that have filled this year.

May we pause to remember that we have **hope** in you.

You know the end of our stories, and we give thanks because you have promised that it will be a victorious ending. Give us the grace we need to wrap up this year joyfully.

We invite your Spirit into this beautiful Advent season. Renew our sense of holy anticipation! Let us be those who are waiting eagerly for Jesus to come again.

More than anything, we ask that you be glorified in this season of expectation. Amen.

<https://www.crosswalk.com/special-coverage/christmas-and-advent/first-sunday-of-advent-readings-and-prayer.html>

### CONTACTS IN THE PARISH AND MISSION CENTER

- Apostles of the Resurrection: Evelyn Harris
- Apostolate for Persons with Disabilities: Angela Barnes
- Archdiocesan Pastoral Council: Gladys Copeland
- Altar Servers: Keith Golson, Leon Moore
- Baptism Classes: Regina Sadler
- Bulletin: Michelle Coe
- Burse Club: Kelley Calloway
- Choir, Adult: W. Clifford Petty
- Church Environment: Thelma Williams, Erma Carter
- Confirmation Class: Leon Moore, Vonzetta Graham
- Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Manuel Williams, C.R., Sr. Gilda Bell
- Hospitality Committee: Wanda Twitty
- Interfaith Community Outreach: Michelle Coe
- Knights of Peter Claver Grand Knight: Grand Knight Carlton Robinson
- Knights of Peter Claver Deputy Grand Knight: Knight Keith Golson
- Knights of Peter Claver, Ladies Auxiliary Grand Lady: Grand Lady Rosalind Pijaux Hale - [kpcla345g1@gmail.com](mailto:kpcla345g1@gmail.com)
- KPCLA, Vice Grand Lady: Lady Rena Ross
- Knights of Peter Claver Jr. Daughter Counselor: Lady Melvetta Leach-Peck
- Knights of Peter Claver Asst. Jr. Daughter Counselor: Lady Lloria James
- Knights of Peter Claver Jr. Knight Commander: Knight Clif Weatherly
- Lectors: Airy Thomas
- Liturgical Dancers: Erica Brooks, Linda Carpenter, Nora Powell May
- Marriage Preparation: Fr. Manuel Williams, C.R.
- Mass Program/Songsheet: W. Clifford Petty
- Pastoral Care / Minister of Care: Fr. Manuel Williams, C.R. / Sr. Gilda Bell
- Nazareth /Resurrection Alumni Organization
- Notary Public: Michelle Coe
- Our Lady Sodality: President, Tina Golson
- Parish Council: President, Leon Moore
- Religious Education: Regina Sadler
- RCIA: Fr. Manuel C.R., Sr. Gilda Bell, Leon Moore
- Resurrection Catholic School: Principal, Dr. Teisha Pessoa
- Resurrection Catholic School PTO: President, Ms. Janeen Gadson
- Resurrection Catholic School Child Nutrition Program: Manager, Ms. Twila Webster
- Youth Ministry: Brandon Anderson, Erica Brooks, Linda Carpenter
- PRAY FOR THE UNBORN: The Rosary is said every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Mass in the Fr. Richard Administration Building
- KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the Fr. Richard Administration Building
- KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER, JUNIOR KNIGHTS meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after CCD
- KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER, JUNIOR DAUGHTERS meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after CCD
- NAZARETH / RESURRECTION ALUMNI ORGANIZATION meets every 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mcoe@rcmsouth.org) or call (334) 230-1964.

Email: Sr. Gilda Bell [sgildab@yahoo.com](mailto:sgildab@yahoo.com) \* Michelle Coe [mcoe@rcmsouth.org](mailto:mcoe@rcmsouth.org) \* W. Clifford Petty at [cpetty@rcmsouth.org](mailto:cpetty@rcmsouth.org)

## SCHEDULED EVENTS

<b>December 1</b>	Our Lady Sodality Annual Meet and Greet, Fr. Richard Administration Building, after Mass
<b>December 4</b>	OCIA Class, 6 p.m., Fr. Richard Administration Building
<b>December 5</b>	Bible Study, 6-7:30 p.m. via Zoom
<b>December 9</b>	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – Mass at 9:00 a.m. (School) and 6 p.m. (Parish)
<b>December 11</b>	S.A.L.T. Gathering, 10 a.m., Fr. Richard Administration Building
<b>Dec. 20 – Jan 3, '25</b>	Christmas Holidays for Students – School Closed
<b>December 22</b>	Welcome Home for Christmas
<b>December 24</b>	Christmas Midnight Mass, Prelude – 11:30 p.m.
<b>December 25</b>	Christmas Day Mass – 10:00 a.m.
<b>December 27</b>	Resurrection Group Trip – “A Christmas Caro” at ASF
<b>January 1, 2025</b>	New Year’s Day Mass – 10:00 a.m.
<b>January 3</b>	Teacher Inservice

## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

<b>December 1:</b>	Jordan Anderson
<b>December 2:</b>	Airy Thomas
<b>December 3:</b>	Leah Hedblom, Danielle Jackson
<b>December 4:</b>	Vickie Barlow, Neah Belser, Thomas Barnes-Pack, Davis Williams
<b>December 7:</b>	Julian Bennette, John Hawkins
<b>December 8:</b>	Keiara Stacks, Tre-Anthony Stacks
<b>December 9:</b>	Skylar Barlow (6), Milton A. Davis, Nicholas Jefferson (15), Collin Ross (19), Twila Webster, Sheryl Young
<b>December 11:</b>	Andrew Hargrove (20), Rebbeca James, Jordan Patterson
<b>December 12:</b>	Whitney Hawkins, Janice Thomas
<b>December 13:</b>	Tiatay Harris, Christopher Jackson, Nora Powell Mays
<b>December 14:</b>	Myleigh Butcher (18), Gladys Copeland, Rhea Lyons

## ANNIVERSARIES

<b>December 1:</b>	Anita and Chelsea Hargrove (48 Years)
<b>December 10:</b>	Gabriela and Marcelo Vargas (14 Years)

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

<b>December 1, 1865</b>	Shaw University, the oldest HBCU, was established in Raleigh, NC.
<b>December 2, 2008</b>	Odetta Holmes, “The Voice of the Civil Rights Movement”, died in New York, NY.
<b>December 3</b>	Feast of St. Francis Xavier
<b>December 3, 1847</b>	Frederick Douglass and Martin R. Delany published the first issue of the <i>North Star</i> , an anti-slavery paper.
<b>December 4</b>	Feast of St. John Damascene
<b>December 4, 1833</b>	The American Anti-Slavery Society was founded in Philadelphia, PA.
<b>December 5, 1935</b>	Mary McLeod Bethune, educator, founded the National Council of Negro Woman in New York, NY.
<b>December 6</b>	Feast of St. Nicholas
<b>December 6, 1932</b>	Richard Spikes patented modifications to the automatic gear shift.
<b>December 7</b>	Feast of St. Ambrose
<b>December 7, 1947</b>	Wilton D. Gregory, the first African American Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Washington, was born.

Ministry Schedule					
Date	Eucharist	Lectors	Gifts	Servers	Ushers
<i>Today, December 1, 2024 – First Sunday of Advent</i>	Dorothy Barlow Kelley Calloway Maggie Stringer	Keith Golson Erika Jackson Roland Maddox	Gerri Perry and Harry Golson	Brandon Anderson Marcus Carpenter	Michael Jackson Deborah Jefferson Barbara Parker Clif Weatherly
<i>Next Sunday, December 8, 2024 – Second Sunday of Advent</i>	Michelle Coe Helen Jones Nora Powell Mays	Angela Fisher Hall Rebecca Mohr	Jerry Skalet	Johnnie Morgan, III Katori Stanford Erin-Michael Tyler	Pamela Garrett Marivel Martinez Patrice Obi Kippy Tate

### *THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER*

Marian Alexander, Leo Allen, Carlos Altamirano, Felipe Altamirano, Juan Altamirano, Dcn. Terry Anderson, Nikki Anderson, Kendrick Arrington, II, Moore Asouzu, Arthur Bailey, Columbia Baldwin, Bridget Barlow, Dorothy Barlow, Vickie Barlow, Barry Barber, Angela Barnes, Carey Barnes, Alma Beasley, Arnold Bell, Sr. Gilda Bell, Ethel Bell, Lois Bivens, Laverne Boland, Jarred Bridges, Jerome Broughton, Anthony Burden, Beatrice Butler, Erica Butler, Timothy Butler, Jr., Kimberly Carlton, John Carpenter, Linda Carpenter, Erma Carter, Fr. David Carucci, Gladys Copeland, Charlotte Corbin, Mecylah Danley, Annie David, Margarete Day, Yolonda Dickerson, Jack Diez, Elaine Dorsey, Elsie Finner, Baby Girl Flynn, 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, Michelle Greer, William Guilford, Cristina Guillet, Larry Guyton, Sr. Patsy Guyton, SFCC, Debbie Hall, Doris Hall, Evelyn Harris, Kevin Harris, Marcy Harris, Veronica M. Harris, Donna Hartwell, Fr. Greg Heille, O.P., Ophelia Hill, Wanda Hill, Sharon Hood, Ronald Howard, Jacqueline Hudson, 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, George Mackey, Mildred Maddox, Ivy Malden, Clarence Manly, Ayanna Marshall, 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, Marielle Munnerlyn, Gwendolyn Nicks, LaTonya Nicks, Carolyn Norvel, Fr. William Norvel, S.S.J., David Ogden, Dorothy J. Ogden, 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, Anne Reynolds, Trinity Richards, Joel Rivera, Gavin Roeder, Sara Moran Romano, Regina Sadler, Morris Sayles, Curtis Scott, Kassandra Scott, Mildred Selmar, Rhonda Shell, 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 Elaine Summerlin, Fr. Gene Szarek, C.R., Mel Tardy, Sr., Cynthia Taylor, Jonathan Taylor, Airy Thomas, Faye Thornton, Sherman & Merle Todd, Fr. David Tokarz, Willie Tolbert, Thomas Tolliver, 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, Maureen Wilcox, Lorena Wilkerson, Isaac Williams, Nathan Williams, Thelma Williams, Woodrow Williams.

**Homebound Parishioners:** Marion Alexander, Bridget Barlow, Jerome Broughton, Ophelia Hill, Pat German, Laura Guilford, Jeanette Penney, Sheila Sprowl.

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

## PARISH NEWS

### RCIA / OCIA

CLASSES will meet every Wednesday evening from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Anyone interested in learning or refreshing their study of the Catholic Faith is welcome to join us in the Administration Building.

### Sanctuary Candle Remembrance



The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week for a prayerful advent as we prepare for the coming of the newborn Savior. Call the Parish office at 230-1964 or email Michelle Coe at [mcoe@rcmsouth.org](mailto: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 classes run from **6:00-7:30 p.m.** on Thursday evening. All are invited to participate. You can access the class by clicking on the link on the website at [www.rcmsouth.org](http://www.rcmsouth.org) or visit the Mission calendar on the site. The next class will be held on **Thursday, November 14, 2024.**

### CALL FOR HOSPITALITY MINISTERS



If you are interested in serving as a member of the Hospitality Committee, please contact Wanda Twitty. Hospitality Ministers usually serve one Sunday a month and as needed/requested on special celebrations.

### THANK YOU



Many thanks to the following people who worked diligently on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving to help get the Mission's *Christmas Appeal Letter* in the mail – **Brandon Anderson, Angela Barnes, Sr. Gilda Bell, Craig Ford, Bobbetta Jones, Carlton Robinson and Martha Varner.**

## WELCOME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

The Parish's Annual *Welcome Home* Program will be held on Sunday, December 22 after Mass. The Sunday School children will present their annual Christmas program. Join us for food, fellowship and entertainment.

### 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 Tuesday, 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.

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



The next S.A.L.T. gathering is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. **Wednesday, December 11, 2024.** Please call Sr. Gilda at: 334-414-4476 to reserve your space.

### INTERFAITH COMMUNITY OUTREACH

### THANK YOU JUNIOR DAUGHTERS



A HUGE thank you is extended to the Junior Daughters of Courts 148 and 345 for donating more than 1200 non-perishable food items for the Resurrection Food Pantry. The Junior Daughters of Court 345 also made a cash donation of **\$1,762.00** towards the pantry. As everyone knows, grocery costs keep increasing. Even though we pay a nominal amount to the Heart of Alabama Food Bank even that cost has increased. This monetary donation will be a huge help as we continue to serve needy families and individuals.

Thanks also to the individuals who have purchased bags for the pantry or who have donated gift cards to purchase bags.

<https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/3V63BHRJYRR3D>

## KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER AND LADIES AUXILIARY



### BLESSED FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"The days are coming says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah."

*Jeremiah 33:14*

### COMMUNITY

#### A CHRISTMAS CAROL

NOV 21–DEC 29, 2024

Festival Stage | Recommended Ages 5+

Run time: approximately 2 hours, including a 15-minute intermission



ASF's full production returns with miserly Ebenezer Scrooge's overnight voyage of epic proportions begins. Journey with Scrooge as he learns from his ghosts (and Bob, Tiny Tim, and the Cratchits) a heartwarming lesson in forgiveness and the change we can make around us.

**Resurrection is planning a group trip on Friday, December 27, 2024. Tickets are \$30 each.** Contact Michelle Coe at [mcoe@rcmsouth.org](mailto:mcoe@rcmsouth.org) or 334-230-1964 to reserve tickets. You can pay for your tickets in the Parish Office or online at

<https://www.osvhub.com/rcmsouth/giving/fund/s/asf-tickets>

## RESPECT LIFE

### WORLD AIDS DAY 2024



The world can end AIDS – if everyone's rights are protected. With human rights at the center, with communities in the lead, the world can end AIDS as a public health threat by 2030.

On 1 December WHO joins partners and communities to commemorate World AIDS Day 2024. Under the theme "**Take the rights path: My health, my right!**", WHO is calling on global leaders and citizens to champion the right to health by addressing the inequalities that hinder progress in ending AIDS.

*Champion access to life-saving treatment to achieve HIV viral suppression*

With early diagnosis and consistent antiretroviral therapy, people living with HIV can lead long, healthy lives—just like those who are HIV-negative. Achieving and maintaining an undetectable viral load by taking antiretroviral therapy as prescribed means zero risk of transmission, empowering individuals and protecting communities.

### LIFE ON WHEELS IS HIRING

Experienced Registered OB Ultrasound Technologist needed for Montgomery Life On Wheels mobile unit. 20-30 hours per week. Send resume and pay requirements to Robyn Blessing at [mom@lifeonwheelsalabama.com](mailto:mom@lifeonwheelsalabama.com) or fill out the form at our website:

<https://www.lifeonwheelsalabama.com/sonographer-jobs>.