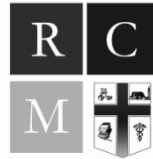




# Resurrection Catholic Church

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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 15, 2024 – THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 15 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2024 – 3º DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO



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.

Sunday Collection Basket and Mailed Offerings:.....	\$3,265.00
Online .....	\$2,038.00
Building Fund .....	\$365.00
Food Pantry .....	\$185.00
Interfaith Community Outreach .....	\$100.00
Poinsettias.....	\$30.00
School.....	\$125.00



“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.” (PHILIPPIANS 4:6) St. Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God – He is the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. Remember, that we are created in God’s image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous with all of our gifts as well. Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave to possessions. It allows us to gratefully and generously share ourselves and our goods with others.

“No se preocupen por nada, más bien pídanle al Señor lo que necesiten y agradézcanle siempre.” (FILIPENSES 4:6) - San Pablo nos recuerda que Dios es un Dios abundante - Él es el máximo dador de dones. El promete darnos todo lo que necesitamos. Recuerde, fuimos creados a imagen y semejanza de Dios. Nosotros también, fuimos hechos para ser generosos con todos nuestros dones. Poner nuestra confianza en Dios nos libera de la esclavitud de los bienes materiales. Eso nos permite compartimos a nosotros mismos y a nuestros bienes con los demás agradecida y generosamente

### WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to *Deacon Allen Stevens, Mrs. Edith Stevens* and volunteers from *St. Peter Claver Church* in New Orleans, Louisiana who worship with us today.

### THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (JOY)

"(The desert) will bloom with abundant flowers and rejoice with joyful song." "Rejoice in the Lord always!" "Shout for joy, O daughter Zion!"

The Scriptures for the Third Sunday of Advent proclaim their message in no uncertain terms: Rejoice! Joy is all around us and our celebration of Advent calls us to discover it. The joy that the Scripture passages speak about is not a joy that equates with hilarious laughter. It is a joy that comes from a security with our God, those around us, and our place in the world. It is the joy Isaiah describes when he writes, "I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul." It is a joy that cannot be bought or obtained from artificial highs. It is a joy that comes from our living faith in a living God.

It is the joy we feel as we approach the birth of our Savior and remember the awesome beauty of what happened on that cold Bethlehem night. Rejoice!

<https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/reflections/advent/third-sunday-of-advent-22638>



### 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
- 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.

- 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 Carlton Robinson
- Knight Keith Golson
- Grand Lady Rosalind Pijeaux Hale - [kpcla345gl@gmail.com](mailto:kpcla345gl@gmail.com)
- Lady Rena Ross
- Lady Melvetta Leach-Peck
- Lady Lloria James
- 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

- Michelle Coe
- President, Tina Golson
- President, Leon Moore
- Regina Sadler
- Fr. Manuel C.R., Sr. Gilda Bell, Leon Moore
- Principal, Dr. Teisha Pessoa
- President, Ms. Janeen Gadson
- 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 [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>January 8</b>	S.A.L.T. Gathering, 10 a.m., Fr. Richard Administration Building
<b>December 19</b>	Bible Study, 6-7:30 p.m. via Zoom
<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
<b>March 1-8</b>	Detroit Mercy University Service Trip
<b>March 5</b>	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>
<b>March 8-15</b>	Creighton University Service Trip
<b>March 22-29</b>	DePaul University Service Trip
<b>March 22-29</b>	San Francisco State University Service Trip
<b>April 22-27</b>	St. Joseph’s Academy, Baton Rouge, LA Service Trip
<b>May 2-4</b>	KPC Gulf Coast District Conference, Mobile, AL
<b>May 13-16</b>	Catholic Theological Union Visit to Montgomery
<b>June 17-20</b>	Lyke Conference, Tampa, FL
<b>June 18-20</b>	Unity Explosion, Houston, TX
<b>July 17-20</b>	KPC Junior Convention, Rockville, MD
<b>July 18-23</b>	KPC Senior Convention, Rockville, MD

## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

<b>December 15:</b>	Lakesha Powell, Katori Stanford (14), Dwight Thomas
<b>December 16:</b>	Mona Davis, James Dawson, Jo’Liam Golson (15), William Turner
<b>December 17:</b>	Elmore Patterson, Gloria Ware
<b>December 18:</b>	MiKayla Brown, Katelyn Childs (19)
<b>December 19:</b>	Alnita Peters
<b>December 20:</b>	Caleb Ross (14), Andrey Scott (3), Ruby Wooding
<b>December 21:</b>	Alma Beasley, Tomiko Porter, Wanda White
<b>December 24:</b>	Kristopher Maye, Rebecca Mohr
<b>December 27:</b>	Mirabai Shehabi-Sadasivan (9)
<b>December 28:</b>	Pamela Chappell, Sean Golson, Emily Hurtado Morales (12)

## ANNIVERSARIES

<b>December 18:</b>	Janice and Dwight Thomas (53 Years)
<b>December 20:</b>	Patrice and Emmanuel Obi (31 Years)

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

<b>December 15, 1791</b>	The Bill of Rights became law, thereby guaranteeing the rights of all U.S. Citizens.
<b>December 16, 1976</b>	Andrew Young became the first African American appointed as Ambassador to the U.N.
<b>December 17, 1996</b>	Pierre Toussaint was declared Venerable by Pope John Paul, II.
<b>December 18, 1885</b>	The 13 <sup>th</sup> Amendment abolishing slavery in the U.S. went into effect.
<b>December 19, 1891</b>	Charles Uncles, SSJ became the first Black priest ordained in the U.S.
<b>December 20, 1988</b>	Leonard J. Oliver was ordained Catholic Bishop of Washington, DC.
<b>December 21</b>	Feast of St. Peter Canisius
<b>December 21, 1956</b>	The Montgomery buses integrated.

Ministry Schedule					
Date	Eucharist	Lectors	Gifts	Servers	Ushers
<i>Today, December 15, 2024 – Third Sunday of Advent</i>	Kelley Calloway	Helen Jones	Norma Charles	Farrish Danley	John Carpenter
	Derek Coe	Louise LaGrave		Barbara Parker	Delores Coe
	Melvetta Leach Peck	<b>Advent Wreath:</b> Helen Jones		Jewell Pitts	Kassandra Scott Wanda Twitty
<i>Next Sunday, December 22, 2024 – Fourth Sunday of Advent (Youth Sunday)</i>	Kaitlin Coe	Katori Stanford	London Rudolph	Erika Jackson	Marcus Carpenter
	Jackson	Xavier Maddox	McKenzie Wilson	Tacorie Richardson	Angel Hollins-Morgan
	Michelle Coe Helen Jones	<b>Advent Wreath:</b> Xavier Maddox		Cytrus Rudolph	Leon Moore Nora Powell Mays London Rudolph McKenzie Wilson

## *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, 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, Trinity Richards, Joel Rivera, 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 E. Summerlin, 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, 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, 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 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 in recognition of all the small things that bring JOY to our daily lives. 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, December 19, 2024**. The class is currently studying the First Letter of St. Paul to the Romans.

## WELCOME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

merry Christmas to all, and to all a good breakfast!

The Parish's Annual *Welcome Home for Christmas* Breakfast and Program will be held **NEXT** Sunday, December 22 after Mass.

The Sunday School children will present their annual Christmas program. Join us for food, fellowship and entertainment.

## CHURCH DECORATING



Help make our place of worship fit for the newborn King! We will decorate the church for Christmas on Monday, December 23rd, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

## CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS



Come share 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.

## ATTENTION SORORS OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.!

In celebration of Founders Day, Sorors of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. are invited to gather here at Resurrection Catholic Church on January 12th and worship together as a group. Please dress in sorority colors and plan to arrive no later than 9:50A.M. You may contact Wanda Twitty @ 334-328-5979 or Pamela Garrett @ 334- 300-5247 for more information.

## ANGEL TREE



Resurrection Youth Group is sponsoring the Angel Tree for seniors of RCM's Interfaith Community Outreach Program. It is in the vestibule today. Please go by and take an ornament with the gift item(s) listed. Gifts can be dropped off at the Parish Office, M-F between 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Contact Linda Carpenter, Brandon Anderson, Keri Smith or Adrienne Vaughns.

## OUR LADY SODALITY

Our Lady Sodality is delighted to welcome the following new members:  
*Mrs. Anne Jordan Reynolds, Mrs. Gerri Perry, Ms. Dora Fenderson, and Mrs. Alfloreence James*

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



The next S.A.L.T. gathering is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. this **Wednesday, January 8, 2024**. 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 CATHOLIC SCHOOL

### ANNUAL BOOK FAIR

Resurrection Catholic School held its annual Book Fair this past week. With donations and profit from book sales, the school raised more than **\$1,000** to purchase books for the school library. Thanks to all who supported this year's book fair!



## KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER AND LADIES AUXILIARY

### WELLNESS CHALLENGE.

### BE ON THE MOVE

Add some movement to your routine every day.

This could be as simple as

parking the 🚗 farther away from the store,

dancing 🕺👯 in your living room,

or taking a walk 🚶.

Bonus points for walking with a friend!



*Grand Lady Dr. Rosalind Pijaux-Hale*  
Recipient of:

The Amicae Sponsor of the Year Award  
The Dr. Deborah Canon Wolfe Pearl of Wisdom Award at the Alabama State Association of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. Annual State Conference

*Lady Johnetta Johnson*

Recipient of the Lady of the Year Award for KPCLA Court 345 in recognition of her hard work and dedication.

*Lady Carolyn Strickland*

\* On her new position as a Health/Wellness Coach & Nutrition Instructor with the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine

\* On being a presenter at the Plant Based Nutrition Movement, 6 Million Seeds Virtual Child Nutrition Summit

## 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.

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/funds/asf-tickets>

### DEDICATION OF A NEW SHRINE IN HONOR OF SR. THEA BOWMAN



Fr. Victor Ingalls, pastor of Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Mobile and Director of the Archdiocese of Mobile's Office of Multicultural Ministry is

organizing a bus to Jackson, MS for the dedication of the new Shrine in honor of Sister Thea Bowman on Saturday, December 21. The cost to ride the bus is \$30.00 and includes breakfast and lunch. There will be a stop for dinner on the way back. If interested or more information, please contact the Prince of Peace parish office at (251) 432-2364. To reserve a seat on the Montgomery bus, call Michelle Coe at (334) 230-1964 or email [mcoe@rcmsouth.org](mailto:mcoe@rcmsouth.org). **Please note that travel will be on a comfortable, chartered bus with air conditioning and heating.**

**If you are planning to go on this once-in-a-lifetime trip, please call Michelle Coe at the parish office no later than noon on Monday. If there is not enough interest, the Montgomery bus will be cancelled.**

### 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. May they find hope and healing in the Lord who proclaims liberty to captives and release to prisoners..