**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**506 COUNTY ROAD 1 - WEDOWEE, AL 36278**

**May 25, 2025**

**Sixth Sunday in Easter**

**Reverend Gali** **Balaswamy gbalaswamy10@gmail.com**334-497-4847

**Mass Times: Sunday English 10:30 am**

 **Spanish: 12:00 pm**

 **Friday Mass: Spanish: 6:00 pm**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation: Friday’s at 5:30 pm**

 **Sunday’s at 11:30 am**

**Contact Information:** Parish office: 256-357-2977

 Email: immaculateconceptional@gmail.com

 Website: Immaculateconceptional.org

 Facebook: Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

**Mission Statement:** *To enable ourselves and others to know, love and serve God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. To participate in and provide the Sacraments. To promote spiritual growth and religious education and fellowship of the Catholic Church to all. To utilize the talents, leadership qualities and special skills given to us as a diversified parish family and to promote unity and develop closer relationships with other Christian faiths.*

**Pope's May Prayer Intentions** -- For Working Conditions:   Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

***On This Memorial Day, please remember our veterans who gave their lives for our freedom.***

***Have a safe & fun Memorial Day weekend.***

Weekly Mass Attendance: English 42 Spanish 127

**Weekly Offerings**

 Weekly Collection: $ 492.00 Flowers $100

 Weekly Online: $ 106.56

 Building Fund: $ 796.00

 Building Online: $ 125.00



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**ONLINE GIVING IS NOW AVAILABLE AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION. Text to give is now available at Immaculate Conception.** Just text the word “give” to 256-330-5544 and follow the links to set up a one time or recurring donation. Choose your convenient way to contribute either by text, online link https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/icwedowee or QR Code Why not set up your recurring donation today and forget about writing checks. If anyone has any questions or needs help concerning any online giving options, feel free to contact Gerry Gettinger. 

**ST. BLAISE HALL** is available for small gatherings. Anyone wishing to use the hall for any reason **MUST HAVE THEIR GATHERING PUT ON THE CHURCH CALENDAR**. Contact Michele at variscom506@gmail.com or 678-481-0529

**PRAY FOR THE SICK** –Bennett Lundy (grandson of Brett and Laurie Lundy), Chuck Smith, Jim Betts, Cass, Helen Betts, Patty Livingston, Joe Tedore, Deacon Lee Robinson, Annamarie Campbell

**GUIDELINES FOR RECEPTION OF SACRAMENTS**

**BAPTISM:** Contact Maria Gembe. She will set the date for Classes and confer with Fr Bala for a Baptismal Date. A minimum of 30 days, notice and completion of Baptismal preparation class and documentation must be completed before a date may be set.

**MARRIAGE**: Anyone planning a wedding must first contact Fr Bala. The guidelines set by the Diocese of B’ham state that one must contact the Pastor a minimum of 6 months prior to the selection of a date for the marriage. There are no exceptions.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**: The youth must be in the second grade, older, and actively engaged in PSR for 2 or more years.

**CONFIRMATION:** The individual must be in the 7th grade, or older, and actively

**QUINCEANERA:** Individuals must contact Fr Bala at least 6 months prior to setting a date and begin a time of preparation to fully understand the significance of the celebration. There are no exceptions.

**PARISH NEWS:**

Sunday, June 1, Deacon Mike Cova will be at Immaculate Conception to do a Communion Service at the 10:30 Mass time. Fr. Bala will be at Holy Family for Confirmation.

Our June **luncheon is next Sunday, June 1**, after the 10:30 Mass. It will be a “Brunch” theme. An email was sent out with additional information. Please respond to the email to let us know if you will be attending and what you’d like to bring.

**BUILDING FUND UPDATE**: Thanks to all of our wonderful parishioners and contributors, the loan for our church and hall has been paid off. This is GREAT NEWS.

BUT---- we would like your continued support to the Building Fund for several other projects. As you can see, the new irrigation system project has begun. This will allow us to keep our beautiful church grounds watered and blooming. (Thanks to Gene Bradley for all the time and effort he has put into our landscaping.) We have requested a new loan from the Diocese to pave our parking lot and increase lighting on our property. The additional lighting will keep the area safe for everyone, especially during the evening hours. We appreciate your continued support and your patience as these projects are completed.

***VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – JUNE 9, 10, 11 --- 5:30 TO 8:00 P.M.*** Calling ALL children ages 3 to 12. Sign Up for SPLASH CANYON BIBLE SCHOOL. Join us for lots of FUN. Hear bible stories, play games, crafts and most important, experience the SPLASH CANYON JAM. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex. Please sign up by June 1.

***TEEN ENCOUNTER - SATURDAY, JUNE 21 – 8:30 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.*** Carol Wiget will be coming again to facilitate a day for **teens ages 13 to 20**. This will be a day with fun activities along with a focus on teens who became saints. A sign- up sheet is in the Narthex. Please sign up by June 8.

**FOOD PANTRY** If you would like to donate food to the Immaculate Conception Food Pantr**y**, there is a list of needed items in the pantry. Monetary donations may also be made.Please remember that if you need food, whether you are Immaculate Conception parishioner or not, please contact Elvira Allende, 256 914-9645 or Stephanie Roberts, 256 276-8133, bedeh0426@gmail.com



**PASTORAL MINISTRIES**

**Reverend Bala Balaswamy**

**Michele Varisco:** Parish Council Chairperson

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**Tommy Cain:** Finance Council Chairperson

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**Jim & Stephanie Roberts:** Building Committee

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 anercovarrubias7@gmail.com

**MAY MINISTER SCHEDULE**

May 25:  Lector - Charlotte   Announcer:  Brett

                E.M.:  Tommy

                Usher:  Paul & Roger

**JUNE MINISTER SCHEDULE**

Sunday, June 1:  Lector: Bart     Announcer:  Charlotte

                            E.M.:  Roger

                            Usher:  Diane & Frank

Sunday, June 8:  Lector: Gerry    Announcer: Brett

                            E.M.:  Michele

                            Usher:  Paul & Roger

Sunday, June 15:  Lector:  Charlotte    Announcer:  Michele

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                              Usher:  Frank & Tommy

Sunday, June 22:  Lector:   Brett    Announcer: Charlotte

                              E.M.:  Tommy

                              Usher:  Paul & Roger

Sunday, June 29:  Lector: Gerry    Announcer:  Michele

                              E.M.:  Patty

                              Usher:  Frank & Tommy

**Sacristan:** Alison & Nawana

**Altar Linens 2025**

**May** Denise

**June**  Genoveva

**July** Chip

**August** Elvira

**September**  Cecilia

**October** Alison

**November**  Sandra

**December** Bernardina

**Church Cleaning Schedule:**

May 24 - Francisca Velasquez & Family

June 7 -  Cain & Broyles

June 21 - Juana Velazquez & Family

July 5 - Galadino Velazquez & Family

July 19 - Marlen & Friends/Family

August 2 - Fussell & Varisco