

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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

**May 4, 2025**

**Third Sunday in Easter**

**Reverend Gali** [**Balaswamy gbalaswamy10@gmail.com**](mailto:Balaswamy%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20balaswmy10@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

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**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.

Weekly Mass Attendance: English & Spanish 195

**Weekly Offerings**

Weekly Collection: $ 885 Flowers $100

Weekly Online: $

Building Fund: $ 10,306

Building Online: $



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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. Qr code

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**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

**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 engaged in a two-year Confirmation preparation program.

**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:**

The next ***PARISH COUNCIL MEETING***will be Wednesday, May 14, at 6:00 in the parish hall.  All are welcome to attend.

Father will be celebrating ***Mass*** on ***WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14 @ 5:00*** followed by Adoration until 6:00.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS who will receive their First Eucharist on Sunday, May 4, at the 12:00 Mass.   Ezequiel Ramses Perez, Iker Adelio Perez, Edwin Axel Alvarado Perez, Aranza Xally Valle Sanchez, Lizbeth Ayelen Valle Sanchez, Fernanda Dayanna Vargas-Garcia, Ximena Vargas, Aaron Ochoa Santana, Isabella Marie Ibarra Alvarez**

***CONGRATULATIONS*to Feliciano Linarez, Graciela Cruz Linares, and Rudy Lopez.**  All three of these young adults were welcomed into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil in Lanett at Holy Family.

***THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED MAKE OUR PARISH FIESTA A SUCCESS.***

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**Calling all ladies of the Parish** --  Please join us on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in St. Blaise Hall for **BIBLE STUDY**.  We will be looking at The Acts of the Apostles for the next six weeks.

**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](mailto:bedeh0426@gmail.com)

***EASTER FLOWER INTENTIONS:***

**IN HONOR OF:**  U.S. Military, Israel Velasquez & Family, Walker Family, Nugent Family, Kelly Barber, Zuck Family, Bennett Lundy, Emeli Velasquez & Family, Rumaldo Velasquez & Family, Augustina Velasquez & Family

**IN MEMORY OF:**  Mary Pool, Roland Paguyo, Florentina Matias, Teodulo Matias Sr., Teodulo Matias Jr., Norma Matias, Jerrodene Kerr, Raymond Kerr, Lewis Miller, Sandy Carpenter, Bob Carpenter, Steven Butcher, Marian Lundy, Francis & Bryson Roberts, Hugh & Eleanor Ellis, Martin Gracia Carrillo, Martin Carrillo, Fred & Elaine Reiland, Frank & Dorothy Varisco, Ernie Nugent, Hiram Massengale, Lula Mae Sheppard, Sam Cantrell, Mary Cantrell, Daniel Winkles, Bill Cantrell, JoAnn Cantrell

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**PASTORAL MINISTRIES**

**Reverend Bala Balaswamy**

**Michele Varisco:** Parish Council Chairperson

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**Jim & Stephanie Roberts:** Building Committee

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**MAY MINISTER SCHEDULE**

May 5:  Lector - Gerry    Announcer - Bart

             E.M.: Pat

              Usher - Diane & Tom

May 12:  Lector - Charlotte    Announcer:  Brett

              E.M.:  Patty Livingston

              Usher:  Roger & Frank

May 19:  Lector - Brett    Announcer:  Charlotte

                E.M.:  Roger

                Usher:  Michele & Tommy

May 26:  Lector - Gerry   Announcer:  Michele

                E.M.:  Helen

                Usher:  Tommy & Frank

**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 10 - Anker & Burke & Mitchell

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