

# Resurrection Catholic Chapel

## Mission:


The Resurrection Catholic Chapel will spread Our Lord's Message of Salvation to all Catholics and non-Catholics in Lawrence County and the surrounding areas; help those in our community seek God's many Graces through the Sacraments, most especially in the Holy Mass and Eucharist; and offer up prayers for the Church and its leadership, forgiveness of the sins of all people, the Ministries of our Chapel, and the needs of our community.

16335 Court Street, Moulton, AL 35650

## Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

May 17, 2026

Matthew 28:16-20



**Meditation:** Why did Jesus leave his disciples forty days after his resurrection? Forty is a significant number in the Scriptures. Moses went to the mountain to seek the face of God for forty days in prayer and fasting. The people of Israel were in the wilderness for forty years in preparation for their entry into the promised land. Elijah fasted for forty days as he journeyed in the wilderness to the mountain of God. For forty

days after his resurrection Jesus appeared numerous times to his disciples to assure them that he had risen indeed and to prepare them for the task of carrying on the work which he began during his earthy ministry.

### ***The Risen Lord is with us always to the end of time***

Jesus' departure and ascension into heaven was both an end and a beginning for his disciples. While it was the end of Jesus' physical presence with his beloved disciples, it marked the beginning of Jesus' presence with them in a new way. Jesus promised that he would be with them always to the end of time (Matthew 28:20). Now as the glorified and risen Lord and Savior, ascended to the right hand of the Father in heaven, Jesus promised to send them the Holy Spirit who would anoint them with power from on high on the Feast of Pentecost, just as Jesus was anointed for his ministry at the River Jordan (Luke 3:21-22, 4:1,18). When the Lord Jesus departed physically from the apostles, they were not left in sorrow or grief. Instead, they were filled with joy and with great anticipation for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

### ***The Risen Lord empowers us to carry on his work***

Why did the Risen Lord ascend into heaven? The Father raised the glorified body of his Son and enthroned him in glory at his right hand in heaven. The Lord Jesus in his glorified body now reigns as Lord over the heavens and the earth - over all that he has created. The Risen Lord reigns from the throne in heaven as our Merciful Redeemer and Gracious King. He intercedes for us and he empowers us through the outpouring of his Holy Spirit. The Lord Jesus gives us new life in his Spirit and he strengthens us in faith, hope and love so we can serve him and carry on his work as citizens of his kingdom here on earth.

### ***You will be my witnesses to the ends of the earth***

Jesus' last words to his disciples point to the key mission and task he has entrusted to his followers on earth - to be his witnesses and ambassadors to the ends of the earth so that all peoples, tribes, and nations may hear the good news that Jesus Christ has come to set us free from sin, Satan, and death and has won for us a kingdom of peace, joy, and righteousness that will last forever.

How can we be effective witnesses for Christ? Jesus told his disciples, "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you - and you shall be my witnesses... to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8). Jesus gives his followers the same power he received when the Holy Spirit came upon him and anointed him at the beginning of his mission (John 1:32-33). The Gospel is the power of God, the power to release people from their burden of sin, guilt, and oppression, and the power to heal, restore, and make us whole. Do you believe in the power of the Gospel to change and transform your life?

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*Reverence and quiet are expected in the church Especially during Adoration!*

## **We are ambassadors for Jesus Christ**

Paul the Apostle reminds us that we are called to be ambassadors for Jesus Christ. Just as ambassadors are appointed to represent their country and to speak on behalf of their nation's ruler, we, too are appointed by the Lord Jesus to speak on his behalf and to bring others into a close and personal encounter with the Lord and Ruler of heaven and earth. This is the great commission which the risen Christ gives to the whole church. All believers have been given a share in this task - to be heralds of the good news and ambassadors for Jesus Christ, the only savior of the world. We have not been left alone in this task, for the risen Lord works in and through us by the power of his Holy Spirit. Today we witness a new Pentecost as the Lord pours out his Holy Spirit upon his people to renew and strengthen the body of Christ and to equip it for effective ministry and mission world-wide. Do you witness to others the joy of the Gospel and the hope of the resurrection?

“Lord Jesus, through the gift of your Holy Spirit, you fill us with an indomitable spirit of praise and joy which no earthly trial can subdue. Fill me with your resurrection joy and help me to live a life of praise and thanksgiving for your glory. May I witness to those around me the joy of the Gospel and the reality of your great victory over sin and death.”

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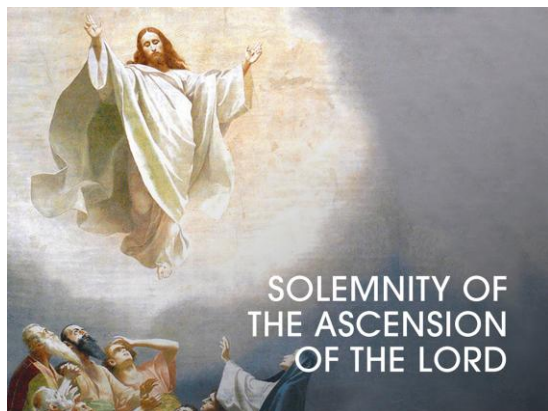
## **SAINT OF THE DAY – Bl. Antonia Mesina**

Blessed Antonia Mesina (1919-1935) was one of ten children born to a poor family on the island of Sardinia in Italy. Being the second oldest child, she had to leave school to help with the family chores after her mother became bedridden, a task which she accepted with obedience, humility, and joy. Antonia's mother referred to her daughter as "the flower of my life." Antonia was also active in her parish, joining the Young Women of Catholic Action organization at the age of ten

and encouraging others to do the same. On May 17, 1935, while in the forest with a friend gathering firewood, Antonia was assaulted by a teenage boy who attempted to rape her. Her friend ran for help while Antonia bravely defended herself against her attacker. The young man, unable to achieve his goal due to her continuous resistance, brutally attacked Antonia with dozens of blows with a rock. By the time help arrived, it was too late. Antonia died at the age of sixteen. The entire town accompanied her body to the site of her burial. She is considered a martyr of sexual purity, and was beatified by Pope St. John Paul II in 1987. Her story has been likened to that of St. Maria Goretti. Blessed Antonia Messina is the patron of rape victims. Her feast day is May 17th.

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## **FEAST DAY– Ascension Thursday**



After Jesus' Resurrection from the dead, He continued to appear to His disciples for a period of 40 days. After this time, with His Apostles gathered around Him on the Mount of Olives, Jesus was taken up bodily into heaven, as recorded in the Gospels. To comfort them in His physical absence, He promised to send them a Consoler and Advocate, the Holy Spirit, to be with them and to guide them into all truth until the end of the world. The Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord is celebrated on the 40th day after Easter Sunday, also called Ascension Thursday. It is a Holy Day of Obligation, and among the oldest and most solemn feasts on the liturgical calendar. In many dioceses the celebration of the feast is transferred to the following Sunday.

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## The Deacon's Corner...



### "We Are Not Home Yet"

This Sunday the Church celebrates the great Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. Forty days after His Resurrection, Jesus ascended into Heaven before His Apostles and commissioned them to "go and make disciples of all nations."

The Ascension is not about Jesus leaving us behind. It is about Jesus opening Heaven for us.

Through His Passion, Death, and Resurrection, Christ conquered sin and death. In the Ascension, He carries our humanity into the presence of the Father. Heaven is now our true home and eternal destiny.

The angels asked the Apostles:

"Why are you standing there looking at the sky?"

The message was clear: the mission of the Church was just beginning.

As baptized Catholics, we are all called to be disciples and missionaries in the world today. We proclaim Christ not only with words, but by the witness of faithful Christian living—through prayer, forgiveness, charity, and perseverance in difficult times.

The Ascension also reminds us not to become too attached to earthly things. This world is temporary. One day every faithful soul is called to eternal life with God.

As we await Pentecost next Sunday, let us pray daily for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our lives, our families, and our parish community.

May we keep our eyes fixed on Heaven while faithfully serving Christ here on earth.

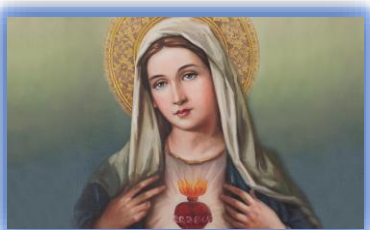
**God Bless! Deacon Rick Chenault, Sr.**



### VERSE OF THE DAY

Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord! Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways!

**Psalm 119:1-3**



*The Church dedicates the month of May to the Mother Mary*

In addition to the myriad feast days honoring Our Lady under her many titles and virtues, the entire month of May is especially given to her praise. In the words of Pope Paul VI, May is "a month which the piety of the faithful has long dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God ... For this is the month during which Christians, in their churches and their homes, offer the Virgin Mother more fervent and loving acts of homage and veneration; and it is the month in which a greater abundance of God's merciful gifts comes down to us from our Mother's throne."

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

### Morning Prayer

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, I will begin this day. I thank you, Lord, for having preserved me during the night. I will do my best to make all I do today pleasing to You and in accordance with Your will. My dear mother Mary, watch over me this day. My Guardian Angel, take care of me. St. Joseph and all you saints of God, pray for me... (followed by Daily Offering)

**Amen**

Source: [https://www.catholic.org/prayers/prayeroftheday/?select\\_date=2026-05-17](https://www.catholic.org/prayers/prayeroftheday/?select_date=2026-05-17)

"Walking by faith, let us do good works. In these let there be a free love of God for His own sake and an active love for our neighbor. For there is nothing we can do for God. But because we have something we can do for our neighbor, we shall by our good offices to the needy gain the favor of Him Who is the source of all abundance. Let us then do what we can for others; let us freely bestow upon the needy out of our abundance."

— St. Augustine

### THE MORNING OFFERING

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, for the salvation of souls, the reparation of sins, the reunion of all Christians, and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father this month.

**Amen**

### PRAYER FOR THE DEAD

In your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters. In this life you embraced them with your tender love; deliver them now from every evil and bid them eternal rest. The old order has passed away: welcome them into paradise, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping or pain, but fullness of peace and joy with your Son and the Holy Spirit forever and ever.

**Amen.**



### PRAYER FOR THE HOLY FATHER

Almighty and everlasting God, have mercy upon Thy servant, Pope Leo, our Supreme Pontiff, and direct him, according to Thy loving kindness, in the way of eternal salvation; that, of Thy gift, he may ever desire that which is pleasing unto Thee and may accomplish it with all his might.

Through Christ Our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Our Father. Hail Mary.*

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Do you know that Jesus is waiting for you to come visit with Him as He sits on his front porch (in the Monstrance on the altar)? Yes, He is on His porch **every Tuesday 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.** Come and talk with him about anything that's on your mind. I guarantee you will be loved and appreciated now and throughout eternity.



### PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. **Amen.**

### Happy Birthday

Lawrence Chenault – May 1     Ed Witt – May 17  
 Juan Antonio Tapia – May 2     Mike Wetzel, Sr. – May 18  
 Fr. Reddy – May 5     Fr. Wyman Vintson – May 23  
 Leah Patlan – May 6     Melanie Jones – May 24  
 Maria Macias – May 11     Josielyn Hernandez – May 26  
 Roberto Macias – May 12     Braylan Patlan – May 29  
 Emilio Tapia – May 29



### Happy Anniversary

#### Wedding

Ed and Midge Witt – May 19  
 Philip and Melanie Jones – May 29

#### Ordination

Fr. Alphonse J. Nelson – May 7

### Please pray for the sick, ill and recovering

Aidan LaForest, Melinda Prush Stinnett, John Lesko, Stephanie Lambert, Austin Priebe, Dan Walsh, Howard Sullivan, Phillis Kaelin, George Harvey Jr., Hilda Poole, Fr. David Carruchi, Mikey Goodwin, Olivia Rose, Fr. John Hedges, Deacon Terry Rumore, Linda Holcomb, Bobby Hyatt, Robin Michael, Preston Jones, Dara Carnell, Kris Wagner, Comunita Cenacolo, Elizabeth Walker, Jack and Marilyn Henningsen and family, Martin Carraway, Barry Bullard, Andrés Avila, David Spain, Leslie Harrell, Keith Whaley, Robert Cunningham, Morgan Smith, Mike Knable, Jean Knable, Gina Haig, Mike Sandlin, Deacon Bob Catanach, Phil Harris, Katherine Long, Vicki Thomas, Ashley Womack, Paul Simmons, Pat Mathis, Fr. Joel Bugas, Kevin Tessier, Zeny Cheek, Monica Byrd, Fr. Charles Merrill, Pamela Alman, Tom Loyd, Jamie Laforest, Sarah Shelton, Janna Shelton, Soonthorn Pace, Molly Dutton, Gavin Prater and Family, Cole Thorn and the Thorn Family, Theresa Jones, Dr. Don Beach, Steve Schmidt, Nathan Gallego, Davis Nelson, Tom Loyd, George Huell, Ana María Ramírez

#### Prayers for the Sick;

God our Father, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. Hear the prayers we offer for our sick brother/sister. May all who suffer pain, illness, or disease realize that they have been chosen to be saints and know that they are joined to Christ in His suffering for the salvation of the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Prayer for Healing;

Our Lady appeared in Lourdes, France, in 1858 to a humble peasant girl, St. Bernadette. Mary asked for prayer and sacrifice for the conversion of sinners. To this day the Lord works many miracles through the water of a spring at the site of the apparitions. By means of this prayer, ask Our Lady for her prayers for healing and/or other blessings you desire. [knightsoftheholyeucharist.com](http://knightsoftheholyeucharist.com)



Pray for the Holy Father Pope Leo, and all our Priests, Deacons, Seminarians and Sister Servants of the Eternal Word

Pray the Holy Rosary Everyday

### Saint Vincent DePaul

Our local Saint Vincent DePaul Society Group is located at Annunciation of the Lord in Decatur, with members here acting as the POCs for the needy in Lawrence County.

If you are in need of assistance, interested in becoming a member, or just want more information about how you can help the needy, contact the group at 256-353-2667 x 502


Thank you for ALL the monthly donations, love and support for The Community Cenacolo - Our Lady of Joyful Hope From the Darkness into the Light, May God Bless You All.

If you would like to learn more about Cenacolo please check out this website! <https://www.hopereborn.org>

# CONGRATULATIONS!




Congratulations to Ivan Perez, the winner of the Raffle for the child's electric vehicle. Thanks to all who purchased tickets for the Raffle in support of Resurrection Catholic Chapel.



Reparatrix Sisters of the Sacred Heart –  
 Sr. Cecilia Corpus Rsc, Sr. Teresa Perol Rsc, and Marynell Morris (laity)  
 1-256-621-2861 in English/256-758-3090 in Spanish  
 Call to setup a visit to your home for house Blessings -  
 Praying the Holy Rosary  
 God Bless - hope to visit you.

Happy moments,  
Praise God.  
 Difficult moments,  
Seek God.  
 Quiet moments,  
Worship God.  
 Painful moments,  
Trust God.  
 Every moment,  
Thank God



Altar Boys Needed

We are in need of Altar Boys to serve at Mass. Interested boys/young men should have received their First Communion and be interested in serving at Mass with reverence. If interested please see Sister MaryNell.



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**Calendar of Events (except Sunday Mass)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
Sun - 05/17/26	2:30 PM	Candidate Rehearsal for Pentecost Sunday	St. Joseph Life Center
Sat - 05/23/26	1:00 PM	Wedding	Chapel Sanctuary
Sat - 06/06/26	1:00 PM	Special Occasion	St. Joseph Life Center
Sun - 06/07/26	2:00 PM	Spiritual Combat Classes (Spanish)	St. Joseph Life Center
Sun - 06/07/26	4:00 PM	Spiritual Combat Classes (English)	St. Joseph Life Center
Sun - 06/16/26	2:00 PM	Spiritual Combat Classes (Spanish)	St. Joseph Life Center
Sun - 06/16/26	4:00 PM	Spiritual Combat Classes (English)	St. Joseph Life Center

**Spiritual Combat Classes**

**Liber Christo Method – Diocesan Healing Ministry**

**“Put on the armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the tactics of the devil.”**

— *Ephesians 6:11*

Do you desire to grow stronger in your faith...  
to better understand spiritual struggles...  
and to live more fully in the peace and freedom of Christ?

We invite you to join our **Spiritual Combat Classes**, based on the *Liber Christo Method*, a trusted formation used by our **Diocesan Healing Ministry**. These classes offer practical, faithful guidance rooted in the teachings of the Church to help you live a life of grace and spiritual strength.

Through the loving guidance of **Our Blessed Mother**, who leads us always closer to her Son, we learn to stand firm in faith and walk confidently in Christ.

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**Beginning Sunday, June 7, 2026**

**Spanish Class** – Instructor: Deacon Javier Ramirez; Time: Sundays, 2:00 pm -2:30 pm

**English Class** – Instructor: Deacon Rick Chenault; Time: Sundays 4:00 pm – 4:30 pm

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**What You Will Learn**

- **Understanding spiritual warfare in daily life**
  - **Recognizing and resisting temptation**
  - **Growing in virtue and holiness**
  - **The power of prayer and sacramental life**
  - **Living in the freedom and peace of Christ**
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**All Are Welcome**

Whether you are beginning your journey or seeking to deepen your relationship with Christ, these classes will strengthen your faith and equip you with practical spiritual tools.

Come, walk with **Mary, our Mother**, and grow closer to Jesus through prayer, truth, and grace

Before each Sunday Mass – Confessions & Rosary at 2:30 pm & 4:30 pm - Adoration at 4:00 pm

Date		Sunday, May 17	Sunday, May 24	Sunday, May 31
Sacraments/ Devotions/ Education		Spanish Mass – 3:00 pm Adoration – 4:00 pm Confessions & Rosary – 2:30 pm & 4:30 pm English Mass – 5:00 pm	Spanish Mass – 3:00 pm Adoration – 4:00 pm Confessions & Rosary – 2:30 pm & 4:30 pm English Mass – 5:00 pm	Spanish Mass – 3:00 pm Adoration – 4:00 pm Confessions & Rosary – 2:30 pm & 4:30 pm English Mass – 5:00 pm
Celebrant	3pm	Fr. Jose Chacko	Fr. Jose Chacko	TBA
	5pm	Fr. Jose Chacko	Fr. Jose Chacko	Fr. John O'Donnell, O.S.B.
Lectors	3pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Elvira Martínez 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ma. Carmen Navas	1 <sup>st</sup> Karina Mayo 2 <sup>nd</sup> Antonio López	1 <sup>st</sup> Iván Pérez 2 <sup>nd</sup> Adriana Acosta
	5pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Leo Sabatini 2 <sup>nd</sup> Larry Mathis	1 <sup>st</sup> Midge Witt 2 <sup>nd</sup> Peggy Chenault	1 <sup>st</sup> Niki Beckford 2 <sup>nd</sup> Brent Robeson

Confession is available before ALL Masses.

Every Sunday before Mass Adoration is held from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Specifically for VOCATIONS for the Diocese of Birmingham

A rosary is prayed beginning 4:30 p.m. before the 5:00 p.m. Mass

Weekly Eucharistic Adoration is held every Tuesday from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

with Holy Hour for the Sanctity and protection of ALL LIFE from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Every First Saturday of the Month Mass at Annunciation of The Lord at 8:00 a.m.



Confession is available before ALL Masses



If you or someone you know is home-bound or in an assisted living facility and needs communion, please call Deacon Rick or Deacon Bob for assistance.

The 5pm Sunday Masses are now being live streamed and can be viewed on the Chapel's Facebook page.

If you wish to view the service, go online to <https://www.facebook.com/ResurrectionCatholicChapel>

With the move of St. Vincent De Paul to Annunciation of the Lord Catholic Church, Resurrection Catholic Chapel no longer accepts donations of food or clothing. If you wish to donate any items, please take them to Annunciation of the Lord Catholic Church on Spring Street in Decatur, AL. Thank you for understanding.

**LOST & FOUND**

A place for lost and found articles has been set up down the front hallway in the front office across from the vestry, Please check there if you believe you have left anything in the Chapel.

Did you misplace the bulletin or want to share it with friends and family? Go online <https://www.moultoncatholics.org/bulletin1.html>

Thank You  
FOR  
**GIVING**  
GENEROUSLY

For April 2026

**Monthly Collections**

Offertory: \$4,852.00; Building Maintenance: \$25.00;  
Cenacolo: \$45.09; Sisters' Reserve: \$410.00

**Monthly Chapel Financial Status**

Expenses: \$6,685.40; Total Offerings Less Special: \$5,332.09

