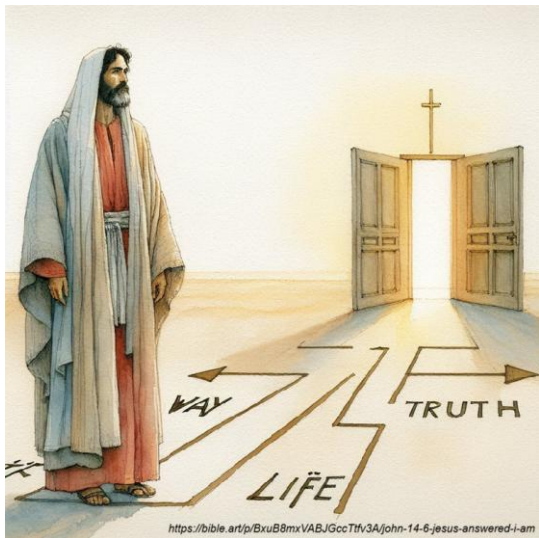


# Resurrection Catholic Chapel

## 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



## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

John 14:1-12

**Meditation:** Do you allow any troubles to rob you of God's gift of peace? As much as we try to avoid it, we inevitably encounter challenges and trials that can shake our confidence and our trust in God. Jesus knew that his disciples would be put to the test when their Master was taken from them during his suffering and passion - his arrest, trial, and rejection by the leaders of his own people, and crucifixion by the Romans. Jesus encouraged his disciples to put their faith and hope in God the Father and

also in himself.

When adversity or trouble comes your way, does it make you lose hope or give into fear and despair, or does it press you closer to the Lord Jesus and to the strength and help he offers you? When the people of Israel became discouraged and grew weary during their 40 years in the wilderness, the Lord assured them that he would personally bring them safely into the promised land.

"It is the LORD who goes before you; he will be with you, he will not fail you or forsake you; do not fear or be dismayed" (Deuteronomy 31:8).

This land of promise was a sign that prefigured and pointed to the true heavenly homeland which God offers to all who accept his gift of salvation through his Son, Jesus Christ. The Lord Jesus, through his victory on the cross and his resurrection, has opened the way for each one of us to live in peace and friendship with our heavenly Father.

### ***A place for you in my Father's house***

During Jesus' last supper meal with his apostles, he spoke in plain words to them about his approaching departure. He tells them that he is returning to his Father to prepare a place for them in the Father's house. Jesus not only goes to secure for his disciples a place of refuge, peace, and security, he secures for them the best the Father has to offer - intimate communion, friendship, and joy with the Father at his table (Luke 12:37, Matthew 8:11) and place of rest and refreshment.

Jesus promised his disciples - and each one of us - that he would return again to personally bring us to the Father's house. Are you ready to follow the Lord Jesus wherever he wishes to lead you now and in the future? And do you trust him to bring you safely to your home with the Father in his kingdom? Paul the Apostle reminds us that nothing in this world can compare with the glory of feasting with the Father in his house. "I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us" (Romans 8:18). Is your hope securely placed in Jesus and his promise to raise you up in glory with him?

### ***I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life***

The disciples were surprised that Jesus was going to his Father's house and would return to take them with him. And they were even more surprised when Jesus said he expected them to know the way to the Father's house. Jesus' answer to their question, "show us the way", was both a reminder that his disciples should trust their Master and Teacher to show them the way, and a challenge for them to recognize that Jesus had intimate knowledge of God and where God came from. Jesus made a statement that invoked the very name which God had revealed to Moses, "I am who I am" (Exodus 3:14), and he made three claims which only God could make. He stated unequivocally to his disciples: "**I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life**" (John 14:6)

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

Jesus proclaims: *I am the Way* (John 14:6). He alone knows the way to the Father because he has been with the Father from the beginning - before time and creation ever existed. The Lord Jesus gives us more than a road map and guide book. He personally is the way to the Father's kingdom, and we cannot miss it if we follow him. He accompanies us on our daily journey and watches over us as the good shepherd who leads and sustains us each and every step of the way. Are you in step with the Lord and do you trust in his guiding hand for your life?

Jesus proclaims that he is the *Truth* (John 14:6). Many can say, "I have taught you the truth." Only Jesus can say, *I am the Truth*. He possesses in himself the fulness of truth. Jesus claims to be one with the Father and to speak the truth which proceeds from the Father. Jesus promised his disciples that if they continued in his word, they would learn the truth and the truth would set them free" (John 8:31). The truth which Jesus proclaims has power to set us free from ignorance, deception, and sin. The words which Jesus speaks are true because there is no lie or falsehood in him. Moral truth requires more than mere words or ideas because the person who speaks them must be true - true in thought, speech, deed, example, and action. Jesus embodies the truth in his person.

Jesus proclaims that he is the *Life* (John 14:6). He not only *shows us the path of life* (Psalm 16:11); he gives the kind of life which only God can give - abundant life that lasts forever. Is there any trouble, fear, or distraction that keeps you from the perfect peace and joy of a life surrendered to Jesus Christ?

### ***Knowing God personally***

One of the greatest truths of the Christian faith is that we can know the living God. Our knowledge of God is not simply limited to knowing something about God, but we can know God personally. The essence of Christianity, and what makes it distinct from Judaism and other religions, is the knowledge of God as *our Father*. Jesus makes it possible for each of us to personally know God as our Father. To see Jesus, the only begotten Son of the Father, is to see what God is like. In Jesus we see the perfect love of God - a God who cares intensely and who yearns over men and women, loving them to the point of laying down his life for them upon the Cross. Jesus is the revelation of God - a God who loves us completely, unconditionally, and perfectly for our good. Jesus also promises that God the Father will hear our prayers when we pray in his name. That is why Jesus taught his followers to pray with confidence, *Our Father who art in heaven... give us this day our daily bread* (Matthew 6:9). Do you pray to your Father in heaven with joy and confidence in his love and care for you?

### ***Doing the works that Jesus did***

Jesus told his disciples that they would do the same works which he had done - and even greater works! While Jesus was physically present to his disciples in Galilee and Jerusalem, he was subject to the physical limitations of time, space, and circumstances. Now as the Risen Savior who is glorified and seated at the right hand of the Father in heaven, the Lord Jesus makes his presence and power known to every place on earth through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit who lives and works through all the members of the body of Christ on earth.

Theresa of Avila (1515-1582) wrote: "Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours."

Wherever we go the Lord Jesus wants us to bring the good news and blessings of his kingdom to as many people as we can. The Lord Jesus calls us the salt of the earth. He wants us to bring the flavor of his goodness and holiness into every area of society we are engaged in. Christ calls us the light of the world. He wants us to make him known and loved by helping people to see the radiance of his love and truth and the beauty of his kingdom. That is why Jesus continues to commission his followers throughout every age to "make disciples of all nations"(John 17:18, Matthew 28:19).

"Lord Jesus, you fill us with the joy of your saving presence and you give us the hope of everlasting life with the Father in Heaven. Show me the Father that I may know and glorify him more fully."

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## The Deacon's Corner...



### "Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled"

My dear brothers and sisters,

We live in a world filled with uncertainty. Every day brings new challenges—health concerns, family struggles, financial pressures, and questions about the future. It is no surprise that many hearts today are troubled.

Into this very reality, Jesus speaks words that are as powerful today as they were to His Apostles:

*"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me."* (John 14:1)

Notice that Jesus does not deny the existence of trouble. He does not say life will be easy. Instead, He invites us to **trust**—to move from fear to faith.

Why can we trust Him?

Because of His promise:

*"I go to prepare a place for you... and I will come back again and take you to myself."*

This is not just a comforting thought—it is the foundation of our hope. Our lives are not random. We are not wandering without direction. **We are on a journey home.** And Jesus Himself is leading us.

When Thomas asks, "How can we know the way?" Jesus gives one of the most profound answers in all of Scripture:

*"I am the way and the truth and the life."*

The Christian life is not simply about following rules or learning teachings. It is about **following a Person**—Jesus Christ.

- He is the **Way** when we feel lost
- He is the **Truth** when we are confused
- He is the **Life** when we feel empty

In the second reading, St. Peter reminds us that we are "living stones," built into a spiritual house. Each one of us has a role to play in building up the Church—through prayer, service, kindness, and love.

We are not meant to walk this journey alone.

So how do we live this message?

- **Bring your troubles to Jesus in prayer**
- **Stay close to Him in the Eucharist**
- **Trust in His promises, even when life is difficult**
- **Be a source of hope and strength for others**

One day, each of us will stand before the Lord. And when we do, we will not meet a stranger—we will meet the One who has been walking with us all along.

Until that day, let us hold firmly to His words:

**"Do not let your hearts be troubled."**

Trust Him. Follow Him. And know that a place has already been prepared for you.

***In Christ, Deacon Rick***



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

### Prayer before Starting on a Journey

My holy Angel Guardian, ask the Lord to bless the journey which I undertake, that it may profit the health of my soul and body; that I may reach its end, and that, returning safe and sound, I may find my family in good health. Do thou guard, guide and preserve us.

**Amen**

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## VERSE OF THE DAY

Consider it all joy, my brothers, when you encounter various trials, for you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. And let perseverance be perfect, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

**James 1:2-4**



## 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 Gallegger, Davis Nelson, Tom Loyd, George Huell

#### 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

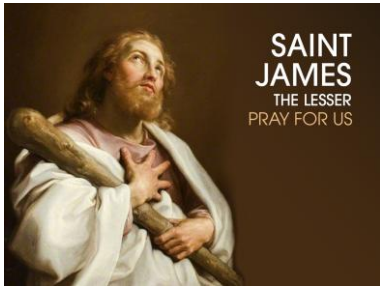
### Saint Vincent DePaul

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>



## **SAINT OF THE DAY – St. James The Lesser**

St. James the Lesser (1st c.), also called St. James the Just, was one of the Twelve Apostles and the cousin of Jesus. Both James and his brother, St. Jude, began to follow Jesus in the second year of his ministry. St. James the Less was the first of the Twelve Apostles to whom the risen Christ appeared. After Jesus' ascension into heaven, James was given charge as bishop of the Church in Jerusalem, making him an important leader of the early Church. He was well-

known for his prayer life and holiness. It is described that his knees and forehead were calloused due to long hours spent prostrate in prayer. His sanctity was such that he was respected by the Jews and considered by many to be a holy man. James the Less is the author of the New Testament epistle that bears his name. He was martyred by being thrown from the roof of the Jerusalem temple and then stoned and beaten to death as he prayed for his murderers. He died in the year 62 A.D. during the reign of the Roman Emperor Nero. St. James the Less is the patron saint of pharmacists and the dying. His feast day is May 3rd..

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### **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

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

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sat - 05/23/26	1:00 PM	Wedding	St. Joseph Life Center



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.

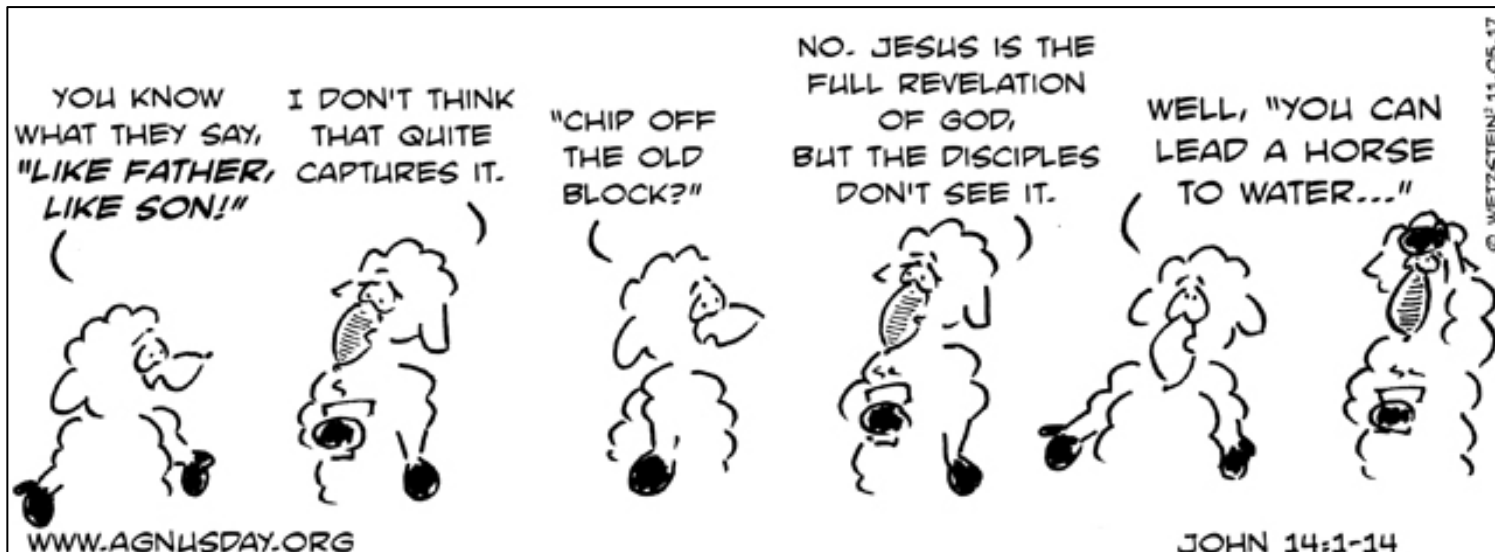
Happy moments,  
**Praise** God.  
 Difficult moments,  
**Seek** God.  
 Quiet moments,  
**Worship** God.  
 Painful moments,  
**Trust** God.  
 Every moment,  
**Thank** God



*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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Date		Sunday, May 3	Sunday, May 10	Sunday, May 17
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	Fr. Jose Chacko
	5pm	Fr. Jose Chacko	Fr. Jose Chacko	Fr. Jose Chacko
Lectors	3pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Ana L. Arroyo 2 <sup>nd</sup> María Quijano	1 <sup>st</sup> Sandro Canuto 2 <sup>nd</sup> Laura Arroyo	1 <sup>st</sup> Elvira Martínez 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ma. Carmen Navas
	5pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Felicia Brewer 2 <sup>nd</sup> John Poole	1 <sup>st</sup> Cara Shelton 2 <sup>nd</sup> Justin Shelton	1 <sup>st</sup> Leo Sabatini 2 <sup>nd</sup> Larry Mathis

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>

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Link your shopper's card to the free Kroger Community Rewards Program and select organization LQ137 – Resurrection Catholic Chapel. We will receive a donation from Kroger at no cost to you.

See the bulletin board or contact Ed Alegre for details.

