

OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE

CATHOLIC CHURCH



April 28, 2024 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acknowledge Others and Their Achievements Always

Once upon a time there lived a boy in a small village. His best friend was his little dog (puppy). Wherever he went he used to take the dog. He taught all kinds of tricks to this puppy. The little dog knew how to swim in the water and how to bring back whatever he threw into the air and so on. The boy really wanted to make this dog a real hunting dog. Since the boy was living in a cool area, the ducks from the north came there to escape the extreme cold. When these ducks came to that area the people got permits to hunt (shoot) the ducks.

One day the boy went to hunt the ducks with his little puppy. He shot the ducks and one of them fell into the lake. But you know, his little puppy ran across the water and got the duck and came back to him. The little boy could not believe his eyes. Instead of swimming in the water, the dog ran across the water. But who was going to believe it if he told this story? The people would never believe that his dog walked or ran over the water.

One day the boy invited his neighbor farmer who knows all about duck hunting to go with him. While they were together the neighbor farmer shot the ducks and one of them fell into the lake. The boy's dog ran across the water and brought the duck to them. Then the boy said to the farmer, "Did you see what my dog did? He ran across the water and that is really a miracle!" The man looked at the boy and said, "I know – he can't swim. Right? You didn't teach him how to swim?"

The purpose of this story is to tell you that some people are like that farmer, never acknowledging other people's achievements. Some people are interested in focusing on other people's faults and failures, never finding goodness in others. Where do we stand if we don't accept other people's achievements, but publish their faults and destroy their good names? We are in this world to help and encourage others in their achievements, not to destroy them.

"Love your neighbor as yourselves" – this is said not by me, but by JESUS. Thank you and please pray for me while I travel to India this Monday for three weeks. You will be in my thoughts and prayers as always.

Love and prayers,
Fr. Charley

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Celebrations:

Saturday: 5:00pm (Vigil) Church

Sunday: 8:00am Church & **10:00am** Church

Rosary: Saturday: 4:30pm / Sunday: 7:30am / 9:25am

Weekday Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday:

St. Joseph Chapel

Rosary: 11:30 am before **Noon Mass**

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30—4:30pm

Important Messages

First Friday-Healing Mass/Noon-Church

Exposition of the Holy Eucharist 11:00am

First Saturday morning Mass

8:00am, in the Chapel

Adoration of the Holy Eucharist at 7:30am

WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday-April 28

Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 9: 26-31/Jn 3: 18-24/Jn 15: 1-8

Monday-April 29

St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church
Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday-April 30

Easter Weekday
Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday-May 1

Easter Weekday
Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday-May 2

St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11

Friday-May 3

Ss. Philip and James, Apostles
1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14

Saturday-May 4

Easter Weekday
Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21

Sunday-May 5

Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

Mother's Day Breakfast

You are invited to breakfast on Sunday, May 12th after the 8 AM Mass. Please come enjoy good food with friends and wish all our mothers a happy day. Please sign-up in the Gathering Area.



Wedding Anniversaries

Jack & Aurora Ante, Michael & Christian Gunner, Jeffrey & Sandra Holmes, and Rafael & Dorothy Sosa



Let us Pray for the Living and the Deceased

For the living:

Mary Wheeler, Peter Quintanilla, Patricia Thomas, Mary Lou Zurowski, Margaret Dorsey, Carol Martin, Mark Blackburn, Fred Pokrzywa, Rita Redoblado, Deacon Larry Howell, Helen Bill-Cash, Mariquita Tainatongo, Jose Cuevas, Rev. Nelo Leto and all those in our parish community in need of physical or spiritual healing.

The altar flowers for April 27-28 are in loving memory of John O'Brien.

By: Elizabeth O'Brien



MASS INTENTIONS

If you wish to have a loved one remembered during the liturgy for any special occasion such as a birthday, anniversary, get well, deceased etc. Contact the Parish office at 256-852-0788.

Sat.	Apr.27	5:00PM	The Vu Family †
Sun.	Apr. 28	8:00AM	Michael Thomas † Catherine Sperando †
		10:00AM	Paul Lamont † John O'Brien †
Mon.	Apr. 29	12:00PM	Communion Service
Tues.	Apr. 30	12:00PM	Communion Service
Wed.	May 1	12:00PM	Communion Service
Thurs.	May 2	12:00PM	Communion Service
Fri.	May 3	12:00PM	Souls in Purgatory †
Sat.	May 4	5:00PM	The Vu Family †
Sun.	May 5	8:00AM	Albert Rich †
		10:00AM	Asa Glass † Carol Dixon †

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 30-May 2	Communion Services	12:00PM
Fri. May 3	First Friday Adoration Healing Mass NO St. Andrew's Table	11:00AM 12:00PM
Sat. May 4	NO BVM Mass	
Sat. May 4	Altar Server Training	10:00AM
Sun. May 5	NO Breakfast after 8:00 AM Mass	
May 7-10	Communion Services	12:00PM
Sun. May 12	Mother's Day Breakfast	8:45AM

Altar Flowers may be donated in memory or in honor of a loved one or to mark a special occasion. Contact Beth Anderson at 256-852-8734 or the parish office at 256-852-0788 to schedule a date.



Please keep Fr. Charley in your prayers as he travels to India to spend time with his family and friends from April 29-May 23.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Youth Religious Education: Sundays 11:00 AM -12:00 PM

Mrs. Susan Turner (susan@olqu.org)



SACRAMENT of CONFIRMATION

Blessings and congratulations to our confirmation candidates who received the sacrament from Bishop Raica on Thursday, April 25th, at St. Mary of the Visitation Church. May God continue to bless them on their journey of faith!

They are: Cooper Acuff, Jacob Andrzejewski, Maria Chacha, Landon Duckworth, Ryan Hawk, Jalyn Hoang, Katelyn Hoang, Aleena Nguyen, Johnny Nguyen & Job Victor.

A special thank you to the confirmation team for their dedication and love to the students: Sharon & Mark Wiegmann, Claudia McClure and Dominic Ebelhar.

The May Crowning

Sunday, May 5th at the 10:00 AM Mass
We need your children to participate in the crowning procession! Please be in the gathering area by 9:45 AM to line up for the procession.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 3rd - 7th... At St. Mary's for kids 4 years old (by Jan. 1st & potty-trained) to completed 5th graders. Volunteers welcome - completed 6th graders to adults who love kids!

DEADLINE TO REGISTER - Mother's Day

Kids who are registered on time will get a logo T-shirts. Please turn forms in at the display in the gathering area.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

St. Joseph Parish:

St. Joseph has an opening for a Director of Education (DRE). Qualifications include, college graduate, Bilingual English– Spanish preferred, Catholic religious education background with teaching and church administrative experience, computer skills, including proficiency in Microsoft office applications and database management software. Interested candidates should submit their resume to jlubrano@salvatorians.com.

St. John Paul II Catholic High School:

The 2024 JP II Summer Camps are Open! www.jp2falcons.org/camps. Questions? Email Becky Plott at camps@jp2falcons.org.

MUSIC * YOUTH MINISTRY * LITURGY NEWS

Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry Gatherings
5PM-7PM

April 28 Activity Night/Pizza & Ice
Cream Party

(St. Francis, St. Cecilia & Youth Group)
All 7th - 12th Graders Are Welcome

Homebound Ministry

This ministry demonstrates care and concern for the sick from our faith community and provides the opportunity to pray and bring communion to those who are unable to attend Mass in person. OLQU is looking to grow its team of homebound ministers to bring Christ's light to those in need. Please call the office at 256-852-0788 or email the office at office@olqu.org

Music Ministry

Folk Choir

Looking for those interested in starting a Folk Choir this summer. We need guitarists and vocalists. Wind and Brass instrumentalists are welcome to join as well. Please contact Mark Blackburn at mark@olqu.org for more information.

MINISTRIES * NEWS * EVENTS

OLQU has more options for Online Giving!

Text GIVE to 256-598-5239 or Scan the QR available in the Gathering Area or on our website, olqu.org. Our Parish also has a brochure with instructions for all Online Giving options. We will continue to send contribution envelopes to those who prefer them. If you have any questions, please contact Shirley at bookkeeper@olqu.org or call 256-852-0788

Lost and Found If you think you lost any jewelry, jackets, toys etc. at church please call the parish office. Tues.- Friday 9am—3pm.

Strengthening The Church At Home

This weekend, April 27th and 28th, the bishops are requesting Catholics across the country to contribute to the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Please be generous in this year's appeal to strengthen the Church at home.

Baptism If you have a child in need of Baptism and have not attended a class at OLQU contact Deacon Jim Multeri for information regarding when a class is available. Email him at deaconjim@olqu.org or call 256-852-0788 ext. 116.

Ministry Leads Any information you have about your ministry is welcomed for the bulletin. Dates and times of meetings, projects you are working on, new members to your ministry or anything else you want everyone to know. Submit to office@olqu.org by Monday at noon.

OLQU E-MAIL Addresses

OLQU is e-mailing important events, such as Church closures due to inclement weather, important date reminders, Holy Communion, Confirmation or any information Fr. Charley needs to put out quickly. If you are not receiving them contact the parish office. 256-852-0788.

OLQU Office Contact Information

Reverend Charley Alookaran, Pastor

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Juan Mark Blackburn SDS, Director of Music and Youth Ministry

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Donna Pillarella, Parish Secretary

OLQU Parish Office Contact:

office@olqu.org / Telephone 256-852-0788

OLQU Parish Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday: 9:00am - 3:00pm

Mission Statement: We, the Parish Family of Our Lady, Queen of the Universe Catholic Church, through spiritual growth and service to others, seek to follow Mary's example of doing God's will by being a loving and open community centering on the Word, the Sacraments, and the Presence of Christ in our lives.

Councils, Commissions & Ministries

Ministry Coordinator: Eva Andrzejewski 256-430-3486

Finance Council: Fran Spinelli 256-830-4135

Adult Ed. / Sacraments: Susan Turner 256-852-0788

Agape Joy: Maria Nolen 334-517-8157

Altar Linens: Pat Spinelli 256-830-4135

Altar Servers: Jared Ebelhar 256-684-8385

Arts & Environment: Beth Anderson 256-852-8734

Baptism Preparation: Deacon Jim Multeri 256-852-0788

Building & Maintenance: Joe Andrzejewski 256-430-3486

Chain Rosary: David McClure 502-759-1939

Charismatic Prayer Group: Jeff Anderson 256-852-8734

Communications: Damian Hochmuth 256-890-1621

EMHC: Maria Nolen 334-517-8157

Fund Raising: Fran Spinelli 256-830-4135

Gardening: Marge Mullen 256-683-1663

Greeters: Tom Heath 256-859-9554

IT & A/V Care: Jim Chaloupka 256-852-0788

Lawn Care: Orlando Herrera 256-990-7212

Lectors: Sybil Shearburn 256-679-7023

Life in Faith: Cindy Williams 256-509-7258

Marriage Preparation: Deacon Jim Multeri 256-852-0788

Loving Hands: Carol Lee 256-852-4095

Mass Coordinator: Pat Spinelli 256-830-4135

Men's Club: Roberto Ruiz 256-655-2509

Money Counters: Pat Spinelli 256-830-4135

Music Ministry: Mark Blackburn, Director 256-852-0788

Pastoral Care: JoAnn Harper 256-859-3330

Prayer Shawl Donna Pillarella 256-852-0788

Queen Bees: Claudia McClure 256-337-6986

Regency/Retirement: Debbie Baswell 256-503-8341

Religious Education: Susan Turner 256-852-0788

Sacristans: Pam Mefford 256-509-5000

Safety & Security Ministry: Celeste Brothers 707-365-1607

Social: Orlando Herrera 256-990-7212

St. Andrew's Table: Joanna Acker 256-721-6922

St. Vincent de Paul: Luster Ingram 256-852-2899

Ushers: Jay Hammer 256-337-1016

Youth Ministry: Mark Blackburn, Director 256-852-0788

Mass Intentions available for 2024. If you would like to have a Mass for a loved one or in honor of a special occasion please contact the office at 256-852-0788. The stipend is still \$10.

SOCIAL CONCERNS & FOOD PANTRY

St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) Thrift Store at 2140 Jonathan Drive NW, Huntsville is in need of a truck driver. This is a paid position and would be about 20 hours per week. A CDL is not required, but a good driving record is. St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store is an Equal Opportunity Employer and rate of pay will be determined by qualifications and experience. If interested please apply in person or call 256-851-8881 and ask to speak with the Manager. The store is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9:00AM-4:00PM

NEWS

Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama

Seeks to find :

Diocesan Director of Catechesis and Christian Initiation

Diocesan Director of Ongoing Catholic Formation

Chancery:

Director –Camp Tekakwitha

Maintenance Technician—Camp Tekakwitha

Send resume to PO Box 12047 Birmingham, AL 35202-2047 or www.bhamdiocese.org and go to links.

Homeschool Graduation Mass

St. Mary of the Visitation is hosting a homeschool graduation Mass on May 25th at 10AM. All homeschoolers and families are welcome. Reception to follow. Please contact Jackie Henderson to sign up. Cjadk@aol.com or call 251-602-6963.

Mercy Parish 2nd Bless Fest May 4-5

The fest is at 10509 Segers Rd in Madison from 9:30Am –4 PM both days with an admission fee of \$5. per family. Questions, email mercyfest@mercyparish.church.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

April 28	Catholic Home Missions Building Fund
May 5	Religious Education
May 12	Building & Renovations Fund

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Weekly Estimated Expenses	\$	9,760.58
Weekly Collection April 20/21	\$	7,844.00
Religious Education	\$	47.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	851.00
Disaster Relief	\$	27.00
Building Fund	\$	127.00
Building & Renovations Fund	\$	122.00
Seminarian Education Fund	\$	745.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$	27.00