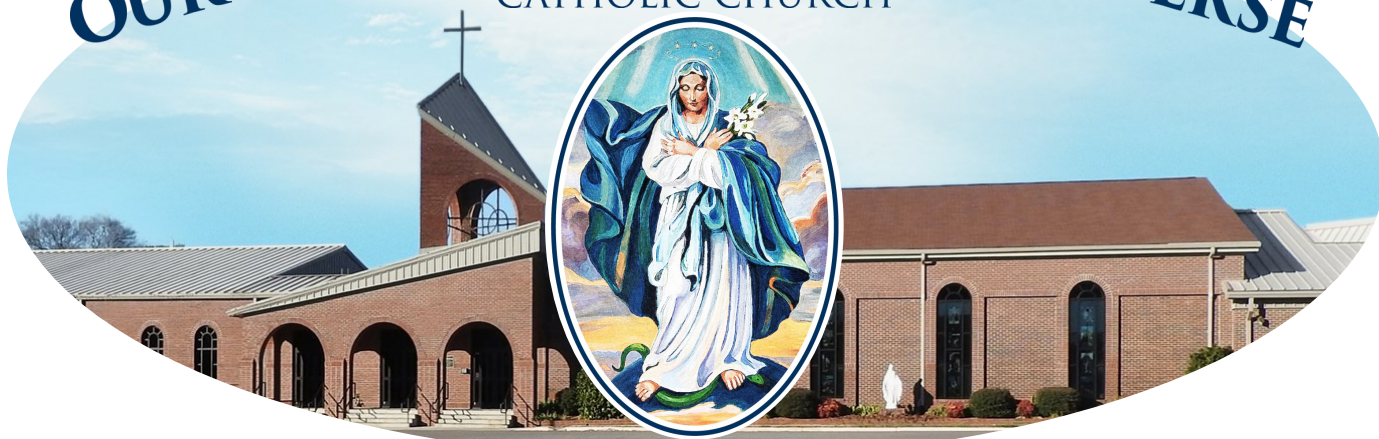


OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE

CATHOLIC CHURCH



April 7, 2024 – Second Sunday of Easter– Divine Mercy

Divine Mercy Sunday

Today we celebrate the Divine Mercy Sunday for the Second Sunday of Easter. Today's readings tell us about St. Thomas proclaiming the great truth that Jesus is: "My Lord and My God !!!" It was the total surrender of St. Thomas before the Good Lord. When Jesus appeared before the Apostles he greeted them saying: "Peace be with you." Actually, Jesus came into this world to give us peace always, and the Peace which He gives us will never leave us. It is always there for us.

The Lord's Mercy endures forever. We shall pray for His Mercy which gives us peace. We pray the Divine Mercy Prayer today in devotion to the Jesus of Love and Mercy towards us. Try to pray this Divine Mercy Chaplet today and every day using your Rosary beads:

The Our Father/ The Hail Mary/ The Apostle's Creed

On the large bead before each decade:

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

On the 10 small beads of each decade:

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Concluding Doxology: (After the fifth decade, pray once, on each of the 3 beads before the crucifix)

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Let us Pray: Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.

With gratitude, 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 7

Sunday of Divine Mercy
Acts 4: 32-35/Jn 5: 1-6/Jn 20: 19-31

Monday-April 8

The Annunciation of the Lord
Is 7: 10-14; 8 :10/Heb 10: 4-10/Lk 1: 26-38

Tuesday-April 9

Easter Weekday
Acts 4: 32-37/Jn 3: 7b-15

Wednesday-April 10

Easter Weekday
Acts 5: 17-26/Jn 3: 16-21

Thursday-April 11

St. Stanislaus
Acts 5: 27-33/Jn 3: 31-36

Friday-April 12

Easter Weekday
Acts 5: 34-42/6: 1-15

Saturday-April 13

Easter Weekday
Acts 6: 1-7/Jn 6: 16-21

Sunday-April 14

Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19/Jn 2: 1-5a/Lk 24: 35-48



NITE AT THE RACES @ OLQU

Fund Raiser

April 27 5:45

Please join your Parish Family at this very fun and rowdy event! Horses will be sold after all the Masses. Horses are \$25.00 each. There will be food and drink available to purchase. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer please call Orlando Herrera 256-990-7212 or ask anyone from the men's club.



Flowers are in Honor of

Njoku Family Thanksgiving

Wedding Anniversaries

Steven & Olivia Andre, Joseph Hudson & Amber Reno



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, Norm Marsh, Helen Bill-Cash, Meche Ivey, Mariquita Tainatongo, Jose Cuevas

For the deceased:

Brandon Stewart

and all those in our parish community in need of physical or spiritual healing.

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.6	5:00PM	Thomas & Agatha Yi † Frank & Annamae Kapes †
Sun.	Apr.7	8:00AM 10:00AM	The Vu Family † Njoku Family Thanksgiving (I)
Tues.	Apr. 9	12:00PM	Mitchi McNight Wade †
Wed.	Apr.10	12:00PM	The Stanford Family (I) Mark Anderson (I)
Thurs.	Apr.11	12:00PM	Bernard Lucier †
Fri.	Apr.12	12:00PM	PFC Cody Patterson †
Sat.	Apr.13	5:00PM	The Vu Family †
Sun.	Apr. 14	8:00AM 10:00AM	Albert Rich † Asa Glass III †

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun. Apr. 7	Breakfast in Joy Hall Divine Mercy Chaplet	8:45AM 10:45AM
Mon. Apr. 8	Chain Rosary	
Thurs. Apr. 11	Bible Study Prayer Group	9:30AM 7:00PM
Sat. Apr. 13	Altar Servers Training	10:00AM
Sun. Apr. 14	Coffee	8:45AM
Sat. April 27	Nite at the Races	6:00PM



Constant Contact

OLQU Email: Our Parish uses "Constant Contact" to communicate monthly newsletters, special events, reminders and important information for our parish. If you have not been receiving these emails and would like to receive them, please send a request to mark@olqu.org or office @olqu.org, with your name and preferred email address.

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.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

Mrs. Susan Turner (susan@olqu.org)



SACRAMENT of CONFIRMATION

Please keep our candidates in your prayers as they continue their final preparation to receive the sacrament on Thurs., April 25th, at St. Mary of the Visitation Church. The Mass will be at 6:00 PM for those who are able to attend and support our youth. Thank you! They are:

Cooper Acuff, Jacob Andrzejewski, Maria Chacha, Landon Duckworth, Ryan Hawk, Jalyn Hoang, Katelyn Hoang, Aleena Nguyen, Johnny Nguyen & Job Victor.
Catechists: Sharon & Mark Wiegmann, Claudia McClure and Dominic Ebelhar.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING!

SCUBA Adventure will be at St. Mary of the Visitation Church the week of June 3rd—7th, for kids 4 years old (by January 1st & potty-trained) to completed 5th graders. **REGISTER by Mother's Day** so that t-shirts can be ordered on time. Please see display in the gathering area.



Volunteers welcome - completed sixth graders to adults who would love to experience a fun week with great kids! Please see the VBS display in the gathering area for registration forms and the Volunteer sign-up sheet. Questions? Email Susan Turner susan@olqu.org.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Family School:

Maroon and White Soiree has been scheduled for Friday, April 26, 2024 from 6:00PM to 10:00PM at the Botanical Garden. Please save the date. More details in upcoming bulletins.

St. John Paul II Catholic High School :

The 2024 JP II Summer Camps are Open!

www.jp2falcons.org/camps. Email Becky Plott with any questions at camps@jp2falcons.org today.

Also, Falcons Forever 2024—Class Reunion is Saturday, April 27, 2024!

Reconnect. Reunite, Remember. Celebrating Classes of 1999, 2004, 2014, and 2019. All graduates through 2019 are invited. Spread the Word! Get your Tickets Now!!! <https://stjohnpauliihighschool-bloom.kindful.com/e/relive-the-good-times>.

MUSIC * YOUTH MINISTRY * LITURGY NEWS

Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry Gatherings
5PM-7PM
April 14 Discovery Night/Sacrifice
April 28 Activity Night/Ice Cream Social

All 7th - 12th Graders Are Welcome

Liturgy: Sacristan

The Sacristan Ministry is a sacred ministry that involves important behind-the-scenes setup for each Liturgy. The word Sacristan comes from Latin word, Sacer, meaning sacred. Sacristans at OLQU are in charge of the sacristy and ceremonial equipment in the church.

Music Ministry

Music is a gift from God.
Music is an opportunity for us to sing and listen. It allows us to hear His voice ring loud and feel the whisper of His peace. We are called to sing our story and to praise His name. Let us not forget that it is He who makes our life a musical journey during the Easter Season.

MINISTRIES * NEWS * EVENTS

THE REGINA COELI (*All Stand*)

O Queen of heaven, rejoice! **Alleluia.**

For He whom you did merit to bear. **Alleluia.**

Has risen as He said. **Alleluia.**

Pray for us to God. **Alleluia.**

Rejoice and be glad, O virgin Mary, Alleluia.

For the Lord has risen indeed. Alleluia.

Let us pray: O God, who gave joy to the world, through the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant that we may obtain, through his virgin mother, Mary, the joys of everlasting life.

Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Glory be to the Father (*Pray three times*)

(The Regina Caeli is prayed in place of The Angelus from Easter to Pentecost)

Altar Linens Ministry is in need of help! Our members launder and iron the small linens used at Mass. We work on a rotating schedule. It is a quiet way to get involved in serving our church. Instructions will be provided. Contact Pat Spinelli at spinzio05@gmail.com for more information.

Please Welcome March's New Members

Melvin Nde, Mberg Wilson Achale & Caroline Agbor, Children Carlson & Madison, Isadore & Ariane Talla, son Samuel

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.

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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

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Lectors: Sybil Shearburn 256-679-7023

Life in Faith: Cindy Williams 256-509-7258

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Mass Coordinator: Pat Spinelli 256-830-4135

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

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

Pastoral Care: JoAnn Harper 256-859-3330

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Religious Education: Susan Turner 256-852-0788

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

Social: Orlando Herrera 256-990-7212

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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

Her Choice Birmingham Women's Center 20th Annual GOLF FORE LIFE

We Need Golfers and Hole Sponsors

Friday, May 17, 2024 - Highland Park Golf Course

Registration 7:45AM · SHOTGUN START 9:00AM

205-447-8796—golf4life@herchoicebirmingham.org

Homeschool Graduation Mass

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

Widows & Widowers Lunch

This month's lunch is on April 11 at the Nook Restaurant, 3305 Bob Wallace Ave Huntsville at 1:00PM. Please call Glenda at 256-384-7903 (H) or 520-603-6708 for information and reservations or cancelations by April 9.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

April 7	Religious Education
April 14	Building & Renovations Fund
April 21	Seminarian Education Fund
	St. Vincent de Paul

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Weekly Estimated Expenses	\$	9,760.58
Weekly Collection Mar. 23/24	\$	4,597.85
Religious Education	\$	70.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	115.00
Disaster Relief	\$	148.00
Building Fund	\$	110.00
Building & Renovations Fund	\$	60.00
Seminarian Education Fund	\$	55.00
Easter	\$	4,334.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$	70.00