

OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE

CATHOLIC CHURCH



May 5, 2024 — Sixth Sunday of Easter

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

In Graham Greene's novel, "The Power and the Glory," the unlikely hero is a priest. He is caught by the revolutionary Mexican government and condemned to be shot.

On the night before his execution, he sits in his cell and thinks back over his life. Greene tells us that tears poured down the priest's face, not because he was afraid of death, even the fear of pain was in the background; he was crying because he had to go to God empty-handed. His life had been a dingy failure. It seemed to him, at that moment, that it would have been easy to be a saint or an apostle.

In our first reading, we hear about a summit meeting of the apostles. The original twelve are now eleven, one of the twelve has proved unfaithful, his life is a dingy failure. He has not simply denied Jesus, as Peter did. He has not simply run away as all save John did. This one sold Jesus for silver, and in despair hanged himself. It is time to replace him, to replace Judas.

Jesus gives us a commandment in today's gospel. It is simple and concise. We are to love one another as Jesus has loved us. We are to love as God loves. Now this, of course, is a huge responsibility, and it begins by understanding how God loves and how God loved the world!

Jesus' commandment is to love one another as he has loved us. That means that our love cannot be narrow, partisan, or stingy. Of course, it is difficult to stretch our love so that it begins to approximate the way that God loves.

Yes, my dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, we shall love one another and prove before Christ that we are the true disciples of Christ Jesus.

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-May 5

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

Monday-May 6

Easter Weekday

Acts 16: 11-15/Jn 15: 26- 16: 4a

Tuesday-May 7

Easter Weekday

Acts 16: 23-34/Jn 16: 5-11

Wednesday-May 8

Easter Weekday

Acts 17: 15, 22, 22-18: 1/1 Jn 16: 12-15

Thursday-May 9

Easter Weekday

Acts 18: 1-8/Jn 16: 16-20

Friday-May 10

Easter Weekday

Acts 18: 9-18/Jn 16: 20-23

Saturday-May 11

Easter Weekday

18: 23-28/Jn 16: 23b-28

Sunday-May 12

The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1: 1-11/Eph 1: 17-23/Mk 16:20



High School & College Graduates

If you are, or have a graduate in your family please call or email the parish office by May 14th. The OLQU family would like to recognize all of our 2024 graduates..

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.



Wedding Anniversaries

Jose & Lorena Campuzano, Peterson & Juliiana Njoku, and Charles & Julie Owens



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, Karen Ruiz, Sydney Easterling, Nathaniel Jilkes 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.	May 4	5:00PM	The Vu Family †
Sun.	May 5	8:00AM	Albert Rich †
		10:00AM	Asa Glass III † Carol Dixon †
Tues.	May 7	12:00PM	Communion Service
Wed.	May 8	12:00PM	Communion Service
Thurs.	May 9	12:00PM	Communion Service
Fri.	May 10	12:00PM	Communion Service
Sat.	May 11	5:00PM	The Vu Family † Deacon Patrick Sheehan † For All Mothers
Sun.	May 12	8:00AM	For all Mothers
		10:00AM	For all Mothers

UPCOMING EVENTS

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
Sun. May 19	Coffee & Donuts	8:45AM
	Recognize High School & College Graduates at all Masses	

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



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)

“PERFECT ATTENDANCE & HONORABLE MENTIONS”

Kudos to these students and their parents for their success in achieving a perfect attendance record this year!!

1st Gr. Cole Andre 6th Gr. Pheartman Hatles Etse
5th Gr. Rogen Hatles Etse 10th Gr. Job Victor

These students only had one absence: Alexis Andre, Emmanuel, Jacquemma & Daniella Enyong, Jean Hatles Etse, Repenson Hatles Etse, Robson Hatles Etse, Jeremiah Ngwese, Brennan Pry, Claire Pry, and Brianna Wilkinson.



Congratulations to ALL our students for completing another year of faith formation! Special thanks to the catechists for their dedication to our youth! Keep your light shining bright in the name of Jesus Christ!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 3rd - 7th, 9:00—Noon

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-shirt. 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 JP2II Summer Camps are Open! Join the fun this summer. www.jp2falcons.org/camps. Email Becky Plott with any questions at camps@jp2falcons.org.

MUSIC * YOUTH MINISTRY * LITURGY NEWS

International Rosary

Sunday, June 30th at 6:00PM OLQU will recite the Holy Rosary in multiple languages followed by an international potluck in Joy Hall. If you are comfortable in reciting the Rosary in your native or a foreign tongue, please contact the parish office at 256-852-0788.

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

May: Month of Mary

The month of May is a good time to remember the mysteries of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Begin each day with the Hail Mary or the Memorare, the Hail Holy Queen, or the Angelus. Pray the Rosary daily and remember her for these events: The Immaculate Conception, The Annunciation, The Visitation, The Nativity, The Wedding at Cana, Our Lady of Sorrows (when Jesus dies on the cross), and the Assumption. Perhaps a Novena to Mary is a good way to make the month of May special for you.



Loving Hands: “The humblest tasks get beautified if loving hands do them”.– Little Women.

A very small group of dedicated women have carried on the task of polishing the solid oak pews and dusting/swiffering the floors twice a month ever since this church began. Would you like to join this group? Do you have time to fill in as a substitute if one of the regulars needs to be absent? We meet at 9:30AM on the first and third Thursdays of the month. Volunteers are most welcome to join us. Call Carol Lee at 256-852-4095 with any questions.



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.

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.

OLQU Office Contact Information

Reverend Charley Alookaran, Pastor

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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

May 5	Religious Education
May 12	Building & Renovations Fund
May 19	Seminarian Education Fund
	St. Vincent de Paul

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Weekly Estimated Expenses	\$	9,760.58
Weekly Collection April 27/28	\$	5442.00
Religious Education	\$	39.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	214.00
Disaster Relief	\$	141.00
Building Fund	\$	1566.00
Building & Renovations Fund	\$	44.00
Seminarian Education Fund	\$	57.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$	741.00