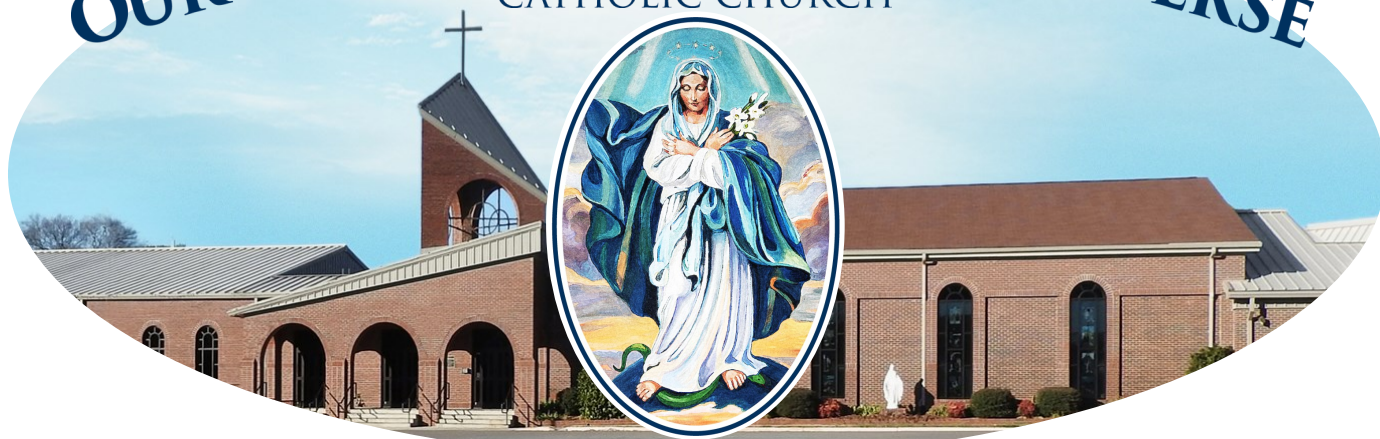


OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE

CATHOLIC CHURCH



October 20, 2024 — The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

All things are possible for God

Balu was a very humble and God-fearing man. He was very knowledgeable about many things in the world. One day while he was traveling along the mountain side, he found a piece of green rock on the side of the mountain. As soon as he saw it, he realized that it was a precious stone and a very costly stone it was. He knew that it was a very expensive gem, but Balu decided to give that precious stone as a great gift to the king. He gave the gemstone as a gift to him, but the King's advisory team told the king that it was not a gemstone; it was only an ordinary stone meant to deceive the king. The king was so angry with Balu that he had him put in prison and they cut his toes as a punishment. Though they punished him cruelly, Balu would not give up his effort. After a few years, the king died and a new king came in his place. Balu again took the green gem to the new king and presented it to him as a gift. The king called the gem experts and asked them to verify it, and the gem experts said it was the costliest gem in the world. The value of it was huge, and the king was so taken that he called Balu to come to the Palace and receive great gifts of appreciation.

Many of the people we meet are like the gem that Balu found. When we consider their background and behavior, we have not given them the respect and recognition they deserve. The reason for that is that we don't see the goodness in them. We have to dismiss preconceptions about other people and try to look inside of them and try to understand who they are really.

The story also reminds us that sometimes our goodness, efficiency and commitments are not known by others. Don't cry over it. It is because of the inadequacy of others rather than our own inadequacy. Wait for the chance to come. Do not be disappointed. Balu was not disappointed when the first king treated him badly. If we are not aware of the hidden gems within us, how can others have that conviction? So, the first thing is that we have to develop a better awareness and understanding of our own goodness. We must strive to grow those gems continuously.

As Jesus tells us: "For human beings it is impossible, but for God all things are possible." Wait for God's response; the time will come. Do not be afraid. Whatever God's will is, that will happen to us. It may take time, but surely it will take place. So, do not be afraid about what human beings say. Depend on God's will. May God bless you all.

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 – October 20

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 53: 10-11/Heb 4: 14-16/Mk 10: 35-45

Monday – October 21

Weekday
Eph 2: 1-10/Lk 12: 13-21

Tuesday – October 22

Weekday
Eph 2: 12-22/Lk 12: 35-38

Wednesday – October 23

Weekday
Eph 3: 2-12/Lk 12: 39-48

Thursday – October 24

Weekday
Eph 3: 14-21/Lk 12: 49-53

Friday – October 25

Weekday
Eph 4: 1-6/Lk 12: 54-59

Saturday – October 26

Weekday
Eph 4: 7-16/Lk 13: 1-9

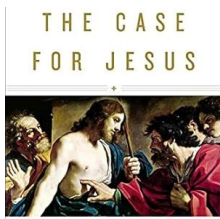
Sunday – October 27

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 31: 7-9/Heb 5: 1-6/Mk 10: 46-52

FAITH FILLED

Life in Faith

Join us as we explore a series from Formed.Org for nine weeks on “The Case of Jesus”, Thursday, October 24 at 6:00PM. This week’s topic is, “When were the Gospels written?”, and the series is approximately one-hour. If your schedule does not permit you to attend all sessions, join us when you can. Contact Cindy Williams with any questions at 256-509-7258.



Pray for Peace in the world and for all those who have suffered in recent disasters.



Wedding Anniversaries

Nathan & Cherry Augustine,
Joseph & Barbara Cassani, Jeff & Cecilia McCracken,
Anthony & Christine Oneya-Byrd



Let us Pray for the Living and the Deceased

For the living:

Barbara Chandler, Peter Quintanilla, Patricia Thomas, Mary Lou Zurowski, Margaret Dorsey, Helen Bill-Cash, Deacon Larry Howell, Robert Lemley, Rose Marie Phillips, George Plattsmier, Paul Shea, Alice Collins, Mark Wiegmann and all those in our parish community in need of physical or spiritual healing.

For the deceased:

Rev. Nelo Leto, brother of Sam Leto

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.	Oct. 19	5:00PM	The Vu Family † RoseAnn Nussberger †
Sun.	Oct. 20	8:00AM	Virginia Hasz (I) Perry Given (I)
		10:00AM	Mary Stone †
Tues.	Oct. 22	12:00PM	Souls in Purgatory †
Wed.	Oct. 23	12:00PM	Michael Smith †
Thurs	Oct. 24	12:00PM	Souls in Purgatory †
Fri.	Oct. 25	12:00PM	Rafael Urrutia Sr †
Sat.	Oct. 26	5:00PM	Elvira Vail †
Sun.	Oct. 27	8:00AM	The Vu Family † Mayda Perez †
		10:00AM	Richard Moniz †

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun. Oct. 20	Coffee & Donuts Rosary Family Night Mass/Potluck	8:45AM 4:30PM 5:00PM
Wed. Oct. 23	Men's Club	6:00PM
Sat. Oct. 26	Fall Church Cleaning	9:00—11AM
Sun. Oct. 27	Saints Parade Trunk or Treat	10:00AM 5:00PM
Fri. Nov. 1	All Saints Day Healing Service Holy day of Obligation	7:00AM Noon 6:00PM
Sat. Nov. 2	All Souls Day Mass at Valhalla	8:00AM
Sun. Nov. 3	First Sunday Breakfast	8:45AM



Fr. Charley's Care Baskets if you are in need of a Thanksgiving basket or know someone who does please contact the parish office at 256-852-0788 no later than Sun. November 17th.

Church Clean Up Day

We will have our fall clean up day, Saturday, October 26th starting at 9:00AM. Please join us to do some fall cleaning to prepare our church home for worship and activities. A sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Area after all Masses. Thank you for your help.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

Mrs. Susan Turner (susan@olqu.org)

SAINTS PARADE Next Sunday, OCTOBER 27TH

It's that special time of year for our students to honor all holy men and women, at the saints parade! Father Charley will recognize them and their efforts after each Mass. We love our children!!



Tuesday evenings 6:00 PM in Joy Hall



Catholic content from the Augustine Institute for each member of the parish (with an email). Check out this content on Formed:

FAMILY NIGHT - Sun. Oct. 20th

Come for all or just the potluck...
it's your choice!

4:30 PM Family Rosary ...
5:00 PM Mass...
5:30 PM Potluck Dinner

Guest speaker: Frank Morales
Topic: "Dealing with Difficult People"



Bring a dish to share at the potluck.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

St. John Paul II Catholic High School

Applications for the 2025-26 school year will open on Friday, November 15, 2024. First round of acceptance cards and emails will go out on January 31, 2025. To schedule a tour or attend a Shadow Day, please contact JP II Admissions at 256.430.1760, Ex. 1117 or admissions@jp2falcons.org.

Save the Date: 7th Grade Families November 14, @ 8:30-10:30AM will be JP II's Showcase Day.



Holy Family School

The Nite at the Races | Saturday, October 26th @ 6:30PM. St. Joseph Church/St. Francis Hall. This is an adult-only fundraising event! No entry fee to attend. If you wish to purchase a horse contact Mark Wiegmann at 256-683-5462.

MUSIC * YOUTH MINISTRY * LITURGY NEWS

Youth Ministry

Youth Group will host Trunk or Treat with the Social Committee on Sunday, Oct. 27th from 5-6PM in the church parking lot. All children and youth are invited to participate in best costume awards. Adults are welcome to decorate their trunks and hand out candy. Trunk set up is at 4:30PM. Special treats sponsored by the Social Committee.

Liturgy

Family Rosary: At Our Lady, Queen of the Universe we pray the rosary every 3rd Sunday 4:30PM and Family Night Mass with Exposition and Adoration of the Holy Body will follow. This is a special time set for the community of believers to adore and pray the rosary for the health of this parish. Please volunteer to help lead this time.

Music Ministry

Bell Ringers and St. Mary's Choir are looking for new members. No experience is necessary and this is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and for those who enjoy music. Please contact Mark Blackburn at the parish office, 256-852-0788 or mark@olqu.org for more information.

MINISTRIES * NEWS * EVENTS

Thank you, thank you to all who assisted in making our Parish Family Picnic successful!

Every detail was noticed from set-up, music, food preparation, serving, games, and clean-up.

Special thanks to Party Everyday Rentals for donating the inflatables, the Wiegmann Family for the snowcones, popcorn and cotton candy, and HEMSI and HSV Fire Station 15.

This is My Body, a small paperback book written by Bishop Robert Barron was offered by Almaretta Brislin recently. If you would like Bishop Baron to see your like or dislike for this book please make a note and place it in the box provided in the Gathering Area. This is the last week to respond.

Please join us

57TH ANNIVERSARY
Our Lady, Queen of the Universe
Catholic Church

Dinner & Dance

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2024
6:15PM - JOY HALL

All are Welcome

No Admission Fee
Sign-Up Sheet in the Gathering Area

World Mission Sunday

The Church in the United States was once mission territory. Today our contributions help build and sustain communities of our faith in places where the Church is still growing. Please help to the best of your ability.

OLQU Office Contact Information

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Donna Pillarella, Parish Secretary

OLQU Parish Office Contact:

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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/Sacrament/RCIA 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

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Lawn Care: Orlando Herrera 256-990-7212

Lectors: Sybil Shearburn 256-679-7023

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Mass Coordinator: Pat Spinelli 256-830-4135

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

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Prayer Shawl Donna Pillarella 256-852-0788

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Religious Education: Susan Turner, Director 256-852-0788

Sacristans: Pam Mefford 256-509-5000

Safety & Security: Celeste Brothers 707-365-1607

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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) Pantry

Needs: canned corn, beans, complete meals, canned meats, mashed potatoes, pasta, pasta sauce, cake mix, icing, oatmeal cookies, crackers, corn meal mix, flour, sugar, pancake mix, syrup, jelly, jello, pudding, cereal, coffee, tea, toiletries,

PLEASE HELP US HELP THE POOR...

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS: 256-852-2899

NEWS

Annual Red Mass

October 24, 2024

6:00PM

Cathedral of Saint Paul

The Most Reverend Steven J. Raica,

Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama, Celebrant

Followed by a reception in the Cathedral Life Center

2120 Third Avenue N, Birmingham, AL

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Married Couples and Priests

"Live Your Best Life in Love"

Enrich and Renew your Sacramental relationship by attending a Marriage Encounter Experience. Join us November 1-3, 2024 at St.

Bernard Abbey in Cullman, AL

For more info: wwme.org or call Frank & Kathryn Wessling
205-530-3607

Her Choice Women's Center

You are Cordially Invited

Her Choice Birmingham Women's Center Fundraising Banquet

"In His hands"

Thursday, November, 7, 2024 7:00 PM,

The Club · 1 Robert S. Smith Drive, Birmingham, AL 35209

Keynote, Alison Centofante

Renowned speaker on abortion, marriage, human dignity, and religious freedom.

To Register: 205-447-8796, hcbanquet@herchoicebirmingham.org or 21207th Ave. South, Birmingham, AL 35233

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

October 20	Seminarian Education Fund St. Vincent de Paul Mission Sunday
October 27	Building Fund

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Weekly Estimated Expenses	\$	9,760.58
Weekly Collection Oct. 12/13	\$	7,662.00
Religious Education	\$	90.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	223.00
Disaster Relief	\$	87.00
Building Fund	\$	145.00
Building & Renovations Fund	\$	654.00
Seminarian Education Fund	\$	100.00
World Mission Sunday	\$	235.00
Assumption of Mary	\$	5.00