

OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE

CATHOLIC CHURCH



October 27, 2024 — The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Son of David have mercy on me...

Today's Gospel is about a blind man, Bartimaeus, who becomes the first person outside of the Apostles to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. And his healing is the last miracle Jesus performs before entering the holy city of Jerusalem for His last week on earth, according to Mark's Gospel.

The scene on the road to Jerusalem evokes the joyful procession prophesied by Jeremiah in today's First Reading. In Jesus this prophecy is fulfilled. God, through the Messiah, is delivering His people from exile, bringing them back from the ends of the earth, with the blind and the lame in their midst.

Jesus, as Bartimaeus proclaims, is the long-awaited Son promised to David. Upon His triumphal arrival in Jerusalem, all will see that the everlasting kingdom of David has come. As we hear in today's Epistle, the Son of David was expected to be the Son of God. He was to be a priest-king like Melchizedek, who offered bread and wine to God Most High at the dawn of salvation history.

Bartimaeus should be a sign for us. How often Christ passes us by—in the person of the poor, in the distressing guise of a troublesome family member or a burdensome associate, and yet we don't see Him. Christ still calls to us through His Church, as Jesus sent His Apostles to call Bartimaeus. Yet how often are we found to be listening instead to the voices of the crowd, not hearing the words of His Church.

Today He asks us what He asks Bartimaeus: "What do you want me to do for you?" We must be able to tell Christ: "I want to see people in the way that you see them and to be able help them out in their needs and difficulties."

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 27

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

Monday – October 28

Ss. Simon and Jude, Apostles
Eph 2: 19-22/Lk 6: 12-16

Tuesday – October 29

Weekday
Eph 5: 21-33/Lk 13: 18-21

Wednesday – October 30

Weekday
Eph 6: 1-9/Lk 13: 22-30

Thursday – October 31

Weekday
Eph 6: 10-20/Lk 13: 31-35

Friday – November 1

All Saints Day
Rev 7: 2-4, 9-14/Jn 3: 1-3/Mt 5: 1-12a

Saturday – November 2

All Souls' Day
Wis 3: 1-9/Rom 5: 5-11/Jn 6: 37-40

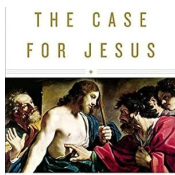
Sunday – November 3

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Dt 6: 2-6/Heb 7: 23-28/Mk 12: 28b-34

FAITHFILLED

Life in Faith

Join us as we explore a series from Formed.Org on "The Case of Jesus", Thursday, October 31 at 6:00PM. This week's topic is, "The Kingdom of God and the Messiah", and the series is approximately one hour. Contact Cindy Williams with any questions at 256-509-7258



The altar flowers are in loving memory of

Hau Vu

By: Kim Tran



Wedding Anniversaries

James & Mercedes Ivey
Archie & Rose Marie Phillips



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:

Charles Holder brother of Carla Holder; Kathleen Heeney, daughter of Lucy Sinopole.

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. 26	5:00PM	Elvira Vail † Bill Madsen †
Sun.	Oct. 27	8:00AM	The Vu Family † Mayda Perez †
		10:00AM	Richard Moniz †
Tues.	Oct. 29	12:00PM	Pat Tiernan (I)
Wed.	Oct. 30	12:00PM	Bernard Lussier †
Thurs	Oct. 31	12:00PM	Bruno Smith †
Fri.	Nov. 1	7:00AM	Maria Nac Tran †
		12:00PM	Regina Mathen †
		6:00PM	Louis Pikulski †
Sat.	Nov. 2	5:00PM	Father Charley (I)
Sun.	Nov. 3	8:00AM	Joseph Pillarella † Michael Thomas †
		10:00AM	Charles Hunter †

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 27	Saints Parade All Masses Trunk or Treat	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 Altar Servers Training Father Charley's Birthday	8:00AM 10:00AM
Sun. Nov. 3	OLQU Sunday—Breakfast	8:45AM
Sat. Nov 9	Church Anniversary Dinner Dance	6:15PM
Sun. Nov. 10	Youth Discovery Night Family Night	4:30PM 5:00PM



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.



All Saints Day November 1st (Holy Day of Obligation) Masses will be 7:00am, Noon, & 6:00pm.

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 was a success! Thank you to all who attended or participated in this fundraiser.

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

Ireland Pilgrimage

Fr. Charley is leading a Pilgrimage to Ireland May 25th to June 5th 2025. We still have a few spots available. If you are interested in joining this trip or would like additional information, please contact Bernard Acker at 256-701-1199 or the Church Office at 256-852-0788.



OLQU Breakfast



Sunday, November 3rd from 8:45 AM to 9:15AM we will have our monthly breakfast. All are welcome! Please sign-up in the Gathering Area.

World Mission Sunday

On behalf of the missionary men and women serving in over 1,150 mission territories, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support on World Mission Sunday. Your contributions ensure that the Gospel continues to spread, bring hope, love and salvation to those in need.

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

OLQU Office Contact Information

Reverend Charley Alookaran, Pastor

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Shirley Bernal, Bookkeeper

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Juan Mark Blackburn SDS, Director of Music and Youth Ministry

mark@olqu.org | youthministry@olqu.org

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/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

Arts & Environment: Beth Anderson 256-852-8734

Baptism Preparation: Deacon Jim Multeri 256-852-0788

Building & Maintenance: Joe Andrzejewski 256-430-3486

Care Ministry: Deacon Jim Multeri 256-852-0788

Chain Rosary: David McClure 502-759-1939

Charismatic Prayer Group: Jeff Anderson 256-852-8734

Communications: Damian Hochmuth 256-890-1621

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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

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

Sacristans: Pam Mefford 256-509-5000

Safety & Security: 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) 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

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, hcban-

quetet@herchoicebirmingham.org or 21207th Ave. South, Birmingham, AL 35233

St. John's Craft Fair

Saturday, November 9th

9:00AM—3:00PM

1055 Hughes Rd, Madison AL 35758

Food Stuffs: cakes, cookies, bread, sweet breads, jams and more.

Drop off items : Friday Nov. 8th 8:00Am –7:00PM

All items sold are handmade!!

Questions? Emailsjbcraftfair@gmail.com

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

October 27	Building Fund
November 1	All Saints Day
November 3	Religious Education

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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Weekly Estimated Expenses	\$	9,760.58
Weekly Collection Oct. 19/20	\$	6,930.00
Religious Education	\$	180.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	1,262.00
Disaster Relief	\$	122.00
Building Fund	\$	430.00
Building & Renovations Fund	\$	1,160.00
Seminarian Education Fund	\$	699.00
World Mission Sunday	\$	1,077.00
All Saints Day	\$	15.00
Beacons of Hope	\$	30.00
Mission Cooperative	\$	5.00