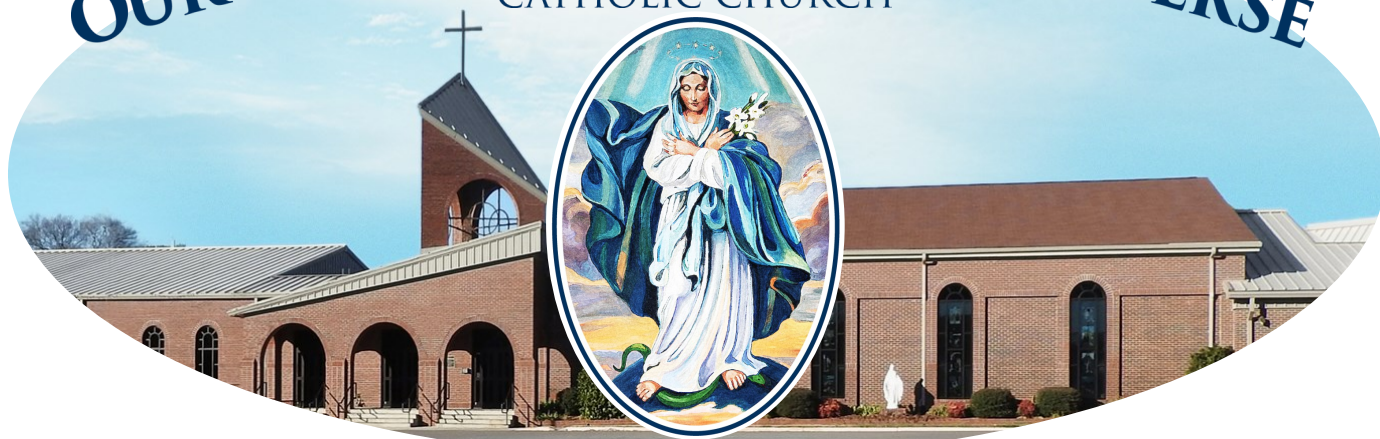


OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE

CATHOLIC CHURCH



November 3, 2024 — The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Why Should We Pray for the Dead?

In the Catholic church we have the great tradition of praying for all the beloved deceased souls throughout the month of November. It is good to know why we should be praying for the dead.

Death is not an end in itself. Death is not the final thing in the plan of God. St Paul says in Phil 1:6, "I am confident of this, that the one who has begun a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ." Jesus' mission on Earth was to save you and me, which he has already begun and not yet completed, but it will be completed only on the Day of His Second Coming. Jesus will continue working in us even after our death in order to save us.

Malachi 3:2-3 -- "But who can endure the Day of his coming? Who can stand firm when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire, like fuller's lye. He will sit refining and purifying." As all human beings are sinners, we all have to go through the purifying process of God. How long may this process take? Mt 5:26 says, "Amen, I say to you, you will not be released until you have paid the last penny." Our prayers may let God have mercy on our beloved ones. In Job 1:5 we see Job offering a sacrifice of burned offering for the purification of his (living) children. 2 Maccabees 12:46 says, "Thus he (Judas) made atonement for the dead that they might be absolved from their sin." So, we can offer prayers and sacrifices for the forgiveness of sins of the living and the dead alike. Jesus prayed for those who crucified him, that their sin be forgiven them.

Does God answer the prayers for the dead? YES!!! Lazarus is dead for four days. Martha, his sister, prays to Jesus in Jn 11:21-22, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now (even four days after the death of Lazarus) I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." And Jesus answered this prayer by raising Lazarus from the dead.

In Mk 5:21-43 Jairus prays for his sick daughter, who eventually dies. Still later, Jesus answered his prayer by raising the dead girl back to life. In Lk 7:12-15 Jesus answered the tears/cry of a mother, who was a Widow from Naim, by raising her dead son back to life. Death is NOT an end in itself, and the dead can listen to the voice of the Lord. If you pray, your beloved deceased souls will be given God's mercy and heaven!

May the Lord of Mercies grant eternal rest unto all the departed souls, Amen.

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 – November 3

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

Monday – November 4

St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop
Phil 2: 1-4/Lk 14: 12-14

Tuesday – November 5

Weekday
Phil 2: 5-11/Lk 14: 15-24

Wednesday – November 6

Weekday
Phil 2: 12-18/Lk 14: 25-33

Thursday – November 7

Weekday
Phil 3: 3-8a/Lk 15: 1-10

Friday – November 8

Weekday
Phil 3: 17- 4: 1/Lk 16: 1-8

Saturday – November 9

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Ez 47: 1-6/1 Cor 3: 9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2: 13-22

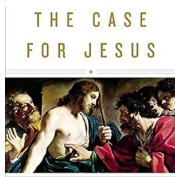
Sunday – November 10

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 17: 10-16/Heb 9: 24-28/Mk 12: 38-44

FAITHFILLED

Life in Faith

Join us as we explore a series from Formed.Org on “*The Case of Jesus*”, Thursday, November 7th at 6:00PM. This week’s topic is, “Did Jesus Claim to be God?” Contact Cindy Williams with any questions at 256- 509-7258



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.

Wedding Anniversaries

Hai Dinh & Thao Tran, Troy & Nikkia Dollar, Stanley & Cindy Goodrum, Eric & Robin Hansen, Thomas & Pamela O'Donnell, Anthony & Shirley Simmons



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, Mark Wiegmann, Kim Birkett 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.	Nov. 2	5:00PM	Father Charley Happy Birthday Intentions
Sun.	Nov. 3	8:00AM	Joseph Pillarella † Michael Thomas †
		10:00AM	Charles Hunter † Oscar & Juanita Duart †
Tues.	Nov. 5	12:00PM	Pat Tiernan (I)
Wed.	Nov. 6	12:00PM	All the Homebound (I)
Thurs	Nov. 7	12:00PM	Souls in Purgatory †
Fri.	Nov. 8	12:00PM	Katherine Turner † Gladys Guerra †
Sat.	Nov. 9	5:00PM	The Vu Family † The Parish Family (I)
Sun.	Nov. 10	8:00AM	Moses Manglona † Mayda Perez †
		10:00AM	Jerry Kessler † Charles Holder †

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat. Nov. 2	Father Charley's Birthday	
Sun. Nov. 3	OLQU Sunday—Breakfast	8:45AM
	Youth Music Rehearsal	12:15PM
Wed. Nov. 6	Men's Club	6:00PM
Thurs. Nov. 7	Bible Study	9:00AM
	The Case for Jesus	6:00PM
	Charismatic Prayer Group	6:00PM
Sat. Nov 9	Church Anniversary	
	Dinner Dance	6:15PM
Sun. Nov. 10	Youth Discovery Night	4:30PM
	Family Night	
	Rosary	4:30PM
	Mass, Potluck to follow	5:00PM
Mon. Nov. 11	Chain Rosary	7:00AM-8:00PM
Tues. Nov. 12	Vespers & Adoration	6:00PM

The altar flowers are in Honor of
Father Charley

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

All Souls Display If you would like to bring a framed photo of your loved ones (close family) who have passed to be displayed in our All Souls display in November, please label and leave framed photo(s) on the table in the Gathering Space.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

Mrs. Susan Turner (susan@olqu.org)



The students did a great job honoring the holy men and women of our Church at the Saints Parade this weekend! We sure love seeing them participate in the life of the parish! Thank you parents & catechists for your help & encouragement. A special thank you to Mrs. Marilyn Correia for her help with the costumes!



Tuesday evenings 6:00 PM in JoyHall



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

**Our next FAMILY NIGHT is...
Sun. NOVEMBER 10TH**

4:30 PM Family Rosary

5:00 PM Mass

5:30 PM Potluck Dinner

Our parishioner, Frank Morales, will be our guest speaker again. He is sure to deliver a fun talk at the dinner!



Bring a dish to share!

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

St. John Paul II Catholic High School

St. John Paul II Catholic High School will open applications for the 2025-2026 school year soon.. To schedule a personalized tour of the school or Shadow Day for your student, please contact JP2 Admissions at 256.430.1760, Ex. 117 or admissions@jp2falcons.org. Visit www.jp2falcons.org for more information.

Save the Date: 7th Grade Families November 14, @ 8:30-10:30AM will be JP2'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

Discovery Night is Sunday, November 10, 4:30PM-7:00PM. All youth grades 7th-12th are welcome for games, food and fellowship. The meeting is held in the Youth Room. Contact Mark Blackburn at 256-852-0788 or mark@olqu.org for any questions.

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.



Mission Cooperative Plan

This year's total contribution from all parishes exceeded our goal and we are grateful to be able to provide the following dioceses each the amount of \$16,850.00. Diocese of Aguascalientes, Mexico, Diocese of Irinjalakuda, India, Diocese of Kumba, Cameroon, Diocese of Maiduguri, Nigeria, Diocese of Matagalpa, Nicaragua and Diocese of Warangal, India. Bishop Steven, Most Reverend Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama, sends sincere thanks for all of you who support the Mission Cooperative Plan.

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

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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/Sacrament/RCIA Susan Turner 256-852-0788

Agape Joy: Maria Nolen 334-517-8157

Altar Linens: Pat Spinelli 256-830-4135

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Baptism Preparation: Deacon Jim Multeri 256-852-0788

Building & Maintenance: Joe Andrzejewski 256-430-3486

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Chain Rosary: David McClure 502-759-1939

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Greeters: Tom Heath 256-859-9554

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Lectors: Sybil Shearburn 256-679-7023

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Mass Coordinator: Pat Spinelli 256-830-4135

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Money Counters: Pat Spinelli 256-830-4135

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

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

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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

November Widow and Widowers Lunch

Thursday, November 14th

1:00PM

Viet House

975 Airport Rd., Huntsville, AL 35802

Please Call John at 256-603-6512 by November 12th.

Newcomers are welcome (informal group)

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? Emails: jbcraffair@gmail.com.

Diocese hosts Cielo Abierto Concert & Adoration Night

The organization, Cielo Abierto, is a community of lay Catholic missionaries who use retreats, music, preaching, and Eucharistic adoration to "bring together adoring singers from all over the world to make the Bride (the Church) fall in love with the Groom (Jesus in the Eucharist)."

Tuesday, November 5th they will be at Holy Spirit Catholic Church

625 Airport Road, Huntsville at 6PM

& Adoration at 7:00PM.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

November 1	All Saints Day
November 3	Religious Education
November 12	Building & Renovations Fund

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Weekly Estimated Expenses	\$	9,760.58
Weekly Collection Oct. 26/27	\$	4,409.00
Religious Education	\$	10.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	267.00
Disaster Relief	\$	333.00
Building Fund	\$	697.00
Building & Renovations Fund	\$	30.00
Seminarian Education Fund	\$	42.00
World Mission Sunday	\$	57.00
All Saints Day	\$	2.00
All Souls Day	\$	395.00
Thanksgiving Baskets	\$	140.00