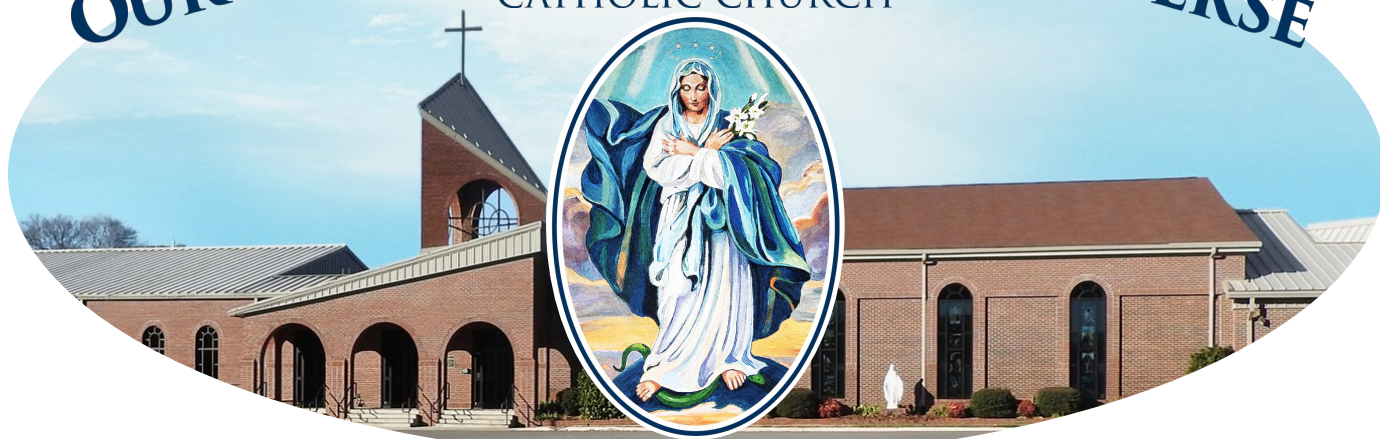


OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE

CATHOLIC CHURCH



December 15, 2024 – Third Sunday of Advent

What should we do?

There was a reason that thousands came out to hear John the Baptist's preaching. It had been many hundreds of years since a prophet had spoken out and performed signs in the land of Israel. God had promised his people through the patriarchs of the old covenant (Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob), and through the prophets such as Isaiah, Jeremiah, Zephaniah, etc., and rulers of Israel like Moses and David, that he would send them a Redeemer who would save them from their sins, free them from oppression, fill them with the joy of his presence, and bring them his everlasting kingdom of peace and righteousness. John broke the long silence with the sudden announcement that the Messiah (God's Anointed One) was about to appear.

The people recognized that John was an extraordinary man of God and a true prophet who spoke in God's name. They came out to hear the "good news" which he preached to them. And they willingly submitted to his baptism of repentance at the Jordan River. The people in today's Gospel are "filled with expectation." They believe John the Baptist might be the messiah they've been waiting for. Three times we hear their question: "What then should we do?"

The messiah's coming requires every man and woman to choose—to "repent" or not. That's John's message and it will be Jesus', too. John's message of renewal and repentance was very practical. He told the people three things: First, every follower of God must share what he possesses (his personal goods and resources) with his neighbors, especially with those who lacked the basic necessities of life. Second, John pointed out the sacred duty to give each and every person what is his due and not take from them what rightfully belongs to them. God commands that each person be treated with respect and that honor be given where honor is due. John told the tax collectors that they must not coerce people to pay more tax than what was rightfully owed. John instructed soldiers not to abuse their authority or power to compel people. And third, John exhorted his listeners to be content with what they had and not covet what belonged to others. John basically called the people to turn back to God and to walk in his way of love and righteousness.

Ask ourselves if we put into practice what John told them. We have the obligation to fulfill all those duties in our daily lives, too. We shall ask the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his fire and fulfill the commandments of love of God and neighbor in our daily lives, especially during this Advent Season.

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 – December 15

Third Sunday of Advent
Zep 3: 14-18a/Phil 4: 4-7/Lk 3: 10-18

Monday – December 16

Advent Weekday
Nm 24: 2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21: 23-27

Tuesday – December 17

Late Advent Weekday
Gn 49: 2, 8-10/Mt 1: 1-17

Wednesday – December 18

Late Advent Weekday
Jer 23: 5-8/Mt 1: 18-25

Thursday – December 19

Late Advent Weekday
Jgs 13: 2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1: 5-25

Friday – December 20

Late Advent Weekday
Is 7: 10-14/Lk 1: 26-38

Saturday – December 21

Lat Advent Weekday
Sg 2: 8-14/Lk 1: 39-45

Sunday – December 22

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Mi 5: 1-4a/Heb 10: 5-10/Lk 1: 39-45

FAITHFILLED

Christmas Flower Envelopes

Flower envelopes are available on the tables outside the church if you wish to make donations in honor of or in memory of a family member or a friend. \$15 each. This is the last weekend to turn in envelopes.



Fr. Charley's Christmas Baskets

If you are in need of a basket or know someone who is in need of one please contact the parish office at 256-852-0788 before December 15th.

Wedding Anniversaries

Rodolfo & Shirley Bernal, Mark & Ligia Christl, Patrick & Kelsey Gillam, Robert & Florence Malkasin, James & Sheri Mankoski, George & Claudia McClure, Stan & Sheritha Mullen, Robert & Elaine Slowik



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, Robert Lemley, Rose Marie Phillips, Paul Shea, Riley Scott, Rosemarie Phillips 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 of-

Sat.	Dec. 14	5:00PM	Michael Smith † RoseAnn Nussberger †
Sun.	Dec. 15	8:00AM 10:00AM	Joseph & Rose Multeri † Deacon Larry Howell †
Tues.	Dec. 17	12:00PM	Deacon Larry Howell † Matt Hoffmeir †
Wed.	Dec. 18	12:00PM	Michael Smith † Jim & Heidi Francisco (I)
Thurs	Dec. 19	12:00PM	The Souls in Purgatory †
Fri.	Dec. 20	12:00PM	Brian & JoAnn Firmin (I)
Sat.	Dec. 21	5:00PM	The Vu Family †
Sun.	Dec. 22	8:00AM 10:00AM	Michael Thomas † John O'Brien † Jaime Francisco †

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues. Dec. 17	Vespers & Adoration	6:00PM
Tues. Dec. 24	Christmas Vigil Mass (Children's Mass) Music 3:45PM Parish Office closed	4:30PM
Wed. Dec. 25	Midnight Mass Music 11:15PM Nativity of the Lord Mass Parish Office Closed	12:00AM 10:00AM
Tues. Dec. 31	New Year's Adoration Parish Office Closed	11:00PM
Wed. Jan. 1	New Year's Midnight Mass Solemnity of Mary Parish Office Closed	12:00AM 10:00AM
Fri. Jan. 3	First Friday with Healing Mass Adoration St. Andrew's Table to follow	12:00PM 11:00AM
Sat. Jan 4	First Saturday Mass Epiphany Party	8:00AM 6:00PM

"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." — Mother Teresa

St. Joseph Sunday Missal

We have a few 2025 St. Joseph Missals left please come to the office if you need one The cost is \$5.00 each.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

Mrs. Susan Turner (susan@olqu.org)



Christmas Eve Children's Mass 4:30 PM
Featuring the Nativity Pageant
Rehearsals:
Sun. Dec. 15th, at Noon
Sun. Dec. 22nd, Noon—Dress rehearsal



Tuesday evenings
6:00 PM in Joy Hall

HAVE YOU TAKEN A LOOK YET?



You might be surprised to find some good movies and documentaries to watch on your family MOVIE NIGHT! Programming you don't have to pay for that is good for the soul...

NOTE: all parishioners are eligible with an email.

Sign up at **FORMED.ORG** and enjoy!

SO, DID YOU SIGN UP??

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

St. John Paul II Catholic High School

Apply to join our 2025-2026 Falcon Family! St. John Paul II Catholic High School develops students in spirit, mind, and body through a Christ-centered, college preparatory education. As a welcoming community of faith, we encourage, challenge, and support our students to learn enthusiastically, lead honorably, and live responsibly so they will improve themselves and society through their faith and vocation. Apply today at www.jp2falcons.org! Please contact our Admissions Office at 256-430-1760 (ext. 117) with questions.

Holy Family School: Give the gift of giving! Help our kids "play Santa" for their family and friends while supporting the school. Please consider donating new or never used gift items to stock the Santa Store. Students can shop for just \$1-5/item. Donations can be given to Ruth Gorman or taken to the school by Monday December 9th. Questions, text 256-651-4533/email rumien3791@gmail.com.

MUSIC * YOUTH MINISTRY * LITURGY NEWS

Youth Ministry

Saturday, December 21st the Youth Group will help SVdP pack and distribute Christmas Baskets at 8:30AM. Lunch will be provided.
Sunday, January 12th is the Epiphany Party. Please bring a wrapped gift, \$5.00, or less, for Dirty Santa.

Liturgy

Family Rosary: At Our Lady, Queen of the Universe we pray the rosary every 3rd Sunday at 4:30PM with Exposition and Adoration of the Holy Body. 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. We need 5 readers for the decades of the rosary and one person to ring bells. Please contact mark@olqu.org.

Music Ministry

Christmas Choir Vigil Mass/Children's Mass for grades 1-12 will begin rehearsal on December 1 at 12:15PM in the Music Room. All children/youth are welcome.
Rehearsals: Dec 1, 8, 15 and 22.

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.



Epiphany Party

Saturday, January 4 following 5PM Mass is our annual Epiphany Party in Joy Hall. Bring an unwanted gift valued at \$10 for Dirty Santa along with a pot luck to share. Come and have a fun night.



Wishing to get Married? Couples who want to get married in the Catholic Church are required to attend a Pre-Cana weekend. The Diocese of Birmingham has approved engaged couples to complete one of two online programs, or attend one of four weekends available at the Abbey in Cullman or one of the two weekends in the Huntsville area. For more information about the dates of the online or weekend programs, and to receive more information about Marriage Preparation at Our Lady, Queen of the Universe, contact Deacon Jim Multeri at 256-852-0788 or Email: deaconjim@olqu.org.

2025 Calendars The calendars are now available and are in the gathering area. Please take only one per family.



OLQU Office Contact Information

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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

Altar Servers: Jared Ebelhar 256-684-8385

Arts & Environment: Beth Anderson 256-852-8734

Baptism Preparation: Deacon Jim Multeri 256-852-0788

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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: rice, pinto beans, canned meats, mashed potatoes, cake mix, icing, cookies, corn meal mix, pancake mix, syrup, jello, pudding, cereal, coffee, tea, toiletries.

. PLEASE HELP US HELP THE POOR...

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS: 256-852-2899

NEWS

Annual Respect for Life Mass

Saturday, January 18 2025

Bishop Steven Raica

9:00AM –Cathedral of St. Paul

2120 3rd Ave. North Birmingham, AL

www.BirminghamMarch for Life.com

St. John Paul II

Is seeking applicants for a full-time School Bookkeeper!
www.jp2falcons.org/employment for information.

Catholic Center of Concern

Is in need of monetary donations, pacifiers, soft teethers, receiving blankets, hooded bath towels/baby washcloths, baby wash, shampoo, lotion, knit and plush blankets, hats, toys, books, diapers size NB, 4, 5, and 6, baby wipes. Donations can be dropped off at:
1010 Church St NW, Huntsville, AL 35801
(256) 963-9355



SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

December 15	Seminarian Education Fund
	St. Vincent de Paul
December 22	Building Fund
December 25	Christmas Day
January 1	Solemnity of Mary

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Weekly Estimated Expenses	\$	9,760.58
Weekly Collection 11/30-12/1	\$	6,198.82
Religious Education	\$	120.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	83.00
Building Fund	\$	86.00
Building & Renovations Fund	\$	629.00
Seminarian Education Fund	\$	38.00
Christmas Baskets	\$	105.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	235.00
Christmas Day	\$	58.00
Immaculate Conception	\$	737.00
Disaster Relief	\$	23.00

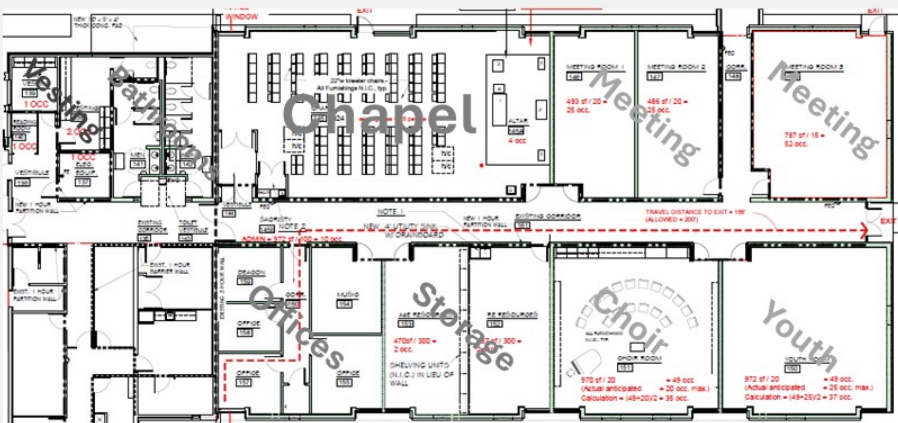


OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Old School
Renovation
Fundraiser

WHAT: Raise \$500,000

WHY: To Support the Old School Renovation



WHEN: Now through the end of 2025

**Approximate
Cost of Items**

- 1 Window/Install ~\$650
- 1 Door/Install ~\$800
- 1 Toilet/Partition~\$1,000
- 1 Room paint/trim~\$2,500
- Floor in 1 room ~ \$8,000
- 1 wall install ~ \$3,300
- Ceiling 1 room~ \$2,500
- 1 HVAC Unit~ \$15,000
- 1 Room Ductwork~\$2400
- Etc.

HOW:



Prayer Giving Blue Envelope Giving



Check for Building Fund



Online Giving – OLQU.ORG

Note: We are not requesting pledges at this time, only donations

Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God which He has given you. Deuteronomy 16:17