

# OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE

## CATHOLIC CHURCH



### January 12, 2025 — The Baptism of the Lord

#### The Anointing: The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

The Liturgy last week revealed the mystery of God's plan—that in Jesus all peoples, symbolized by the Magi, have been made "coheirs" to the blessings promised to Israel. This week, we're shown how we claim our inheritance.

Jesus doesn't submit to John's baptism as a sinner in need of purification. He humbles Himself to pass through Jordan's waters in order to lead a new "exodus"—opening up the promised land of heaven so that all peoples can hear the words pronounced over Jesus today, words once reserved only for Israel and its king: that each of us is a beloved son or daughter of God

Jesus is the chosen servant Isaiah prophesied in today's First Reading, anointed with the Spirit to make things right and just on earth. God put His Spirit upon Jesus to make Him "a covenant of the people," the liberator of the captives, the light to the nations. Jesus, today's Second Reading tells us, is the One long expected in Israel, "anointed . . . with the Holy Spirit and power." The word messiah means "one anointed" with God's Spirit. As in 2nd Samuel 23:1-17 we see that King David was "the anointed of the God of Jacob". The prophets taught Israel to await a royal offshoot of David, upon whom the Spirit would rest.

That's why the crowds are so anxious at the start of today's Gospel. But it isn't John they're looking for. God confirms with His own voice what the angel earlier told Mary: Jesus is the Son of the Most High, come to claim the throne of David forever.

The Lord Jesus is ever ready to renew and refashion us in his likeness through the gift and working of the Holy Spirit - and he anoints us for mission as ambassadors of his kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy. We are called to be the "light" and "salt" of his kingdom that radiate the beauty and aroma of his mercy and goodness to those around us. The Lord Jesus wants his love and truth to shine through us that many others may find new life, freedom, and joy in the Holy Spirit. Ask the Lord Jesus to fill us with his Holy Spirit that we may radiate the joy of the Gospel to those around us

Let us pray: Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit and with the fire of your love and goodness. May I always find joy and delight in seeking to please you in doing your will just as you have delighted in the joy of pleasing your Father and doing his will. Help me to do the Heavenly Father's will in my daily life and be true and faithful to you always. 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 – January 12

The Baptism of the Lord

Is 40: 1-5, 9-11/Ti 2: 11-14; 3: 4-7/Lk 3: 15-16, 21-22

### Monday – January 13

Weekday (First week in Ordinary Time)

Heb 1: 1-6/Mk 1: 14-20

### Tuesday – January 14

Weekday

Heb 2: 5-12/Mk 1: 21-28

### Wednesday – January 15

Weekday

Heb 2: 14-18/Mk 1: 29-39

### Thursday – January 16

Weekday

Heb 3: 7-14/Mk 1: 40-45

### Friday – January 17

St. Anthony, Abbot

Heb 4: 1-5, 11/Mk 2: 1-12

### Saturday – January 18

Weekday

Heb 4: 12-16/Mk 2: 13-17

### Sunday – January 19

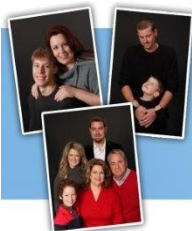
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 62: 1-5/1 Cor 12: 4-11/Jn 2: 1-11

## PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE

GET READY FOR OUR CHURCH

★ PICTORIAL DIRECTORY ★



### Mark Your Calendars—February 27-28, March 1

All parishioners are invited and encouraged to participate. Please read the insert in this weekend's bulletin.

Coffee and Donuts on Sunday January 19th from 8:45-9:15am

### Wedding Anniversaries

Michael & Margaret Dahl



### 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, Rose Marie Phillips, Paul Shea, Riley Scott, Susan Baechler, Patrick Buckley, Fred & Margaret Dorsey, and all those in our parish community in need of physical or spiritual healing.

*For the deceased:*

Tim Martin brother of Carol Packard, Edward Bowers

## 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.	Jan. 11	5:00PM	Michael Smith † William Skinner †
Sun.	Jan. 12	8:00AM	The Souls in Purgatory †
		10:00AM	Deacon Larry Howell † Sherry Templeton †
Tues.	Jan. 14	12:00AM	The Souls in Purgatory †
Wed.	Jan. 15	12:00PM	The Souls in Purgatory †
Thurs	Jan. 16	12:00PM	The Souls in Purgatory †
Fri.	Jan. 17	12:00PM	The Souls in Purgatory †
Sat.	Jan. 18	5:00PM	RoseAnn Nussberger † The Vu Family †
Sun.	Jan. 19	8:00AM	Marguite Thompson †
		10:00AM	The Souls in Purgatory †

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun. Jan. 12	Youth Discovery Night	5:00PM
Mon. Jan. 13	Chain Rosary	7:00AM– 8:00PM
Wed. Jan. 15	St. Mary's Choir	6:30PM
Thurs. Jan 16	Bible Study Charismatic Prayer Group	9:30AM 7:00PM
Sun. Jan. 19	Coffee & Donuts	8:45AM
Tues Jan. 21	Vespers & Adoration	6:00PM

Mass Intentions available for 2025. 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 \$10.00 per Mass.

New to our parish? If you are visiting our parish and are interested in joining our Catholic Family, registration forms are available in the gathering area or at the parish office (office hours are Tues.- Fri. 9am –3pm). Fill one out and drop it into a collection basket or bring it to the parish office.

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. The cost is still \$150.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

Mrs. Susan Turner (susan@olqu.org)

### Welcome to 2025!



Dear families: Changes are with the old hallway renovation beginning this month. We will be accommodating much of the items stored in the old building, into the RE building. The old cabinetry will be temporarily moved into the classrooms and RE hallway for this purpose. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation during the renovation process. Please know that this is a temporary situation and will not affect the learning environment for your children. Thank You for your support!

### BAKE SALE



Thank you in advance for supporting the Confirmation retreat bake sale at the end of January! !



Tuesday, January 14th, 6 PM:  
Father Charley will present:

"Eucharist, the Bread of Life"

### 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](http://www.jp2falcons.org)! Please contact our Admissions Office at 256-430-1760 (ext. 117) with questions.

St. John Paul II is seeking applicants for a full-time School Bookkeeper!  
[www.jp2falcons.org/employment](http://www.jp2falcons.org/employment) for information.

## MUSIC \* YOUTH MINISTRY \* LITURGY NEWS

### Youth Ministry

#### Upcoming Events

Sunday, January 12th is the Epiphany Party at 4:30 PM. Please bring a wrapped gift, \$5.00, or less, for Dirty Santa. All grades 7-12 are welcome.

January 26 is game night. If you have a game you would like to play feel free to bring it.

### Liturgy

#### Liturgical Ministers Needed

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. We are looking to find new ministers for our parish Masses. Altar Servers, Lectors, Communion Ministers, Ushers, decorators and Sacristans are needed for a smooth 2025 year. If you are interested in serving as a Liturgical Minister don't hesitate to get in touch with Mark Blackburn at [mark@olqu.org](mailto:mark@olqu.org) or call at 256-852-0788.

### Music Ministry

#### Children's Choir

St. Cecilia and St. Francis music choirs wish you all a beautiful Christmas Season and a Happy New Year. Both choirs will resume rehearsal on Sunday, January 12th at 12:15PM in the music room. All children are welcome from 3rd grade to 12th.

We look forward to a wonderful new year of singing, learning, and fellowship.

If you have any questions contact

[mark@olqu.org](mailto:mark@olqu.org) or  
[rosranch@yahoo.com](mailto:rosranch@yahoo.com).

## MINISTRIES \* NEWS \* EVENTS

### 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.

### Men's Club

Men of all ages if you would like to join the Men's Club they meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays each month at 6:00PM. They help with Nite at the Races, do a Bonfire at Christmas and Fish Fry's during Lent. They have activities after their meetings that are enjoyable. Contact Rob Ruiz at 256-655-2509 for more information.

**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](mailto:deaconjim@olqu.org).

### December's New Members

Please welcome Charles Wilson; Ralph & Toni Lehtinen; Shane, Joana, Jaiyara & Sydney Suttles to OLQU.

## OLQU Office Contact Information

**Reverend Charley Alookaran, Pastor**

aocharley@olqu.org

**Deacon James Multeri**

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**Susan Turner, Director of Religious Education**

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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

**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

**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

"Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We only have today. Let us begin." — Mother Teresa

## 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

### Catholic Center of Concern

Is in need of monetary donations, pacifiers, soft teethingers, 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



All married Catholic couples are invited for an opportunity to enrich their relationship together on February 14-16 at St. Bernard Abbey, Cullman AL. Contact Frank and Kathryn Wessling at www.wwme.org or 205-530-3607.

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

January 12	Building & Renovations
January 19	St. Vincent de Paul
	St. John Vianney Seminarian Fd
January 26	Building Fund

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Weekly Estimated Expenses	\$	9,760.58
Weekly Collection 1/4-5	\$	7,817.46
Religious Education	\$	588.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	1,150.00
Building Fund	\$	865.00
Building & Renovations Fund	\$	160.00
Seminarian Education Fund	\$	260.00
Christmas Day	\$	75.00
Immaculate Conception	\$	5.00
Disaster Relief	\$	140.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$	1,572.00