

OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE

CATHOLIC CHURCH



January 19, 2025 — Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

God's Kindness Has No Limit

Think of these first weeks after Christmas as a season of “epiphanies.” The liturgy is showing us who Jesus is and what He has revealed about our relationship with God. Last week and the week before, the imagery was royal and filial—Jesus is the newborn king of the Jews who makes us coheirs of Israel’s promise, beloved children of God. Last week in the liturgy we went to a baptism. This week we’re at a wedding. We’re being shown another dimension of our relationship with God. If we’re sons and daughters of God, it’s because we’ve married into the family.

Have you ever wondered why the Bible begins and ends with a wedding—Adam and Eve’s in the garden and the marriage supper of the Lamb. Throughout the Bible, marriage is the symbol of the covenant relationship God desires with His chosen people. He is the groom, humanity His beloved and sought-after bride. We see this reflected beautifully in today’s First Reading.

When Israel breaks the covenant, she is compared to an unfaithful spouse. But God promises to take her back, to “espouse” her to Him forever in an everlasting covenant. That’s why in today’s Gospel Jesus performs His first public “sign” at a wedding feast.

Jesus is the divine bridegroom, calling us to His royal wedding feast. By His New Covenant, He will become “one flesh” with all humanity in the Church. By our baptism, each of us has been betrothed to Christ as a bride to a husband.

The new wine that Jesus pours out at today’s feast is the gift of the Holy Spirit given to His bride and body, as today’s Epistle says.

God often reveals his glory to us in the unlikeliest of places - in a cold stable at Bethlehem, at a village wedding party in Cana, on a bloody cross at Golgotha, or on the road to Emmaus. In today's Gospel reading we see the first public sign and miracle which Jesus performed. The miracles of Jesus demonstrate the power of God's love and mercy for his people. God's kindness knows no limits. We shall thirst for God and for the abundant life and blessings he always offers to us.

We shall also intercede to Our Blessed Mother who always shows kindness and mercy towards her children on earth. She always intercedes for us and prays for us to Her Son Jesus Christ. Always pray through her and she will never abandon us.

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 19

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Monday – January 20

Weekday
Heb 5:1-10/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday – January 21

Memorial of St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
Heb 6:10-20/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday – January 22

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Mk 3: 1-6

Thursday – January 23

Weekday
Heb 7:25-8:6/Mk 3:7-12

Friday – January 24

Memorial of St. Francis de Sales,
Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Heb 8:6-13/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday – January 25

Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle
Acts 22:3-16/Mk 16:15-18

Sunday – January 27

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:-30/Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE

GET READY FOR OUR CHURCH

★ PICTORIAL DIRECTORY ★



Have you made your photo appointment? Photos will be taken February 27-28 and March 1 at OLQU. Contact Mary Herrera (256.653.0485) or Bev Massa (256.503.7995) with any question or if you would like assistance in registering. Father Charley's goal is 100% participation of our Parish Family.

Wedding Anniversaries

Jimmy and Luanne Brewer
Cody & Jennifer Westbrook



Let us Pray for the Living and the Deceased

For the living:

Barbara Chandler, Patricia Thomas, Mary Lou Zurowski, Margaret Dorsey, Helen Bill-Cash, Rose Marie Phillips, Paul Shea, Riley Scott, Susan Baechler, Patrick Buckley, Fred & Margaret Dorsey, Cathy McCoy, and all those in our parish community in need of physical or spiritual healing.

For the deceased:

Peter Quintanilla, son of Pedro and Jacqueline Quintanilla.

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. 18	5:00PM	RoseAnn Nussberger † The Vu Family †
Sun.	Jan. 19	8:00AM	Marguerite Thompson † Peter Quintanilla †
		10:00AM	The Souls in Purgatory † Asa W. Glass †
Tues.	Jan. 21	12:00PM	Soccoro Lin Sangan †
Wed.	Jan. 22	12:00PM	Marguerite Thompson † Patrick Buckley (I) Norm Marsh, Jr. †
Thurs.	Jan. 23	12:00PM	Mark Anderson (I)
Fri.	Jan. 24	12:00PM	The Souls in Purgatory †
Sat.	Jan. 25	5:00PM	Alfred Corsale † Frances Curry †
Sun.	Jan. 26	8:00AM	The Parish Family
		10:00AM	Henry Day † John Fowler †

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun. Jan. 19	Coffee & Donuts	8:45AM
Tues. Jan. 21	Vespers & Adoration	6:00PM
Thurs. Jan 23	Bible Study Charismatic Prayer Group	9:30AM 7:00PM
Sat. Feb 1	First Saturday Adoration Mass Altar Server Training	7:30AM 8:00AM 10:00AM
Fri. Feb 7	First Friday Adoration Healing Mass St. Andrew's Table to follow in Joy Hall	11:00AM Noon

Assistance Needed A female parishioner is in need of assistance in getting dressed (her blouse) in the morning at her home while she is rehabilitating from shoulder surgery. She is capable of performing all other tasks, but cannot raise her one arm. A monetary stipend is available. This will be for approximately four weeks in the Meridianville area. Schedule is flexible and open to more than one person splitting the task. If you are available to assist, please contact the office at 256-852-0788.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

Mrs. Susan Turner (susan@olqu.org)

CONFIRMATION CLASS NEWS

The confirmation candidates will be attending their overnight retreat the weekend of February 7th & 8th, at Monte Sano State Park. We are happy for them to have a spiritual experience to enhance their faith journey. Please, as always, keep them in your thoughts and prayers! They are: Josiah Dorsey, Blake Duckworth, Felicity Ebelhar, Daniella Enyoung, Jordan Francisco, Daniel Manglona, David McClure, George Plattsmier, Brennan Pry, and Isabella Scariya.

The catechists appreciate your prayers, too! Claudia McClure & Dominic Ebelhar.

BAKE SALE



A very special thank you to everyone who supported the bake sale!! Your generosity is humbling and very appreciated! The grand total is \$1,020!



Tuesday, January 21st, 6 PM:
Father Charley will present:

"Sacrament of Reconciliation"

Renovation News

Dear families: We are well into the process of moving things into the RE building. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation during this time of transition. Please know that this is a temporary situation and will not affect the learning environment for your children. Thank You for your support!



CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

St. John Paul II Catholic High School

Apply to join our 2025-2026 Falcon Family! **Deadline is Saturday, March 1.** 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.

St. John Paul II is seeking applicants for a full-time School Bookkeeper!
www.jp2falcons.org/employment for information.

MUSIC * YOUTH MINISTRY * LITURGY NEWS

Youth Ministry

Upcoming Events

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

Liturgy

Liturgical Ministers Needed

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 or call at 256-852-0788.

Music Ministry

Children's Choir

St. Cecilia and St. Francis music choirs resume rehearsals on Sunday at 12:15PM in the music room. All children are welcome from 3rd grade to 12th. We look forward to a wonderful year of singing, learning, and fellowship. If you have any questions contact mark@olqu.org or 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 Fries 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.

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.

OLQU Office Contact Information

Reverend Charley Alookaran, Pastor

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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

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

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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

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

Santo Nino Festival

Saturday, January 25, at 10:00AM
St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church
2 Xavier Circle, Birmingham, AL
35213.



Mass will be celebrated by the Most Reverend Robert Baker, along with Father Jose Ma Viola, and Father Pachomius Alvarado-Garcia. Procession, street dancing and entertainment to follow with food at \$15 per plate.



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 19	St. Vincent de Paul
	St. John Vianney Seminarian Fd
January 26	Building Fund
February 2	Religious Education

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Weekly Estimated Expenses	\$	10,358.66
Weekly Collection 1/11/12	\$	7,261.00
Religious Education	\$	145.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	75.00
Building Fund	\$	1,150.00
Building & Renovations Fund	\$	1,957.00
Seminarian Education Fund	\$	15.00
Christmas Day	\$	220.00
Disaster Relief	\$	12.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$	290.00