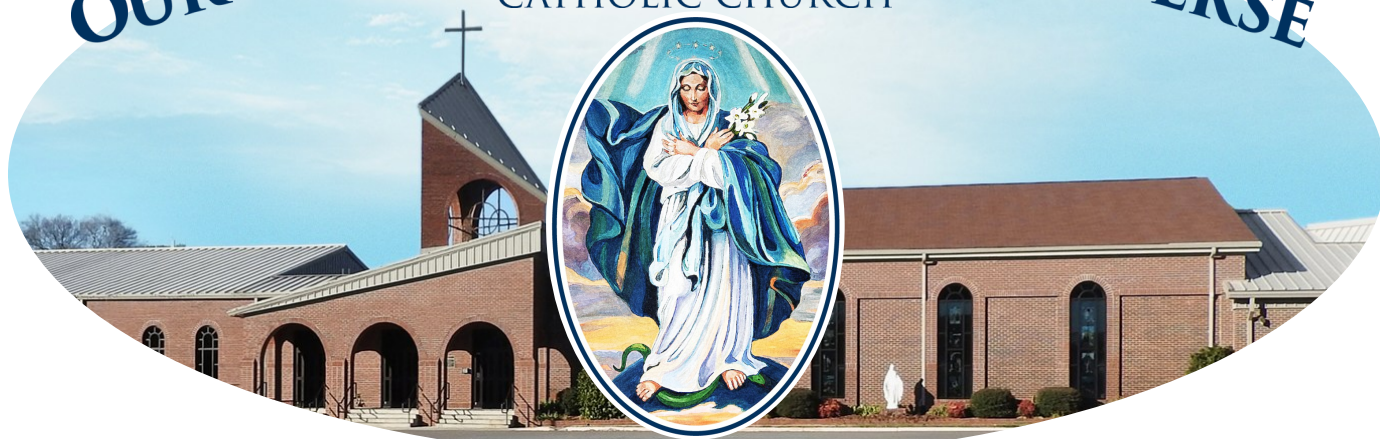


OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE

CATHOLIC CHURCH



February 9, 2025 — Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Into the Deep: And I will make you to Catch People for the Kingdom of God

Simon Peter, the fisherman, is the first to be called personally by Jesus in Luke's Gospel. His calling resembles Isaiah's commissioning in the First Reading: confronted with the holiness of the Lord, both Peter and Isaiah are overwhelmed by a sense of their own sinfulness and inadequacy. Yet each experiences the Lord's forgiveness and is sent to preach the good news of His mercy to the world.

No one is "fit to be called an apostle," Paul recognizes in today's Epistle. But by "the grace of God," even a persecutor of the Church—as Paul once was—can be lifted up for the Lord's service.

In the Old Testament, humanity was unfit for the divine—no man could stand in God's presence and live. But in Jesus, we're made able to speak with Him face-to-face, to taste His Word on our tongue.

Today's scene from Isaiah is recalled in every Mass. Before reading the Gospel, the priest silently asks God to cleanse his lips that he might worthily proclaim His Word.

God's Word comes to us as it came to Peter, Paul, Isaiah, and today's Psalmist—as a personal call to leave everything and follow Him, to surrender our weaknesses in order to be filled with His strength.

Simon put out into deep waters even though, as a professional fisherman, he knew it would be foolhardy to expect to catch anything. In humbling himself before the Lord's command, he was exalted—his nets filled to overflowing; later, as Paul tells us, he will become the first to see the risen Lord.

Jesus has made us worthy to receive Him in the company of angels in God's holy Temple. On our knees like Peter, with the humility of David in today's Psalm, we thank Him with all our hearts and join in the unending hymn that Isaiah heard around God's altar: "Holy, holy, holy . . ."

This incident tells us an important truth about how God works in and through each of us for his glory. When we cooperate in *his* works, we accomplish far beyond what we can do on our own. Therese of Lisieux (Little Flower), wrote to a friend: "Jesus has so incomprehensible a love for us that he wills that we have a share with him in the salvation of souls. He wills to do nothing without us. The Creator of the universe awaits the prayer of a poor little soul to save other souls redeemed like it at the price of all his Blood." Yes, my dear brothers and sisters, in Jesus Christ God chooses ordinary people, like you and me, as his ambassadors and he uses the ordinary circumstances of our daily lives and work situations to draw others into his kingdom. Jesus speaks the same message to us today: we will "catch people" for the kingdom of God if we allow the light of Jesus Christ to shine through us. God wants others to see the light of Christ in us in the way we live, speak, and witness the joy of the Gospel. God Bless us all.

Love and Prayers,

Fr. Charley Alookaran

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 – February 9

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 6: 1-2a, 3-8/ 1 Cor 15: 1-11/Lk 5: 1-11

Monday – February 10

St. Scholastica, Virgin
Gn 1: 1-19/Mk 6: 53-56

Tuesday – February 11

Weekday
Gn 1: 20-2: 4a/Mk 7: 1-13

Wednesday – February 12

Weekday
Gn 2: 4b-9, 15-17/Mk 7: 14-23

Thursday – February 13

Weekday
Gn 2: 18-25/Mk 7: 24-30

Friday – February 14

Ss. Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop
Gn 3: 1-8/Mk 7: 31-37

Saturday – February 15

Weekday
Gn 3: 9-24/Mk 8: 1-10

Sunday – February 16

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 17: 5-8/1 Cor 15: 12, 16-20/Lk 6: 17, 20-26

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.

	Feb. 8	5:00PM	Michael Skinner † William Skinner †
Sun.	Feb. 9	8:00AM	Mariquita Thompson † Jerry & Harriet Tan (I)
		10:00AM	Richard Moniz † Tim Martin †
Tues.	Feb. 11	12:00PM	The Souls in Purgatory †
Wed.	Feb. 12	12:00PM	Gary Makowski †
Thurs.	Feb. 13	12:00PM	Andrew Harper (I)
Fri.	Feb. 14	12:00PM	Stanley Smith †
Sat.	Feb. 15	5:00PM	RoseAnn Nussberger † Albert Corsale †
Sun.	Feb. 16	8:00AM	Peter Quintaniila †
		10:00AM	Anna E. Glass †

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat. Feb. 8/Sun. Feb 9	Communion Ministers –remain after which ever Mass you attend for a few minutes.	
Mon. Feb. 10	Chain Rosary	7:00AM
Thurs. Feb. 13	Charismatic Prayer Group	7:00PM
Sat. Feb. 15	Fundraiser Meal (Donations)	6:15PM
Sun. Feb. 16	Coffee & Donuts	8:45AM
Thurs. Feb. 27/Fri. Feb. 28/ Sat. Mar. 1	Directory Pictures will be taken at your appointment times!!	
Sat. Mar. 1	Nite at the Races	6:15PM
Sun. Mar. 2	No Breakfast	

Contribution Statements

The 2024 Contribution Statements were mailed January 29th. You should receive one if you contributed monies this past year.

Altar Flowers may be donated in memory or in honor of a loved one, to mark a special occasion or simply to donate. Please contact the parish office at 256-852-0788 to schedule a date. The cost is \$150.



NITE AT THE RACES @ OLQU

Fund Raiser

March 1, 2025 – 6:15PM

Please join your Parish Family at this very fun and rowdy event! This is a free event! Horses will be sold after all Masses for \$25.00 each. There will be food and drink available to purchase. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer please call Orlando Herrera 256-990-7212 or ask anyone from the men's club.

Old Palms You may leave your old palms in the basket in the Gathering Space.

Wedding Anniversaries

Stephen & Carol Bosch, Lamar & Yvonne King, Eddie & Priscilla Oaks



Let us Pray for the Living and the Deceased

For the living:

Barbara Chandler, Patricia Thomas, Mary Lou Zurowski, 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

Mrs. Susan Turner (susan@olqu.org)

Renovation News

Dear families: Please remember that we are using the gathering area doors that lead out to the pavilion, to access the RE building. We will proceed this way until the renovation is complete.

You may stay in Joy Hall or have some quiet time in the church while your child is in class.

After class, students will wait for parents/ family members in Joy Hall. Thank you!

CONFIRMATION CLASS NEWS

The candidates attended their retreat this weekend at Monte Sano State Park. Thank you to all who contributed to this event! Let us continue to pray for them: 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.



Tuesday Evenings 6:00 PM

February, 11th:

Father Charley will present the

“Sacrament of Holy Orders”

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 Announces Michael C. Burke as the New President!

Mr. Burke has more than 40 years of experience in Catholic school education. Contact the school for more information.

MUSIC * YOUTH MINISTRY * LITURGY NEWS

Youth Ministry

Upcoming Events

Sunday, February 9th is game night. Bring a game to share and a willing spirit to win. All youth grades 7-12 are welcome to participate.

Shadow Stations

Will be presented on Sun. April 13 after the 8:00AM Mass. We welcome all 7th –12th grade students to participate in this event. Planning Meeting is Feb. 23 after R.E. Parents and youth are welcome to help.

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

St. Cecilia Choir & St. Francis Ensemble will be preparing for 4th Sunday Masses and for Easter Sunday Mass. If you are interested in having your child participate please contact Mark Blackburn at 256-852-0788 or mark@olqu.org or Maria Roos at roosranch@yahoo.com.

St. Mary's Choir is preparing for Tenebrae and Holy Week. Our weekly rehearsals are held in the Church at 6:30pm on Wednesdays.

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.

Mass Intentions

We have many dates and times available for those who wish to have Masses for friends and loves ones. Please contact the office at 256-852-0788 to schedule a Mass. The stipend is \$10.00 per Mass.

FUNRAISER

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

FOOD ★ FELLOWSHIP ★ FUN

**FEBRUARY 15 (SATURDAY)
6:15PM - JOY HALL**

**COST ANY DONATION, BIG OR SMALL
IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!**

SIGN-UP BY FEBRUARY 9 TO ATTEND

100% OF DONATIONS GO TO THE BUILDING FUND

This weekend, February 8-9 is the last weekend to sign up for this Fundraiser

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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

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Charismatic Prayer Group: Jeff Anderson 256-852-8734

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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

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Lawn Care: Orlando Herrera 256-990-7212

Lectors: Sybil Shearburn 256-679-7023

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Mass Coordinator: Pat Spinelli 256-830-4135

Men's Club: Roberto Ruiz 256-655-2509

Money Counters: Pat Spinelli 256-830-4135

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Pastoral Care: JoAnn Harper 256-859-3330

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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

"Peace begins with a smile." 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

Most Merciful Jesus Catholic Parish's Bless Fest May 3-4

This is the 3rd Annual Bless Fest. Are you interested in being a vendor at this year's Bless Fest? Space is limited so submit your application soon!!

Questions About this event, email Patty Foltz at mercyfest@mercyparish.church.

Widows and Widowers Lunch

The group will meet February 13th at 1:00PM at Luis's Mexican Bar and Grill, 7500 Memorial Pkwy SW, Ste 1-1, Huntsville. Contact Mary at 618-444-9922 by February 11th. Newcomers are welcome.

The Office of Black Catholic Ministry Presents

A Diocesan Prayer Breakfast in Commemoration of

The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

10:00 A.M. Saturday March 1, 2025 Tickets \$25.00

For information or to order tickets call 205-838-8313

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

February 9	Building & Renovations
February 16	Seminarian Fund
	St. Vincent de Paul
February 23	Building Fund

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Weekly Estimated Expenses	\$	10,358.66
Weekly Collection Feb 1-2	\$	6,765.00
Religious Education	\$	657.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	55.00
Building Fund	\$	648.00
Building & Renovations Fund	\$	23.00
Seminarian Education Fund	\$	20.00
Disaster Relief	\$	30.00
Altar Flowers	\$	165.00