

OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE

CATHOLIC CHURCH



April 13, 2025 — Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Blessed Is the King Who Comes in the Name of the Lord

Does the King of glory find a welcome entry into your home and heart? Jesus went to Jerusalem knowing full well what awaited him - betrayal, rejection, and crucifixion. The people of Jerusalem, however, were ready to hail him as their Messianic King! Little did they know what it would cost this king to usher in his kingdom. Jesus' entry into Jerusalem astride a colt was a direct fulfillment of the Messianic prophecy of Zechariah.

The colt was a sign of peace. Jesus enters Jerusalem in meekness and humility as the Messianic King who offers victory and peace to his people. That victory and peace would be secured in the cross and resurrection which would soon take place at the time of Passover.

St. Augustine comments on the significance of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem: "The master of humility is Christ who humbled himself and became obedient to death, even the death of the cross. Thus, he does not lose his divinity when he teaches us humility... What great thing was it to the king of the ages to become the king of humanity? For Christ was not the king of Israel so that he might exact a tax or equip an army with weaponry and visibly vanquish an enemy. He was the king of Israel in that he rules minds, in that he gives counsel for eternity, in that he leads into the kingdom of heaven those who believe, hope, and love. It is a condescension, not an advancement for one who is the Son of God, equal to the Father, the Word through whom all things were made, to become king of Israel. It is an indication of pity, not an increase in power."

If you go to the Holy Land, you will never miss the garden of Gethsemane where we see a lot of olive trees. Yes, olive trees are fascinating. They are virtually immortal. You can burn them, cut them down, destroy them. But if the roots remain in the ground, they will regrow. They always do. And it was in that moment that the truth of what we commemorate today and this coming week struck home. See, each of us has had our garden moments in this Holy Week. Those moments when we have felt utterly crushed by the weight of our anxieties, our fears, our struggles, our losses. We all look down the mountain and see the hills of Calvary that loom. But as believers, this garden is not the final word.

For we are like olive trees, constantly being renewed and reborn, no matter what we endure. We will rise again. The sun will break through the clouds, and we will find ourselves basking in its warmth, standing beside the one who left the garden, mounted the cross, and then shattered the gates of death. For you. For me. For us all. So please come and join with me in the Holy Week Services – especially Holy Thursday at 7 pm, Good Friday at 3 pm – Stations of the Cross, and at 7 pm – Veneration of the Cross; and on Holy Saturday at 8 pm and Easter Sunday Masses at 8 am and 10 am. Have a Blessed Holy Week.

May God bless us all, 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 – April 13

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Is 50: 4-7/Phil 2: 6-11/Lk 22: 14—23: 56

Monday – April 14

Monday of Holy Week
Is 42: 1-7/Jn 12: 1-11

Tuesday – April 15

Tuesday of Holy Week
Is 49: 1-6/Jn 13: 21-33, 36-38

Wednesday – April 16

Wednesday of Holy Week
Is 50: 4-9a/Mt 26: 14-25

Thursday – April 17

Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)
Ex 12: 1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11: 23-26/Jn 13: 1-15

Friday – April 18

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)
Is 52: 13—53: 12/Heb 4: 14-16; 5: 7-9/Jn 18: 1—19: 42

Saturday – April 19

Saturday of Holy Week (Holy Saturday)
Gn 22: 1-18/Is 55: 1-11/Ez 36: 16-17a, 18-28/Lk 24: 1-12

Sunday – April 20

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
Acts 10: 34a; 37-43/1 Cor 5: 6b-8/Jn 20: 1-9



OLQU Parish Registration Forms We ask anyone who is new to the parish to fill out a form and join our church family. We also request any parishioner who needs to update their family information to please take a form and give us updated information. We have many changed or disconnected phone numbers in our database. The forms are in the gathering area or come by the office. Please help us keep our membership information correct.

Wedding Anniversaries

Edward & Mary Cattadoris
Joseph Hudson & Amber Reno
Deacon Jim & Sophia Multeri



Let us Pray for the Living and the Deceased

For the living:

Patricia Thomas, Mary Lou Zurowski, Helen Bill-Cash, Rose Marie Phillips, Paul Shea, Riley Scott, Fred & Margaret Dorsey, Cathy McCoy, Jean Matjajic, Teresa Wilson, Mary Stumpe 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 - a birthday, anniversary, get well, deceased etc. Contact the Parish office at 256-852-0788.

Sat.	Apr. 12	5:00PM	The Vu Family † RoseAnn Nussberger †
Sun.	Apr. 13	8:00AM	Michael Malloy † Barbara Chandler †
		10:00AM	Asa Glass III † Meghan Norton (I)
Mon.	Apr. 14	5:00PM	Tim Martin † Charles Dixon (I)
Tues.	Apr. 15	12:00PM	NO MASS
Wed.	Apr. 16	12:00PM	William Gibson † Larry Jacks (I)
Thurs.	Apr. 17	7:00PM	Holy Thursday
Fri.	Apr. 18	7:00PM	Good Friday
Sat.	Apr. 19	8:00PM	The Parish Family
Sun.	Apr. 20	8:00AM	The Parish Family
		10:00AM	First Communion Children (I)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun. Apr. 13	Palm Sunday	Masses as normal
Tues. Apr. 15	No Mass Vespers & Adoration	6:00 pm
Thurs. Apr. 17	Holy Thursday	7:00 pm
Fri. Apr. 18	Parish Office Closed Private Prayer—Church Outside Stations of the Cross Good Friday	1:00-3:00 pm 3:00 pm 7:00 pm
Sat. Apr. 19	Blessing of the Food NO CONFESSIONS Easter Vigil Mass (Reception to follow)	10:00 am 8:00 pm
Sun. Apr. 20	Easter Mass Easter Mass/ First Holy Communion	8:00 am 10:00 am
Tues. Apr. 22-Fri. April 25	Communion Services	12:00 pm



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.

CONFIRMATION Congratulations to our confirmandi who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday evening. It was very nice to have Bishop Raica present for this most joyful occasion. The Mass was beautiful and dinner was delicious! As always, please pray for our young people: Josiah Dorsey, Blake Duckworth, Felicity Ebelhar, Daniella Enyong, Jordan Francisco, Daniel Manglona, David McClure, Louis Plattsmier, Brennan Pry, Isabella Scariya, Carlo Ballesteros, Jaydon Schaefer, Eduardo Mason and Lisa Smith. A very special thank you to all who participated in making it such a memorable occasion for all!

RCIA Our catechumens are ready to join us in faith and receive the sacraments of initiation — baptism, first holy communion and confirmation on Holy Saturday night at the Easter Vigil.

Please, let us show our support by praying for them and giving them a warm welcome into our church family. They are: Susanne Bales, Sasithorn Intharasorn, Deandre Jamar, Antonio Lopé, & Ngoc Nguyen.

Special Note: Baby Julian Palacios will also be baptized on this most holy night of the church year!



First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Easter Sunday at the 10 o'clock Mass. It has been a busy year for the children as they studied and prepared for their first sacraments. Let us be sure to support them with our presence and prayers as they come to receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time.

Our precious little ones are: Cole Andre, Pierina-Laura Bawerima, Landon Hoang, Claire Leon-Arellano, Joshua Leon-Arellano, Lily Nguyen, Ryan Rogers, and Tristan Virone.

Their faithful catechist: Christine Dennis

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

St. John Paul II Catholic High School

Registration for the 2025 JP II Summer Camps is open!

Join the fun this summer. Enjoy many new and different camps.

Visit www.jp2falcons.org/camps today. Grade levels are for the 2025-2026 school year

Holy Family School

Applications for the School Calendar Year 2025-2026 are now being taken. Please contact HFS at 256-539-5221 or email office @hfscatholic .com with any questions.

MUSIC * YOUTH MINISTRY * LITURGY NEWS

Youth Ministry Upcoming Events

Shadow Stations

Shadow Stations will be presented Palm Sunday after the 8:00AM Mass. Please come and support our youth in this special event.

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

The Music Ministry prays all of you have a blessed Holy Week.

MINISTRIES * NEWS * EVENTS



40 DAYS 40 PSALMS...

Congratulations to Joe Cassani for faithfully participating in the Psalm weekly challenge. He's our lucky winner this week! Thank you for participating in Father Charley's challenge.

One week to go!

please see display in the gathering area.

Mass Intentions

We have many weekday dates available for those who wish to schedule a Mass. Please contact the parish office at 256-852-0788. The stipend is \$10.00 per Mass.



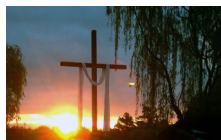
Constant Contact

Easter Sunday Mass on Monte Sano Mountain

Place: Monte Sano State Park Overlook

Time: 6:00 am

Fr. Joe Lubrano from St. Joseph's will be officiating



OLQU Email: Our Parish uses "Constant Contact" to communicate monthly newsletters, special events, reminders and important information for our parish. If you have not been receiving these emails and would like to receive them, please send a request to mark@olqu.org or office at office@olqu.org with your name and preferred email address.

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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

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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

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Fund Raising: Fran Spinelli 256-830-4135

Gardening: Marge Mullen 256-683-1663

Greeters: Tom Heath 256-859-9554

Grief Ministry: Almaretta Brislin 256-603-1213

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

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

Prayer Shawl Donna Pillarella 256-852-0788

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

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St. Vincent de Paul: Luster Ingram 256-852-2899

Ushers: Jay Hammer 256-337-1016

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

"The Lord never tires of forgiving. It is us who tire of asking for forgiveness,"

Pope Francis

SOCIAL CONCERNS & FOOD PANTRY

St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) Pantry

Needs: Flour, pinto beans, canned meats, mashed potatoes, cookies, sugar, corn meal mix, pancake mix, syrup, jello, pudding, cereal, coffee, tea, toiletries. Please donate non perishable items only.

PLEASE HELP US HELP THE POOR...

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS: 256-852-2899

NEWS

Camp St. Bernard

St. Bernard Preparatory School

Cullman, Alabama

Camp St. Bernard has opened registration for Campers ages 6-14 for June 2025

Campers are provided with a traditional summer camp experience while spending time on the campus of St. Bernard Abbey. For more information on this unique, affordable, Catholic program visit the website at campstbernard.com or email John Arndt, the Camp Director at campstbernard@gmail.com.

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

Mother Teresa

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

April 13	Building & Renovations Fund
April 20	Seminarian Education Fund
	St. Vincent de Paul
	Easter

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Weekly Estimated Expenses	\$	10,358.66
Weekly Collection Mar. 22/23	\$	6,462.00
Religious Education	\$	704.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	137.00
Building Fund	\$	260.00
Building & Renovations Fund	\$	130.00
Seminarian Education Fund	\$	177.00
Black & Indian Missions	\$	10.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$	127.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$	600.00
Disaster Relief	\$	127.00
Easter Flowers	\$	980.00
Easter	\$	202.00