

OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE

CATHOLIC CHURCH



April 20, 2025 — Easter Sunday of the Resurrection Lord

Saw and Believed!!!

Jesus is nowhere visible. Yet today's Gospel tells us that Peter and John "saw and believed." What did they see? Burial shrouds lying on the floor of an empty tomb. Maybe that convinced them that He hadn't been carted off by grave robbers, who usually stole the expensive burial linens and left the corpses behind. But notice the repetition of the word "tomb"—seven times in nine verses. They saw the empty tomb and they believed what He had promised: that God would raise Him on the third day.

Chosen to be His "witnesses," today's First Reading tells us, the Apostles were "commissioned . . . to preach . . . and testify" to all that they had seen—from His anointing with the Holy Spirit at the Jordan to the empty tomb. More than their own experience, they were instructed in the mysteries of the divine economy, God's saving plan—to know how "all the prophets bear witness" to Him. Now they could "understand the Scripture," could teach us what He had told them—that He was "the Stone which the builders rejected," that today's Psalm prophesies His Resurrection and exaltation.

St. Isidore of Seville, commented on the significance of the women being the first to hear the good news of the resurrection: "As a woman (Eve) was first to taste death, so a woman (Mary Magdalene) was first to taste life. As a woman was prescient in the fall, so a woman was prescient in beholding the dawning of redemption, thus reversing the curse upon Eve." The first to testify to the risen Lord was a woman from whom Jesus had cast out seven demons.

We are the children of the apostolic witnesses. That is why we still gather early in the morning on the first day of every week to celebrate this feast of the empty tomb, give thanks for "Christ our life," as today's Epistle calls Him. Baptized into His death and Resurrection, we live the heavenly life of the risen Christ, our lives "hidden with Christ in God." We are now His witnesses, too. But we testify to things we cannot see but believe.

The reality of the resurrection is the central fact of the Christian faith. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Lord gives us "eyes of faith" to know him and the power of his resurrection. The greatest joy we can have is to encounter the living Lord and to know him personally. So therefore, we can celebrate the feast of Easter with joy and thanksgiving for the victory which Jesus has won for us over sin and death.

I would like to Thank every one of you who participated in the 40 days of Lent – praying together and asking God's Mercy for us. Together we shall always pray for each other. Please keep me in your prayers while I travel to India for my vacation, and be assured of my prayers for you. May the Risen Lord bless us and keep us always in His care.

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 – April 20

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

Monday – April 21

Monday within the Octave of Easter
Acts 2: 14, 22-23/Mt 28: 8-15

Tuesday – April 22

Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
Acts 2: 36-41/Jn 20: 11-18

Wednesday – April 23

Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
Acts 3: 1-10/Lk 24: 13-35

Thursday – April 24

Thursday within the Octave of Easter
Acts 3: 11-26/Lk 24: 35-48

Friday – April 25

Friday within the Octave of Easter
Acts 4: 1-12/Jn 21: 1-14

Saturday – April 26

Saturday within the Octave of Easter
Acts 4: 13-21/Mk 16: 9-15

Sunday – April 27

Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)
Acts 5: 12-16/Rev 1: 9-11s, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20: 19-31

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. 19	8:00PM	The Parish Family
Sun.	Apr. 20	8:00AM	The Parish Family
		10:00AM	First Communion Children (I)
Tues.	Apr. 22	12:00PM	Communion Service
Wed.	Apr. 23	12:00PM	Communion Service
Thurs.	Apr. 24	12:00PM	Communion Service
Fri.	Apr. 25	12:00PM	Communion Service
Sat.	Apr. 26	5:00PM	Michael Smith † William Skinner †
Sun.	Apr. 27	8:00AM	St. Anthony Joseph Tran †
		10:00AM	Larry Howell † Amy Howell-Burch †

Father Charley

Please wish Fr. Charley a safe journey to India when he leaves Tuesday on vacation. We will all pray for him to enjoy the time with his family and friends.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun. Apr. 20	Easter Mass	8:00 am
	Easter Mass/ First Holy Communion	10:00 am
Tues. Apr. 22-Fri. April 25	Communion Services	12:00 pm
Sun/ April 27	Divine Mercy Sunday Divine Mercy Chaplet	7:30am

Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday, April 27th

Divine Mercy Chaplet—St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun received visions of Jesus with rays emanating from his heart. With this vision, Jesus instructed her to spread a devotion to His mercy and paint an image of Him with rays of blood and water coming from His side. The inscription to this painting is “Jesus, I trust in you.” On the Sunday after Easter we as a united church pray the Chaplet of Mercy together to receive the graces of a complete pardon of sin with communion and confession. This year, the chaplet will be prayed Saturday, April 26th before the 5:00 pm Mass, Sunday April 27th before the 8:00 am Mass and sung after the 10:00 Mass. Please join us for one of these prayer times.

“Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.”

From the OLQU Staff

*Deacon Jim, Susan, Shirley,
Donna & Mark*

*May you have a Happy
and*

Blessed Easter

Wedding Anniversaries

Joseph & Eva Andrzejewski
Fausto & Violet Vidaurri
David & Tanya Yee
David & Janet Zajac



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, Deborah Gezing and all those in our parish community in need of physical or spiritual healing.

Easter Flowers Honorees 2025

In Memory Of

Sherry Templeton & John Paul
Fowler

Don & Mary Jo Rumble

Bob Hargrove

Ben & Esther Gries

Vincent & Mary Martha Mullen

The Massa & Fitzgerald Families

Theresa Trudell

The Parents and Sisters of
Christina Oneya-Byrd

Frank & Annamae Kapes

William Skinner

Michael Smith

John & Marion Smith

Bob & Kay Harper

John O'Brien

Robert Bergh

Louis & Carolyn Pesce

The Ragoza Family

The Multeri Family

The Daddario Family

The Yi Family

James Correia Jr.

James Sr. & Angelina Correia

Thomas A. Correia

John & Nellie Wujcik

Marjorie Wujcik Nipper

Sam & Betty Mitchell

The LaPonsee & Nason Families

The Monken & Wieter Families

The Pokrzywa Family

Quet Ha & Dinh Hoang

Josephine Bailey

Corrine Bien

Rose Ann Nussberger

Brenda Mitchell Strong

David & Myra Wise

Harold D. Carrender

Judy Nichols

Stacey Barnes

Jacob Beasley

The Alookaran Family

Jim Randlett

Marvin & Mary Ortwerth

Mike & Bernice Gezing

The Reeder Family

The Runkle Family

Edward & Barbara Stluka

Michael Thomas

John, Mary & Dan Hall

Bert & Paul Lamont

Albert Rich

Aaron Berryman, Jr.

Billy Fish & Vincent Cacioppo

Robert & Virginia Clarke

Stuart Shields

Hermogenes B. Peralta, Jr.

Jaime Pineda Francisco

Onofre Linsaňgan

Soccoro Linsaňgan

Hermogenes M. Peralta, Sr.

Felicidad B. Peralta

In Honor Of

Our Risen Lord

Easter

The Reeder Family

The Runkle Family

The Wiegmann Family

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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.

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Ministry Coordinator: Eva Andrzejewski 256-430-3486

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"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.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

April 20	Seminarian Education Fund
	St. Vincent de Paul
	Easter
April 27	Building Fund
	Catholic Home Missions

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Weekly Estimated Expenses	\$	10,358.66
Weekly Collection Mar. 22/23	\$	6,801.00
Religious Education	\$	35.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	100.00
Building Fund	\$	550.00
Building & Renovations Fund	\$	1,750.00
Seminarian Education Fund	\$	90.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$	120.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$	15.00
Disaster Relief	\$	2.00
Easter Flowers	\$	260.00
Easter	\$	100.00