

OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE

CATHOLIC CHURCH



April 27, 2025 — Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Breath of New Life given to us.

The prophet Daniel in a vision saw “One like the Son of Man” receive everlasting kingship. John is taken to heaven in today’s Second Reading where he sees Daniel’s prophecy fulfilled in Jesus, who appears as “One like a Son of Man.”

Jesus is clad in the robe of a High Priest and wearing the gold sash of a king. He has been exalted by the right hand of the Lord, as we sing in today’s Psalm. His risen body, which the Apostles touch in today’s Gospel, has been made a lifegiving Spirit.

As the Father anointed Him with the Spirit and power, Jesus pours out that Spirit on the Apostles, sending them into the world “as the Father has sent Me.” Jesus “breathes” the Spirit of His divine life into the Apostles—as God blew the “breath of life” into Adam, as Elijah’s prayer returned “the life breath” to the dead child, and as the Spirit breathed new life into the slain in the valley of bones. His creative breath unites the Apostles—His Church—to His body, and empowers them to breathe His life into a dying world, to make it a new creation.

In today’s Gospel and First Reading, we see the Apostles fulfilling this mission with powers only God possesses—the power to forgive sins and to work “signs and wonders,” a biblical expression only used to describe the mighty works of God.

Jesus did something which only love and trust can do. He commissioned his weak and timid apostles to bring the good news of the Gospel to the ends of the earth. This sending out of the disciples is parallel to the sending out of Jesus by his heavenly Father. Jesus fulfilled his mission through his perfect love and obedience to the will of his Father. He called his first disciples and he now calls each one of us to do the same. Just as he gave his first disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit, so he breathes on each of us the same Holy Spirit who equips us with new life, power, joy, and courage to live each day as followers of the Risen Lord.

When Thomas recognized his Master, he believed and exclaimed that Jesus was truly Lord and truly God! Through the gift of faith, we, too, proclaim that Jesus is our personal Lord and our God. The Lord offers each of us new life in his Holy Spirit that we may know him personally and walk in this new way of life through the power of his resurrection. We do believe in the good news of the Gospel and in the power of the Holy Spirit to bring us new life, hope, and joy. Thomas and the others saw “many other signs” after Jesus was raised from the dead. They saw and they believed. They have been given His life, which continues in the Church’s Word and sacraments, so that we who have not seen might inherit His blessings and “have life in His name.” 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 – April 27

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

Monday – April 28

Easter Weekday
Acts 4: 23-31/Jn 3: 1-8

Tuesday – April 29

St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church
Acts 4: 32-37/Jn 3: 7b-15

Wednesday – April 30

Easter Weekday
Acts 5: 17-26/Jn 3: 16-21

Thursday – May 1

Easter Weekday
Acts 5: 27-33/Jn 3: 31-36

Friday – May 2

St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
Acts 5: 34-42/Jn 6: 1-15

Saturday – May 3

SS. Philip & James, Apostles
1 Cor 15: 1-8/Jn 14: 6-14

Sunday – May 4

Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 5: 27-32, 40b-41/Rev 5: 11-14/Jn 21: 1-19

Prayer for Pope Francis

Loving God, today, we grieve for our beloved Pope Francis. We know you join us in our grief, that you too weep at the death of your dear friend and companion as Jesus did at the tomb of Lazarus.

Welcome our beloved Pope Francis into your waiting arms. Envelop him in your eternal love. And comfort us in our mourning as we strive to continue to follow his Gospel example to encounter Christ in all people and in all places.

We thank you for the gift of Pope Francis. Through his life and teaching, you showed us how to love and serve one another, how to hear the cries of the poor and the cries of the earth and respond in compassionate love.

Pope Francis, pray for us. Mary, Mother of Sorrows, comfort us.

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 Matjazic, 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. 26	5:00PM	Pope Francis † Michael Smith † William Skinner †
Sun.	Apr. 27	8:00AM	Pope Francis † St. Anthony † Joseph Tran †
		10:00AM	Pope Francis † Larry Howell † Amy Howell– Burch †
Tues.	Apr. 29	12:00PM	Communion Service
Wed.	Apr. 30	12:00PM	Communion Service
Thurs.	May 1	12:00PM	Communion Service
Fri.	May 2	12:00PM	Communion Service
Sat.	May 3	5:00PM	Pope Francis † The Vu Family†
Sun.	May 4	8:00AM	Pope Francis † The Vu Family †
		10:00AM	Pope Francis † John O'Brien † Jim Correia †

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun. Apr. 27	Divine Mercy Chaplet Prayed -Saturday Sunday Sung - Sunday	4:30 PM 7:30AM 10:45 AM
Tues Apr. 29– Fri. May 2	-Communion Services	12:00 PM
Wed. Apr. 30	St. Mary's Choir	6:30 PM
Thurs. May 1	Charismatic Prayer Group	7:00 PM
Fri. May 2	NO St. Andrew's Table	
Sat. May 3	Altar Servers Training	10:00 AM
Sun. May 4	OLQU Breakfast May Crowning	8:45 AM 10:00 AM
Sun. May 11	Mother's Day	

Wedding Anniversaries

Michael & Christian Gunner
Jeffrey & Sandra Holmes
Rafael & Dorothy Sosa



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.



EASTER VIGIL Congratulations and welcome to our RCIA members who were fully initiated into the Catholic Church and those who entered into full communion with the Church on the most holy night of the year. We wish them a life full of faith and a heart full of love! May God bless you in all that you do in honor of Him.

Susanne Bales, Deandre Jamar, Antonio Lopé, Ngoc Nguyen, Sasithorn Palacios & Baby Julian Palacios.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Congratulations to our precious children who received our Lord Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time this Easter Sunday. We wish them abundant blessings as they take this most important step in their faith journey! Thank you Ms. Christine Dennis for your love & dedication in preparing them for this special sacrament.

Cole Andre, Pierina-Laura Bawerima, Landon Hoang, Claire Leon-Arellano, Joshua Leon-Arellano, Lily Nguyen, Ryan Rogers, & Tristan Virone.

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

St. Cecilia Choir, St. Francis Ensemble and Youth Group will have a Pizza and Ice Cream Social on Sunday, April 27th in Joy Hall at 5:00 PM. This is an end of year event for those who participated in these groups. Please join us for pizza, games and ice cream!

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

Music Ministry is offering lessons for the youth and adults of this parish. We offer 30 minute lessons for Bells, Brass, Guitar, Piano, Vocal and Woodwind. No prior experience is necessary and experienced music makers are also welcome. A reduced fee may apply for the lesson. If you are interested in lessons for your child, youth or self please get in touch with Mark Blackburn at mark@olqu.org or 256-852-0788.

Remember, Music is a special gift from God and everyone is encouraged to enjoy this art.

MINISTRIES * NEWS * EVENTS

Catholic Home Missions

This weekend is the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Your participation in this Appeal supports dioceses throughout the United States and its current and former territories that need help to sustain core pastoral services and missions of mercy to those they serve, including the Diocese of Birmingham. Thank you for your stewardship and generosity.

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.



High School & College Graduates If you are or have a graduate in your family please call or email the parish office by May 11th. The OLQU family would like to recognize all of our 2025 graduates

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.

OLQU Office Contact Information

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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

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Baptism Preparation: Deacon Jim Multeri 256-852-0788

Building & Maintenance: Joe Andrzejewski 256-430-3486

Care Ministry: Deacon Jim Multeri 256-852-0788

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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

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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

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

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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.

Mercy Parish 3rd Annual Bless Fest

Reminder—Saturday, May 3rd from 12:30pm-2:30pm
And

Sunday, May 4th from 12:30pm-2:30pm. Lots of enjoyable booths and food. Come! Enjoy!

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

April 27	Catholic Home Missions
	Building Fund
May 4	Religious Education
May 11	Building & Renovations Fund

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Weekly Estimated Expenses	\$	10,358.66
Weekly Collection Mar. 22/23	\$	3,165.00
Religious Education	\$	30.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	1,170.00
Building Fund	\$	115.00
Building & Renovations Fund	\$	85.00
Seminarian Education Fund	\$	645.00
Black & Indian Missions	\$	10.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$	80.00
Disaster Relief	\$	45.00
Easter	\$	6,901.10