

# OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE

## CATHOLIC CHURCH



### June 1, 2025 — The Ascension of the Lord

#### You are the Witness of these things

Jesus gave his apostles both the power and the authority to speak and to act in his name. He commanded them to do the works which he did - to heal the sick, to cast out evil spirits, and to speak the word of God - the good news of the gospel which they received from Jesus. When Jesus spoke of power and authority he did something unheard of. He wedded power and authority with self-sacrificing love and humility.

The Lord wants his disciples to be dependent on him and not on themselves. He wills to work in and through each of us for his glory. When we are ready to use the spiritual authority and power which God wishes we to exercise on his behalf, the Lord entrusts us with his gifts and talents.

Actually, in the teaching of the Catholic Church, the parents are the first missionaries, the first catechists and the first teachers to their children. They got this responsibility of first teachers when the child was baptized. They took the oath before God and the church through the minister that they are going to pass this faith to the child.

Many still have the idea that the call of Christ is addressed only to apostles and their successors, the bishops. This is not true today. All of us are called by God to be missionaries, proclaimers and witnesses to others of His Words. Vatican II document entitled, "On the Apostolate of the Laity" said: "Incorporated into Christ's Mystical Body through Baptism and strengthened by the Spirit through Confirmation, the laity are assigned to the apostolate by the Lord Himself." So, whatever your call may be, you are sent out "to preach, heal, teach and witness to the good news," in short, to evangelize.

Yes, my dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, make sure in your heart always that you are called to be a Witness for Christ in this world, otherwise known as a Missionary for Christ, called by Jesus to proclaim. It is our responsibility to practice that in our daily lives. Let us Pray: Lord Jesus, make me a channel of your healing power and merciful love. Free me from all the attachments of this world, that I may joyfully pursue the treasure of your heavenly kingdom. May I preach the joy of the Gospel both in word and deed. 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:**

Church during renovation

**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 Church during renovation**

## WEEKLY READINGS

### Sunday – June 1

The Ascension of the Lord  
Acts 1: 1-11/Eph 1: 17-23/Lk 24: 46-53

### Monday – June 2

Easter Weekday  
Acts 19: 1-8/Jn 16: 29-33

### Tuesday – June 3

St. Charles Lwanga and Companions  
Acts 20: 17-27/Jn 17: 1-11a

### Wednesday – June 4

Easter Weekday  
Acts 20: 28-38/Jn 17: 11b-19

### Thursday – June 5

St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr  
Acts 22: 30; 23: 6-11/Jn 17: 20-26

### Friday – June 6

Easter Weekday  
Acts 25: 13b-21/Jn 21: 15-19

### Saturday – June 7

Easter Weekday  
Acts 28: 16-20, 30-31/Jn 21: 20-25

### Sunday – June 8

Pentecost Sunday

### Pentecost Vigil Prayer Service

The Pentecost Vigil Service after the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, June 7th is from 6:15-8:30pm. Join the prayer group for a special time to celebrate this most important feast. Beginning with a short social, we will follow with a reflection on the relationships between Pentecost and the salvation message, sacraments, spiritual growth and spiritual gifts. Then there will be silent prayer, meditations and devotional music to

*The altar flowers are in Memory of*

*John O'Brien*

By: Elizabeth O'Brien



### Wedding Anniversaries

Jose & Christine Cuevas  
William & Sheila Graveline



### 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, Fred & Margaret Dorsey, Cathy McCoy, Teresa Wilson, Mary Stumpe, Riley Scott, Patti Barnard, Patricia Jackson 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.	May 31	5:00PM	The McClure Family † Barbara Spindler †
Sun.	June 1	8:00AM	Ed & Barbara Stluka †
		10:00AM	John O'Brien †
Tues.	June 3	12:00PM	Communion Service
Wed.	June 4	12:00PM	Communion Service
Thurs.	June 5	12:00PM	Communion Service
Fri.	June 6	12:00PM	Edmund Patrick Vail † The Kessler Family †
Sat.	June 7	5:00PM	Michael Smith †
Sun.	June 8	8:00AM	Albert Rich † Dave Shearburn †
		10:00AM	Isaac Wheeler (I) Gabe Pullman (I)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun. June 1	OLQU Breakfast	8:45AM
Wed. June 4	"The Greatest Gift"	9:00AM
Fri. June 6	Healing Mass St. Andrew's Table follows	12:00PM
Sat. June 7	Adoration Mass Pentecost Prayer Vigil	7:30AM 8:00AM 6:30PM
Sun, June 8	Pentecost Sunday	

### Ireland Pilgrimage

Please pray for Fr. Charley and those who have enjoyed this pilgrimage to Ireland as they come home Thursday.

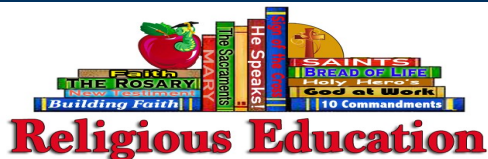


St. Andrew's Table will meet Friday, June 6th after the Healing Mass. Please come and join us for food and fellow-

Severe Weather When bad weather is forecasted to come through this area: icy roads, tornadoes etc, at a scheduled Mass time, please stay at home and be safe. Father Charley will close the church on these occasions.

### Portrait Café Directory 2025 Pictures

There are a few pictures to be picked up in the parish office. Please call to make arrangements to pick them



## Religious Education

**2025-26 REGISTRATION IS OPEN**

SUNDAY CLASS SCHEDULE

All Grades Preschool* thru 10th	11:00 AM - Noon
First Sacrament Class 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	11:00 AM - Noon
Confirmation 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	11:00 AM - Noon

\*Preschool (age 3 by Sept. 1st & potty trained)

Registration forms are at the display in the gathering area.

## O.C.I.A.

### ORDER of CHRISTIAN INITIATION of ADULTS

The RCIA faith formation program is now known as the **O.C.I.A.** The name has changed just a bit, but it's still the same initiation process for adults who are interested in learning more about our beautiful Catholic faith.

Our introductory evening for the 2025-26 session will be Tuesday, August 26th, at 6 PM. All are welcome to join us on the *journey of faith!*



## CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

### St. John Paul II Catholic High School

Registration for the 2025 JPIL Summer Camp is open! Join the fun this summer. Enjoy many new and different camps. Visit [www.jp2falcons.org](http://www.jp2falcons.org) today.

Grade levels are for the 2025-2026 school year. Most camps are held at St. John Paul II Catholic High School. 7301 Old Madison Pike NW, Huntsville, AL. Email [camps@jp2falcons.org](mailto:camps@jp2falcons.org) for more information.

### Holy Family School

Applications for the School Calendar Year 2025-2026 are now being taken. Please contact HFS at 256-539-5221 or email of [fice@hfscatholic.com](mailto:fice@hfscatholic.com) with any questions.

## MUSIC \* YOUTH MINISTRY \* LITURGY NEWS

### Youth Ministry Upcoming Events

Summer Events  
coming soon!!!

### 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](mailto:mark@olqu.org) or call at 256-852-0788.

### Music Ministry

Music Ministry is opening auditions for vocalists and instrumentalists for the 2025-2026 year. Please contact Mark Blackburn if you are interested in joining the music program to glorify God through music. Music ministry will also offer lessons for all parishioners who wish to learn an instrument or work on singing skills. No prior experience necessary. Again, contact Mark at [mark@olqu.org](mailto:mark@olqu.org) if you are interest-

## MINISTRIES \* NEWS \* EVENTS

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

Pope Francis



Constant Contact

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](mailto:mark@olqu.org) or office at [fice@olqu.org](mailto:fice@olqu.org) with your name and preferred email address.

**Loving Hands:** We are about to begin a new year. If you have a little extra time on your hands please think about volunteering for the small ministry. A small group of dedicated women have carried on the task of polishing the solid oak pews and dusting/swiffering the floors twice a month ever since this church began. Would you like to join this group? Do you have time to fill in as a substitute if one of the regulars needs to be absent? We meet at 9:30AM on the first and third Thursdays of the month. Volunteers are most welcome to join us. Call Carol Lee

**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.



### OLQU Office Contact Information

**Reverend Charley Alookaran, Pastor**

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**Donna Pillarella, Parish Secretary**

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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

**Grief Ministry:** Almareta 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

**Money Counters:** Pat Spinelli 256-830-4135

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

**Prayer Shawl** Donna Pillarella 256-852-0788

**Queen Bees:** Claudia McClure 256-337-6986

**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

### Mass Intentions

We have many weekday dates available for those who wish to schedule a Mass. Please contact the parish office at

### 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...**

### NEWS



#### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Easter brings us new hope. Let us bring new hope to our marriages by attending a Marriage Encounter Experience to learn how Jesus gives us the graces for a strong Sacrament. The next WWME will be a virtual one hosted by the WWME community. It is scheduled for June 6-8. A \$100 Non-refundable registration fee applies. Early registration is highly recommended. Sign up at [wwme.org/apply](http://wwme.org/apply) (look for weekends in Atlanta). For more information contact:

#### *Widows & Widowers Lunch*

The Widows and Widowers group will meet for lunch on Thursday, June 12th at Bonefish Grill, 4800 Whitesburg Drive, Huntsville. Please call or text Colet at 256-880-5886 by June 10th for information, reservations or cancellations. Newcomers are always welcome. They are an informal group that gathers monthly for fellowship and to enjoy a meal at

"We just cannot worry about ourselves"  
Pope Francis

#### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

June 1	Religious Education
June 8	Building & Renovations Fund
June 15	Seminarian Education Fund
	St. Vincent de Paul

#### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Weekly Estimated Expenses	\$	10,358.66
Weekly Collection May 24/25	\$	6,453.00
Religious Education	\$	-0-
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	176.00
Building Fund	\$	3,166.00
Building & Renovations Fund	\$	27.00
Seminarian Education Fund	\$	300.00
Disaster Relief	\$	155.00