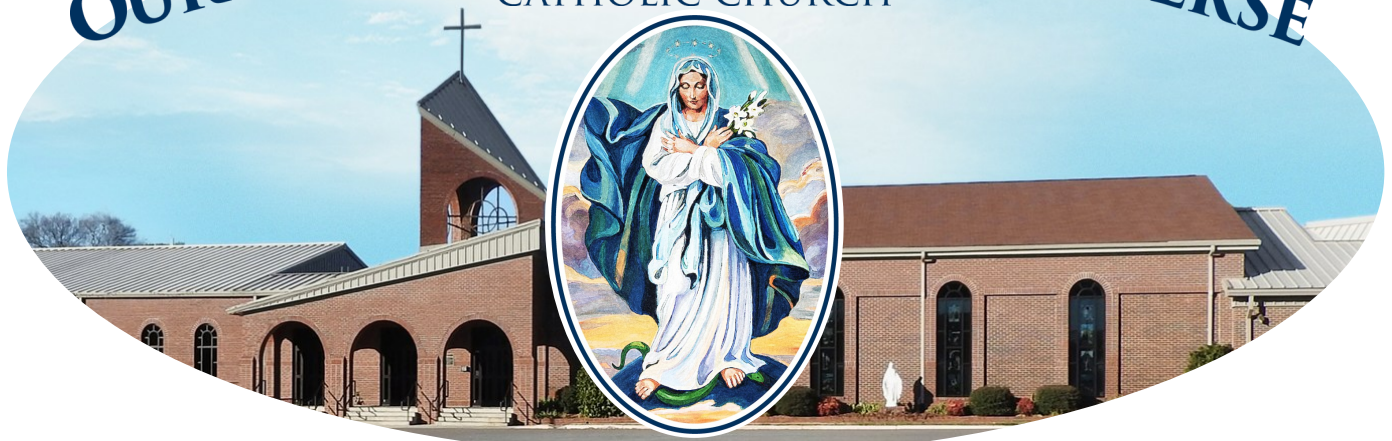


# OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE

## CATHOLIC CHURCH



**May 25, 2025 — Sixth Sunday of Easter**

### Accept God's Will

Balu was a very humble and God-fearing man. He was very knowledgeable about many things in the world. One day while he was traveling along the mountain side, he found a green piece of rock on the side of the mountain. As soon as he saw it, he realized that it was a precious and very costly stone. Balu decided to give that precious stone as a great gift to the king. So, he gave the gemstone as a gift to him, but the King's advisory team told the king that it was not a gemstone. It was only an ordinary stone and Balu was trying to deceive the king. The King was so angry with Balu that he put him in prison for trying to cheat the king. They cut off his toes as a punishment. Though they tried to punish him cruelly, Balu was not giving up his effort. After a few years, the king died and a new king came in his place. Balu again took the green gem to the New king and presented it to him as a gift. The king called the gem experts and asked them to verify it, and the gem experts said this was the costliest gem in the world. The value of it was huge, and the king was very much taken by that. He called Balu to come to the Palace and receive great gifts he had for him.

As we hear in today's gospel: Whoever loves me will keep my word and my Father will love him. We shall do everything for the greater glory of God always. Without the knowledge of God nothing will happen to us. We shall always Pray that God's will be done in our lives in all the circumstances of our lives. Accept God's will and God will help us to do things accordingly.

As Jesus tells us: "For human beings it is impossible, but for God All things are Possible." Wait for God's response, the time will come. Do not be afraid. Whatever God's will is, that will happen to us. It may take time, but surely it will take place. So, do not be afraid about what human beings say. Depend on God's will. May God bless you all.

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 – May 25

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 15: 12, 22,-29/Rev 21: 10-14, 22-23/Jn 14: 23-29

### Monday – May 26

St. Philip Neri, Priest

Acts 16: 11-15/Jn 15: 26—16: 4a

### Tuesday – May 27

Easter Weekday

Acts 16: 22-34/Jn 16: 5-11

### Wednesday – May 28

Easter Weekday

Acts 17: 15, 22—18: 1/Jn 16: 12-15

### Thursday – May 29

Easter Weekday

Acts 18: 1-8/Jn 16: 16-20

### Friday – May 30

Easter Weekday

Acts 18: 9-18/Jn 16: 20-23

### Saturday – May 31

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Zep 3: 14-18a/Rom 12: 9-16/Lk 1: 39-56

### Sunday – June 1

The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1: 1-11/ Eph 1: 17-23/Lk 24: 46-53

## OLQU African Community

The OLQU African Community would like to thank our Parish Family for your presence and donations at our "Taste of Africa: event to support our Building Fund. We could not have had the success we did without you. A special thank you to Fr. Charley for allowing us to showcase some of our African Culture. We welcome your feedback for improvement as we prayerfully ask for your continued support at our future fund-raising event.

*The altar flowers are in Memory of*

*The Vu Family*

By: Kim Tran



## Wedding Anniversaries

Jay & Bridget Cloys

William & Ina Cacioppo



## 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.

*For the deceased:*

## 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 24	5:00PM	The Vu Family † Stephen Corsale †
Sun.	May 25	8:00AM	Barbara Chandler † Amelia Tan (I)
		10:00AM	William Fideli † Bob Pullman (I)
Tues.	May 27	12:00PM	Communion Service
Wed.	May 28	12:00PM	Communion Service
Thurs.	May 29	12:00PM	Communion Service
Fri.	May 30	12:00PM	Communion Service
Sat.	May 31	5:00PM	The Mc Clure Family † Barbara Spindler †
Sun.	June 1	8:00AM	Ed & Barbara Stluka †
		10:00AM	John O'Brien † Morry Mack †

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun. May 25	Youth Group Game Night	4:30PM
Tues May 27-Fri. May 29	Communion Services	12:00PM
Sun. May 25	Memorial Day Weekend	
Wed. May 28	Men's Club	6:00PM
Thurs. May 29	Charismatic Prayer Group	7:00PM
Wed. June 4	"The Greatest Gift"	9:00AM
Fri. June 6	Healing Mass	12:00PM
	St. Andrew's Table	
Sat. June 7	Adoration	7:30AM
	Mass	8:00AM
	Pentecost Prayer Vigil	6:30PM

## Ireland Pilgrimage

Please pray for Fr. Charley and those leaving on their pilgrimage to Ireland on Tuesday, May 27th.



## Memorial Day

On this Memorial Day weekend we remember all the men and women who died for our country. They loved the USA and fought so we can continue to have freedoms they believed in.

Have a safe holiday weekend.



## Portrait Café Directory 2025 Pictures

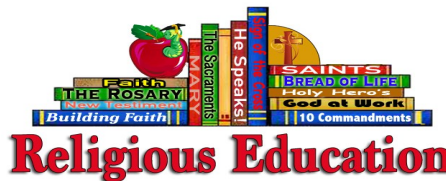
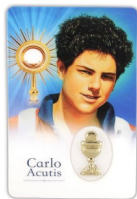
There are a few pictures to be picked up on the round table in the Gathering Area. Please take them home and enjoy them.

**"The Greatest Gift"**

We are hosting a morning of activities on the wonder of the Eucharist for children ages 5—12 years old.

**Wed., June 4th, 9 AM - Noon Register by May 25th!**

No fee is required; just registration info for planning purposes. St. Joseph's and St. Mary of the Visitation parishes are also participating in this special event. Please see display in the gathering area for a form or use this QR code to register online.

**Religious Education**

Parents: It's not too early to prepare for our **2025-26 RE classes!**

Registration begins in June!

**SUNDAY CLASS SCHEDULE**

All Grades Preschool* & up	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)	

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS****St. John Paul II Catholic High School**

Registration for the 2025 JP2 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 [office@hfscatholic.com](mailto:office@hfscatholic.com) with any questions.

**MUSIC \* YOUTH MINISTRY \* LITURGY NEWS****Youth Ministry  
Upcoming Events**

Youth Group will have its annual "Game Night" on May 25th. Families are welcome to participate. We will have hamburgers & hot dogs. This will be a time for fellowship, games and food. Bring a friend, an appetite and some sportsmanship.

**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 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](mailto: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**

**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.

**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](mailto:deaconjim@olqu.org).

**May: The Month of Mary**

A few suggestions for this month of May as it is a good time to remember the mysteries of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Begin each day with the Hail Mary, the Memorare, the Hail Holy Queen, or the Angelus/Regina Coeli. Pray the Rosary daily and remember her for these events: The Immaculate Conception, The Annunciation, The Visitation, The Nativity, The Wedding at Cana, Our Lady of the Rosary and the Assumption. Perhaps a Novena to Mary is a good way to make the month of May special for you.

Life is a journey. When we stop things don't go right"

Pope Francis



## OLQU Office Contact Information

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**Juan Mark Blackburn SDS, Director of Music and Youth Ministry**

mark@olqu.org | youthministry@olqu.org

**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

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**Altar Servers:** Jared Ebelhar 256-684-8385

**Arts & Environment:** Beth Anderson 256-852-8734

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**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:** 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

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

**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

**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 256-852-0788. The stipend is \$10.00 per Mass.

## **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**



### **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: Doug & Maureen Newlands at 678-242-9963.

### **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](http://campstbernard.com) or email John Arndt, the Camp Director at [campstbernard@gmail.com](mailto:campstbernard@gmail.com).

## **SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

May 25	Building Fund
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 17/18	\$	6,539.00
Religious Education	\$	25.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	1,097.00
Building Fund	\$	539.00
Building & Renovations Fund	\$	85.00
Seminarian Education Fund	\$	1,012.00
Disaster Relief	\$	20.00
Easter	\$	50.00