

OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE

CATHOLIC CHURCH



May 4, 2025 — Third Sunday of Easter

Do You Love the Risen Lord Jesus above All Else?

There are two places in Scripture where the curious detail of a “charcoal fire” is mentioned. One is in today’s Gospel, where the Apostles return from fishing to find bread and fish warming on the fire. The other is in the scene in the High Priest’s courtyard on Holy Thursday, where Peter and some guards and slaves warm themselves while Jesus is being interrogated inside.

At the first fire, Peter denied knowing Jesus three times, as Jesus had predicted. Today’s charcoal fire becomes the scene of Peter’s repentance, as three times Jesus asks him to make a profession of love. Jesus’ thrice repeated command “feed My sheep” shows that Peter is being appointed as the shepherd of the Lord’s entire flock, the head of His Church.

Jesus’ question: “Do you love me more than these?” is a pointed reminder of Peter’s pledge to lay down his life for Jesus, even if the other Apostles might weaken.

Jesus then explains just what Peter’s love and leadership will require, foretelling Peter’s death by crucifixion (“you will stretch out your hands”). Before His own death, Jesus had warned the Apostles that they would be hated as He was hated, that they would suffer as He suffered.

We see the beginnings of that persecution in today’s First Reading. Flogged as Jesus was, the Apostles nonetheless leave “rejoicing that they have been found worthy to suffer.” Their joy is based on their faith that God will change their “mourning into dancing,” as we sing in today’s Psalm. By their sufferings, they know, they will be counted worthy to stand in heaven before “the Lamb that was slain,” a scene glimpsed in today’s Second Reading.

The Lord Jesus calls each one of us, even in our personal struggles, weakness, and sin, to draw near to him as our merciful Healer and Savior. He invites us to choose him as our Lord and to love him above all else. What can hold us back from giving him our undivided love and unqualified loyalty (Romans 8:38-39)? Nothing but our own sinful pride and stubborn will, and blind fear can hold us back from receiving his gracious forgiveness, loving kindness, and faithful love. God’s abundant grace (favor and blessing) is a free and unmerited gift, far beyond what we deserve or could possibly hope to obtain through our own means. We can never outmatch God in generosity and goodness. He loved us first and our love for him is a response to his exceeding grace and mercy.

We shall also say YES to His call. In all the situations of life we are for Him and do His will. God Bless us all to be happy and joyful in our “Calls”.

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 – May 4,

Third Sunday of Lent

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

Monday – May 5

Easter Weekday

Acts 6: 8-15/Jn 6: 22-29

Tuesday – May 6

Easter Weekday

Acts 7: 51-8:: 1a/Jn6: 30-35

Wednesday – May 7

Easter Weekday

Acts 8: 1b-8/Jn 6: 35-40

Thursday – May 8

Easter Weekday

Acts8: 26-40/Jn 6: 44-51

Friday – May 9

Easter Weekday

Acts 9: 1-20/Jn 6: 52-59

Saturday – May 10

Easter Weekday

Acts 9: 31-42/Jn 6: 60-69

Sunday – May 11

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 13: 14, 43-52/Rev 7: 9, 14b-17/Jn 10: 27-30

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 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, Fred & Margaret Dorsey, Cathy McCoy, Teresa Wilson, Mary Stumpe and all those in our parish community in need of physical or spiritual healing.

For the deceased:

Pope Francis

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 3	5:00PM	Pope Francis † The Vu Family † Democrito Dummer †
Sun.	May 4	8:00AM	Pope Francis † The Vu Family †
		10:00AM	Pope Francis † John O'Brien † Jim Correia †
Tues.	May 6	12:00PM	Communion Service
Wed.	May 7	12:00PM	Communion Service
Thurs.	May 8	12:00PM	Communion Service
Fri.	May 9	12:00PM	Communion Service
Sat.	May 10	5:00PM	Pope Francis † Rose Ann Nussberger† The Souls in Purgatory †
Sun.	May 11	8:00AM	Pope Francis † Nita Baldelmar †
		10:00AM	Pope Francis † Larry Howell † Jen Anne Mance †

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun. May 4	OLQU Breakfast	8:45 AM
	May Crowning	10:00 AM
Tues. May 6	Marian Bell Rehearsal	3:30 PM
Wed. May 7	Men's Club Meeting	6:00 PM
	St. Mary's Choir	6:30 PM
Thurs. May 8	Charismatic Prayer Group	7:00 PM
Sun. May 11	Mother's Day	
Mon. May 12	Chain Rosary	7:00 AM—8:00PM

High School & College Graduates If you are/ 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

Wedding Anniversaries

Jose & Lorena Campuzano

Peterson & Juliana Njoku

Charles & Julie Owens, Kumar & Mary Scariya

The altar flowers are in Memory of

Jim Correia

By: Marilyn Correia



**"PERFECT ATTENDANCE & HONORABLE MENTIONS"**

HUGE CONGRATS to these students and their parents for achieving perfect attendance this year!!

6th Gr. Emmanuel Enyong

8th Gr. Jacquemma Enyong

10th Gr. Daniella Enyong & Jordan Francisco

These students only had one absence: Cole Andre, Alexis Andre, Julien Graham, All'Wyn Graham, Jeremiah Ngwese, Brennan Pry, and Brianna Wilkinson. **Congratulations to ALL our students** for completing another year of faith formation! Special thanks to the catechists for their dedication! Keep your light shining bright in the name of Jesus Christ!

**"The Greatest Gift"**

We are hosting a morning of activities on the wonder of the Eucharist!

Wednesday, June 4th from 9 AM—Noon

Children ages 5 to 12 years old are invited.

No fee is required; just a registration form 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.

**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

There are still spots available for the Fr. Louis Giardino Falcon Golf Classic on Monday, May 12th. At the Huntsville Country Club. Lunch is at 11:30 AM and a shotgun starts at 1:00 PM. This Benefits the JP II Athletics. More Info available at www.jp2falconsathletics.org/golf-classic.

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**

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 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**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, or the Memorare, the Hail Holy Queen, or the Angelus. 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 off the Rosary and the Assumption. Perhaps a Novena to Mary is a good way to make the month of May special for you.

April New Members

Please welcome Marilyn Wager, Brad & Lisa Smith, Julia Robertson & James Robertson, Steve & Mary Potts to our OLQU family.

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.

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

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: 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

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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



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Easter brings us new hope. Let us bring new hope to Our marriage 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 6-8t. A \$100 Non-refundable registration fee applies. Early registration is highly recommended. Sign up at 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 or email John Arndt, the Camp Director at campstbernard@gmail.com.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

May 4	Religious Education
May 11	Building & Renovations Fund
May 18	Seminarian Education Fund
	St. Vincent de Paul

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Weekly Estimated Expenses	\$	10,358.66
Weekly Collection Apr. 26-27	\$	5,743.00
Religious Education	\$	116.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	444.00
Building Fund	\$	1,046.00
Building & Renovations Fund	\$	101.00
Seminarian Education Fund	\$	219.00
Catholic Mission Appeal	\$	633.00
Disaster Relief	\$	215.00
Easter	\$	214.00