

OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE

Catholic Parish



February 15, 2026 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“I have not come to abolish the Law, but to fulfill.”

In today’s Gospel, Jesus invites us to look deeper—not only at our actions, but at the movements of our hearts. He reminds us that He has not come to abolish the Law, but to bring it to completion. The commandments are not burdens but pathways to freedom, and Jesus calls us to live them with sincerity, integrity, and love.

The law of the New Covenant is a law that God writes on the heart. The heart is the seat of our motivations, the place from which our words and actions proceed. Jesus this week calls us to train our hearts, to master our passions and emotions. And Jesus demands the full obedience of our hearts. He calls us to love God with all our hearts and to do His will from the heart. God never demands more than what we are capable of doing. That is the message of this week’s First Reading.

He speaks about anger, judgment, reconciliation, and marriage, not as isolated rules but as expressions of a heart aligned with God. Anger, when left unchecked, can harden into resentment. Judgment can fracture relationships. Broken promises can wound deeply. Jesus challenges us to go beyond minimal obedience and to cultivate a heart that seeks peace, forgiveness, and fidelity.

Reconciliation stands at the center of His message. “Leave your gift at the altar,” He says, “and be reconciled with your brother or sister.” True worship begins with a heart at peace. As disciples, we are called to be healers—people who mend, restore, and build up rather than tear down.

This teaching prepares us beautifully for the coming season of Lent, which begins this year on Ash Wednesday, February 18. Lent is a sacred time to examine our hearts, repair what is broken, and return to the Lord with renewed purpose. The ashes placed on our foreheads remind us of our need for God’s mercy and our desire to walk more faithfully in His ways.

As we approach Lent, let us ask: Where do I need healing? Who do I need to forgive? What habits or attitudes keep me from loving as Christ loves?

May this week be a gentle invitation to prepare our hearts—so that when we receive the ashes, we do so with humility, honesty, and hope.

Let us Prayer: Lord Jesus, fulfill Your law of love within my heart. Heal my anger, soften my judgments, and strengthen my commitment to reconciliation and fidelity. As Lent approaches, prepare me to return to You with a renewed spirit. Amen.

Love and Prayers, Fr. Charley

MASS SCHEDULE

Mass Schedule/Horario de Misas

Saturday/Sábado 5:00pm (Vigil)

Sunday/Domingo—8:00am & 10:00am

Rosary/Santo Rosario—Saturday/Sábado 4:30pm,

Sunday/Domingo 7:30am/9:25am

Weekday Mass Schedule/Horario Semanal de Misas

Tuesday/Martes; Wednesday/Miércoles; Thursday/Jueves & Friday/Viernes—Chapel/La capilla

12 Noon/12Mediodía Rosary;/Santo Rosario—11:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confesiones

Saturday/Sábado - 3:30—4:30pm

First Friday-Healing Mass/Primera Viernes Sanación Misas

12 pm/12 Mediodía

Exposition of the Holy Eucharist/Exposición del Santísimo

Sacramento 11:00am

First Saturday morning Mass/Primera Sábado Misas— 8:00 am

Adoration/Adoración Eucarística— 7:30am

WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday – February 15

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir 15: 15-20/1 Cor 2: 6-10/Mt 5: 17-37

Monday – February 16

Weekday
Jas 1: 1-11/Mk 8: 11-13

Tuesday – February 17

Weekday
Jas 1: 12-18/Mk 8: 14-21

Wednesday – February 18

Ash Wednesday
Jl 2: 12-18/2 Cor 5: 20-6: 2/Mt 6: 1-6, 16-18

Thursday – February 19

Thursday after Ash Wednesday
Dt 30: 15-20/Lk 9: 22-25

Friday – February 20

Friday after Ash Wednesday
Is 58: 1-9a/Mt 9: 14-15

Saturday – February 21

Saturday after Ash Wednesday
Is 58: 9b-14/Lk 5: 27-32

Sunday – February 22

First Sunday of Lent
Gn 2: 7-9; 3: 1-7/Rom 5: 12-19/Mt 4: 1-11

Lent 2026 begins this Wednesday, Ash Wednesday. As Catholics we celebrate Lent as a 40 day season of spiritual preparation for Easter. It is time of reflection, prayer, and penance. It also is a time of fasting and almsgiving, preparing hearts for Good Friday. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are fast days and all Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence (meatless) for all over 14—65 who are healthy. Please have a prayerful Lent.

Wedding Anniversary

Lamar & Yvonne King, Javier Rivera & Miriam Ruiz
Daniel & Catherine Todorowski



Let us Pray for the Living and the Deceased

For the living:

Patricia Thomas, Mary Lou Zurowski, Paul Shea, Helen Bill-Cash, Fred & Margaret Dorsey, Bill Andre, Arthur Nussberger, Donna Murray, Lisa Connor, Maria Nolen, Lucy Sinopole, Jean Matjazic, Giana Andrews, Peyton Martin, Ed Cattadoris, Jason Geary, Kaitlyn Pacey, Michael Vallante

For the deceased:

Parishioner Bill Whalen, husband of Townley Whalen, and for 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.	Feb. 14	5:00PM	Barbara Cassani † Albert Corsale †
Sun.	Feb. 15	8:00AM	Amara Hammer † Quinton Martin †
		10:00AM	Cindy Turner † Stanley Smith †
Tues.	Feb. 17	12:00PM	Ouseph Alookaran †
Wed	Feb. 18	12:00PM	The Souls in Purgatory †
Thurs.	Feb. 19	12:00PM	The Souls in Purgatory †
Fri.	Feb. 20	12:00PM	Gretchen Pump †
Sat.	Feb. 21	5:00PM	The Vu Family † Arlene Steckler †
Sun.	Feb. 22	8:00AM	Tom Heath † Joe Miller †
		10:00AM	Ann Glass † Mrs. Henry Stromberg †

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat. Feb 14 & Sun. Feb. 15	Bake Sale After all Masses	
Wed. Feb. 18	Ash Wednesday Masses and Ashes Grief Ministry	7am/12noon/6pm 12:30pm
Fri. Feb. 20	Fish Fry Stations of the Cross	4:00om 6:00pm
Sun. Feb 22	OLQU Breakfast Youth Group Youth Music Rehearsal	8:45am 12:15pm 12:15pm
Mon. Feb. 23	Mass Stations of the Cross Rosary	5:00pm

Service for Bill Whalen

Thursday, February 19th at Noon there will be a funeral service at OLQU for our parishioner Bill Whalen. Visitation will begin at 11:15am with Rosary at 11:30am.

Monday Masses

Fr. Charley will celebrate Mass on Mondays at 5:00pm during Lent along with Stations of the Cross and Rosary. Please come and participate in these extra Lenten Masses.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

“Let your Yes mean Yes”

The readings this week refer to God's commandments. God gives us freedom to choose good and to avoid evil. Some laws come from human authorities to keep things under control. People can find ways to get around some human laws. God's law is different; it always has consequences, because it comes from the way God made things and wants them to be. God wants to write his law in our hearts. He reveals it perfectly in Jesus who reminds us to live the commandments fully. *MagnifiKid! Vol. 23; Feb. 15, 2026; Pg. 2, 8-9.*

The **MagnifiKid** missalette is available each week in the gathering area for children ages 6—12 to use during the Mass and to take home afterward.

A special *THANK YOU* to those who graciously provided baked goods for the Confirmation class bake sale. The proceeds will support their retreat at *The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament* on Sat., Feb. 21st, in Hanceville, AL. ❤️



FATHER'S SUNDAY GOSPEL COLORING CONTEST is for students in 1st—4th grade to connect with the gospel reading each week. Coloring sheets are available at the display in the gathering area. Father really enjoys the kids participating.



CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

Saint John Paul II High School—Custodian

The custodian plays a vital role in maintaining a clean, safe, and welcoming environment for students, staff, and visitors at St. John Paul II Catholic High School. This position is responsible for the upkeep of school buildings and grounds, managing the school's lunch program, and assisting with receiving/storage school supplies and deliveries. Handling of other responsibilities as needed. Maintaining an alignment with the school's mission and Catholic values. Applicants who have the qualifications and expertise are encouraged to apply by sending a cover letter etc. to Diane Olszewski at dolszewski@jp2falcons.org

YOUTH MINISTRY * LITURGY MINISTRY * MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

Youth Ministry

Youth Group meets at 12:15pm in the Youth Room.

Please contact Mr. Mark with any questions at mark@olqu.org.

Music

Why Your Child Should Participate in Church Music

Catholic children's choirs fulfill both personal and spiritual development. Children learn to worship through music, learning about their faith, and developing musical skills. They grow in confidence and the important skill of teamwork. The choir's primary gift is liturgical, adding to the worship of God by performing sacred music. This helps the congregation in its prayer. In addition to this, participation creates a sense of community, teaches discipline, and grows social skills.

Act of Worship: Children offer their voices in worship, glorifying God through sacred music during the Mass and other liturgies.

Learning about Faith: Songs and hymns help children learn and internalize key truths about their faith.

Enhanced worship experience: Singing in the choir can help children feel a deeper connection to the presence of God during worship.

MINISTRIES * NEWS * EVENTS

Mass Intentions

We have dates available for those who wish to have a Mass requested for loved ones living or deceased. Contact the parish office at 256-852-0788. The stipend is \$10.00 per Mass.

OLQU Easter Baskets

If you are a parishioner or know a parishioner who is in need of an Easter food basket please contact the parish office at 256-852-0788 before March 15th



Holy Family School is hosting a Nite at the Races on Saturday, March 7, 2026 at St. Joseph Church/ Father Messmer Center Gym. Food and Drinks are available for purchase beginning at 6:30pm and racing starts at 7:00pm. No entry fee to attend!

This is an Adult Only event. To purchase a horse for \$25 each contact Mark Wiegmann at 256-683-5462.

New Members January 2026

Elvis Baidoo, Sylvia Richardson, Deandre Jamar

OLQU Office Contact Information

Reverend Charley Alookaran, Pastor

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Susan Turner, Director of Religious Education

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Juan Mark Blackburn SDS, Director of Music and Youth Ministry

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Donna Pillarella, Parish Secretary

OLQU Parish Office Contact:

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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: Rafael Urrutia	915-227-9509
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: Jay Hammer	256-337-1016
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
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
Women's Club:	
Youth Ministry: Mark Blackburn, Director	256-852-0788

"Our work is to enlarge the tent and let everyone know they are welcome in the Church."

Pope Leo XIV

SOCIAL CONCERNS & FOOD PANTRY

St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) Pantry

Needs: peanut butter, canned corn, beans, complete meals, (Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, Pasta mixes) canned meat, mashed potatoes, pasta, pasta sauce, cake mix, icing, oatmeal cookies, crackers, corn meal mix, flour, sugar, pancake mix, syrup, jelly, Jello, pudding, cereal, coffee, tea, toiletries (soap, shapoo, conditioner, etc)

The SVdP Office requests no glass containers and they can't accept fresh fruit or vegetables.

We need additional help in the SVdP office on Tuesdays. if you can help one or two days a month, please contact us at 256-852-2899 or email us at help@olqusvdp.org.

PLEASE HELP US HELP THE POOR

General Information

The Catholic Center of Concern clothes closet is open Mondays and Wednesdays 9am-1pm. The diaper bank is open Monday—Friday 8 am-3 pm. Donations are accepted Monday –Friday.

Volunteers support these efforts every day. To volunteer contact info@catholiccenterforconcernhsv.org.

The emergency utility assistance program line is open Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays 9-11am and 1-3pm.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

February 15	Seminarian Education Fund St. Vincent de Paul
February 22	Black & Indian Missions Building Fund

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Weekly Estimated Expenses	\$	10,595.19
Weekly Collection Feb 7/8	\$	8,757.00
Religious Education	\$	95.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	197.00
Building Fund	\$	147.00
Building & Renovations	\$	1,782.00
Seminarian Education Fund	\$	217.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$	40.00
Disaster Relief	\$	89.00
Black & Indian Missions	\$	92.00