

OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE

Catholic Parish



April 5, 2026 — Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Happy Easter to you all

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Alleluia! Christ is risen! As we gather to celebrate the glorious mystery of Easter, our hearts are filled with gratitude and joy. The empty tomb proclaims the victory of life over death, hope over despair, and light over every darkness. Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord, walks with us, renews us, and invites us to share in the new life He offers.

This Easter, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to all of you who journeyed faithfully through the Lenten season. Your prayer, fasting, and acts of charity have strengthened our parish community and opened many hearts to God's grace. I am especially grateful to everyone who participated in our Lenten services—those who attended the Stations of the Cross, joined our parish missions, prayed in adoration, and supported our outreach efforts. Your presence and devotion made this season truly meaningful.

Throughout Lent, we walked with Christ in the desert, listened to His call to conversion, and prepared our hearts for the Paschal Mystery. Now, as we stand before the empty tomb, we are reminded that no sin, no sorrow, and no burden is greater than the love of God. The Resurrection assures us that God is always doing something new, always bringing life where we least expect it.

May this Easter season fill your homes with peace, your hearts with hope, and your lives with the joy that only the Risen Christ can give. Let us continue to support one another, pray for one another, and walk together as a parish family renewed in faith.

Thank you for your generosity, your service, and your love for our parish. May the blessings of the Risen Lord be with you and your loved ones today and always.

Let us Prayer: Risen Lord Jesus, fill our hearts with Your peace and our lives with Your joy. Renew our faith, strengthen our hope, and deepen our love. Bless our parish family and guide us always in Your light. 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

Weekly Readings can be found in the USCCB
bible@usccb.org

SEASON OF EASTER

Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday, April 12th is Divine Mercy Sunday and we will recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet before the 5:00 pm & 8 am Masses. The Choir will sing the Chaplet after the 10:00am Mass. Please join us at one of the Masses.

Prayer Meeting Special: Thursday, April 9, **Night of Joy**, a free online event from the University of Steubenville from 6:00-8:00pm, celebrating the enduring power of Easter. This program will have speakers and worship, plus time for personal prayer.

Baptism Preparation Class

Deacon Jim Multeri is holding a Baptism Preparation class on Thursday, April 16th at 4:00 pm. If you need to take this class to have your child baptized, or if you need to take a class to become a Godparent please contact him at 256-852-0788.

New to our parish? If you are visiting our parish and are interested in joining our Catholic Family, registration forms are available in the gathering area or at the parish office (office hours are Tues.- Fri. 9am –3pm). Fill one out and drop it into a collection basket or bring it to the parish office.

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.

Wedding Anniversary

Steven & Olivia Andre



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, Arthur Nussberger, Lisa Connor, Lucy Sinopole, Kaitlyn Pacey, Betty Lemley, Elsie Andrews, Patrick Buckley



For the deceased:

Charles Dixon, husband of Gessie Moise -Dixon 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.	April 4	8:00PM	The Parish Family
Sun.	April 5	8:00AM	The Parish Family
		10:00AM	The Parish Family First Communion Children
Tues.	April 7	12:00PM	Annamae Kapes †
Wed	Apr. 8	12:00PM	The Vu Family †
Thurs.	Apr.9	12:00PM	Barbara Cassani †
Fri.	Apr. 10	12:00PM	Bert Lamont †
Sat.	Apr. 11	5:00PM	The Vu Family † Rose Ann Nussberger †
Sun.	Apr. 12	8:00AM	Amara Hammer †
		10:00AM	Enrique Ramos (I) Bobbi Simenec †

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thurs Apr. 9	Bible Study Charismatic Prayer Group	9:30 am 7:00 pm
Sun. Apr. 12	Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Regular Mass Times	
Mon. Apr. 13	Chain Rosary	7:00am-8:00 pm
Wed. Apr. 15	Grief Ministry St. Mary's Choir	12:30 pm
Wed. Apr. 29	Confirmation	6:00 pm

Chapel Chairs : We have 25 new chairs for the Chapel. If you would like to sponsor a chair they are \$500.00 each and you can make payments if you wish.

Bible Study — we have begun a new eight- week Bible Study series called, "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible", which follows the story of Salvation History from Adam and Eve to Christ and His Church. There are videos and a workbook (\$27.95 plus s&h) This series continues— May 28th. The sessions are Thursdays at 9:30am in the Chapel Wing Room #2. Contact Almaretta Brislin at brislin-ramsey@hotmail.com or at 256-603-1213.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Easter Blessings

Congratulations to those who participated in our OCIA program and received the sacrament of Baptism at the Easter Vigil. They are: Austin Benson, Edith Perez, Brandon Garcia, Greidy Garcia, and Kaileb Garcia. We also congratulate Dale Ballesteros, Vivian Bradley, Elaina Britt, Greidy Garcia, Kaileb Garcia, Lupita Neri, and Doriscela Santiago who received their First Holy Communion along with the newly baptized. The adults in the group will be confirmed with the high school candidates when Bishop Raica visits our parish on April 29th. We wish them all a life full of faith and a heart full of love! May God bless you in all that you do in honor of Him.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Congratulations to our children who receive their First Holy Communion on Easter Sunday, April 5th, at the 10:00 AM Mass. It's a very special event for the children, their families, catechists, and our parish family. Please keep them in your prayers! They are: Roman Alvarez, Repella Etse, Finn Gillam, Bonnie Gorman, Bridget Gorman, All'wyn Graham, Kiara Grilly, Henry Harmsen, Nicolas Lopez, Anastasia Neri, & Brayden Vu.

CONFIRMATION Bishop Raica will celebrate the sacrament of confirmation on Wed., April 29th at 6 PM. Please pray for our candidates as they finalize their studies and prepare themselves to receive the sacrament. They are: Alexis Andre, Sirena Downing, Vicente Downing, Jean Etse, Robson Etse, Scarlett Folk, Isabella Homan, Liseth Neri, Jeremiah Ngwsese, & Briana Wilkinson.

OCIA Group: Austin Benson, Dale Ballesteros, Vivian Bradley, Brandon Garcia, Edith Perez, & Doris Santiago,

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

Saint John Paul II High School

Registration for 2026 JP2 Summer Camps is now open! Whether your student is looking for athletic development, academic enrichment, or creative fun, there are a variety of camps available throughout June and July this summer. Join the fun, it is open to the community. Visit www.jp2falcons.org/camps today for details or email camps@jp2falcons.org for any questions.

And

St. John Paul II High School is seeking applicants for the following position
Head Middle School Volleyball Coach

Applicants who have the qualifications and expertise are encouraged to apply by sending a cover letter, resume/CV, and supporting employment information to Diane Olszewski at dolszewski@jp2falcons.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY * LITURGY MINISTRY * MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

Youth Ministry

Sunday, April 12th is the next Youth Group Activity night. Please join us at 4:30pm for fellowship and fun.

Building Fundraiser

Starting Saturday March 7th we will begin our Queens Walkway Fundraiser. This Memorial Walkway will provide a place of prayer and reflection. The handsomely engraved bricks on the walkway will be inscribed with your name or a family name as a permanent, everlasting tribute.

You may dedicate a brick, "In honor of...", "In memory of..." or just have a name engraved.

Through your participation, you will become a permanent part of our parish family's history and future. Each brick costs \$75.00

Please contact the office for more information on this opportunity, 256-852-0788.

MINISTRIES * NEWS * EVENTS

From the OLQU Staff

Shirley, Mark, Donna & Susan

We wish everyone a Happy and

Blessed Easter



OLQU Office Contact Information

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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 needs: canned meats, complete meals (Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, etc) spaghetti, pasta sauce with meat, canned or mashed potatoes, sugar, oatmeal, cake mix, pancake mix, syrup, jelly, Jello, pudding, cereal, canned peas, dried beans. Paper goods, toiletries (soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste). We extend our gratitude to those who so graciously keep our pantry stocked weekly.

Contact number and email address are 256-852-2899

General Information

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Married Couples and Priests

Enrich and renew your Sacramental relationship by attending a Marriage Encounter Experience, a retreat where you will learn the tools to restore communication, renew your commitment, and rekindle the Joy of your Sacrament! It is the perfect Easter gift for your spouse to begin this new year.

Join us on April 24-26, 2026 at St. Bernard Abbey in Cullman, Alabama. For more info: wwme.org or call Frank & Kathryn at 205-530-3607.

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. Center of Concern phone number is 256-963-9355

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS


April 5	Easter
	Religious Education
April 12	Building Repairs & Maintenance

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Weekly Estimated Expenses	\$	10,595.19
Weekly Collection March 28/29	\$	7334.00
Religious Education	\$	10.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	100.00
Building Fund	\$	2,445.00
Building & Renovations	\$	10.00
Seminarian Education Fund	\$	95.00
Disaster Relief	\$	177.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$	40.00
Christmas Day	\$	50.00
Easter	\$	215.00
Easter Flowers	\$	165.00

Easter Flowers Honorees 2026

In Memory Of



David Mandel	The Massa & Fitzgerald Families
Mrs. Henry Stromberg	The Harper Family
Aurelia River	John O'Brien
Amara Hammer	Robert Bergh
Sam Leto	The Ragoza Family
Manuel Bov	The Multeri Family
Robert (Bob) Atkinson	The Daddario Family
John Lindstrom	The Yi Family
Chris Mitchell	Bill Whalen
RoseMarie Phillips	James Correia Jr.
Peter & Christina Quintanilla	James Sr. & Angelina Correia
Henry & James Day	Thomas A. Correia
The Buckley Family	John & Nellie Wujcik
The Leach Family	Marjorie Wujcik Nipper
Randy Biggs	Dinh Hoang & Quet Ha
Felipe Lehtinen	Marvin & Mary Ortwerth
Moises Manglona	Mike & Bernice Gezing
Peter & Jeanette Malkasian	The Reeder Family
Betty Preston	The Runkle Family
Mr. & Mrs. Carlen Chestang, Sr.	Edward & Barbara Stluka
Don & Mary Jo Rumble	Michael Thomas
Bob Hargrove	Bert & Paul Lamont
Ben & Esther Gries	Sarah & Glen Lamont
Vincent & Mary Martha Mullen	Mary & Joseph Soutor

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In Memory Of



Albert Rich
Clara Ritz
Carl Ritz
Leona Rich
Aaron Berryman
Hermogenes Peralta, Jr.
Jaime Pineda Francisco

Maurice & Aline Bellard
John & Julia Almeida
The Shontz Family
The Gonzalez Family
The Pasich Family
Gwen Shearburn
The Alookaran Family

The Mims Family
The Medeiros Family
The Blanchette Family
The Moniz Family
John & Susanne Sansing
The Meyer Family
The Wiegmann Family
Darby Jones
Kendra Fowlkes
Louis & Erma Plattsmier

Annie Francis
Regina Mathen
The Military Families
MCCW Sisters in Christ
Tabitha & Zachery Gilbert
Ruth Schoepflin
Paul Clisch
Norm Marsh, Jr.
Barbara Chandler
The Parents of Christina Oneya-Byrd

In Honor Of

The Garcia Family
The Jaronik Family

The Wieter Family
Russell & Virginia Solom