

# OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE

Catholic Parish



**April 19, 2026 – Third Sunday of Easter**

## "Stay with us Lord"

The heart of today's celebration is the quiet, transformative moment when the risen Christ walks beside the disciples on the Road to Emmaus. They are discouraged, confused, and unable to recognize Him. Yet Jesus draws near, listens to their disappointment, and gently opens the Scriptures. Only in the breaking of the bread do their eyes finally open. The story is a reminder that Christ often walks with us unnoticed, especially in moments of uncertainty. Recognition comes when our hearts burn with renewed hope and when we gather at the Eucharist, where He reveals Himself again and again.

This coming Saturday we also honor St. Mark the Evangelist, whose Gospel is the earliest and most direct proclamation of the Good News. Mark writes with urgency, clarity, and conviction, echoing the Emmaus moment: the risen Christ is not distant but alive, active, and always going ahead of us. Mark's bold witness invites us to proclaim Christ not only with words but with the authenticity of our lives.

Together, Emmaus and Mark teach us that faith grows through encounter—encounter with Scripture, with the Eucharist, and with the mission Christ entrusts to us. Like the disciples, we are sent to announce what we have seen and heard: that Christ is truly risen and walks with His people.

In every Eucharist, we reenact that Easter Sunday at Emmaus. Jesus reveals Himself to us in our journey. He speaks to our hearts in the Scriptures. Then at the table of the altar, in the person of the priest, He breaks the bread. The disciples begged Him, "Stay with us." So, He does. Though He has vanished from our sight, in the Eucharist—as at Emmaus—we know Him in the breaking of the bread.

Let us Pray: Lord Jesus, open our eyes to recognize Your presence in our daily journey. Kindle in us the fire of Your Word and nourish us with Your Body and Blood. Through the intercession of St. Mark the Evangelist, make us faithful witnesses of Your Gospel. Strengthen our steps, deepen our hope, and send us forth with joy. Amen.

With 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

**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.

### Mass Intentions

We have daily 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.

**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.

**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 donation is \$150.

### Wedding Anniversary

Joseph & Eva Andrzewski, David & Tania Yee,  
David & Janet Zajac



### 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  
Paceley, Betty Lemley, Ferdinand Manglona, Patrick  
Buckley, Jeff Carr, Krysta Harmsen, Judy Stockton, and Lori  
Shafer .



For the deceased:

Peter Tran brother of Kim Tran 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.	Apr. 18	5:00PM	Michael Smith † William Skinner †
Sun.	Apr. 19	8:00AM	John & Judy Malloy (I)
		10:00AM	Jane Anderson † Tom Heath †
Tues.	Apr. 21	12:00PM	Geejo †
Wed.	Apr. 22	12:00PM	Lilly Raphel †
Thurs.	Apr. 23	12:00PM	Francis Manath †
Fri.	Apr. 24	12:00PM	Peter Tran †
Sat.	Apr. 25	5:00PM	The Vu Family † Cindy Ysasi †
Sun.	Apr. 26	8:00AM	Amara Hammer † Albert Rich †
		10:00AM	Alex & Heidi Miller † Bill Whalen †

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues. Apr. 21	Vespers & Adoration	5:30 pm
Sun. Apr. 26	Pizza & Ice Cream Social	5:00—7:00 pm
Wed. Apr. 29	Confirmation	6:00 pm
Fri. May 1	First Friday /Healing Mass Adoration & Rosary St. Andrew's Table to follow	12:00 pm 11:00 am
Sat. May 2	B V M Mass Adoration & Rosary Altar Server Training	8:00 am 7:00 am 10:00am

**St. Andrew's Table** is on Friday, May 2nd after the Mass and Healing Service. All are invited. These luncheons are free but donations are accepted.

### Altar Flowers

In Memory of:

Charles Dixon

By: Gessie Moise-Dixon



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### SACRAMENT of CONFIRMATION



Bishop Steven Raica will celebrate the sacrament of confirmation on Wednesday, April 29th at 6:00 PM. Please continue to 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.

The OCIA Group will also be confirmed by Bishop Raica along with the high school students on this evening. They will also appreciate your prayers:

Austin Benson, Dale Ballesteros, Vivian Bradley, Brandon Garcia, Edith Perez & Doris Santiago.

**“With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him”**  
Jesus walks with us but sometimes we fail to recognize his presence in our lives. We get discouraged but God never wants us to lose hope and remember that Jesus is walking with us through life. The Eucharist proves that he is always with us. May our hearts burn within us as we recognize Jesus’ presence in the Eucharist and in others. *MagnifiKid! Vol. 23*; April 19, 2026; Pg. 3 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.

**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](#)

Registration for 2026 JP II 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](http://www.jp2falcons.org/camps) today for details or email [camps@jp2falcons.org](mailto:camps@jp2falcons.org) for any questions. JP 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](mailto:dolszewski@jp2falcons.org).

[Holy Family School](#) is holding their annual silent auction/ Soiree’ on Saturday, April 18th from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm at 2301 Beasley Ave, Huntsville. For information : <https://event.auctria.com/613dbb4e--0efd-4b2b-8ee1-31e89dcd29c1/0260453089f111ecac63a9890ba8c214>

## YOUTH MINISTRY \* LITURGY MINISTRY \* MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

### [Youth Ministry](#)

Sunday, April 26th is the Youth Group and Youth Choir from 5:00 pm—7:00 pm. Please join us for a fun time.

### [Building Fundraiser](#)

Starting next weekend, April 18th/19th 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

### [Catholic Home Missions Appeal](#)

During the weekend of April 25th and 26th, the bishops are inviting Catholics across the country to contribute to the Catholic Home Missions Appeal.

Your participation in this annual appeal supports dioceses throughout the United States and its current and former territories that need financial help to continue pastoral services and missions of mercy to all they serve.

Please pray and support this appeal to the best of your ability.

### [New Members April 2026](#)

Please welcome Richard Willey, James Tate, Scevvis Hunter-Carroll and son Jonah, Doriscela Santiago Lopez and family Brandon Garcia, Greidy Garcia, Kaileb Garcia and Eudyis Garcia to our OLQU family.

### [Bulletin](#)

Reminder: The bulletin is printed on Thursdays. Please make sure any information you wish to have in the bulletin is in the parish office 10 days prior to the date you want your news to be published.

## OLQU Office Contact Information

### Reverend Charley Alookaran, Pastor

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### Deacon James Multeri

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### Susan Turner, Director of Religious Education

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### Shirley Bernal, Bookkeeper

bookkeeper@olqu.org

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

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### Donna Pillarella, Parish Secretary

### OLQU Parish Office Contact:

office@olqu.org / Telephone 256-852-0788

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

<b>Ministry Coordinator:</b> Eva Andrzejewski	256-430-3486
<b>Finance Council:</b> Fran Spinelli	256-830-4135
<b>Adult Ed/Sacrament/RCIA:</b> Susan Turner	256-852-0788
<b>Agape Joy:</b> Rafael Urrutia	915-227-9509
<b>Altar Linens:</b> Pat Spinelli	256-830-4135
<b>Altar Servers:</b> Jared Ebelhar	256-684-8385
<b>Arts &amp; Environment:</b> Beth Anderson	256-852-8734
<b>Baptism Preparation:</b> Deacon Jim Multeri	256-852-0788
<b>Building &amp; Maintenance:</b> Joe Andrzejewski	256-430-3486
<b>Care Ministry:</b> Deacon Jim Multeri	256-852-0788
<b>Chain Rosary:</b> David McClure	502-759-1939
<b>Charismatic Prayer Group:</b> Jeff Anderson	256-852-8734
<b>Communications:</b> Damian Hochmuth	256-890-1621
<b>EMHC:</b> Maria Nolen	334-517-8157
<b>Fund Raising:</b> Fran Spinelli	256-830-4135
<b>Gardening:</b> Marge Mullen	256-683-1663
<b>Greeters:</b> Jay Hammer	256-337-1016
<b>Grief Ministry:</b> Almaretta Brislin	256-603-1213
<b>IT &amp; A/V Care:</b> Jim Chaloupka	256-852-0788
<b>Lawn Care:</b> Orlando Herrera	256-990-7212
<b>Lectors:</b> Sybil Shearburn	256-679-7023
<b>Life in Faith:</b> Cindy Williams	256-509-7258
<b>Marriage Preparation:</b> Deacon Jim Multeri	256-852-0788
<b>Loving Hands:</b> Carol Lee	256-852-4095
<b>Mass Coordinator:</b> Pat Spinelli	256-830-4135
<b>Men's Club:</b> Roberto Ruiz	256-655-2509
<b>Money Counters:</b> Pat Spinelli	256-830-4135
<b>Music Ministry:</b> Mark Blackburn, Director	256-852-0788
<b>Prayer Shawl</b> Donna Pillarella	256-852-0788
<b>Religious Education:</b> Susan Turner, Director	256-852-0788
<b>Sacristans:</b> Pam Mefford	256-509-5000
<b>Safety &amp; Security:</b> Celeste Brothers	707-365-1607
<b>Social:</b> Orlando Herrera	256-990-7212
<b>St. Andrew's Table:</b> Joanna Acker	256-721-6922
<b>St. Vincent de Paul:</b> Luster Ingram	256-852-2899
<b>Ushers:</b> Jay Hammer	256-337-1016
<b>Women's Club:</b>	
<b>Youth Ministry:</b> 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, flour, 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 email address help@olqusvdp.org.

## 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](http://wwme.org) or call Frank & Kathryn at 205-530-3607.

### Most Merciful Jesus Catholic Parish will hold its 4th

Annual Bless Festival from 9 am –4 pm both Saturday & Sunday May 2-3. Events for children, crafts and food available. For more information go to Mercy's Bless Fest Facebook page. Location: 10509 Segers Rd ,Madison, AL.

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

April 19	Seminarian Education Fund
	St. Vincent de Paul
April 26	Catholic Home Missions
	Building Fund

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Weekly Estimated Expenses	\$	10,595.19
Weekly Collection April 11/12	\$	7,643.00
Religious Education	\$	126.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	312.00
Building Fund	\$	340.00
Building & Renovations	\$	2,713.00
Seminarian Education Fund	\$	127.00
Disaster Relief	\$	78.00
Catholic Home Services	\$	52.00
Easter	\$	850.00
Altar Flowers	\$	45.00