

OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE

Catholic Parish



May 10, 2026 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Jesus said: “I will not leave you orphans.”

“I will not leave you orphans.” With these tender words, Jesus speaks directly to the deepest human fear: the fear of being abandoned. As He prepares His disciples for His departure, He does not promise a life free from struggle, but He promises something far greater—His enduring presence through the Holy Spirit.

This Gospel reminds us that Christian faith is not about following a distant God. It is about living in relationship with a Lord who remains close, who accompanies, who consoles. Jesus knows the fragility of the human heart. He knows how easily we feel alone, overwhelmed, or forgotten. And so, He assures us: *You are not abandoned. You are not on your own. I am with you.*

The Holy Spirit, the Advocate, is the living presence of Christ within us. He is the quiet strength that helps us choose love when anger feels easier, forgiveness when resentment seems justified, and hope when despair whispers loudly. The Spirit teaches us to see God’s hand in ordinary moments—through the kindness of others, the peace found in prayer, the courage to do what is right.

Jesus also links love with obedience: “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.” This is not a demand but an invitation. Love naturally expresses itself in action. When we keep His commandments—especially the command to love one another—we make space for His presence to dwell within us. We become living signs that God has not abandoned the world.

In this Easter season, we are reminded that the Resurrection is not only a past event but a present reality. Christ lives. Christ remains. Christ sends His Spirit so that we may never walk alone.

Today, let us hear His promise personally: in moments of fear, He is our peace; in moments of confusion, He is our guide; in moments of loneliness, He is our companion. Truly, He has not left us orphans.

Jesus will not leave us alone. He won’t make us children of God in Baptism only to leave us “orphans,” He assures us in today’s Gospel. We remain in this grace so long as we love Christ and keep His commandments. And, strengthened in the Spirit whom Jesus said would be our Advocate, we are called to bear witness to our salvation—to the tremendous deeds that God has done for us in the name of His Son.

Let us Pray: Lord Jesus, you promised that You would not leave us orphans. Send Your Holy Spirit to strengthen our hearts, guide our steps, and remind us that You are always nearby. Help us to love as You love, to live as Your disciples, and to trust in Your constant presence. Remain with us, Lord, today and always. 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.

Funerals

Please contact the parish office before finalizing arrangements with the funeral home to make sure the day and time you want are available. The contact number is 256-852-0788.

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.

Baptisms

Eliza Koulong, daughter of Armel & Audrey Koulong, and Octavia Thomason, daughter of John & Tina Thomason were baptized on Sunday, May 3rd. Please welcome them into our parish family

Wedding Anniversary

Ramon & Guadalupe Diaz



Let us Pray for the Living and the Deceased

For the living:

Patricia Thomas, Mary Lou Zurowski, Bill Andre, Paul Shea, Helen Bill-Cash, Fred & Margaret Dorsey, Arthur Nussberger, Lisa Connor, Lucy Sinopole, Betty Lemley, Ferdinand Manglona, Patrick Buckley, Krysta Harmsen, Debbie Baswell, Elsie Andrews.



For the deceased:

Yvonne King, wife of Lamar King, 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.

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| Sat. | May 9 | 5:00PM | Vu Family & Peter Tran † Rose Ann Nussberger † All Mothers |
| Sun. | May 10 | 8:00AM | Amara Hammer † All Mothers |
| | | 10:00AM | Bill Whalen † All Mothers |
| Tues. | May 12 | 12:00PM | Souls in Purgatory † |
| Wed. | May 13 | 12:00PM | Souls in Purgatory † |
| Thurs. | May 14 | 12:00PM | Robby Alookaran † |
| Fri. | May 15 | 12:00PM | Paul Torrey (I) |
| Sat. | May 16 | 5:00PM | Michael Smith † William Skinner † |
| Sun. | May 17 | 8:00AM | Amara Hammer † Emelia Arreola-Boyzo † |
| | | 10:00AM | Eugene Glass † Charles Dixon † |

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Sun. May 10 | Mother's Day | |
| Mon. May 11 | Chain Rosary | 7:00 am –7:00 pm |
| Thurs. May 14 | Women's Group | 5:30 pm |
| Sun. May 17 | High School & College Graduates | |
| Tues. May 19 | Vespers & Adoration | 5:30 pm |
| Wed. May 20 | Grief Ministry | 12:30 pm |
| Sat. May 23 | Pentecost Vigil Prayer Service | 6:30 pm |

High School & College Graduates 2026



If you are a graduate or have a graduate in your family please call or email the parish office by Sunday, May 10th. We want to acknowledge all graduates at all Masses on Sunday May 17th.

New Members April 2026

Please welcome William & Angela Koons and Vivian Bradley to our OLQU family.



“I will not leave you orphans”

Jesus sent us the same Holy Spirit, at baptism, that the Apostles received on Pentecost more than 2,000 years ago! He brings truth and gives us wisdom, understanding, knowledge, fortitude, counsel, piety, and reverence.

The Holy Spirit is the love of God that lives in our hearts. We can recognize his presence when our hearts are full of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Jesus promised us that we will never be alone.

MagnifiKid! Vol. 23; May 10, 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.

FORMED.org

THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
ON DEMAND.

This week on Formed.org for families:

[The Boy from Milan: Stories of Carlo Acutis](#)
[The Life of Carlo Acutis: God Influencer](#)

FORMED.ORG is available to our parishioners. Please visit formed.org to sign up for your individual account. Questions? Contact Susan Turner: Susan@OLQU.org

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 JP2II Summer Camps is 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 camps@jp2falcons.org for any questions.

YOUTH MINISTRY * LITURGY MINISTRY * MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

[Youth Ministry](#)

Sunday, May 10th the Youth Group will have an activity night at 5:00 pm

[Youth Ministry Facilitators](#)

The Youth Ministry is looking for Facilitators for Youth Group activities. The youth group meets once a month on the fourth Sunday after Religious Education. If you are interested in helping to facilitate activities and meetings for our youth, please contact Mark Blackburn at mark@olqu.org or call the office at 256-852-0788 for consideration. Our youth are precious to us as a community and our future. We have the opportunity to provide a rich Catholic environment that guides them throughout their lives. This is our chance to be a part of the future of the Catholic Church.

[Music Camp](#)

Save the date, August 15, 2026. The Music Ministry will host a music camp for children ages 5-17. We will explore the Works of Mercy and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Watch for more information! This is a wonderful opportunity for our youth to celebrate Catholic heritage alongside like-minded Catholic youth while exploring music and having a little fun.

MINISTRIES * NEWS * EVENTS

[Marian Prayers:](#) Catholic Marian prayers are devotional prayers seeking intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary honoring her role as the mother of God. Core prayers include Hail Mary, the Memorare, Hail Holy Queen, the Angelus and the rosary. These prayers focus on Mary's protection, maternal love and her role in bringing believers to Jesus Christ.

[Severe Weather](#) When bad weather is forecasted for 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.

[Pentecost Vigil Following Jesus :](#) Please join the Charismatic Prayer Group for quiet prayer and meditations on Luke 10, evangelism and discipleship. Saturday, May 23, from 6:30-8:30pm, following the 5:00pm Mass.

[Baptism Preparation Class](#)

Deacon Jim Multeri is holding Baptism Preparation classes . 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.

OLQU Office Contact Information

Reverend Charley Alookaran, Pastor

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Deacon James Multeri

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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:

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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

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| Ministry Coordinator: Eva Andrzejewski | 256-430-3486 |
| Finance Council: Fran Spinelli | 256-830-4135 |
| Adult Ed/Sacrament/OCIA: 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: | |
| Safety & Security: Kent Wieter | 256-803-1183 |
| 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, flour, oatmeal, cake mix, pancake mix, syrup, jelly, Jello, pudding, cold /hot cereal, canned peas, crackers, dried beans and stuffing mix. Paper goods, toiletries (soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste). We extend our gratitude to those who so graciously keep our pantry stocked weekly.

General Information

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.

AL Catholic Center of Concern is in need of:

- Diapers (sizes 4, 5, and 6)
- New underwear for men, women, and children (all sizes)
- New socks for all ages

Center of Concern office phone number 205-963-9355

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

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| May 10 | Building & Maintenance |
| May 17 | Seminarian Education Fund |
| | St. Vincent de Paul |
| May 24 | Building Fund |
| June 7 | Religious Education |

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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| Weekly Estimated Expenses | \$ | 10,595.19 |
| Weekly Collection May 2/3 | \$ | 8,178.01 |
| Religious Education | \$ | 265.00 |
| St. Vincent de Paul | \$ | 120.00 |
| Building Fund | \$ | 397.00 |
| Building & Renovations | \$ | 320.00 |
| Seminarian Education Fund | \$ | 130.00 |
| Disaster Relief | \$ | 47.00 |
| Catholic Home Services | \$ | 27.00 |
| Easter | \$ | 95.00 |