

OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE

Catholic Parish



May 3, 2026 — Fifth Sunday of Easter

“I am the way, the truth and the life”

By His death, Resurrection, and Ascension, Jesus has gone ahead to prepare a place for us in His Father’s house. His Father’s house is no longer a temple made by human hands. It is the spiritual house of the Church, built on the living stone of Christ’s body. As Peter interprets the Scriptures in today’s Epistle, Jesus is the “stone” destined to be rejected by men but made the precious cornerstone of God’s dwelling on earth.

“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” These words from Jesus are not merely a statement of identity—they are an invitation. In the midst of uncertainty, fear, and the many paths the world offers, Jesus speaks with clarity and tenderness. He does not simply *show* the way; He *is* the way. He does not merely *teach* truth; He *is* the truth. He does not just *give* life; He *is* the life.

To say that Jesus is the way means that our journey to God is not a maze of rules or a test of perfection. It is a relationship. We walk toward the Father by walking with Christ—imitating His compassion, trusting His guidance, and allowing His love to shape our choices. When we feel lost or overwhelmed, this Gospel reminds us that the path is not hidden. It is a person who walks beside us.

To say that Jesus is the truth means that in a world filled with conflicting voices, He remains the steady center. His truth is not cold doctrine but a living reality—revealed in mercy, forgiveness, and the dignity of every person. When we anchor ourselves in His truth, we learn to see the world as God sees it.

To say that Jesus is the life means that real, abundant life is found not in success or comfort but in communion with Him. His life flows into ours through prayer, the sacraments, and acts of love.

Today’s Gospel calls us to trust. Jesus assures us that He prepares a place for us, and that He Himself will lead us there. Our task is simple but profound: stay close to Him. Walk His way. Live His truth. Receive His life.

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

Jose & Lorena Campuzano,
Dr. Scariya & Mary Kumar, Peterson & Juliana Njoku,
Charles & Julie Owens



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, Bill Andre, Betty Lemley, Ferdinand Manglona, Patrick Buckley, Krysta Harmsen, and Debbie Baswell.

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 2 | 5:00PM | Chris Wright † Joe Miller † |
| Sun. | May 3 | 8:00AM | Aaron Berryman † Peter Tran † |
| | | 10:00AM | Bill Whalen † Charles Dixon † |
| Tues. | May 5 | 12:00PM | The Vu Family † |
| Wed. | May 6 | 12:00PM | Margaret Hutsko † |
| Thurs. | May 7 | 12:00PM | The Souls in Purgatory † |
| Fri. | May 8 | 12:00PM | Barbara Cassani † |
| 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 |

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Wed. May 6 | Men's Club St. Mary's Choir | 6:00 pm 6:00 pm |
| Thurs. May 7 | Bible Study Charismatic Prayer Group | 9:30 am 7:00 pm |
| 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 |



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 Mass on Sunday May 17th.

New Members April 2026

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SACRAMENT of CONFIRMATION



Bishop Steven Raica will celebrate the sacrament of confirmation this Wednesday, April 29th at 6:00 PM. Please pray for our candidates as they ready themselves to receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit in this 3rd sacrament of initiation into the Catholic Church. 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 also appreciate your prayers:

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

"I came so that they might have life"

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us a parable about sheep, a shepherd, and a gate. A parable is a story that helps explain something that is difficult to understand. Jesus wants us to understand that **he** is the one who brings us to the Father. He leads us toward a life of grace that comes from God. It is the true life that never ends. Jesus is the gate. He is the shepherd and we must always follow him. *MagnifiKid! Vol. 23; April 26, 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 JP2II 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 camps@jp2falcons.org for any questions.

JP2II 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, May 12th the Youth Group will have an activity night at 5:00 pm

[Building Fundraiser](#)

We are continuing 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

[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.

[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.

[Wishing to get Married?](#) Couples who want to get married in the Catholic Church are required to attend a Pre-Canva 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

Reverend Charley Alookaran, Pastor

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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/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: Almareta 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, flour, oatmeal, cake mix, pancake mix, syrup, jelly, Jello, pudding, cold cereal, canned peas, crackers, dried beans. Paper goods, toiletries (soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste). We extend our gratitude to those who so graciously keep our pantry stocked weekly.

General Information

Widows & Widowers Luncheon will meet for lunch at 1:00 pm on Thursday, May 14th, at West End Grill, 6610 Old Madison Pike, Huntsville. Please call or text Michael at 256-289-3841 by Monday, May 11th for information or reservations. Newcomers are always welcome. This is an informal group who gather for fellowship and to enjoy a meal at different restaurants.

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

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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| Weekly Estimated Expenses | \$ | 10,595.19 |
| Weekly Collection April 18/19 | \$ | 6,013.00 |
| Religious Education | \$ | 15.00 |
| St. Vincent de Paul | \$ | 168.00 |
| Building Fund | \$ | 2,010.00 |
| Building & Renovations | \$ | 10.00 |
| Seminarian Education Fund | \$ | 113.00 |
| Disaster Relief | \$ | 95.00 |
| Catholic Home Services | \$ | 855.00 |
| Easter | \$ | 30.00 |