

OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE

Catholic Parish



June 28, 2026 — Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

God sees every act of love, no matter how small or big....

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks words that are both challenging and deeply freeing: "*Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me... and whoever does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.*" At first hearing, these words can sound harsh. But Jesus is not asking us to love our families less—He is inviting us to love Him first, so that we may love others more faithfully, more freely, and more fully.

To put Christ first is to anchor our lives in the One who never fails us. When Jesus is at the center, every other relationship finds its proper place. Our love becomes purified, strengthened, and shaped by His own sacrificial love.

Jesus also reminds us that discipleship involves the cross—not as a burden meant to crush us, but as a path that transforms us. The crosses we carry—suffering, sacrifice, forgiveness, perseverance—become places where His grace works most powerfully.

And then Jesus speaks of the smallest acts of kindness: "*Whoever gives even a cup of cold water... will surely not lose their reward.*" God sees every act of love, no matter how small. Nothing done in love is ever wasted.

This week, our parish continues to live this Gospel through prayer and devotion:

- **First Friday Adoration at 11:00 AM**, followed by the **Healing Mass at Noon**
- **First Saturday Adoration at 7:30 AM**, followed by **Mass at 8:00 AM**, which is also our **July 4th Mass**

Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:00 PM; Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

These moments of prayer root us more deeply in Christ, helping us carry our crosses with hope and offer our "cups of cold water" with love.

Let us Pray: Lord Jesus, help us place You at the center of our lives. Strengthen us to carry our crosses with trust and love. Bless our parish as we gather in prayer this week and make every small act of kindness a reflection of Your heart. Keep us faithful in following You today and always. 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

Friday Summer Hours

Fridays the Parish Office will be open from 9 am - 1 pm beginning in June.

House Blessings Fr. Charley is blessing homes. If you wish to have your house blessed please fill out the form in the gathering area or call the parish office with your name, address, phone number, and desired day of the week. We will confirm the information with Fr. Charley and contact you to finalize the date and time.

Independence Day 250 Years!!

Please have a safe and enjoyable 4th of July.



Independence Day Holiday

Friday, July 3rd the parish office will be closed.

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

John & Sonya Little



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, Lucy Sinopole, Dan Todorowski, Betty Lemley, Ferdinand Manglona, Patrick Buckley, Norin Manglona, Anthony Byrd, Noah Huss 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.	June 27	5:00PM	Vu Family & Peter Tran † John & Marion Smith †
Sun.	June 28	8:00AM	Katrina Alookaran †
		10:00AM	Frank Smith Sr †
Tues.	June 30	12:00PM	Daphne Sanford (I)
Wed.	July 1	12:00PM	Andre Koume †
Thurs.	July 2	12:00PM	Francisco Family (I)
Fri.	July 3	12:00PM	Michael Smith † William Skinner †
Sat.	July 4	5:00PM	Rose Ann Nussberger † William Skinner †
Sun.	July 5	8:00AM	Albert Rich † Michael Thomas †
		10:00AM	Paul & Bert Lamont † Alexis Lopez †

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun. June 28	Youth Cookout	11:15am-1:15 pm
Fri. July 3	First Friday Adoration/Rosary Mass Healing Service	11:00 am 12:00 pm
Sat. July 4	Independence Day 250 Years First Saturday Adoration/Rosary Mass	7:30 am 8:00 am
Thurs. July 9	Women's Group Botanical Gardens	5:30 pm
Sun. July 19	Breakfast Regina Singles Ice Cream Social & Bingo	8:45am - 9:15am 11:00 am

Chapel Chairs

This Tuesday is the last day to sponsor one of the new Chapel Chairs the last date to do so is June 30th. Each sponsorship is \$500.00. Installment options are available; contact the office for more information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Our "DEEP BLUE" Activity Day on the sacrament of baptism was great fun our 18 children who participated. Father Charley opened the morning with a prayer and some encouraging words. The kids had several activities and a tour of the church to emphasize the teachings on the sacrament. To close the day they went to noon Mass with their families and teachers. At the end of Mass, the children sang a special song to the people, "Jesus Christ, You Are My Life. Alleluia". A very special thank you to our team who made the day possible. They did a fabulous job preparing and leading this special event: Jionela Andersen, Joe Cassani, Damian Hochmuth, Sonya Little, Lucille Mims, and Megan Palacio. Youth Helpers: Clara Jane Ebelhar, Robson, Etse, Lizeth Neri, and Geovanni Palacio. We are blessed! ❤️



Our subscription gets a summer break, too.
Look for it when autumn returns.



Daily Mass Attendance during the Summer

Father Charley invites all children to attend the Noon Mass, Tuesday thru Friday, during the summer before school begins again. He enjoys seeing them practice their faith!

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.

Bella's Girls Camp

This camp is offered to girls (grades 4th—6th) to grow in friendship, confidence & their relationship with Christ all while having an unforgettable amount of fun. They will play games, have fun activities, eat yummy snacks & grow in our faith. This camp is run by Campus Minister at JP2II with other JP2II girls. Contact Ms. Ashley Arominski. AArominski@jp2falcons.org. Sign Up Now! jp2falcons.org/camps.

YOUTH MINISTRY * LITURGY MINISTRY * MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

Youth Ministry

Youth Cookout with games Sunday, June 28th from 11:15am—1:15pm. This is for all current and upcoming 6th—12th graders and their parents.

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 Ministry

Music Ministry is opening auditions vocalists and instrumentalists for the 2026-2027 year. Please contact Mark Blackburn if you are interested in joining the music program to glorify God through music. The Music Ministry will also offer lessons for all parishioners who wish to learn and instrument or to work on singing skills. No prior experience is necessary. Again, contact Mark at mark@olqu.org if you are interested in these opportunities.

MINISTRIES * NEWS * EVENTS

New Members May 2026

.Please welcome Angelina Machota, Mario, Reyna, Damian and Mia Bustos, Randy Wiegmann, Charles (Tony), Keirsady, Anthony and Samuel Rice, Haley Rice, Michael Murdock, and Madison Graham, into our parish family.

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.

Leaving Vehicles in the Parking Lot

If you are a member of OLQU and need to leave your vehicle in the parking lot overnight please contact the parish office. If your vehicle is left for more than a day and we don't know the reason for it being here we check with the police department to make sure it isn't a stolen vehicle, then have it towed to an impound lot.

OLQU Office Contact Information

Reverend Charley Alookaran, Pastor

aucharley@olqu.org

Deacon James Multeri

deaconjim@olqu.org

Susan Turner, Director of Religious Education

susan@olqu.org

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

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:	
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: Claudia McClure	256-337-6986
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
Regina Singles: Chad Bosch	256-698-2197
Religious Education: Susan Turner, Director	256-852-0788
Sacristans:	
Safety & Security: Kent Wieter	256-830-1183
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 Group: Cindy Williams	256-509-7258
Youth Ministry: Mark Blackburn, Director	256-852-0788

"We will be the happiest people in the world if we belong to God."

Mother Teresa

SOCIAL CONCERNS & FOOD PANTRY

St. Vincent de Paul needs:

canned peas, pancake mix, syrup, instant mashed potatoes, cold cereal, flour, sugar, and spaghetti (no glass, please).

Reminder: We cannot accept fresh fruit or vegetables, glass bottles, or homemade food items.

Thank you so much for your continued support! If you would like to help, please email: help@olqusvdp.org.

General Information



Father James E Coyle Memorial Mass

Let's Remember a Priest Killed in the Line of Duty

Annual Father James E. Coyle Memorial Mass

Celebrant, Bishop Steven J. Raica

Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at 10:00 A.M./C.T.

Followed by Reception and Reflections on Father Coyle

Cathedral of St. Paul · 2120 3 rd Ave. North, Birmingham

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Father Coyle was a martyr to duty.

The Rt. Rev. Edward Allen, Bishop of Mobile – 8/12/1921

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

June 28	Mission Cooperative
	Building Fund
July 5	Religious Education

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Weekly Estimated Expenses	\$	10,595.19
Weekly Collection June 20/21	\$	8,292.00
Religious Education	\$	300.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	1,231.00
Building Fund	\$	470.00
Building & Maintenance	\$	2,170.00
Seminarian Education Fund	\$	605.00
Disaster Relief	\$	30.00
Mission Cooperative	\$	155.00