

OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE

Catholic Parish



July 12, 2026 — Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We are the Good Soil

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers the well-known Parable of the Sower, inviting us to reflect on the condition of our hearts. The seed is the Word of God—alive, powerful, and always fruitful. The question is not whether God speaks, but whether we are ready to receive His voice. The good soil represents the heart that listens, understands, and allows God's Word to transform daily life.

Jesus describes different kinds of soil: the hardened path, the rocky ground, the thorny soil, and finally the rich earth. Each represents a spiritual attitude. Sometimes our hearts are hardened by disappointment or pride. Sometimes we begin well but lack depth, like rocky soil. Sometimes the thorns of worry, stress, and worldly distractions choke our spiritual growth. But Jesus assures us that when His Word finds good soil, it produces abundant fruit—thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold.

This parable is not meant to discourage us but to awaken hope. God never stops sowing. Even the hardest soil can be renewed. Even the thorn-filled heart can be cleared. Grace can transform any life that opens itself to God. The Word of God is patient, persistent, and always ready to bear fruit.

As we reflect on this Gospel, we also prepare to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel on July 16. Mary is the perfect example of the "good soil." She received God's Word with humility, allowed it to take root, and bore the greatest fruit—the Savior of the world. Under her title of Mount Carmel, she guides us to deeper prayer, purity of heart, and trust in God's promises. The Brown Scapular reminds us of her maternal protection and her desire to lead us to Christ. Yes, my dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ: "If we are able to wear the Brown Scapular always, we are under the protection Mary our Mother always, especially at the hour of our death" is the promise of Our Mother.

May this Sunday inspire us to cultivate hearts like Mary—open, trusting, and ready to receive the seed of God's Word.

Let us Pray: Lord Jesus, Divine Sower, prepare our hearts to receive Your Word with faith. Through the intercession of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, make our lives rich soil that bears lasting fruit. Strengthen us to grow in love, holiness, and trust. Amen.

God Bless us all. 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.

St. Joseph Chapel Prayer Book

This new prayer book has all the prayers we use, the
rosary, novenas for Tuesdays through Saturdays. If you
would like your own copy of this prayer book sign up in the
Gathering area. Donations accepted.

Regina Singles of OLQU

The next meeting of the Regina Singles is Sunday, July 19th
after the 10 a.m. Mass. This session will have an ice cream
social and bingo. There is a sign up sheet in the Gathering
Area. Please contact Chad Bosch by phone at 256-698-2197
or email, cbosch04@yahoo.com with any questions. New
members are welcome as it will be another planning
session.



The altar flowers are in memory of

John Sansing

By: Susan Page

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.

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.	July 11	5:00PM	Vu Family & Peter Tran † Sam Leto †
Sun.	July 12	8:00AM	John Sansing †
		10:00AM	Bill Andre †
Tues.	July 14	12:00PM	Daphne Sanford (I)
Wed.	July 15	12:00PM	David Ritter †
Thurs.	July 16	12:00PM	Chris Mitchell †
Fri.	July 17	12:00PM	Keith & Nicole Nason (I)
Sat.	July 18	5:00PM	Victor Corsale † Gary Belwood †
Sun.	July 19	8:00AM	Daphne Sanford (I)
		10:00AM	Bill Andre †

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon. July 13	Chain Rosary	7:00am - 8:00pm
Wed. July 15	Grief Ministry	12:45 pm
Sun. July 19	Breakfast Regina Singles Ice Cream Social & Bingo	8:45am - 9:15am 11:00 am
Sun. July 26	Youth Movie & Game Day	11:00 am

New Members June 2026

Please welcome our new members for June. Elizabeth Palacios - Gomez and children Estella, Elanie & Elisah Gonzales-Palacios; Santos Palacios -Vribes & Blanca Gomez-Pineda and family Christian & Janice Palacois-Gomez; and Anthony & Jane Mesenbrink and daughter Michelle.

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.

2026-27 REGISTRATION is OPEN

Please REGISTER NOW. Program planning depends directly upon the number of students enrolled. Forms are available at the display in the gathering area. Thank You!

IMPORTANT DATES

July 25 - Registration Deadline
August 9 - Student/Parent Blessing
August 23 - Classes Begin

Questions?
Email: Susan@OLQU.ORG



"Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."
Matthew 19:14



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 JP2 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 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 JP2 with other JP2 girls. Contact Ms. Ashley Arominski. AArominski@jp2falcons.org. Sign Up Now! jp2falcons.org/camps.

YOUTH MINISTRY * LITURGY MINISTRY * MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

Youth Ministry

The youth will meet on July 26th for a movie and game day after the 10 am Mass.

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 for 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 an 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

Altar Servers Training

Altar Servers Training meet the first Saturday of the month at 10:00 am. All training sessions are open for those who currently serve and those interested in becoming Altar Servers. If you have questions contact Jared Ebelhar at 256-684-8385.

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 has more options for Online Giving!

Text GIVE to 256-598-5239 or Scan the QR available in the Gathering Area or on our website, olqu.org. Our Parish also has a brochure with instructions for all Online Giving options. We will continue to send contribution envelopes to those who prefer them. If you have any questions, please contact Shirley at bookkeeper@olqu.org or call 256-852-0788

OLQU Office Contact Information

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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

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: 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: 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: Fr. Charley Alookaran	256-852-0788
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

Eternal Word Television Network to

Broadcast Mass Live Worldwide

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Father Coyle was a martyr to duty.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

July 12	Building Repairs & Maintenance
July 19	Seminarian Education Fund
	St. Vincent de Paul

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Weekly Estimated Expenses	\$	10,595.19
Weekly Collection July 4/5	\$	6,006.00
Religious Education	\$	763.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	12.00
Building Fund	\$	120.00
Building & Maintenance	\$	175.00
Seminarian Education Fund	\$	112.
Disaster Relief	\$	185.00
Mission Cooperative	\$	53.00