

OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE

Catholic Parish



July 19, 2026 — Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

God's Work in Our lives is always the gentle and patient way

The readings for this Sunday remind us of the gentle, patient way God works in our lives. Jesus offers three parables—the wheat and weeds, the mustard seed, and the yeast—to show that God's Kingdom grows quietly, steadily, and often unnoticed. God does not rush. He does not force. He works with patience, mercy, and hope.

The parable of the wheat and weeds teaches us that God sees the whole picture. We often want quick solutions, instant clarity, or immediate justice. But God allows time—time for growth, time for conversion, time for His grace to work. He invites us to trust that He is tending the field of our lives even when we see weeds. His patience is not weakness; it is love.

The mustard seed reminds us that God delights in small beginnings. A tiny seed becomes a great tree. A small act of kindness becomes a shelter for others. A quiet prayer becomes a strength for the day. God's Kingdom grows in hidden ways, through ordinary people who choose faithfulness over perfection.

The yeast shows how God's grace transforms from within. Just a little leaven changes the whole dough. When we allow God's Spirit into our hearts—even in small ways—He changes everything.

This week, the Church also celebrates two great saints who embody these truths:

- July 22 – St. Mary Magdalene, the apostle to the apostles, whose encounter with Christ transformed her life and made her a bold witness of the Resurrection.

July 25 – St. James the Apostle, a man of courage and zeal, who reminds us that discipleship sometimes requires sacrifice and always requires trust. Both saints began with small steps—an encounter, a call, a moment of surrender—and God made their lives fruitful for the whole Church.

Let us Pray: Lord Jesus, sow Your grace in our hearts and help us trust in Your patient love. Make our small acts of faith fruitful in Your Kingdom. Through the intercession of St. Mary Magdalene and St. James, strengthen us to follow You with courage and joy. May Your Spirit transform us from within and guide us 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

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 this 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 ques-
tions. New members are welcome as it will be another
planning session.

Wedding Anniversary

Armél & Audrey Koulong, Collins & Caroline Nguese,
Francis & Pat Spinelli, John & Angela Trudell,
Edward & Teresita Ungacta



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

For the deceased:

Karen Runkle mother of Tammy Runkle
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 litur-
gy for any special occasion: a birthday, anniversary, get well,
deceased etc. Contact the Parish office at 256-852-0788.

Sat.	July 18	5:00PM	Victor Corsale † Gary Belwood †
Sun.	July 19	8:00AM	Daphne Sanford (I)
		10:00AM	Bill Andre †
Tues.	July 21	12:00PM	Corinne Turner (I)
Wed.	July 22	12:00PM	Charles Dixon †
Thurs.	July 23	12:00PM	Dennis McHugh †
Fri.	July 24	12:00PM	Daphne Sanford (I)
Sat.	July 25	5:00PM	Vu Family & Peter Tran † William Skinner †
Sun.	July 26	8:00AM	Joseph Pillarella †
		10:00AM	James Lemley † John O'Brien

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun. July 19	Regina Singles Ice Cream Social & Bingo	11:00 am
Sun. July 26	Youth Movie & Game Day	11:00 am
Sun. Aug. 23	Religious Education Classes Begin	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, and Anthony & Ruth 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

O.C.I.A.**Order of Christian Initiation of Adults**

Do you or someone you know want to:

- Learn more about the Catholic faith?
- Be baptized?
- Complete First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation?
- Become Catholic from another Christian faith?

The process is designed to help participants make an informed decision and follow God's calling for their life.

The 2026-27 session begins after Labor Day - date TBD.
Contact: Susan Turner at Susan@OLQU.org for more info.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS**Saint John Paul II High School**

Registration for 2026 JP II 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 JP II with other JP II 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**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.

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:

Thank you so much for your continued support. We wanted to share with you how your donations are making a difference! Below are the percentages of what we've provided through July 7, 2026.

Utilities 14% - Food 24% - Rent/Mortgages 61% - Other 1%

As indicated, 75% of your cash donations are helping people with utilities and mortgages; 25% with food, thus keeping people sheltered and fed.

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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Broadcast Mass Live Worldwide

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Father Coyle was a martyr to duty.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

July 19	Seminarian Education Fund
	St. Vincent de Paul
July 26	Building Fund
August 2	Religious Education

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Weekly Estimated Expenses	\$	10,595.19
Weekly Collection July 11/12	\$	7,909.00
Religious Education	\$	195.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	342.00
Building Fund	\$	205.00
Building & Maintenance	\$	2,508.00
Seminarian Education Fund	\$	82.00
Disaster Relief	\$	122.00
Mission Cooperative	\$	10.00