

OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE

Catholic Parish



July 5, 2026 — Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus Meek and Humble of Heart, make my heart like thine

In today's Gospel, Jesus reveals the heart of God in a profoundly simple way: *"I am meek and humble of heart."* The mystery of the **meekness of Christ** is not weakness—it is strength expressed through gentleness, patience, and deep compassion. Jesus invites us to learn from Him, not by mastering complex teachings, but by entering into His humility.

Christ praises the Father for revealing divine truth not to the proud or self-sufficient, but to the "little ones"—those who approach God with openness and trust. The **humility of heart** becomes the doorway to understanding God's love. When we let go of pride, fear, and self-reliance, we make room for grace.

Jesus then offers one of the most comforting invitations in Scripture: *"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."* The **rest Jesus offers** is not escape from life's responsibilities, but the peace that comes from carrying them with Him. His yoke is easy because He carries it with us. His burden is light because love transforms weight into meaning.

Many of us carry burdens—family struggles, illness, financial worries, loneliness, or spiritual fatigue. Jesus does not promise to remove every difficulty, but He promises to walk beside us. When we learn His meekness, we discover a new way of living: gentleness instead of anger, patience instead of frustration, surrender instead of control.

To be meek and humble of heart is to trust that God is working even when we cannot see it. It is to allow Christ to shape our hearts so that we become instruments of peace in our families, workplaces, and parish community.

Today, Jesus invites us again: *Come to Me*. Not because we are strong, but because we need Him.

Let us Pray: Lord Jesus, meek and humble of heart, teach us to find rest in You. Lift the burdens we carry and fill our hearts with Your peace. Make us gentle, patient, and trusting, so that we may reflect Your love to all we meet. 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.

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.

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

George Cash & Helen Bill-Cash
Tung & Tam Le



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 4	5:00PM	Rose Ann Nussberger † William Skinner †
Sun.	July 5	8:00AM	Albert Rich † Michael Thomas †
		10:00AM	Paul & Bert Lamont † Alexis Lopez †
Tues.	July 7	12:00PM	Katrina Alookaran †
Wed.	July 8	12:00PM	Paul & Janet Torrey (I)
Thurs.	July 9	12:00PM	Barbara Cassani †
Fri.	July 10	12:00PM	Zean Bagley (I)
Sat.	July 11	5:00PM	Vu Family & Peter Tran † Sam Leto †
Sun.	July 12	8:00AM	John Sansing †
		10:00AM	Bill Andre †

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thurs. July 9	Women's Group Botanical Gardens	5:30 pm
Mon. July 13	Chain Rosary	
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

Wedding Announcement

Saturday, June 27th Jorthan Felix and Mary-Linda Salvador were married by Father Charley Alookaran. Their witnesses were Jourstan Felix and Dessirae Martin.

Baptism

Saturday, June 27th
Father Charley baptized Koa 'Taichi Salvador Felix, son of Jorthan Felix and Mary-Linda Salvador. His Godparents are Job Victor and Florensia Etse.

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 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 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

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.

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.

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

Reverend Charley Alookaran, Pastor

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Shirley Bernal, Bookkeeper

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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: 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

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Broadcast Mass Live Worldwide

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Father Coyle was a martyr to duty.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

July 5	Religious Education
July 12	Building Repairs & Maintenance
July 19	Seminarian Education Fund
	St. Vincent de Paul

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Weekly Estimated Expenses	\$	10,595.19
Weekly Collection June 27/28	\$	6,321.00
Religious Education	\$	70.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	206.00
Building Fund	\$	2,835.00
Building & Maintenance	\$	129.00
Seminarian Education Fund	\$	106.00
Disaster Relief	\$	255.00
Mission Cooperative	\$	896.00