

# OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE

Catholic Parish



**August 16, 2026 — Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## **A Foreigner's Faith**

In today's Gospel, Jesus meets a Canaanite woman—an outsider, a foreigner, someone not expected to belong among God's chosen people. Yet she approaches Jesus with boldness, humility, and deep trust. Her persistence reveals the power of **faith that crosses boundaries**. Even when Jesus seems silent, even when obstacles rise, she refuses to give up. And Jesus proclaims the astonishing words: "O woman, great is your faith!"

This Gospel reminds us that God's mercy is not limited by nationality, background, or status. The **universality of God's love** is revealed in this foreign woman who sees what many insiders fail to see: Jesus is Lord, and His compassion is for all. Her faith challenges us to ask: Do I approach Jesus with the same trust? Do I persevere even when prayers seem unanswered?

This week, we celebrate the **Queenship of Mary on August 22**, a feast that beautifully complements today's Gospel. Mary, our **Queen and Mother**, is crowned in heaven not for earthly power but for her perfect faith and obedience. She welcomed God's Word without hesitation and became Mother of all nations.

For us, this feast is especially meaningful because **Our Lady Queen of the Universe** is our parish patron. As we honor her, we remember that she gathers all her children—near and far, familiar and foreign—under her mantle. She teaches us to trust, to persevere, and to welcome all with the heart of Christ.

May the Canaanite woman's courage and Mary's queenship inspire us to grow in faith that is humble, persistent, and open to every person God sends into our lives.

**Let us Pray:** Lord Jesus, give us the faith of the Canaanite woman and the humility of Mary, our Queen. Make our parish a home for all, and help us trust Your mercy without fear. Amen.

**Happy Feast and the Blessings from the Blessed Virgin Mary, 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/12 Mediodía Rosary/Santo Rosario—11:30am

### Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confesiones

Saturday/Sábado - 3:30–4:30pm

**First Friday-Healing Mass/Misa del primer viernes del mes — Misa de Sanación** 12 pm/12 Mediodía

Exposition of the Holy Eucharist/Exposición del Santísimo  
Sacramento 11:00am

**First Saturday morning Mass/Misa del primer sábado del mes**  
8:00am

Adoration/Adoración Eucarística - 7:30am

## WEEKLY READINGS

Weekly Readings can be found in the USCCB  
bible@usccb.org

### Friday Summer Hours

The Parish Office will be open from 9 am - 1 pm,  
Tuesday through Friday.

### Parishioner Photos

Thank you to all the parishioners who provided photos for use in the new parish directory. We are ready to return the photos to you; the loaned photos are available for pickup in the parish office.

### Queenship of Mary

On Saturday, August 22nd we will celebrate the Queenship of Mary with a reception with cake and small finger foods. Sunday, August 23rd there will be cake after each Mass to celebrate our patron. Please come and celebrate this special occasion as a parish family.

### 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.

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 Anniversaries

Richard & Jennifer Manglona



### Let us Pray for the Living and the Deceased

#### For the living:

Elsie Andrews, Patricia Thomas, Mary Lou Zurowski,  
Paul Shea, Helen Bill-Cash, Fred & Margaret  
Dorsey, Arthur Nussberger, Carol Hall, Anthony  
Byrd, Noah Huss, Dawn Peters, Fr. Joy Alookaran



## 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.   | Aug 15  | 5:00PM  | Michael Smith †<br>William Skinner †              |
| Sun.   | Aug. 16 | 8:00AM  | Alice LaPonsee †<br>San Roque (Feast Day)         |
|        |         | 10:00AM | Lua Turner (I)<br>Richard Moniz †                 |
| Tues.  | Aug. 18 | 12:00PM | James & Angelina Correia †<br>Jason Francisco (I) |
| Wed.   | Aug. 19 | 12:00PM | Karen Runkle †<br>Soccoro Linsangan †             |
| Thurs. | Aug. 20 | 12:00PM | Karen Runkle †                                    |
| Fri.   | Aug. 21 | 12:00PM | Runkle Family (I)                                 |
| Sat.   | Aug. 22 | 5:00PM  | The Vu Family †<br>Peter Tran †                   |
| Sun.   | Aug. 23 | 8:00AM  | Michael Smith †                                   |
|        |         | 10:00AM | Frank Wessling (I)<br>Jaime Rangelt†              |

## UPCOMING EVENTS

|              |                                      |                     |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Sun. Aug. 16 | Regina Singles                       | 11:00 am            |
| Fri. Aug. 21 | Women's Group                        | 6:00 pm             |
| Sat. Aug. 22 | Queenship of Mary                    | 5:45 pm             |
| Sun. Aug. 23 | Queenship of Mary<br>and             | 8:45 am<br>10:50 am |
|              | Religious Education<br>Classes Begin | 11:00 am            |
|              | Youth Group<br>"Goofy Golf"          | 12:15 pm            |

### New Members July 2026

Please welcome our new members for July.

Martin & Julie Gibbons; Mark & Kim Boyd;  
Rolando & Florinda Gentolizo; David Riggs; Juan Garcia;  
Maria Huitanda and son, Scott Huitanda.

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

**Matthew 19:14**

### **Classes Begin August 23rd**

Families: Please register your children ASAP if you have not done so. Preparation for the new year is underway. Thank You!

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

- **July 25 — REGISTRATION DEADLINE**
- August 2 — Student/Parent Blessing
- August 23 — Classes Begin



## **O.C.I.A.**

### **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults**

Do you or someone you know want to:

- Learn more about the Catholic faith?
- Desire to 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](mailto:Susan@OLQU.org) for more info.

## **CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS**

### **Saint John Paul II Catholic High School (JP II) — A Special Journey Through Italy**

As JP II celebrates its 30th anniversary, we are pleased to invite members of the community to join us for a special journey to Rome and Assisi from April 16 to 26, 2027. This tour will offer a meaningful opportunity to experience the beauty, history, and spiritual heritage of Italy while celebrating three decades of Catholic education at JP II. Together, we will visit some of the most significant churches, sacred sites, and historic landmarks in Rome and Assisi, including places closely connected to St. John Paul II and St. Francis of Assisi.

A limited number of spaces are available for this tour. A complete day-by-day itinerary, pricing, registration details, and additional information can be found at <https://prorometours.com/jp2huntsville>. Travelers may choose either the complete tour package, including airfare, or the land-only tour package for those who prefer to arrange their own flights. We hope you will consider joining us for this memorable celebration of faith, friendship, and the 30-year legacy of St. John Paul II Catholic High School.

## **YOUTH MINISTRY \* LITURGY MINISTRY \* MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS**

### **Youth Ministry** **Goofy Golf**

Youth Group will meet Sunday, August 23rd after Religious Education for Goofy Golf. We will have a round of golf followed by ice cream, refreshments, and other games. All youth in grades 6th through 12th are welcome. Let's start off this year with fun and fellowship.

### **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](mailto: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.

### **Lessons and Carols**

The Music Ministry is starting rehearsals for December's Lessons and Carols. Our first rehearsal will be August 22nd at 9:30am in the Music Room. Anyone interested in singing for this event is invited. We are looking for instruments and voices to help celebrate the Advent/Christmas Season. We will meet once a month for rehearsals on a Saturday leading up to Lessons and Carols on December 16. Please contact Mark for information.

## **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 Parish Registration Forms**

We ask anyone who is new to the parish to fill out a form and join our parish family. We also request any parishioner who needs to update their family information, for example : cell phone numbers, no longer have a landline, a new residence or PO Box or a new member to your family, please take a form and give us updated information. We have many changes or disconnected phone numbers in our database. The forms are in the gathering area or come by the office.

### OLQU Office Contact Information

#### Reverend Charley Alookaran, Pastor

aocharley@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

mark@olqu.org | youthministry@olqu.org

#### Donna Pillarella, Parish Secretary

#### OLQU Parish Office Contact:

office@olqu.org / Telephone 256-852-0788

**OLQU Parish Office Hours:** Tuesday - Friday: 9:00am - 3:00pm

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

|                                                     |                     |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Ministry Coordinator:</b> Eva Andrzejewski       | <b>256-430-3486</b> |
| <b>Finance Council:</b> Fran Spinelli               | 256-830-4135        |
| <b>Adult Ed/Sacrament/OCIA:</b> Susan Turner        | 256-852-0788        |
| <b>Agape Joy:</b> Rafael Urrutia                    | 915-227-9509        |
| <b>Altar Linens:</b> Pat Spinelli                   | 256-830-4135        |
| <b>Altar Servers:</b> Jared Ebelhar                 | 256-684-8385        |
| <b>Arts &amp; Environment:</b>                      |                     |
| <b>Baptism Preparation:</b>                         |                     |
| <b>Building &amp; Maintenance:</b> Joe Andrzejewski | 256-430-3486        |
| <b>Care Ministry:</b> Susan Day                     | 978-877-2018        |
| <b>Chain Rosary:</b> David McClure                  | 502-759-1939        |
| <b>Charismatic Prayer Group:</b> Jeff Anderson      | 256-852-8734        |
| <b>Communications:</b> Damian Hochmuth              | 256-890-1621        |
| <b>EMHC:</b> Maria Nolen                            | 334-517-8157        |
| <b>Fund Raising:</b> Fran Spinelli                  | 256-830-4135        |
| <b>Gardening:</b> Marge Mullen                      | 256-683-1663        |
| <b>Greeters:</b> Jay Hammer                         | 256-337-1016        |
| <b>Grief Ministry:</b> Almareta Brislin             | 256-603-1213        |
| <b>IT &amp; A/V Care:</b> Jim Chaloupka             | 256-852-0788        |
| <b>Lawn Care:</b> Orlando Herrera                   | 256-990-7212        |
| <b>Lectors:</b> Sybil Shearburn                     | 256-679-7023        |
| <b>Life in Faith:</b> Claudia McClure               | 256-337-6986        |
| <b>Marriage Preparation:</b>                        |                     |
| <b>Loving Hands:</b> Carol Lee                      | 256-852-4095        |
| <b>Mass Coordinator:</b> Pat Spinelli               | 256-830-4135        |
| <b>Men's Club:</b> Roberto Ruiz                     | 256-655-2509        |
| <b>Money Counters:</b> Pat Spinelli                 | 256-830-4135        |
| <b>Music Ministry:</b> Mark Blackburn, Director     | 256-852-0788        |
| <b>Prayer Shawl:</b> Donna Pillarella               | 256-852-0788        |
| <b>Regina Singles:</b> Chad Bosch                   | 256-698-2197        |
| <b>Religious Education:</b> Susan Turner, Director  | 256-852-0788        |
| <b>Sacristans:</b> Fr. Charley Alookaran            | 256-852-0788        |
| <b>Safety &amp; Security:</b> Kent Wieter           | 256-830-1183        |
| <b>Social:</b> Orlando Herrera                      | 256-990-7212        |
| <b>St. Andrew's Table:</b> Joanna Acker             | 256-721-6922        |
| <b>St. Vincent de Paul:</b> Luster Ingram           | 256-852-2899        |
| <b>Ushers:</b> Jay Hammer                           | 256-337-1016        |
| <b>Women's Group:</b> Cindy Williams                | 256-509-7258        |
| <b>Youth Ministry:</b> 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

Thank you! The response has been overwhelming! We now have many needed items in stock. Low stock items include: flour, sugar, oatmeal, pancake mix, pancake syrup, instant mashed potatoes, cake mix, Jello pudding, cornmeal, and jelly.

The pantry is open on Tuesdays from 10:00am-11:00am.

Contact St. Vincent de Paul: [help@olqusvdp.org](mailto:help@olqusvdp.org).

#### *General Information*

#### Participation in Mass

Please make every effort to participate in the Hoy Mass by sitting in the church. Sitting in the gathering area, unless there is an overflow issue, is not full participation in the Mass. Also, we ask everyone to give access to empty seats. We want everyone to feel welcome to the Eucharistic Table for the full service. Please also note, the back row (seating against the wall) is reserved for our elderly and handicapped. We have a cry room available for parents who need one. Our ushers are available to assist with seating.

**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.

#### **SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

|           |                           |
|-----------|---------------------------|
| August 15 | Assumption of Mary        |
| August 16 | Seminarian Education Fund |
| August 16 | St. Vincent de Paul       |

#### **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

|                           |    |           |
|---------------------------|----|-----------|
| Weekly Estimated Expenses | \$ | 10,595.19 |
| Weekly Collection Aug 8/9 | \$ | 6,580.00  |
| Religious Education       | \$ | 94.00     |
| St. Vincent de Paul       | \$ | 202.00    |
| Building Fund             | \$ | 85.00     |
| Building & Maintenance    | \$ | 2,745.00  |
| Seminarian Education Fund | \$ | 142.00    |
| Disaster Relief           | \$ | 77.00     |
| Soleminity of Mary        | \$ | 27.00     |