

OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE

Catholic Parish



August 23, 2026 — Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Who do you say that I am?”

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks His disciples a question that echoes through every generation: “*Who do you say that I am?*” It is not a question of theology alone—it is a question of relationship. Peter responds with faith: “*You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.*” His confession became the foundation of the Church. The **identity of Christ** is not discovered through human reasoning alone but through the Father's revelation.

Jesus invites each of us to answer this question personally. Who is He in my life? My Savior? My healer? My companion in suffering? The **profession of faith** is not spoken once—it is lived daily through trust, obedience, and love.

This week, the Church gives us powerful witnesses who answered Jesus' question with their lives.

On **August 27**, we celebrate **St. Monica**, a model of persevering prayer. Her tears and unwavering faith brought her son back to God. Her life teaches us the strength of **persistent prayer**.

On **August 28**, we honor **St. Augustine**, once a restless seeker, later a great saint and doctor of the Church. His conversion shows the transforming power of grace and the beauty of **returning to God**.

On **August 29**, we remember the **Passion of St. John the Baptist**, who fearlessly proclaimed the truth and prepared the way for Christ. His martyrdom reminds us that faith sometimes demands courage and sacrifice. The **witness of John the Baptist** challenges us to stand firm in truth.

As we honor these saints, may we deepen our own answer to Jesus' question and allow our lives to reflect the faith we profess.

Let us Pray: Lord Jesus, open our hearts to know You more deeply. Through the prayers of St. Monica, St. Augustine, and the courage of St. John the Baptist, strengthen our faith and guide our steps. 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/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,

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

James & Mary Theresa Bailey,
Brad & Julie Bassler,
Jason & Stephanie Duckworth, Son & Tien Pham



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, Martha Marsh.

For the deceased:

David Haverkamp, grandfather of Adam Haverkamp, Deacon
Jim Bodine, Ramona Viera, sister of Meche Ivey



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. 22	5:00PM	The Vu Family † Peter Tran †
Sun.	Aug. 23	8:00AM	Michael Smith †
		10:00AM	Frank Wessling (I) Jaime Rangel †
Tues.	Aug. 25	12:00PM	Michael Smith †
Wed.	Aug. 26	12:00PM	Fr. Joy Alookaran (I)
Thurs.	Aug. 27	12:00PMS	Yvonne Kling †
Fri.	Aug. 28	12:00PM	Jordan Francisco (I)
Sat.	Aug. 29	5:00PM	Michael Smith † Santos Family †
Sun.	Aug. 30	8:00AM	Michael Thomas † Tran & Van Tran Family's(I)
		10:00AM	Josephine Smith † Joseph Smith †

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun. Aug. 23	Queenship of Mary and	8:45 am 10:50 am
	Religious Education Classes Begin	11:00 am
	Youth Group "Goofy Golf"	12:15 pm
Wed. Aug. 26	St. Mary's Choir	6:30 pm
Fri. Sept. 4	First Friday Adoration/Rosary Mass St. Andrew's Table	11:00 am 12:00 pm
Sat. Sept. 5	First Saturday Adoration/Rosary Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Altar Servers Training	7:30 am 8:00 am 10:00 am

St. Andrew's Table will start back up on Friday, Sept. 4th after First Friday Mass and Healing Service. All are invited for food and fellowship. It is free; donations are accepted.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

"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 Sunday, August 23rd

Any unregistered students and parents are to see me in the gathering area after the class prayer ~ 11:00 AM.

Questions?

Email: Susan@OLQU.ORG



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

Orientation is Sunday, Sept. 13th at 8:45 AM
We'll meet in Joy Hall after the 8 o'clock Mass.

Please join us if you or someone you know wants 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.

Contact: Susan Turner at 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 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. 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

Chain Rosary

The OLQU Chain Rosary takes place on the second Monday of each month. Fr. Charley starts it at 7:00 am and it is scheduled in 15 minute segments until 8:00 pm, which Fr. Charley finishes. If you are interested in having an assigned time please contact David McClure at 502-759-1939.

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.

WE ARE IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD, **THEREFORE:**

- We dress modestly as a sign of respect
- We observe silence for those praying before & after Mass
- We bless ourselves with holy water as we enter the church
- We genuflect or bow as we enter the pew
- We remain standing as we receive the Holy Eucharist

OLQU Office Contact Information

Reverend Charley Alookaran, Pastor

aocharley@olqu.org

Susan Turner, Director of Religious Education

susan@olqu.org

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

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

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:	
Building & Maintenance: Joe Andrzejewski	256-430-3486
Care Ministry: Susan Day	978-877-2018
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:	
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

Our pantry is well stocked thanks to the generous support of our parishioners! We are in need of a few items: canned peas, canned carrots, canned potatoes, mixed vegetables, canned soups, pancake syrup, canned meats (chicken, Spam, Vienna sausages, tuna). Also, Hamburger Helper, Pasta-Roni, and Stuffing Mix. Jelly of all kinds. Thank you again

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

General Information

Participation in Mass

Please make every effort to participate in the Holy 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 23	Building Fund
Sept. 6	Religious Education
Sept. 13	Building & Maintenance Fund
Sept.20	Seminarian Education Fund
	St. Vincent de Paul

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Weekly Estimated Expenses	\$	10,595.19
Weekly Collection Aug 15/16	\$	7,029.00
Religious Education	\$	22.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	689.00
Building Fund	\$	7.00
Building & Maintenance	\$	122.00
Seminarian Education Fund	\$	416.00
Disaster Relief	\$	7.00
Assumption of Mary	\$	727.00