

OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE

Catholic Parish



August 30, 2026 — Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.”

The Gospel for this Sunday presents us with a challenging invitation from Jesus. Peter has just recognized Jesus as the Messiah, but he struggles to understand what kind of Messiah Jesus is. Jesus speaks openly about His suffering, death, and resurrection. Peter finds this difficult to accept, yet Jesus reminds him—and us—that following Him means more than simply believing in Him. It means surrendering our lives to God.

Jesus says, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” These words are not a call to seek suffering, but an invitation to faithful love and self-giving. Every one of us carries a cross: responsibilities, disappointments, sacrifices, struggles, illness, family concerns, or moments when doing what is right becomes difficult. When united with Christ, our crosses can become paths to deeper faith and holiness.

St. Paul reminds us in the second reading: “Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God.” Christian discipleship is therefore not something we practice only on Sundays. It is a daily offering of ourselves to God—in our families, our workplaces, our relationships, and our service to others.

This weekend, we have beautiful opportunities to place our lives before the Lord. On Friday, September 4, we will have First Friday Adoration at 11:00 a.m., followed by the Healing Mass at 12:00 noon. Let us bring our burdens, wounds, and hopes before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and trust in His healing love.

On Saturday, September 5, our First Saturday devotion dedicated to our Blessed Mother begins with Adoration at 7:30 a.m., followed by Mass at 8:00 a.m. in honor of Mary. May Mary teach us, as she did throughout her life, to say a wholehearted “yes” to God.

Let us ask for the grace not to run away from our crosses, but to carry them with Jesus, trusting that love, sacrifice, and faithfulness always lead us toward new life.

Let us Pray: Lord Jesus, give us the courage to take up our crosses and follow You faithfully. Heal our hearts, strengthen our faith, and teach us through Mary to say “yes” to Your will. May our lives become a living offering of love to You and to others. Amen.

God’s Blessings, 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.

Care Ministry

We need more Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for the sick and homebound. We are a team of 5, as well as 3 for Regency. It is wonderful, meaningful and great - blessing to be part of this ministry. If this is something you may be interested in doing with for an hour or two once or twice a week or if you can fill in when needed, please pray about it. Training provided. Contact Susan Day at 978-877-2018, email her at susanday@gmail.com or contact the parish office.

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

Bernard & Joanna Acker

Enrique & Jill Ramos



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, Carol Hall, Anthony Byrd, Martha Marsh.

For the deceased:

David Haverkamp, grandfather of Adam Haverkamp, Deacon
Jim Bodine, Ramona Viera, sister of Meche Ivey, Mariakutty
Kumar, mother of Scariya Kumar



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. 29	5:00PM	McClure Family † Santos family †
Sun.	Aug. 30	8:00AM	Michael Thomas † Tran & Dinh Families (I)
		10:00AM	Josephine Smith † Joseph Smith †
Tues.	Sept. 1	12:00PM	Hermongenes Jr † & Divina Peralta(I)
Wed.	Sept. 2	12:00PM	George McClure (I)
Thurs.	Sept. 3	12:00PM	Hayley Pinto (I)
Fri.	Sept. 4	12:00PM	Candace Edwards (I) David Odette †
Sat.	Sept. 5	5:00PM	Rose Ann Nussberger † Barbara Casani†
Sun.	Sept. 6	8:00AM	Michael Smith † William Skinner†
		10:00AM	Robert Lemley † Cindy Turner †

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed. Sept. 2	Men's Club St. Mary's Choir	6:00 pm 6:00 pm
Thurs. Sept. 3	Charismatic Prayer	7:00 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
Thurs. Sept 10	Women's Group	5:30 pm

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.

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.

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 Began Sunday, August 23rd

For unregistered students: please see Susan Turner before sending students to class.

Young children in PreK thru 3rd grade must be picked up from class by a parent or family member.

Questions? See Susan Turner

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

Do you have a child in the 8th grade this year? Would you like to learn more about JP II's mission of forming the whole student? If so, come visit our school on Tuesday, September 15, 2026 from 8:30 am to 10:45 am.

JP II welcomes all current 8th-grade students and their parents/guardians to our **Future Falcon Day!**

JP II welcomes all faiths. Various tuition assistance opportunities are offered.

Register online at <https://forms.gle/Yt7BgcrystwMsnV5A>.

Contact us at admissions2jp2falcons.org if you have any questions.

YOUTH MINISTRY * LITURGY MINISTRY * MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

Youth Ministry

Information on the next activity next week!

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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

If you knit, crochet, sew or quilt and would like to join the OLQU Prayer Shawl Ministry please contact Donna at 256-852-0788.

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

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: Almaretha 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

The pantry shelves are looking good! We have many needed items in stock and are truly grateful for your support! If you are able to "Buy a Can for Jesus", we need: canned peas, canned carrots, canned peas & carrots, canned mixed vegetables, soups, canned meats (chicken, Tuna, Spam, etc), Jelly, Jello, puddingmixes and cake mixes.

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

Contact St. Vincent de Paul: help@olqusvdp.org.

General Information

Widows & Widowers Luncheon will meet for lunch

On September 10th at 1:00 pm at Carrabba's Italian Grill, 2801 South Memorial Pkwy (Parkway Place Mall), Huntsville. Please text or call Glenda at 520-603-6708 by September 8th for information, reservations or cancellations. Newcomers are always welcome.

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

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 22/23	\$	6,650.00
Religious Education	\$	20.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	722.00
Building Fund	\$	2,835.00
Building & Maintenance	\$	60.00
Seminarian Education Fund	\$	372.00
Disaster Relief	\$	5.00
Assumption of Mary	\$	570.00