

OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE

Catholic Parish



August 9, 2026 — Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Take courage, it is I.”

In today's Gospel, Jesus meets His disciples in the midst of a storm. The waves are strong, the wind is fierce, and fear overwhelms them. Yet Jesus comes to them, walking on the water, and speaks the words every heart longs to hear: “Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.” The mystery of trusting Jesus in the storm is at the center of this Sunday's message.

Peter steps out of the boat with faith, but when he focuses on the wind instead of Jesus, he begins to sink. This is our human experience. We believe, we begin well, but life's storms—illnesses, family struggles, financial worries, loneliness—can shake our confidence. Yet Jesus does not let Peter drown. He reaches out immediately. The hand of Christ is always extended toward us.

This week, we also celebrate two beautiful feasts that illuminate this Gospel.

On August 14, we honor St. Maximilian Kolbe, a martyr of charity. He lived the Gospel courageously, offering his life for another prisoner in Auschwitz. Kolbe teaches us that faith is not merely believing—it is radical trust in God even in the darkest storms.

On August 15, we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother, taken body and soul into heaven. Though not a day of obligation, we will have a special Mass at 8:00 AM. Mary is the perfect model of faith. She never took her eyes off God, even when her life was filled with uncertainty. The Assumption reminds us that our destiny is not the storm—it is the glory God prepares for His faithful ones.

As we face our own storms, let us walk with Peter, trust like Kolbe, and hope like Mary.

Let us Pray: Lord Jesus, reach out Your hand and lift us when we sink. Through St. Maximilian Kolbe and Our Blessed Mother, strengthen our faith, calm our fears, and guide us safely to Your peace. 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/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.

St. Joseph Chapel Prayer Book

If you requested a prayer book they are ready and in the Gathering Area. There will be someone available to check your name off the sign-up sheet and a container for your donation.



*The altar flowers are in honor of
Tanya Kumar
by Scariya & Jenny Kumar*

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

Randy & Ann Marshall
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, Lucy Carol Hall,
Anthony Byrd, Noah Huss, Dawn Peters, Fr. Joy Alookaran,
Sister Katrina



For the deceased:

Karen Runkle mother of Tammy Runkle, Dennis Mc Hugh,
brother in law of Kevin Smith and Peter John McGraw
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.	Aug. 8	5:00PM	Wenceslao Redoblado † Vu Family & Peter Tran †
Sun.	Aug. 9	8:00AM	Barbara Cassani †
		10:00AM	Asa Glass † Jim Correia †
Tues.	Aug. 11	12:00PM	Regina Mathan † John & Nellie Wujcik †
Wed.	Aug. 12	12:00PM	Dennis McHugh †
Thurs.	Aug. 13	12:00PM	Tanya Kumar (I)
Fri.	Aug. 14	12:00PM	Francoise Moise †
Sat.	Aug. 15	5:00PM	Michael Smith † William Skinner †
Sun.	Aug. 16	8:00AM	Alice LaPonsee †
		10:00AM	Lua Turner (I) Richard Moniz †

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun. Aug. 9	Vietnamese Mass	5:00 pm
Mon. Aug. 10	Chain Rosary	7:00 am - 8:00 pm
Thurs. Aug. 13	Women's Group	5:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Sat. Aug. 15	Assumption of Mary Mass	8:00 am
Sat. Aug. 15	Music Camp	10:00 am
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	Religious Education Classes Begin	11:00 am

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 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

Youth Group Meeting
Sunday, August 23rd at
12:15 pm

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 Camp

Saturday, August 15th is for children in grades 1-6 and will be from 10:00 am –3:00 pm. Lunch will be provided! This year's theme is Exploring the Sacred Heart of Jesus through prayer, music, crafts and games. The Sacred Heart of Jesus reminds us that Jesus' love is real, merciful and never runs out. "The Sacred Heart of God beats in rhythm with the soul of the world"

Servant of God, Madeleine Delbrie

MINISTRIES * NEWS * EVENTS

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.

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 changed 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

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: 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:	
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

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.

General Information

AL Catholic Center of Concern is in need of:

- Diapers (sizes 4, 5, and 6)
- New underwear for men, women, and children (all sizes)
- New socks for all ages

Center of Concern office phone number 205-963-9355

Widows & Widowers Luncheon

will meet for lunch
On August 13th at 1:00 pm at Luis's Mexican Bar and Grill,
7500 Memorial Parkway SW, (Main Street South)

Huntsville. Please text or call Mary at 618-444-9920 by

August 11th for information, reservations or cancellations.

Newcomers are always welcome.

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 9	Building & Maintenance
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 2/3	\$	8,211.00
Religious Education	\$	1,056.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	517.00
Building Fund	\$	460.00
Building & Maintenance	\$	1,330.00
Seminarian Education Fund	\$	322.00
Disaster Relief	\$	308.00
Assumption of Mary	\$	135.00