

OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE

Catholic Parish



September 20, 2026 — Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

God's Generosity and Our Response

The readings for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time remind us that God's ways are not our ways. Through the parable of the workers in the vineyard, Jesus teaches us about the extraordinary generosity of God. Some workers labor all day, while others come only at the last hour. Yet the landowner gives them the same generous reward.

At first, this seems unfair. The workers who labored longer complain because those who worked only briefly received the same amount. But Jesus is not teaching us about human wages; He is teaching us about God's mercy and generosity. God does not measure His love according to our calculations. His grace is a gift, freely given to everyone.

This Gospel challenges us to examine our hearts. Do we become jealous when someone else receives a blessing? Do we compare our lives, our sacrifices, or our service with others? God invites us instead to rejoice in His goodness. We are called to trust that there is enough of His love and grace for everyone.

On September 21, we celebrate the Feast of St. Matthew, the apostle and evangelist. Matthew was a tax collector when Jesus called him: "Follow me." He immediately left his former life and followed Christ. His story reminds us that God's call is an invitation to every person, regardless of the past.

Like Matthew, we are invited to respond generously when Christ calls us. We should never think that we have done too much or that someone else is unworthy of God's mercy. The Lord continually calls us to conversion, service, and deeper faith.

May we learn from St. Matthew to leave behind whatever keeps us from Christ and to follow Him with joyful hearts.

Let us Pray: Lord Jesus, teach us to trust in Your generous love. Remove jealousy and comparison from our hearts. Like St. Matthew, help us to hear Your call and follow You faithfully. May our lives become a witness to Your mercy and generosity. Amen.

Be generous to others as Jesus is generous to us. Be merciful to us O Lord always!!

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

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.

BIBLE STUDY ~ The Gospel of Luke. Bible Study is still on Thursdays at 9:30. The format will be a bit different, though Seeking Truth will still be the series we use. October 1 will be the introductory session with 21 more sessions to follow, which will take us into March of 2027. A 3-ring binder is suggested to organize your study sheets, and a Bible will be needed to cover the chapters of that week. Please consider joining us in Meeting Room 2 on the hallway into the Religious Ed wing. Each session usually lasts a bit more than an hour. For more information you may call or text Almaretta Brislin at [256-603-1213](tel:256-603-1213) or Theresa Bailey at [256-658-4011](tel:256-658-4011)

The altar flowers are in memory of :

Andre Koume, Francoise Moise, Charles Dixon

By: Gessie Moise-Dixon



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

Terry & Julie Acuff, Tom & Helen Carr, James & Sarita Chaloupka, Daniel & Cindy Fafard, Damian & Diane Hochmuth, Luster & Roxanna Ingram, Ken & JoAnn Myers



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, Haley Rice.

For the deceased:

Frank Rodriguez, brother of Mary Herrera

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.	Sept. 19	5:00PM	The Souls in Purgatory † Tom Heath †
Sun.	Sept. 20	8:00AM	Ramona Rivera † Kenneth McGowan †
		10:00AM	Alex & Justin Anderson (I) John O'Brien
Tues.	Sept. 22	12:00PM	Michael Smith †
Wed.	Sept. 23	12:00PM	Heidi Francisco (I) John Frey †
Thurs.	Sept. 24	12:00PM	Carolyn Stromquist †
Fri.	Sept. 25	12:00PM	Tue & Mua Nguyen †
Sat.	Sept. 26	5:00PM	The Vu Family† Peter Tran †
Sun.	Sept 27	8:00AM	Albert Rich †
		10:00AM	Victor Williams Jr. † Ann Kelleher †

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 and Mass Intention envelopes are on the tables in the Gathering Area..

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun. Sept. 20	Vietnamese Mass	5:00 pm
Sun. Sept.27	Parish Picnic	12.00 pm
Fri. Oct.2	First Friday Adoration/Rosary Mass St. Andrew's Table	11:00 am 12:00 pm 12:45 pm
Sat. Oct. 3	First Saturday Adoration/Rosary Mass Pet Blessing Altar Servers training	7:30 am 8:00 am 10:00 am 10:00 am
Wed Oct 7– Thurs Oct 15	Rosary Novena	

St. Andrew's Table will start back up on Friday, October 2nd 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." Matt. 19:14

"You Too Go into My Vineyard"

The parable of the landowner hiring workers to help him in his vineyard teaches us about the generosity of God, who doesn't compare us to each other or count up the number of our sins. He is limitless in generosity! Jesus wants to give eternal life to everyone who comes to him, especially those who are most in need of his mercy. Jesus invites us to be generous out of love! MagnifiKid! Vol. 23; Sept. 20, 2026; Pg.3.

The **MAGNIFIKID** missalette is available for children ages 6—12 to use during the Mass and to take home afterward. It's found on the table by the center doors of the church.

PARENT NOTE; Young children, PreK thru 3rd grade, must be picked up from class at dismissal by a parent or family member.

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

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.

OCIA meets Sunday mornings at 8:45 AM after the 8 o'clock Mass. All are welcome to join. We meet in the last room on the left of the main hallway.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

Saint John Paul II Catholic High School (JP II)

Join JP II for the 30th Anniversary Jubilee on Saturday evening November 14th for a fun-filled night bringing together alumni, parents, grandparents, parishioners, faculty and friends of JP II to celebrate a multitude of Falcon memories with the JP II Community. Enjoy great food, music, dancing, games, laughter, and plenty of Falcon memories as we celebrate three decades of the people, traditions, and moments that make JP II so special.

For 30 years, St. John Paul II Catholic High School has formed young men and women of faith, scholarship, leadership, and service as we celebrate this milestone anniversary.

For more information contact: <https://www.jp2falcons.org>.

YOUTH MINISTRY * LITURGY MINISTRY * MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

Youth Ministry

Sun. September 27th
The Youth Group will organize a kickball game during the picnic.

Sun. October 25th
Education on the Rosary from 12:15 pm to 2:15 pm. Come learn about the Rosary with icebreakers, games, & crafts.

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

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 a wonderful, meaningful and great blessing to be part of this ministry. If this is something you may be interested in 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 susanday8704@gmail.com or contact the parish office.

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. Also Fr. Charley wants baby blankets to give to recently baptized babies. We need "WHITE" yarn either 3 ply or 4ply. If you can help there is a basket in the Gathering Area for the yarn. If you make a blanket please put it in the same basket. Thank you to everyone who has donated white yarn and to those who are making blankets.

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: Jill Ramos	256-585-4595
Baptism Preparation: Fr. Charley	256-852-0788
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: Mark Blasckburn	256-852-0788
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: Fr. Charley	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. SVdP

The pantry shelves are looking good! We have many needed items in stock and are truly grateful for your support! We need: canned peas, canned carrots, canned peas & carrots, canned mixed vegetables, soups, canned meats (Spam, chicken, Tuna, etc), jelly, Jello, pudding and cake mixes.

The pantry is open on Tuesday from 10 am—11:00 am.

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

General Information

Widows & Widowers Luncheon will meet for lunch On October 8th at 12:00 pm at OI Heidelberg, 6125 University Drive NW Huntsville. Please text or call Cathy at 256-489-7111 by October 6th for information, reservations or cancellations. This is an informal group that gathers monthly. Newcomers are always welcome.

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

September 20	Seminarian Education Fund
	St. Vincent de Paul
September 27	Building Fund

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Weekly Estimated Expenses	\$	10,595.19
Weekly Collection Sept. 12/13	\$	7,181.00
Religious Education	\$	230.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	475.00
Building Fund	\$	350.00
Building & Maintenance	\$	1,942.00
Seminarian Education Fund	\$	380.00
Disaster Relief	\$	240.00
Assumption of Mary	\$	50.00