

OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE

Catholic Parish



September 6, 2026 — Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Love, Responsibility, and the Birth of Mary

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches us about the responsibility we have toward one another in the Christian community. Correction, forgiveness, and reconciliation are not acts of judgment—they are acts of love. Jesus reminds us that when a brother or sister strays, we are called to reach out gently, privately, and compassionately. The goal is always healing, never humiliation. This is the heart of **Christian reconciliation**.

St. Paul deepens this message when he says, "*Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another.*" Love is the foundation of every commandment. The **law of love** guides our words, our corrections, and our relationships. When we gather in Jesus' name—even two or three—He is present among us, strengthening our efforts to build unity.

This week, we celebrate a joyful feast that shines light on this Gospel: The **Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on September 8**. Mary's birth is the dawn of salvation. She is the **Morning Star** who announces the coming of Christ, the Sun of Justice. Her life reflects humility, purity, and perfect obedience—virtues that make reconciliation possible. Mary teaches us how to approach others with gentleness, how to forgive, and how to love without limits.

As we honor her birthday, we remember that every new beginning is a sign of God's providence. Mary's birth marks the beginning of God's plan to bring Jesus into the world. Our relationships, too, can have new beginnings—through forgiveness, patience, and love.

May this Sunday inspire us to build communities rooted in compassion, guided by truth, and strengthened by the presence of Christ.

Let us Prayer: Lord Jesus, teach us to love as You love. Through the intercession of Mary, whose birth we celebrate, make our hearts gentle, patient, and ready to forgive. Be present in our families and parish community, and lead us always toward unity and 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

OLQU Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office regular hours are back to normal
Tuesday through Friday 9am to 3 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 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. Thank you.

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

Adrian & Gabrielle Clark, Don & Susan Faint,
John & Tina Thomason, Clark & Cynthia Williams



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, Frank Rodriques.

For the deceased:

Mariakutty Kumar, mother of Scariya Kumar, Elizabeth Jones,
sister-in-law of Damian Hochmuth



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. 5	5:00PM	Rose Ann Nussberger † Barbara Cassani †
Sun.	Sept. 6	8:00AM	Michael Smith † William Skinner †
		10:00AM	Robert Lemley † Cindy Turner †
Tues.	Sept. 8	12:00PM	Mary Kay & Myra Wise †
Wed.	Sept. 9	12:00PM	Barbara Cassani †
Thurs.	Sept. 10	12:00PM	Lisa King (I)
Fri.	Sept. 11	12:00PM	Candace Edwards (I) David Odette †
Sat.	Sept. 12	5:00PM	Rose Ann Nussberger † Barbara Casani †
Sun.	Sept. 13	8:00AM	Michael Smith † William Skinner †
		10:00AM	Robert Lemley † Cindy Turner †

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

Thurs. Sept 10	Women's Group	5:30 pm
Mon. Sept 14	Monthly Chain Rosary	
Tues. Sept. 15	Vespers & Adoration	5:30 pm
Wed. Sept 16	Grief Ministry St. Mary's Choir	12:45 pm 6:30 pm
Thurs. Sept. 17	Charismatic Prayer Group	7:00 pm
Sun. Sept. 20	Vietnamese Mass	5:00 pm
Sun. Sept. 27	Parish Picnic	12.00 pm

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." Matt. 19:14

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

"Love Your Neighbor"

In today's second reading, Paul reminds the Romans about the Ten Commandments, the laws given by God through Moses. He also explains that all of God's laws have their roots in Jesus' commandment to love God and to "love your neighbor as yourself." The law for Christians is Jesus' way of love.

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

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

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.

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

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

Leaving Vehicles in the Parking Lot

If you are a member of OLQU and need to leave your vehicle in the parking lot overnight please contact the parish office. If your vehicle is left for more than a day and we don't know the reason for it being here we check with the police department to make sure it isn't a stolen vehicle, then have it towed to an impound lot.

Altar Servers Training

Altar Servers Training meets the first Saturday of the month at 10:00 am. All training sessions are open for those who currently serve and those interested in becoming Altar Servers. If you have questions contact Jared Ebelhar at 256-684-8385.

Baptism

Tivan Dinh Tran son of Tin Tran and Van Dinh, was baptized on Sunday, August 30. His God parents are Dang Vu Nguyen and Ngoc Han Vu.

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: 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. SVdP

The SVdP Pantry will be closed this Tuesday, September 8th..

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.

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

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 29/30	\$	7,193.00
Religious Education	\$	80.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	380.00
Building Fund	\$	211.00
Building & Maintenance	\$	40.00
Seminarian Education Fund	\$	190.00
Disaster Relief	\$	374.00
Assumption of Mary	\$	45.00
Altar Flowers	\$	150.00