

# OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE

Catholic Parish



**October 11, 2026 — Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## God's Invitation for us

In today's Gospel, Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a king who prepares a wedding feast for his son. The invitation is generous and joyful, yet many of those invited refuse to come. Some become too occupied with their own affairs, while others reject the invitation completely. The king then opens the invitation to everyone, good and bad alike, so that the wedding hall is filled with guests.

This parable reminds us that God continually invites us into communion with Him. His invitation is not limited to a particular group of people. His grace is offered freely to all. The question is not whether God invites us, but whether we are willing to accept His invitation.

The wedding garment represents the disposition of our hearts. Baptism gives us a new life in Christ, but we are called to live that life faithfully. We cannot simply accept God's invitation with our lips while refusing to allow His grace to transform our hearts. The Christian life requires conversion, forgiveness, love, and a sincere desire to follow Christ.

Sometimes we become like those in the parable who were too busy with their own concerns to respond to God. Work, possessions, worries, ambitions, and even everyday distractions can take first place in our lives. Yet God continues to call us: "Come to the feast."

The Eucharist is a foretaste of this heavenly banquet. Each time we gather around the Lord's table, we are reminded of His immense love and invited to renew our commitment to Him.

Let us therefore not take God's invitation for granted. May we open our hearts, put on the garment of love and holiness, and joyfully respond to the Lord's call.

### Prayer:

Lord Jesus, thank You for inviting us to the feast of Your Kingdom. Help us to recognize Your call, overcome our distractions, and live with hearts filled with faith, love, and compassion. Clothe us with Your grace and make us worthy guests at Your heavenly banquet. Amen.

Thank you for your valuable prayers and support for me and my family.

With gratitude, 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

### Parish Picnic

The Social Committee sends a huge thank You to everyone who helped with the picnic. It was a beautiful day and it's always wonderful for fellowship among our parish family.

### "Global Map of Unity"

We celebrate our parishioners' cultural heritage and diverse backgrounds through the many gifts we share. Starting October 4th, we begin preparing a "Global Map of Unity" showing where we are from, which makes our parish so vibrant. We will display the map in the Chapel hallway for everyone to see. Please help us make the map complete by filling out your information on the form provided in the gathering area.

**Thank you for helping us celebrate our parish's many gifts.**

**BIBLE STUDY** ~ The Gospel of Luke. Bible Study is on Thursdays at 9:30. Seeking Truth will still be the series we use. 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 3 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 Theresa Bailey at [256-658-4011](tel:256-658-4011).

**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

Fred & Margaret Dorsey, Stephen & Linda Duckworth, Robert & Susan Fitzgibbon, Mark & Sharon Wiegmann



### 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, Nash Owens, Alvin & Frank Mitchell.

**For the deceased:** Fr. Joy Alookaran, brother of Fr. Charley



## 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-

|        |         |         |                                                  |
|--------|---------|---------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Sat.   | Oct. 10 | 5:00PM  | The Vu Family †<br>Peter Tran †                  |
| Sun.   | Oct. 11 | 8:00AM  | Frank Rodriguez †                                |
|        |         | 10:00AM | Andre Moise †<br>Fr. Gerald Peterson †           |
| Tues.  | Oct 13  | 12:00PM | Communion Service                                |
| Wed.   | Oct. 14 | 12:00PM | Communion Service                                |
| Thurs. | Oct. 15 | 12:00PM | Communion Service                                |
| Fri.   | Oct. 16 | 12:00PM | Communion Service                                |
| Sat.   | Oct. 17 | 5:00PM  | George David McClure (I)<br>Souls in Purgatory † |
| Sun.   | Oct. 18 | 8:00AM  | Albert Rich †<br>Quinton Martin †                |
|        |         | 10:00AM | David Haverkamp †<br>Violette LaBoissonnier      |

### 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

### **Wed. Oct 7– Thurs. Oct.15 Rosary Novena**

|              |                                     |           |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Sun. Oct. 11 | Regina Singles                      | 11:00 am  |
| Mon. Oct. 12 | Monthly Chain Rosary                | 7 am—8 pm |
| Sun. Oct. 18 | World Mission Sunday Collection     |           |
|              | Vietnamese Mass                     | 5:00 pm   |
| Wed. Oct.21  | Grief Ministry                      | 12:45 pm  |
| Sun. Nov. 1  | International Rosary<br>and Potluck | 5:00 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

### **"Invite to the feast whomever you find."**

We read in the Gospels about the many times Jesus eats with his disciples, his friends, or simply the people whom he meets. In the parables, Jesus often compares the Kingdom of God to a meal of celebration, or a feast. It is during a meal, the wedding feast at Cana, that he performs his first miracle; and it is also during a meal that he says goodbye to his disciples just before dying on the cross.

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The **MAGNIFIKID** missalettes are available for children ages 6—12 to use during the Mass and take home afterward. They are on the table by the center doors of the church.

**PARENT NOTE:** PreK-3rd grade students must be picked up from class at dismissal by a parent or family member.

**Order of Christian Initiation of Adults** OCIA meets Sunday mornings at 8:45 AM after the 8 o'clock Mass in the last room on the left of the main hallway. Please join us.

Contact: Susan Turner at Susan@OLQU.org for more info.



The Saints Parade is coming Sunday, Nov. 1st and Father Charley will recognize the children after each Mass. He loves to see them active in the parish so let's put a smile on his face! Parents help your child decide on a favorite saint to represent by October 18th. We will help them with costumes these next few weeks.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

### **Saint John Paul II Catholic High School (JP II)**

Join the Falcon Family! The 2027-2028 JP II Admissions Season is Here!

St. John Paul II Catholic High School has opened Priority Admissions for current JP II families and for partner school families. Applications open to the public on Sunday, November 1st. Admissions notifications will be sent by Friday, December 11 to families who apply by December 1. To schedule a personal tour of the school or a Shadow Day for your student, please contact JP II Admissions at 256-430-1760, ext 2117.

### **Holy Family School**

HFS has begun taking applications for new students for kindergarten thru 8th grade for the 2027-2028 school year. If you know someone or have a family member that is interested in applying, please let them know.

## YOUTH MINISTRY \* LITURGY MINISTRY \* MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

### **Youth Ministry**

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

### **Lessons and Carols**

Rehearsal for December's Lessons and Carols is going well. We still welcome new voices and instruments to join in preparing for this event, Wednesday, December the 16th. Rehearsals continue October the 17th at 9:30 am in the Music room, Please contact Mark to join in preparing for this Advent Season Event and more information. mark@olqu.org

### **Youth Ministry**

This past year, we offered various events for high school and middle school students with limited success such as service projects, cook-outs, movie and game nights. Families and young people have expressed that they liked the ideas, but often it came down to scheduling conflicts. However, we are committed to bringing the resources of this parish to our youth! In the coming weeks and months – OLQU Youth Ministry will be laying out plans to offer a comprehensive youth ministry program for both middle school youth and high school young people. We invite your input as

## MINISTRIES \* NEWS \* EVENTS

### **World Mission Sunday 2026**

October 18th is World Mission Sunday. It is a reminder of our shared responsibility to proclaim the Gospel to all nations. It is a day when Catholics around the world unite in prayer and solidarity to support the missionary work of the Church. Please respond to this appeal as generously as you can.

### **New Members September 2026**

Please welcome our new members for September:

Will, Kelsey, Elizabeth & Henry Bickett; Allen, Katherine, Elijah, Luke & Isaac Griffith; Jack, Crissy, Natalie & Charlie Musso; Julius Keter; Veronica Jepkosgei; Drew Woolley; Thai Hung VY & Nguyen Kim Phong; and Wayne & Deborah Schrenk

### OLQU Office Contact Information

**Reverend Charley Alookaran, Pastor**

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**Donna Pillarella, Parish Secretary**

**OLQU Parish Office Contact:**

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**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

|                                                     |                     |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Ministry Coordinator:</b> Eva Andrzejewski       | <b>256-430-3486</b> |
| <b>Finance Council:</b> Fran Spinelli               | 256-830-4135        |
| <b>Adult Ed/Sacrament/OCIA:</b> Susan Turner        | 256-852-0788        |
| <b>Agape Joy:</b> Rafael Urrutia                    | 915-227-9509        |
| <b>Altar Linens:</b> Pat Spinelli                   | 256-830-4135        |
| <b>Altar Servers:</b> Jared Ebelhar                 | 256-684-8385        |
| <b>Arts &amp; Environment:</b> Jill Ramos           | 256-585-4595        |
| <b>Baptism Preparation:</b> Fr. Charley             | 256-852-0788        |
| <b>Building &amp; Maintenance:</b> Joe Andrzejewski | 256-430-3486        |
| <b>Care Ministry:</b> Susan Day                     | 978-877-2018        |
| <b>Chain Rosary:</b> David McClure                  | 502-759-1939        |
| <b>Charismatic Prayer Group:</b> Jeff Anderson      | 256-852-8734        |
| <b>Communications:</b> Damian Hochmuth              | 256-890-1621        |
| <b>Communion Ministers:</b> Mark Blackburn          | 256-852-0788        |
| <b>Fund Raising:</b> Fran Spinelli                  | 256-830-4135        |
| <b>Gardening:</b> Marge Mullen                      | 256-683-1663        |
| <b>Greeters:</b> Jay Hammer                         | 256-337-1016        |
| <b>Grief Ministry:</b> Almareta Brislin             | 256-603-1213        |
| <b>IT &amp; A/V Care:</b> Jim Chaloupka             | 256-852-0788        |
| <b>Lawn Care:</b> Orlando Herrera                   | 256-990-7212        |
| <b>Lectors:</b> Sybil Shearburn                     | 256-679-7023        |
| <b>Life in Faith:</b> Claudia McClure               | 256-337-6986        |
| <b>Marriage Preparation:</b> Fr. Charley            | 256-852-0788        |
| <b>Loving Hands:</b> Carol Lee                      | 256-852-4095        |
| <b>Mass Coordinator:</b> Pat Spinelli               | 256-830-4135        |
| <b>Men's Club:</b> Roberto Ruiz                     | 256-655-2509        |
| <b>Money Counters:</b> Pat Spinelli                 | 256-830-4135        |
| <b>Music Ministry:</b> Mark Blackburn, Director     | 256-852-0788        |
| <b>Prayer Shawl:</b> Donna Pillarella               | 256-852-0788        |
| <b>Regina Singles:</b> Chad Bosch                   | 256-698-2197        |
| <b>Religious Education:</b> Susan Turner, Director  | 256-852-0788        |
| <b>Sacristans:</b> Fr. Charley Alookaran            | 256-852-0788        |
| <b>Safety &amp; Security:</b> Kent Wieter           | 256-830-1183        |
| <b>Social:</b> Orlando Herrera                      | 256-990-7212        |
| <b>St. Andrew's Table:</b> Joanna Acker             | 256-721-6922        |
| <b>St. Vincent de Paul:</b> Luster Ingram           | 256-852-2899        |
| <b>Ushers:</b> Jay Hammer                           | 256-337-1016        |
| <b>Women's Group:</b> Cindy Williams                | 256-509-7258        |
| <b>Youth Ministry:</b> 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** is getting ready to start the Thanksgiving Baskets. Keep your eye out for more information in the coming weeks.

Our pantry is in need of the following items:

Sugar, canned carrots, canned potatoes, pasta sauces, canned mixed vegetables, canned fruits (all types). Thank you so much for your generosity! We are truly blessed!

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

Contact St. Vincent de Paul: [help@olqusvdp.org](mailto:help@olqusvdp.org).

### *General Information*

### **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](http://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](mailto:bookkeeper@olqu.org) or call 256-852-0788.

### **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**

|            |                           |
|------------|---------------------------|
| October 11 | Building & Maintenance    |
| October 18 | Seminarian Education Fund |
|            | St. Vincent de Paul       |
|            | Mission Sunday            |

### **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

|                            |    |           |
|----------------------------|----|-----------|
| Weekly Estimated Expenses  | \$ | 10,595.20 |
| Weekly Collection Oct. 3/4 | \$ | 6,050.00  |
| Religious Education        | \$ | 556.00    |
| St. Vincent de Paul        | \$ | 230.00    |
| Building Fund              | \$ | 50.00     |
| Building & Maintenance     | \$ | 155.00    |
| Seminarian Education Fund  | \$ | 250.00    |
| Disaster Relief            | \$ | 5.00      |
| World Mission Sunday       | \$ | 250.00    |