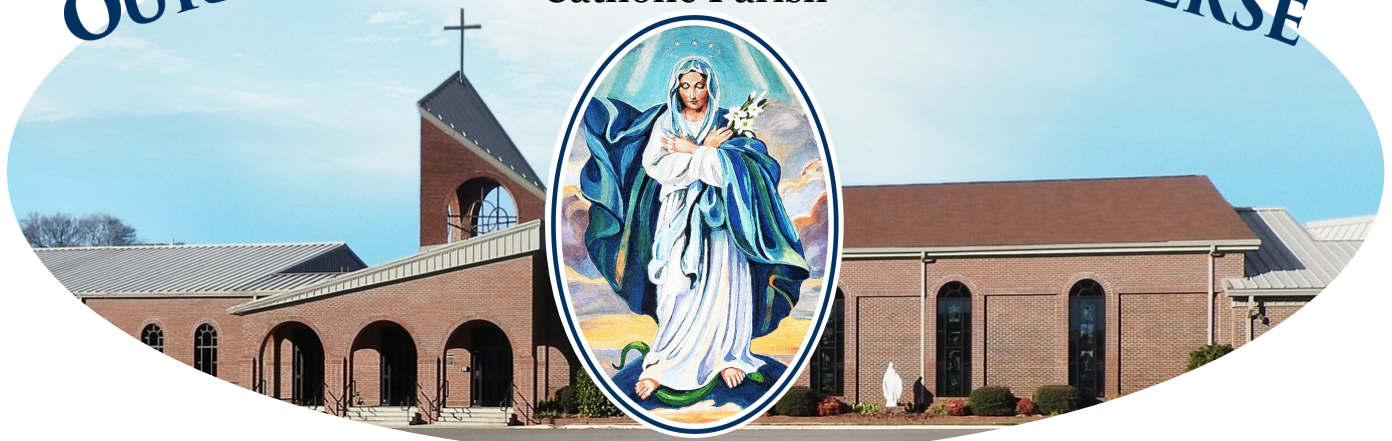


OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE

Catholic Parish



October 25, 2026 — Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Greatest Commandment

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In today's Gospel, a scholar of the law asks Jesus, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" Jesus responds with two commandments that summarize the whole law: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." He immediately adds, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

These two commandments are inseparable. Our love for God must be expressed through our love for others, and our love for others must be rooted in our relationship with God. We cannot truly claim to love God while ignoring the suffering, loneliness, and needs of our brothers and sisters.

Loving God with all our heart means giving Him first place in our lives. It means trusting Him in difficult moments, remaining faithful in prayer, and seeking His will in our daily decisions. Love for God is not limited to attending Mass or saying prayers; it must influence how we speak, act, forgive, and serve.

Jesus also commands us to love our neighbor as ourselves. This love begins in our families, extends to our parish communities, and reaches even those who are difficult to love. It calls us to forgive those who hurt us, help those in need, welcome strangers, and treat every person with dignity and respect.

Sometimes, we may find it easier to perform religious duties than to show patience, kindness, and compassion toward others. Today, Jesus reminds us that genuine faith must become visible through loving actions. Every act of mercy becomes an expression of our love for God.

As we celebrate this Sunday, let us ask ourselves: Do people experience God's love through my words and actions? Do I make room in my heart for those who are different from me?

May we remember that **love is the heart of the Gospel and the foundation of Christian life**. When we love God wholeheartedly and our neighbors sincerely, we fulfill the greatest commandments and become true disciples of Jesus.

Let us pray: Heavenly Father, fill our hearts with Your divine love. Help us to love You with our whole being and to love our neighbors with kindness, forgiveness, and compassion. May our words and actions reflect the love of Jesus each day.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen, Love & 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

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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

"Global Map of Unity"

We celebrate our parishioners' cultural heritage and diverse backgrounds through the many gifts we share. Starting October 4rd, 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.**

Trunk or Treat

Today, October 25th is Trunk or Treat. Come at 4:30 pm with a decorated trunk and have candy for the children who love to come to get lots of treats. The trick or treaters should arrive at 5:00 pm.

Fr. Charley's Care Baskets

If you are a parishioner in need of a Thanksgiving basket or know a parishioner who does please contact the parish office at 256-852-0788 no later than Sunday, November 8th.

The altar flowers are in memory of :

Kathleen Heeney

By: Susan Page



Wedding Anniversaries

Jeff & Cecilia McCracken

Anthony & Christine Oneya-Byrd



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, Olivia Watson, Tom McCoy, Pope Leo



For the deceased: Vivaya Medabalimi, mother of Karthik Medabalimi, Peyton Springs, brother of Mary Howell

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. Mass Intentions are \$10.each.

Sat.	Oct. 24	5:00PM	Vu Family & Peter Tran † Elvira Vail †
Sun.	Oct. 25	8:00AM	Rafael Urrutia Sr. † Frank Rodriguez †
		10:00AM	David Haverkamp † Becky Moniz †
Tues.	Oct. 27	12:00PM	The Vu Family † Peter Tran †
Wed.	Oct. 28	12:00PM	Albert Rich † Cao Dinh †
Thurs.	Oct. 29	12:00PM	Mark McKinley † Cao Dinh †
Fri.	Oct. 30	12:00PM	Karen Runkle † Frank Rodriguez †
Sat.	Oct. 31	5:00PM	Brubo Smith † Souls in Purgatory †
Sun.	Nov. 1	8:00AM	Cathy Turner † Jose & Carmelita Rodriquez †
		10:00AM	Victor williams † Louis Pikulski †

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sun. Nov. 1 International Rosary 5:00 pm
Mass and Potluck**

Saints Parade (all Masses)

Fri. Nov. 6

First Friday

Rosary

11:00 am

Mass with Healing Service

12:00 pm

St. Andrew's Table

Sat. Nov. 7

First Saturday

Rosary

7:30 am

Mass

8:00 am

Altar Servers Training

10:00 am

Sun. Nov. 8

OLQU Anniversary

St. Andrew's Table will start back up on Friday, November 6th 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 shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Jesus teaches us the two greatest commandments are to love God with your whole being and to love your neighbor as yourself. At the Last Supper, He gave us a new commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you." God sent Jesus to show us what true love looks like. He also sends us the Holy Spirit to give us the power to love. With God's love inside us, we can love always. MagnifiKid! Vol. 23; Oct. 25, 2026; Pg.3.

The **MAGNIFIKID** missalettes are available for children ages 6—12 to use during the Mass and take home afterward.

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)

Thursday, November 12— 7th grade is Showcase day at JP II. Open to all 7th grade parents and students. It is from 8:30 am to 10:30 am. Registration Link: [https:// forms. gle/fzk4CoPgW3zvV1Yy5](https://forms.gle/fzk4CoPgW3zvV1Yy5). JP II welcomes students of all faiths. Various tuition opportunities are offered. Contact jp2falcons.org with any questions.

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. Contact 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 parents on how to better serve the youth of this parish.

MINISTRIES * NEWS * EVENTS

Catholic Engaged Encounter— Birmingham AL

Catholic Engaged Encounter weekends are conducted 9 times between January and October in 2027. St. Bernard Abbey, Cullman—Retreat Overnight Retreats dates are January 15-17; April 2-4; May 14-16; June 18-20; July 9-11; and August 20-22.

Birmingham Area in-Parish Retreats dates are February 12-14 and March 12-14. Huntsville Area in-Parish Retreat date is October 1-3 at St. John the Baptist. All Catholic engaged couples must attend one of these sessions before getting married in the Church.

International Rosary, Mass, and Potluck



Sunday, November 1st we will have an International rosary and a Mass beginning at 5:00 pm. This Mass will fulfill your Sunday obligation if you choose to come to this Mass. It will be followed by a potluck dinner. Please bring a dish that comes from the country you come from or your family originated from.

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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:

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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

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

"God loves us. God loves you and evil will not prevail! We are all in God's hands."
Pope Leo

SOCIAL CONCERNS & FOOD PANTRY

St. SVdP Our pantry is in need of the following items:

Sugar, flour, pancake mix, syrup, fried beans, canned carrots, canned potatoes, pasta sauces, canned mixed vegetables, canned fruits (all types), crackers, applesauce, tomatoes, tomato sauce and cookies.

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

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

General Information

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.

Funerals

Please contact the parish office before finalizing arrangements with the funeral home to make sure the day and time you want are available. The contact number is 256-852-0788.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

October 25	Building Fund
November 1	All Saints Day
November 8	Building & Maintenance
November 15	Seminarian Education Fund
	St. Vincent de Paul
	Beacons of Hope

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Weekly Estimated Expenses	\$	10,595.20
Weekly Collection Oct. 17/18	\$	8,981.00
Religious Education	\$	372.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	871.00
Building Fund	\$	12.00
Building & Maintenance	\$	2,088.00
Seminarian Education Fund	\$	571.00
Disaster Relief	\$	70.00
World Mission Sunday	\$	1,299.00
General Flowers	\$	250.00