

Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church

315 North Fifth Street, Highlands, North Carolina 28741



MASS SCHEDULE

Seasonal Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. (May 27-Oct 28, 2023)
Sunday Mass 11:00 a.m.
Weekdays Tuesday Latin Mass 9:30 a.m.
Thursday English Mass 9:30 a.m.

Winter Schedule

Sunday Mass 11:00 a.m.
Weekdays Tuesday Latin Mass 9:30 a.m.
Thursday English Mass 9:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Confession

15 minutes before Masses or by appointment

Parochial Administrator—Rev. Fr. Jason Barone

Mission Secretary—Lori McCarley

Executive Assistant—John Paul Torres

Sacristan—Mary Dodge

Mission Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 20, 2023



Our vision is to become a beacon of Catholic faith on the plateau by giving due glory to God and greater love to our neighbors.

Our mission is to walk humbly in God's presence through prayer and service as a loving Catholic community dedicated to the redemptive work of Jesus Christ.

Liturgical Schedule

| Date | Mass | Intention/Requested |
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| 8/19/23 | Low English Mass | Capital Campaign Benefactors |
| 8/20/23 | Sung English Mass | Alan and Butchie Neely By OLM Women's Club |
| 8/22/23 | Low Latin Mass | Rev. Fr. Jeffrey Montz Anonymous |
| 8/24/23 | Low English Mass | Charlene Hemphill+ By the Stuckey Family |
| 8/26/23 | Low English Mass | Robert Henson By Ellen Nolan |
| 8/20/23 | Sung English Mass | Anthony Inzerillo and Christina Inzerillo By Gloria Inzerillo |

Mass Key

Low Mass: little/no singing and no incense.
Sung Mass: hymns and moderate chanting and may have some incense.
Solemn Mass: hymns, heavy chanting, and incense.

| Mass Date | Offertory | MTD Online Giving | Attendance |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------------|------------|
| August 12 & 13, 2023 | \$6,066.00* | \$2,736.20 | 309 |
| Smoky Mtn. PCC | \$1,488.00 | | |
| Holy Day | \$733.00 | | 91 |

*Includes Sunday offertory basket collection and mailed in donations.

Men's and Women's Club Meeting

Tuesday—September 19, 2023

5:00pm Meeting—6:00pm Dinner BYOB

Join the fun and service to our parish

PARISH CALENDAR

Friday, August 18
Office and Church Closed
Faith on Tap @ 5:00pm

Saturday, August 19
Recitation of the Rosary 3:40pm
Confessions 3:45 pm
Mass @ 4:00 pm

Sunday, August 20
Recitation of the Rosary 10:40am
Confessions 10:45am
Mass @ 11:00am
Food & Fellowship 12:00 pm

Monday, August 21
Office and Church Closed

Tuesday, August 22
Office and Church Open 9:00am-3:00pm
Confessions @ 9:15am
Mass @ 9:30am
Faith Formation parent mtg 6pm St. Jude

Wednesday, August 23
Office & Church Open 9:00am-3:00pm

Thursday, August 24
Office and Church Open 9:00am-3:00pm
Confessions @ 9:15am
Mass @ 9:30am
Adult Catechesis 10:00am in Hall

Friday, August 25
Office and Church Closed

Saturday, August 26
Office Closed
First Reconciliation 3:00pm
Recitation of the Rosary 3:40pm
Confessions 3:45 pm
Mass @ 4:00 pm

Sunday, August 13
Recitation of the Rosary 10:40am
Confessions 10:45am
First Eucharist during 11:00am Mass
Mass @ 11:00am
Food & Fellowship 12:00 pm

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NUTS AND BOLTS

Thank you to everyone for making payments to your pledge. Reminders will be sent via mail or email but, you may make a payment at anytime. Payments can be made via mail, or by dropping it off in the offertory basket or at the office. Notate capital campaign in the memo line. You may also pay online by using your Parish Soft Offering account or create an account at this [Link](#).

Stock Gifts—When using stock for your donation, complete form provided on OLM website. Page 1 is to be mailed to the diocese. Page 2 is given to your broker. Diocese cannot process in a timely manner unless Page 1 is received.



It's Not Too Late to Pledge

You may still make a pledge to *Building a Beacon of Catholic Faith* capital campaign either by dropping your commitment card in the offertory basket or at the office. You may also pledge online on our website or at this [Link](#).



Father Barone's Column

Queen of the World and of Peace From a homily by St Amadeus of Lausanne, bishop



Observe how fitting it was that even before her assumption the name of Mary shone forth wondrously throughout the world. Her fame spread everywhere even before she was raised above the heavens in her magnificence. Because of the honour due her Son, it was indeed fitting for the Virgin Mother to have first ruled upon earth and then be raised up to heaven in glory. It was fitting that her fame be spread in this world below, so that she might enter the heights of heaven on overwhelming blessedness. Just as she was borne from virtue to virtue by the Spirit of the Lord, she was transported from earthly renown to heavenly brightness.

So it was that she began to taste the fruits of her future reign while still in the flesh. At one moment she withdrew to God in ecstasy; at the next she would bend down to her neighbours with indescribable love. In heaven angels served her, while here on earth she was venerated by the service of men. Gabriel and the angels waited upon her in heaven. The virgin John, rejoicing that the Virgin Mother was entrusted to him at the cross, cared for her with the other apostles here below. The angels rejoiced to see their queen; the apostles rejoiced to see their lady, and both obeyed her with loving devotion.

Dwelling in the loftiest citadel of virtue, like a sea of divine grace or an unfathomable source of love that has everywhere overflowed its banks, she poured forth her bountiful waters on trusting and thirsting souls. Able to preserve both flesh and spirit from death she bestowed health-giving salve on bodies and souls. Has anyone ever come away from her troubled or saddened or ignorant of the heavenly mysteries? Who has not returned to everyday life gladdened and joyful because his request had been granted by the Mother of God?

She is a bride, so gentle and affectionate, and the mother of the only true bridegroom. In her abundant goodness she has channeled the spring of reason's garden, the well of living and life-giving waters that pour forth in a rushing stream from divine Lebanon and flow down from Mount Zion until they surround the shores of every far-flung nation. With divine assistance she has redirected these waters and made them into streams of peace and pools of grace. Therefore, when the Virgin of virgins was led forth by God and her Son, the King of kings, amid the company of exulting angels and rejoicing archangels, with the heavens ringing with praise, the prophecy of the psalmist was fulfilled, in which he said to the Lord: At your right hand stands the queen, clothed in gold of Ophir.



Visit our YouTube Channel by scanning the QR code below. View past homilies, adult catechesis classes, and more!

Rosary Volunteers Needed

Would you like to lead the rosary before Mass, either Saturday or Sunday?



Sign up sheet is at the front door.
Your volunteerism is greatly appreciated!

Faith on Tap



August 18
September 6
OLM
5:00pm

September 5
St. Jude
5:00pm

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Suzette Oleksyk, Denise Cook, Bishop Gregory, Maureen Pierce, Marianne Mahaffey, Teri Dolci, Christine Walker, Zan Smith, Mary Beth Brody, John Wilding

MILITARY/DEPLOYED

Please pray for all the men and women serving the United States in the military and contract workers deployed in dangerous areas.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SOULS OF OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Jim and Thelma Petrone, Jef Kotzan, Adele Hopkins, Fred Wooldridge, Dorice Pulte, James Urbanski, Pat Pittari, Clara Lewicki, Fr. Ubald Rugirangoga, Scott Peek, Sr., Stewart Austin, Ron Simmons, Harry Vaughn, Lucille Devane, Carolyn Neupauer, James and Laure Walsh, Joan Hatch, Steve Fox, Lee Smith, Sue Schulte, Marilyn Riva, George Schmitt, Frank Neely, Patricia Bollinger

SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE

There is a women's prayer group at our church for Father Barone. The Seven Sisters Apostolate members offer one Holy Hour a week on their designated day. We have openings for an hour on Monday and Friday. It is a blessing for Father Barone and the intercessor. Learn more by contacting Julie Stuckey at 303-408-1711 or juliestuckey@gmail.com.



"A faithful friend is a sturdy shelter; He that has found one has found a treasure. There is nothing so precious as a faithful friend, and no scales can measure his excellence" (Sirach 6:14)

Join other Women in a Sisterhood for a Continental Breakfast, Fellowship, Prayer and ongoing Spiritual Formation.

Date: Saturday, August 19, 2023

Time: 9:30 - 11:30 am

Place: St. Jude's Parish Hall

RSVP Martha Nicolli 561 212 8673 or mnicolli@womenofgrace.com

Guest Speaker: Paul Zucarelli

Follow up on our speaker, Paul Zucarelli by visiting his website:

<https://faithunderstood.org/>



Ongoing

Donations

Highlands Food Pantry

The OLM Ladies Club are collecting donations of toiletry items each week to support our local community food bank. Bins are



Make Giving Easier!

Please consider making your offertory gift online.

Visit our website at www.OLMhighlands.com

Fr. Barone's door is always open.

If you'd like to schedule an appointment, please call John Paul at 828-526-2418 or email him at ExecAsstOLMSTJ@gmail.com



St. Stephen of Hungary

Rose was born to parents of Spanish descent in Lima, Peru, at a time when South America was in its first century of evangelization. She seems to have taken Catherine of Siena as a model, despite the objections and ridicule of parents and friends.



The saints have so great a love of God that what seems bizarre to us, and is indeed sometimes imprudent, is simply a logical carrying out of a conviction that anything that might endanger a loving relationship with God must be rooted out. So, because her beauty was so often admired, Rose used to rub her face with pepper to produce disfiguring blotches. Later, she wore a thick circlet of silver on her head, studded on the inside, like a crown of thorns.

When her parents fell into financial trouble, she worked in the garden all day and sewed at night. Ten years of struggle against her parents began when they tried to make Rose marry. They refused to let her enter a convent, and out of obedience she continued her life of penance and solitude at home as a member of the Third Order of Saint Dominic. So deep was her desire to live the life of Christ that she spent most of her time at home in solitude.

During the last few years of her life, Rose set up a room in the house where she cared for homeless children, the elderly, and the sick. This was a beginning of social services in Peru. Though secluded in life and activity, she was brought to the attention of Inquisition interrogators, who could only say that she was influenced by grace.

What might have been a merely eccentric life was transfigured from the inside. If we remember some unusual penances, we should also remember the greatest thing about Rose: a love of God so ardent that it withstood ridicule from without, violent temptation, and lengthy periods of sickness. When she died at 31, the city turned out for her funeral. Prominent men took turns carrying her coffin.

Source: Franciscan Media

A 12-Day Pilgrimage to
GREECE & TURKEY
 with Fr. Christopher Smith & Fr. Jason Barone | November 8-19, 2024

Register at scharlespilgrimages.com/smith-barone

Pray your rosary!