

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

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Executive Assistant—John Paul Torres

Sacristan—Mary Dodge

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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time August 27, 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
8/26/23	Low English Mass	Robert Henson By Ellen Nolan
8/27/23	Sung English Mass	Anthony Inzerillo and Christina Inzerillo By Gloria Inzerillo
8/29/23	Low Latin Mass	Mary Pittari+ By the Pittari Family
8/31/23	Low English Mass	Patricia Pittari+ By the Pittari Family
9/2/23	Low English Mass	Chuck Cavanaugh+ By Pauline Cavanaugh
9/3/23	Sung English Mass	Frank Buck+ & Alison Vancour+ By David & Susie Goodrow

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 19, 2023	\$*	\$3,646.80	
August 20, 2023	\$*		

*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 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 27
Recitation of the Rosary 10:40am
Confessions 10:45am
First Eucharist during 11:00am Mass
Mass @ 11:00am
Food & Fellowship 12:00 pm

Monday, August 28
Office and Church Closed

Tuesday, August 29
Office and Church Open 9:00am-3:00pm
Confessions @ 9:15am
Mass @ 9:30am
Confirmation Class @ St. Jude-6:00pm

Wednesday, August 30
Office & Church Open 9:00am-3:00pm

Thursday, August 31
Office and Church Open 9:00am-3:00pm
Confessions @ 9:15am
Mass @ 9:30am
Adult Catechesis 10:00am in Hall

Friday, September 1
Office and Church Closed

Saturday, September 2
Recitation of the Rosary 3:40pm
Confessions 3:45 pm
Mass @ 4:00 pm

Sunday, September 3
Recitation of the Rosary 10:40am
Confessions 10:45am
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 Offer- ing 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 re- ceived.



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

Introducing a New Initiative on Sacramentals

~Fr. Barone



Earlier this summer, we welcomed Mr. Charles Fraune to give a presentation on sacramentals. Not surprisingly, the material was well received and solicited much interest and excitement on the subject matter.

My intention for bringing Mr. Fraune was not an isolated talk. Rather, we had been discussing for a while a ubiquitous pastoral need, namely the education and proper use of sacramentals. Holy water, rosaries, statues, scapulars, etc... are so quintessentially Catholic and are daily tangible to nearly all Catholics.

Yet, in all honesty, sacramentals are poorly understood by both lay faithful and clergy. Seminaries, even good ones, simply do not spend much time educating and training seminarians for using sacramentals. This is shocking to me given how important and omnipresent sacramentals are. Further, there seems to be no comprehensive book or series of talks on the matter.

Knowing that I lack the time and disposition to do such research, I approached Mr. Fraune, who is now a full-time researcher, author, and lecturer, to see if he would consider it a worthy endeavor to research everything there is to know about sacramentals and to provide education and resources for pastors to assist them in their ministry. In particular, I would like to have the resources to catechize the faithful and make easily available to them an array of sacramentals. What is the nature and history of whatever sacramental? How do we use it? How do we not use it? What graces are attached to it? What should I be thinking when using it?

Concretely, I have hired Mr. Fraune to provide me materials for the next two weekends. This weekend, he provided some homily notes and a bulletin insert on sacramentals in general. While sacramentals in general could probably have a whole sermon series, I wanted here a simple preparation for next weekend when we will focus on holy water in particular, which will look closer to a final product of what we are trying to provide to parishes. Mr. Fraune will supply homily notes, a bulletin insert, an audio podcast, pamphlets, and holy water bottles. You will be supplied with everything you need to know about holy water as well as a bottle of holy water to put to use.

What you will see is part of a beta program. We have plans for greatly expanding this initiative to many other sacramentals, such as the rosary and brown scapular, as well as various blessings and even prayer. We hope to develop a service for pastors and parishes to make it as easy as possible to catechize and equip so that the People of God can easily put them to efficacious use and draw closer to Christ.



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



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

DIOCESE OF CHARLOTTE
Eucharistic Congress
September 8 & 9, 2023



Learn More at:
<https://goeucharist.com/>

Special Note:
No Vigil Mass
(Saturday, 4:00pm)
On
September 9th

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



Save the Date

OLM 2nd Annual OktoberFest

October 25!



The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

The drunken oath of a king with a shallow sense of honor, a seductive dance and the hateful heart of a queen combined to bring about the martyrdom of John the Baptist. The greatest of prophets suffered the fate of so many Old Testament prophets before him: rejection and martyrdom. The "voice crying in the desert" did not hesitate to accuse the guilty, did not hesitate to speak the truth. But why? What possesses a man that he would give up his very life?



This great religious reformer was sent by God to prepare the people for the Messiah. His vocation was one of selfless giving. The only power that he claimed was the Spirit of Yahweh. "I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Matthew 3:11).

Scripture tells us that many people followed John looking to him for hope, perhaps in anticipation of some great messianic power. John never allowed himself the false honor of receiving these people for his own glory. He knew his calling was one of preparation. When the time came, he led his disciples to Jesus: "The next day John was there again with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God.' The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus" (John 1:35-37).

It is John the Baptist who has pointed the way to Christ. John's life and death were a giving over of self for God and other people. His simple style of life was one of complete detachment from earthly possessions. His heart was centered on God and the call that he heard from the Spirit of God speaking to his heart. Confident of God's grace, he had the courage to speak words of condemnation, repentance, and salvation.

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!