

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

Sacristan—Mary Dodge

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

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The Transfiguration of the Lord August 6, 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
8/5/23	Low English Mass	Mary Beth Brody By Pauline Cavanaugh
8/6/23	Sung English Mass	Frank Neely+ Jack & Joanne Harmon
8/8/23	Low Latin Mass	Rev. Fr. Jeffrey Montz Anonymous
8/10/23	Low English Mass	Alan and Butchie Neely By OLM Men's Club
8/12/23	Low English Mass	Frank Neely+ By OLM Men's Club
8/13/23	Sung English Mass	Steven Fox+ By Sharon Fox

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
July 29-30, 2023	\$4,700.00*	\$510.00	318
Food Pantry	\$1,376.00		

*Includes Sunday offertory basket collection and mailed in donations.

Men's and Women's Club Meeting

Tuesday—August 15, 2023

5:00pm Meeting—6:00pm Dinner BYOB

Join the fun and service to our parish

PARISH CALENDAR

Friday, August 5
Office and Church Closed

Saturday, August 6
Recitation of the Rosary 3:40pm
Confessions 3:45 pm
Mass @ 4:00 pm

Sunday, August 7
Recitation of the Rosary 10:40am
Confessions 10:45am
Mass @ 11:00am
Food & Fellowship 12:00 pm

Monday, August 7
Office and Church Closed

Tuesday, August 8
Office and Church Open 9:00am-3:00pm
Confessions @ 9:15am
Mass @ 9:30am

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

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

Friday, August 11
Office and Church Closed

Saturday, August 12
Office Closed
Parish Directory Photos 10am-2pm
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
Mass @ 11:00am
Food & Fellowship 12:00 pm

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NUTS AND BOLTS

Thank you to everyone who has pledged a sacrificial amount to our campaign. It's not too late to make your pledge. You may make your 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](#).

Thank you to everyone who has begun 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](#).

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Father Barone's Column

The History of Clerical Celibacy in Scripture

~Fr. Barone



The first instance of celibacy and divine service can be seen in the Book of Exodus when God announces to Moses that He will appear on the third day atop Mount Sinai. In preparation for this theophany, God requires that Moses “consecrates” the people and orders: “do not go near a woman” (Ex 19:15). At the time of Our Lord, one would find instances of celibacy, such as the Essenes.

The chief examples for Christians, of course, are Our Lord and Our Lady, who lived perfectly chaste and celibate lives. While Joseph and Mary possessed a true marriage, it was never consummated. The Lord not only gave a good example of celibacy, but a teaching, as well. When giving His difficult teaching on the prohibition of divorce, the Apostles said, “it is not expedient to marry,” to which the Lord replies: “Not all men can receive this precept, but only those to whom it is given” (Mt 19:10-11). He immediately describes three types of eunuchs, the third being “those who make themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom.”

We know based on his writing in the New Testament that among the Apostles St. Paul was never married. In 1 Corinthians 7, Paul teaches about marriage and celibacy. He says the married man is divided in his service between God and his family. He desires that the Corinthians be like him, unmarried, but he knows not all can accept such a calling. He even says that the one who can embrace celibacy “does better” (1 Cor 7:38).

What about the other Apostles? The only Apostle we know was married was Peter, since the Lord cured his mother-in-law. Some try to use this fact to discount celibacy altogether. However, what is Peter’s wife’s name? We don’t know. Are there references to children? No. Is Peter’s wife even alive at this point? We don’t know. We do know that Peter says to the Lord in the same chapter about celibacy: “we have left everything and followed you” (Mt 19:27). Our Lord replies that those who leave everything, including family, will receive a hundredfold and eternal life (see Mt 19:29). So, if Peter’s wife is still alive, it is clear that he left married life behind to give himself completely to divine service (as Moses did).

The discussion of (mandatory) celibacy in the early Church will be addressed in a separate column. Meanwhile, in conclusion, given all this data from Scripture, it seems clear that celibacy is not wrong or weird or contrary to what Christ and the Apostles taught.

Solemnity of

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass
9:30 a.m.



Holy Day of Obligation

Brunch
Following
Mass

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

ACTS METHOD OF PRAYER

THE ACTS METHOD CAN BE USED TO HELP ORGANIZE YOUR THOUGHTS FOR PRAYER. HOWEVER, PRAYER IS A CONVERSATION WITH GOD AND IS HIGHLY PERSONAL, SO PRAYERS OF ANY KIND ARE HEARD BY GOD.

A DORATION	PRAISE THE LORD FOR BEING THE AWESOME GOD THAT HE IS!
C ONFESSION	ADMIT YOUR SINS AND ASK FOR GOD'S OVERFLOWING FORGIVENESS AND MERCY IN YOUR LIFE.
T HANKSGIVING	THANK GOD FOR ALL THE WONDERFUL THINGS HE HAS DONE.
S UPPLICATION	BRING REQUESTS FOR YOURSELF AND FOR OTHERS TO GOD.

EXAMPLES OF WAYS TO START ACT PRAYER SENTENCES:

- A** - GOD, YOU ARE THE CREATOR OF ALL THINGS. I LOVE YOU BECAUSE...
- C** - I AM SORRY FOR... PLEASE FORGIVE ME...
- T** - THANK YOU FOR...
- S** - PLEASE...

Saint Claire of Assisi Virgin July 16, 1194 – August 11, 1253

Having refused to marry at 15, Clare was moved by the dynamic preaching of Francis. He became her lifelong friend and spiritual guide. At 18, Clare escaped from her father's home one night, was met on the road by friars carrying torches, and in the poor little chapel called the Portiuncula received a rough woolen habit, exchanged her jeweled belt for a common rope with knots in it, and sacrificed her long tresses to Francis' scissors. He placed her in a Benedictine convent, which her father and uncles immediately stormed in rage. Clare clung to the altar of the church, threw aside her veil to show her cropped hair, and remained adamant. Sixteen days later her sister Agnes joined her. Others came. They lived a simple life of great poverty, austerity, and complete seclusion from the world, according to a Rule which Francis gave them as a Second Order. At age 21, Francis obliged Clare under obedience to accept the office of abbess, one she exercised until her death.



Source: Franciscan Media

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Guest Speaker: Paul Zucarelli

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2nd Collection in August
August 12 & 13: Smoky Mountain
Pregnancy Care Center

Visit our YouTube Channel by scanning the QR code below.

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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 located at each door for drop offs.

Fr. Barone's door is always open.

If you'd like to schedule an appointment, please call the office.
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A 12-Day Pilgrimage to
GREECE & TURKEY
with Fr. Christopher Smith & Fr. Jason Barone | November 8-19, 2024

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Pray your rosary!