

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 daily Mass, 30 minutes before Saturday Mass or by appointment

Parochial Administrator—Rev. Fr. Jason Barone

Mission Secretary—Lori McCarley

Executive Assistant—John Paul Torres

Sacristan—Mary Dodge

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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 10, 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
9/9/23	No Mass	_____
9/10/23	Sung English Mass	Claudia & Pat Fay+ By Fay, Zimmerman, & Conn Families
9/12/23	Low Latin Mass	Steven Fox+ By Sharon Fox
9/14/23	Low English Mass	Baby Callan Men's & Women's Clubs
9/16/23	Low English Mass	Peter Montovani By Gallic & Collins Families
9/17/23	Sung English Mass	Capital Campaign Benefactors

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
Sept. 2 & 3, 2023	\$5,565.00*	\$1,473.04	352
Priest's Retirement	\$1,469.00*	\$300.00	

*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, September 8
Office and Church Closed

Saturday, September 9
Office and Church Closed
No Vigil Mass at OLM or StJ

Sunday, September 10
First Communion Class 10:15am @ StJ
Recitation of the Rosary 10:40am
Mass @ 11:00am
Food, Fun & Fellowship 12:00 pm

Monday, September 11
Office and Church Closed

Tuesday, September 12
Office and Church Open 9:00am-3:00pm
Confessions @ 9:15am
Mass @ 9:30am
Confirmation Class 6:00pm @ StJ

Wednesday, September 13
Office & Church Open 9:00am-3:00pm
Faith on Tap 5:00pm

Thursday, September 14
Office and Church Open 9:00am-3:00pm
Adoration 8:30am-9:30am
Confessions @ 9:15am
Mass @ 9:30am

Friday, September 15
Office and Church Closed

Saturday, September 16
Recitation of the Rosary 3:40pm
Confessions 3:30pm
Mass @ 4:00 pm

Sunday, September 17
First Communion Class 10:15am @ StJ
Recitation of the Rosary 10:40am
Mass @ 11:00am
Food, Fun & 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

Why is Mary called Our Lady of Sorrows?

~from EWTN.com



We celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows on September 15th. It commemorates the profound union of heart that existed between the Mother of the Redeemer and the Savior, through which she experienced many interior sorrows as a consequence of His Mission, but particularly during His Passion and Death.

From the early days of Jesus' life, Mary suffered through these maternal pains and anxieties. With Simeon's prophecy, Mary knew that a sword would pierce her own soul. Soon thereafter, the Holy Family was forced to flee to Egypt in order to save Jesus from King Herod (Matthew 2:13-23). Also, the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph suffered the pain of Jesus remaining behind in the Temple for three days. With her Son entering upon His Mission the opposition of so many to Him, as recounted in the Gospels, must have been a tremendous sorrow for her. All of this culminated at the Cross.

The title "Our Lady of Sorrows," therefore, honors the trials that the Mother of the "Suffering Servant" (Isaiah 52:13-53:12) faced, and, therefore, this feast follows immediately after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

Why do we celebrate a feast of Our Lady of Sorrows? Like all feast days, this feast gives glory to God for the salvific work that He accomplished in one of His creatures, in this case His greatest creaturely work, Mary.

For Mary herself, her earthly maternal union of heart and soul with Her Son, in which she experienced both joys and sorrows, is now perfectly consummated in Heaven. However, her maternal love and union extends to us still here on Earth! As the Mother of Christ she is also the Mother of the Mystical Christ, the Church, and of we, the members of Her Son as individuals (see Revelation 12:17).

St. Louis de Montfort said, "If you put all the love of all the mothers into one heart, it still would not equal the love of the heart of Mary for her children." This means that she suffers for us as well, and we can turn to her as we would turn to our biological mothers, in both joys and sorrows.



Visit our YouTube Channel by scanning the QR code at left.
View past homilies, adult catechesis classes,

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!

HOLY HOUR—October 7th @ 3:00pm

Please join Fr. Barone and your fellow parishioners for a Holy Hour on October 7, the Feast of the Holy Rosary. Our main prayer intention will be for the continued success and building of our new church.



Your prayers can make a difference for OLM. During the Holy Hour, in front of the Blessed Sacrament, we will pray, be silent, recite the rosary and have benediction.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Suzette Oleksyk, Denise Cook, Bishop Gregory, Maureen Pierce, Marianne Mahaffey, Teri Dolci, Zan Smith, Mary Beth Brody, John Wilding, Paul Schmitt, Carolyn Bruce

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 at OLM or StJ
(Saturday, 4:00pm)**

On

September 9th

Guest Speaker: Paul Zucarelli

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

<https://faithunderstood.org/>



Are you in need of catching up on your sacraments? Have you not yet received baptism, first Holy Communion, confirmation? Do you need to have your marriage regularized in the Catholic Church? Please contact the office. We would like to help.

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
October 25th
Oktoberfest**



The Story of Our Lady of Sorrows
Feast Day September 15

For a while there were two feasts in honor of the Sorrowful Mother: one going back to the 15th century, the other to the 17th century. For a while both were celebrated by the universal Church: one on the Friday before Palm Sunday, the other in September.

The principal biblical references to Mary's sorrows are in Luke 2:35 and John 19:26-27. The Lucan passage is Simeon's prediction about a sword piercing Mary's soul; the Johannine passage relates Jesus' words from the cross to Mary and to the beloved disciple.

Many early Church writers interpret the sword as Mary's sorrows, especially as she saw Jesus die on the cross. Thus, the two passages are brought together as prediction and fulfillment.

Saint Ambrose in particular sees Mary as a sorrowful yet powerful figure at the cross. Mary stood fearlessly at the cross while others fled. Mary looked on her Son's wounds with pity, but saw in them the salvation of the world. As Jesus hung on the cross, Mary did not fear to be killed, but offered herself to her persecutors.



Source: Franciscan Media

Faith and Fun

Calling all kids to join in the fun of playing lawn games after Sunday Mass.



Father Barone's Fallen Away Catholics Homily is on the Sensus Fidelium YouTube channel and is titled "A Diabolic Plot to Destroy the Church as Prophesied by Heaven: A Message for Fallen Away Catholics"

Access link to Sensus Fedelium [Here](#)

Pray your rosary!