

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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time September 3, 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
9/2/23	Low English Mass	Chuck Cavanaugh+ By Pauline Cavanaugh
9/3/23	Sung English Mass	Frank Buck+ & Alison Vancour+ By David & Susie Goodrow
9/5/23	Low Latin Mass	Peter Mantovani+ By Zibelli & VanZyck Families
9/7/23	Low English Mass	Janet Lastarza+ By Tom and Rose Hill
9/9/23	No Mass	
9/10/23	Sung English Mass	Claudia & Pat Fay+ By Fay, Zimmerman, & Conn Families

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 & 20, 2023	\$6,586.00*	\$3,646.80	269
August 26 & 27, 2023	\$4,284.00*	\$4,572.40	288

*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 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

Monday, September 4

Office and Church Closed

Tuesday, September 5

Office and Church Open 9:00am-3:00pm

Confessions @ 9:15am

Mass @ 9:30am

Wednesday, September 6

Office & Church Open 9:00am-3:00pm

Faith on Tap 5:00pm

Thursday, September 7

Office and Church Open 9:00am-3:00pm

Confessions @ 9:15am

Mass @ 9:30am

Friday, September 8

Office and Church Closed

Saturday, September 9

Office and Church Closed**

Sunday, September 10

Recitation of the Rosary 10:40am

Mass @ 11:00am

Food & Fellowship 12:00 pm

*No Vigil Mass at OLM or St. Jude

**New Confession Schedule begins

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

Written by Charles Fraune

Among all the sacramentals which Holy Mother Church has provided to us, **Holy Water** occupies a special place. It is a blessed item with roots that go back to the Old Testament and whose presence in the life of the Church is evident from the earliest times. It fulfills, as a gift of the New Covenant, the dignity and power that God attached to the element of water in His promises and revelations to the people of Israel. Our Lord foreshadowed this sacramental in many of the miracles of His public ministry. It is a gift that has been placed in the hands of all the faithful by the Church, the divine institution which Our Lord Jesus Christ founded upon the earth for the salvation of all mankind.



Baptism, the fundamental moment in the life of every Christian, pivots around the element of water. Through this Sacrament, God makes use of water to infuse into the human soul the gift of supernatural grace, a participation in the divine nature, and adoption as a child of God. Thus, for every Christian, from the first moment of our spiritual birth and from the Church's constant preaching on the centrality of Baptism, *water* occupies a principal place in our supernatural thoughts and reflections.

Holy Water mirrors the power present in Baptism, though, being a sacramental, it does not confer the same graces as the Sacrament. Baptism removes evil from the soul and initiates the flow of sanctifying grace. Holy Water drives away the devil, who always seeks to return to this liberated soul, and helps to secure health for both the soul and the body, as the blessing placed on the holy water indicates.

Holy Water has, for millenia, been seen and used by the Church as a source of true and abundant spiritual and material blessings. Pope St. Gregory the Great taught missionaries that, after destroying the idols of an abandoned pagan temple, the sprinkling of Holy Water was sufficient to make the space suitable for Catholic worship. St. Teresa of Avila, who said that the devils were particularly afraid of Holy Water, also emphasized that Holy Water brought her "a refreshment which I cannot possibly describe, resembling an inward joy which comforts my whole soul." Holy Water has also been used by great Saints, like St. Patrick and St. Columba, to cure the sick and raise the dead.

It is not only in these benefits that we find peace but also in the fact that **Holy Water** brings the pardon of our venial sins. In this, Holy Water is a constant reminder of God's abundant grace and mercy. Thus, Holy Water is vital for a strong Christian life: it is a reminder of Baptism, a source of spiritual refreshment, liberation from the diabolical nuisance, and a constant invocation of God's mercy, allowing us to more easily traverse the difficult roads on our pilgrimage to eternal life.



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, 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



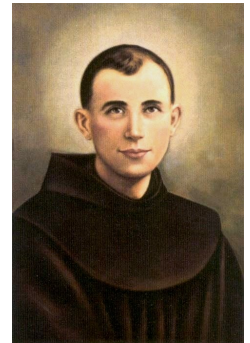
Save the Date
October 25th
Oktoberfest



Blessed Claudio Granzotto's Story

Born in Santa Lucia del Piave near Venice, Claudio was the youngest of nine children and was accustomed to hard work in the fields. At the age of 9, he lost his father. Six years later, he was drafted into the Italian army, where he served more than three years.

His artistic abilities, especially sculpture, led to studies at Venice's Academy of Fine Arts, which awarded him a diploma with the highest marks in 1929. Even then he was especially interested in religious art. When Claudio entered the Friars Minor four years later, his parish priest wrote, "The Order is receiving not only an artist but a saint." Prayer, charity to the poor, and artistic work characterized his life which was cut short by a brain tumor. He died on the feast of the Assumption, August 15, 1947, and was beatified in 1994. His liturgical feast is celebrated on March 23rd.



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!