

# 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—Adoration 8:30-9:20—Benediction 9:20am  
English Mass 9:30 a.m.

### Winter Schedule

Sunday Mass 11:00 a.m.  
Weekdays  
Tuesday Latin Mass 9:30 a.m.  
Thursday—Adoration 8:30-9:20—Benediction 9:20am  
English Mass 9:30 a.m.

### Sacrament of Confession

Saturday 3:30pm-3:55pm; Tuesday 9:10am-9:25am; Thursday 9:00am-9:15am

**Parochial Administrator—Rev. Fr. Jason Barone**

**Mission Secretary—Lori McCarley**

**Executive Assistant—John Paul Torres**

**Sacristan—Mary Dodge**

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# Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 1, 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
9/30/23	Low English Mass	Mike Leist+ By Love Family
10/1/23	Sung English Mass	Steven Fox+ By Sharon Fox
10/3/23	No Mass	
10/5/23	No Mass	
10/7/23	Low English Mass	Mike Leist+ By Love Family
10/8/23	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
Sept. 23 & 24, 2023	\$4,892.00*	\$3,288.17	234
Priest's Retirement	\$525.00*	\$400.00	

\*Includes Sunday offertory collection and mailed in donations.

Men's and Women's Club Meeting

**Tuesday—October 17, 2023**

5:00pm Meeting—6:00pm Dinner

Join the fun and service to our parish

## PARISH CALENDAR

Friday, September 29

Office and Church Closed

Saturday, September 30

Confessions 3:30pm

Recitation of the Rosary 3:40pm

Mass @ 4:00 pm

Reception for Seminarians 5:00pm

Sunday, October 1

**First Communion Class 10:15am @ StJ**

Recitation of the Rosary 10:40am

Mass @ 11:00am

Reception for Seminarians 12:00 pm

Monday, October 2

Office and Church Closed

Tuesday, October 3

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

NO Mass

Wednesday, October 4

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

Thursday, October 5

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

NO Adoration, Mass, or Adult Catechesis

Friday, October 6

Office and Church Closed

Saturday, October 7

Office and Church Closed

Holy Hour 3:00pm-4:00pm

Confessions & Rosary 3:30pm

Benediction 3:50pm

Mass @ 4:00 pm

Sunday, October 8

**First Communion Class 10:15am @ StJ**

Recitation of the Rosary 10:40am

Mass @ 11:00am

Food, Fun & Fellowship 12:00 pm

Monday, October 9

Office and Church Closed

## 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

Part II of Bishop Schneider's Letter to Bishop Strickland of Tyler, Texas

(Please see last week's column containing the first part of Bishop Schneider's important letter in which he compares the crisis of the Church today with a similarly dangerous crisis in the 4th century.)



..."Dear Bishop Strickland, unlike St. Basil who addressed Pope Damasus, you don't have, unfortunately, the real chance to address Pope Francis in order that he may help you to keep zealously the holy traditions of the past. On the contrary, the Holy See put you now under scrutiny and threatens you with intimidations and deprivation of the episcopal care of your flock in Tyler, basically only for the one reason, that you, like St. Basil, St. Athanasius, and many other confessor-bishops in history, are keeping the traditions of the Fathers; only because you are not silencing the truth, only because you are not behaving like not a few of the bishops of our day, who -- using the words of St. Gregory of Nazianzus -- "are serving the times and demands of the masses, leaving their boat to the wind which happens to blow at the moment, and like chameleons, know how to give their word many colors" (De vita sua (Carmina) 2, 11)."

However, dear Bishop Strickland, you have the happiness, that all the popes of the past, all the courageous confessor-bishops of the past, all the Catholic martyrs, who in the words of St. Theresa of Avila, were "resolved to undergo a thousand deaths for any one article of the creed" (The Life of Teresa of Jesus, 25:12), are supporting and encouraging you. Furthermore, the little ones in the Church pray for you and support you; they are an ever growing, yet small, army of lay faithful -- in the United States as well as all over the world -- who were put on the periphery by high ranking churchmen, even in the Vatican, whose main concerns seems to be pleasing the world and promoting their naturalistic agenda and the approval of the sin of homosexual activity under the guise of welcoming and inclusion.

Dear Bishop Strickland, thank you, that you are resolved "to serve the Lord, and not the time," as St. Athanasius once admonished the bishops (Ep. ad Dracontium). I pray that more bishops in our day may, like you, raise their voice in defense of the Catholic Faith, providing thereby the spiritual nourishment and consolation for many Catholics, who feel themselves often abandoned like orphans.

For sure, future popes will thank you for your intrepid fidelity to the Catholic Faith and to its holy traditions, by which you contributed to the honor of the Apostolic See, which was partly darkened and stained by our unfavourable time. St. Joseph, your patron, the "good and faithful servant," be always on your side and the Blessed Virgin Mary, our sweet heavenly Mother, the destroyer of all heresies, be your strength and refuge.

With deep esteem, united in the holy battle for the Faith and in prayers,

Bishop Athanasius Schneider of St. Mary's in Astana, Kazakhstan"

### Rosary Volunteers Needed

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



Sign up sheet 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

**Back by Popular Demand!**

**OktoberFest**

**October 25th @ 5:00pm in Hall**

**And B-I-N-G-O**

With lots of prizes!!!!

BRATS



GERMAN

BEER

FOOD

**Guest Speaker: Paul Zucarelli**

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

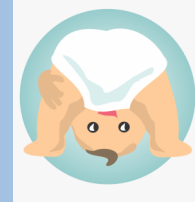
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**Diaper Drive**

The month of October—Bring to Mass or drop off at the office.

Benefits  
Smoky Mountain  
Pregnancy  
Care Center



**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.



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.

**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](mailto:ExecAsstOLMSTJ@gmail.com)



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Watch or share Father Barone's homily for fallen away Catholics that now has 218K views on YouTube.



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

Ladies  
Save the Date  
Advent Luncheon  
November 30, 2023



**Pray your rosary!**