

Our Lady of the Mountains

Catholic Church

Highlands, North Carolina



The Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlotte

SEASONAL SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m.
(May 25-Oct 26, 2024)
Sunday Mass: 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday: Latin Mass 9:30 a.m.
Thursday: English Mass 9:30 a.m.

WINTER SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass: 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday: Latin Mass 9:30 a.m.
Thursday: English Mass 9:30 a.m.

HOLY DAY SCHEDULE

See Calendar

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:30 p.m. - 3:55 p.m.
(in season)
Tuesday 9:10 a.m. - 9:25 a.m.
Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

ADORATION

Thursday: 8:30 a.m.

MORNING PRAYERS/LAUDS

Tuesday and Thursday
9:15 a.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday—Thursday
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

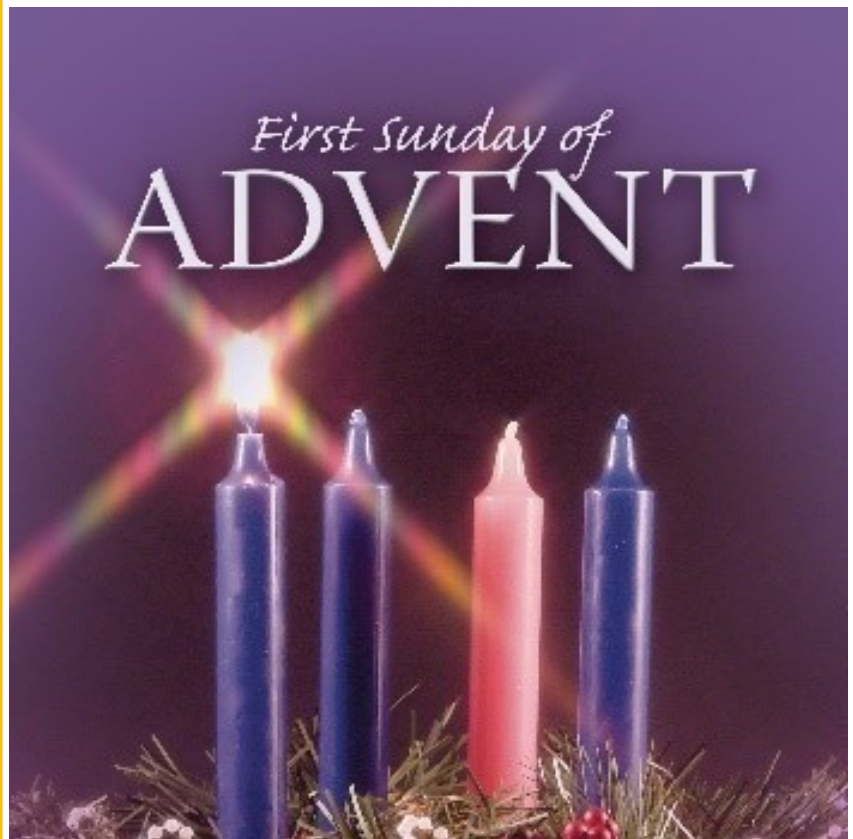
SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCY

(828) 634-1377

December 3, 2023

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday Cycle: B



"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Luke 1:38

Mission Staff

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First Sunday of Advent December 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
12/3/23	Sung English Mass	Raymond LaCroix+ By Pauline Cavanaugh
12/5/23	Low Latin Mass	Matthew McGowan By Ted and Nancy McGowan
12/7/23	Low English Mass	Deacon & Mrs. Gene Brady+ By Scott and Joan Love
12/8/23	Low English Mass	Johnny McCarley John and Lori McCarley
12/10/23	Sung English Mass	Patricia Pittari+ By the Pittari Family
12/12/23	Low Latin Mass	Reynolds McKeen Bromley+ By Richard & Margaret Eichman
12/14/23	Low English Mass	Capital Campaign Benefactors

Mass Key

Low Mass: little/no singing and no incense.
Sung Mass: hymns and moderate chanting and may have incense.
Solemn Mass: hymns, extensive chanting, and incense.

Mass Date	Offertory	MTD Online Giving	Attendance
Nov 19, 2023	\$4,189.00*		153
Nov. 26, 2023	\$2,632.00	\$2,622.40	113

*Includes Sunday offertory collection and mailed in donations.

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.

PARISH CALENDAR

Friday, December 1
Office and Church Closed

Saturday, December 2
Office and Church Closed

Sunday, December 3
First Communion Class 10:15am @ StJ
Rosary @ 10:40am
Mass @ 11:00am
Food and Fellowship 12:00 noon

Monday, December 4
Office and Church Closed

Tuesday, December 5
Office and Church Open 9:00am-3:00pm
Confession 9:10am-9:25am
Morning Prayer/Lauds 9:15am
Mass @ 9:30am
Confirmation Class 6:00pm @ STJ

Wednesday, December 6
Office & Church Open 9:00am-3:00pm

Thursday, December 7
Office and Church 9:00am-3:00pm
Holy Hour/Adoration 8:30am-9:30am
Confessions 9:00am-9:15am
Morning Prayer/Lauds 9:15am
Mass @ 9:30am

Friday, December 8
Confessions 9:00am-9:15am

Saturday, December 9
Office and Church Closed

Sunday, December 10
Rosary @ 10:40am
Mass @ 11:00am
Food and Fellowship 12:00 noon

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](#).



Help bring a smile to a child's face! Choose an ornament from the tree, buy the gift, return by 12/13/23.



Father Barone's Column

Pope Francis Warns Errant German Bishops and Reaffirms Traditional Teachings

While the Synod and the various surrounding events ignited a whirlwind of concern, especially for the retention of the traditional teachings of our faith, Pope Francis recently wrote to four German laywomen expressing his strong concerns over the German Church and had the Cardinal Secretary of State, Pietro Parolin, warn those bishops not to depart from traditional teachings, such as male-only ordination and the intrinsic disorder of homosexual acts.



From Francis' letter: "I extend my gratitude for your kind letter dated November 6. Your concerns regarding the current developments within the Church in Germany have reached me, and I share your concerns. There are indeed numerous steps being taken by significant segments of this local Church that threaten to steer it increasingly away from the universal Church's common path. This doubtlessly includes the establishment of the synodal committee you referenced. This committee aims to set up a consultative and decision-making body. However, as outlined in the corresponding resolution, its proposed structure is not in alignment with the sacramental structure of the Catholic Church. Consequently, its formation was forbidden by the Holy See in a letter dated January 16, 2023, which received my specific endorsement.

"In my 'Letter to the Pilgrim People of God in Germany,' I sought not to find 'salvation' in constantly evolving committees, nor to persist in self-absorbed dialogues rehashing the same themes. Rather, I aimed to re-emphasize the importance of prayer, penance, and adoration. I urged an openness and a call to action to engage with our brothers and sisters, especially those found at the thresholds of our church doors, in the streets, within prisons, hospitals, public squares, and cities. I firmly believe that in these places, the Lord will guide us." Cardinal Parolin's letter refers to several previous statements by Francis on male-only ordination, including: "With regard to the ordination of women to the priesthood, the Church has spoken, and she says: No - St. John Paul II said this, but in a definitive way. This door is closed." He followed up with the following warning of those attempting ordination of women, citing canon law, that they "are to be punished with a major excommunication."

The Cardinal concluded by reiterating the perennial teaching of the Church on the intrinsic sinfulness of homosexual acts: "the objective moral evaluation of sexual relations between persons of the same sex is precisely and certainly established." Furthermore, this teaching is universal and binding such that "a local Church has no possibility of taking a different view."



*The Immaculate
Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary*

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass times: 9:30 am @ OLM;
11:00 am @ StJ

Christmas Mass Times

December 24th: 3:00 p.m. @ St. Jude

December 25th: 11:00 a.m. @ OLM



Solemnity of Mary

January 1st: 9:30 a.m. @ St. Jude; 11:00 a.m. @ OLM

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Suzette Oleksyk, Denise Cook, Bishop Gregory, Maureen Pierce, Marianne Mahaffey
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

Faith on Tap



Monday, Dec. 4th
@ OLM—4:00pm

Wednesday, Dec. 6th
@ StJ—5:00pm



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.

Seminarians in Need

"Occasionally, a seminarian will ask me (Father Barone) if I know someone who can sponsor a particular need. For instance, airfare to Newark because he has a free trip to the Holy Land, but is responsible for getting to Newark. I thought it might be helpful to have a private list of potential benefactors so that when a request comes my way, I can connect them to interested potential sponsors. If you're interested, please let the office know."



Watch or share
Father Barone's homily for
Fallen away Catholics that now has 275K views on
YouTube.

Guest Speaker: Paul Zucarelli
Presentation on His Near Death
Experience



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Coat Drive

Donate new or slightly used/clean coats to Highlands families in need.



Drop off is at the church office T,W,R or in the bins at each church door when coming to Masses.



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

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.



St. Andrew Christmas Novena

Hail and blessed be the hour
and moment in which the Son of God
was born of the most pure
Virgin Mary, at midnight,
in Bethlehem, in piercing cold.
In that hour, vouchsafe, O my God!
to hear my prayer
and grant my desires,
(Mention your intentions here)
through the merits of
Our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and of His Blessed Mother.
Amen.

ChristmasNovena.com

The Christmas Novena is prayed
daily from Nov. 30 to Dec. 24.

Pray your rosary!