

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

Christmas Day 11:00 a.m.
New Year's Day 11:00 a.m.

CONFESSION

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 10, 2023

Second Sunday of Advent



"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

Mark 1:1-8

Mission Staff

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Second Sunday of Advent December 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
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
12/17/23	Sung English Mass	Mary Pittari+ By the Pittari Family
12/19/23	Low Latin Mass	Deacon & Mrs. Gene Brady+ By Scott & Joan Love
12/21/23	Low English Mass	Don Procida+ By Marie Schmitt

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. 26, 2023	\$2,632.00	\$2,622.40	113
Dec. 10, 2023		\$463.93	

*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 8

Mass 9:30am **Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation**

Saturday, December 9

Office and Church Closed

Sunday, December 10

Rosary @ 10:40am

Mass @ 11:00am

Food and Fellowship 12:00 noon

Monday, December 11

Office and Church Closed

Tuesday, December 12

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 13

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

Thursday, December 14

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 15

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

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

Cardinal Newman and the Immaculate Conception

Excerpts from an article from cardinaljohnhenrynewman.com



“As an Anglican John Henry Newman had a doctrinal piety which was nurtured by his study of the Church Fathers. From the 2nd century St. Irenaeus, he learned that Mary is the New Eve that untied the knot tied by Eve. Below Newman explains the doctrine of Mary's Immaculate Conception. First, he explains Adam's fall and the consequences for all of his children. “But Mary never was in this state; she was by the eternal decree of God exempted from it.” She was preserved from it to become the Mother of the Redeemer.

By the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin is meant the great revealed truth that she was conceived in the womb of her mother, St. Anne, without original sin.

Since the fall of Adam all mankind, his descendants, are conceived and born in sin. That sin which belongs to every one of us, and is ours from the first moment of our existence, is the sin of unbelief and disobedience, by which Adam lost Paradise. We, as the children of Adam, are heirs to the consequences of his sin, and have forfeited in him that spiritual robe of grace and holiness which he had given him by his Creator at the time that he was made. In this state of forfeiture and disinheritance we are all of us conceived and born; and the ordinary way by which we are taken out of it is the Sacrament of Baptism.

But Mary never was in this state; she was by the eternal decree of God exempted from it. From eternity, God, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, decreed to create the race of man, and, foreseeing the fall of Adam, decreed to redeem the whole race by the Son's taking flesh and suffering on the Cross. In that same incomprehensible, eternal instant, in which the Son of God was born of the Father, was also the decree passed of man's redemption through Him. He who was born from Eternity was born by an eternal decree to save us in Time, and to redeem the whole race; and Mary's redemption was determined in that special manner which we call the Immaculate Conception. It was decreed, not that she should be cleansed from sin, but that she should, from the first moment of her being, be preserved from sin; so that the Evil One never had any part in her. Therefore, she was a child of Adam and Eve as if they had never fallen; she did not share with them their sin; she inherited the gifts and graces (and more than those) which Adam and Eve possessed in Paradise. This is her prerogative, and the foundation of all those salutary truths which are revealed to us concerning her.”

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.



*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

Collection Envelopes for 2024-2025

Are you wanting collection envelopes printed with your family name?

Email or call the office by Jan 8th,
New season starts May 1, 2024



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.

Seminarrians 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

Guest Speaker: Paul Zucarelli
Presentation on His Near Death Experience



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

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 John Paul at
828-526-2418 or email him at
ExecAsstOLMSTJ@gmail.com



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!