

Our Lady of the Mountains

Catholic Church

Highlands, North Carolina



The Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlotte

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m.
(May 25-Oct 26, 2024)

Sunday Mass: 11:00 a.m.

Thursday: English Mass 9:30 a.m.
For Latin Mass information, please call the office.

HOLY DAY SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday, February 14
12:00pm

CONFESSION

Tuesday 9:10 a.m. - 9:25 a.m.
Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

ADORATION

Thursday: 8:30-9:15 a.m.

BENEDICTION

Thursday 9:15 a.m.

MORNING PRAYERS/LAUDS

Tuesday 9:10 a.m. - 9:25 a.m.
Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCY

(828) 634-1377

January 14, 2024

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sunday, January 14, 2024 Readings

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

John 1:35-42

Mission Staff

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 14, 2024

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
1/14/24	Sung English Mass	Steven Fox+ By Sharon Fox
1/21/24	Sung English Mass	Wynter Rose Mahoney By Ellen Nolan
1/23/24	Low Latin Mass	Madison Bieler By Ellen Nolan
1/25/24	Low English Mass	Bob and Becky Fisher By a parishioner
1/28/24	Sung English Mass	Patricia Pittari+ By the Pittari Family
1/30/24	Low Latin Mass	Mary Pittari+ By the Pittari Family

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.

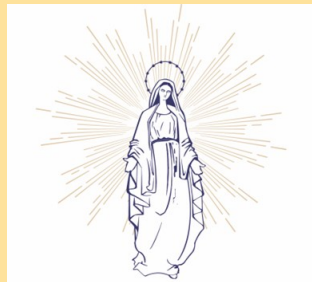
Mass Date	Offertory	MTD Online Giving	Attendance
Jan 7, 2024	\$4,659.00*	\$1,287.86	77

*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.



BUILDING A BEACON
of CATHOLIC FAITH

OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAINS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

PARISH CALENDAR

Friday, January 12
Office and Church Closed

Saturday, January 13
Office and Church Closed

Sunday, January 14
Rosary @ 10:40am
Mass @ 11:00am
Food and Fellowship 12:00

Monday, January 15
Office and Church Closed

Tuesday, January 16
Office and Church Open 9:00am-3:00pm
No Daily Mass

Wednesday, January 17
Office and Church **Closed**

Thursday, January 18
Office and Church Open 9:00am-3:00pm
No Daily Mass

Friday, January 19
Office and Church Closed

Saturday, January 20
Office and Church Closed

Sunday, January 21
Rosary @ 10:40am
Mass @ 11:00am
Food and Fellowship 12:00 noon

Upcoming Events:

Planning Board Meeting 1/22 @ 5:30pm
Finance Council Meeting—1/23/24 @ 11:30 in Hall
Parish council Meeting—1/25/24 @ 10:30 in Hall

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](#).



The parish office will be closed on **Wednesday** Jan 17, 2024



Father Barone's Column

Actor Shia LaBeouf Fully Enters the Catholic Church New Year's Eve
Excerpts from Our Sunday Visitor



Shia LaBeouf, a Hollywood veteran and star of director Abel Ferrara's film "Padre Pio," received the Sacrament of Confirmation, completing his initiation into the Catholic faith, during the New Year holiday weekend.

OSV News has reached out to the Capuchins' Western American Province and Bishop Barron for comment.

"We are thrilled to share that our dear friend Shia LaBeouf has fully entered the Church this past weekend through the Sacrament of Confirmation!" the friars said in their posts, adding that they "are overjoyed to welcome him into the fold and witness his deep commitment to his faith journey."

LaBeouf developed both working and personal relationships with the friars while researching his role in "Padre Pio."

Speaking to OSV News in May, LaBeouf said he "wasn't even trying to make movies" when Ferrara approached him about the role. The acclaimed 37-year-old actor found himself "totally lost" after his inner demons led to partying, work conflicts and run-ins with the law. "I was wandering around, living in my truck," he said. "I wasn't interested in acting anymore."

While researching the film, LaBeouf met Brother Alexander Rodriguez, a Capuchin Franciscan who is assistant vocation director at the order's Old Mission Santa Inés in Solvang, California. Soon LaBeouf was asking about more than one of the congregation's most beloved saints.

"Shia was looking to know about Padre Pio, and then delved into the faith," Brother Alexander told OSV News in May. "He got into RCIA. The friars and I were helping to catechize him."

LaBeouf told OSV News at the time "(learning) how to pray the Rosary" brought a "tangible relief" that he had previously sought through drugs, alcohol and life in the fast lane.

The lessons continued as Brother Alexander accompanied LaBeouf to Italy for filming, with the Capuchin providing technical assistance for the project while appearing in the movie as Padre Pio's fellow Capuchin and spiritual adviser. "I fell in love with Christ," LaBeouf told OSV News in May.

Now the actor, "known for his incredible talent and passion in the entertainment industry, has embarked on a profound spiritual journey that has led him to embrace the teachings of the Catholic Church," the Capuchin friars wrote in their Jan. 2 Facebook and Instagram posts. "His decision to fully enter the Church is a testament to his sincere desire to grow in his relationship with God and live out the Gospel values."

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.



Collection Envelopes for 2024-2025

Are you wanting collection envelopes
printed with your family name?

Email or call the office by Jan 17th,
New season starts May 1, 2024



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.

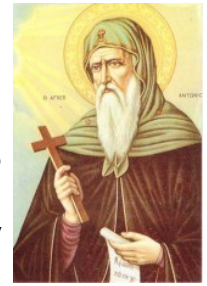
REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SOULS OF OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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

St. Anthony the Abbott

Feast Day January 17

Patron Saint of Skin Diseases, Basket Makers, Grave Diggers, Brush Makers



St. Anthony the Abbot also known as Anthony the Great was from Egypt, and a prominent leader among the Desert Fathers. The biography of Anthony's life helped to spread the concept of monasticism, particularly in Western Europe through Latin translations. He was the first known ascetic to go into the wilderness. Accounts of Anthony enduring supernatural temptation during his time in the Libyan Desert inspired the "Temptation of St. Anthony" in Western art and literature.

Most of what is known about St. Anthony comes from the "Life of Anthony", written in Greek around 360 by Athanasius of Alexandria. It depicts Anthony as an illiterate and holy man who through his existence in a primitive landscape has an absolute connection to the divine truth. He was born in Coma, in Lower Egypt to a wealthy landowner. At age eighteen his parents died and left him with the care of his unmarried sister. He took the words of Jesus to heart, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasures in heaven; and come, follow me". He sold everything, gave it to the poor and placed his sister into a group of nuns.

He decided to follow the tradition of the hermits, and headed out into the Alkaline Nitrian Desert region about 60 miles west of Alexandria. He remained there for thirteen years. He was notably the first ascetic to attempt living in the desert proper, completely cut off from civilization. He is called the father of monasticism, because he inspired hundreds of men and women to move into the depths of the desert, some organized into small communities. It is said when he passed, he requested to be placed in an unmarked grave.

Source: Newmanministyr.com

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 inter-

Watch or share

Father Barone's homily for
Fallen away Catholics.



Visit our YouTube Channel



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

Pray your rosary!