

*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 21, 2024

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sunday, January 21, 2024 Readings

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

### Mission Staff

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# Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 21, 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
1/21/24	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
2/1/24	Low English Mass	Margaret Harland+ By Dixie Barton

### 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 14, 2024	\$ 2,082.00*	\$1,823.46	120

\*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 on the memo line. You may also pay online by using your Parish Soft Offering account or create an account by going to our website : [www.olmhighlands.com](http://www.olmhighlands.com)

**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, 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

Monday, January 22  
Office and Church Closed  
Planning Board Mtg @ 5:30pm

Tuesday, January 23  
Office and Church Open 9:00am-3:00pm  
Confessions 9:10am-9:25am  
Morning Prayer/Lauds 9:10am  
Mass @ 9:30am  
Finance Council Mtg @ 11:30am in Hall

Wednesday, January 24  
Office and Church Open 9:00am-3:00pm

Thursday, January 25  
Office and Church Open 9:00am-3:00pm  
Holy Hour 8:30am-9:30am  
Confession 9:00am-9:15am  
Morning Prayer/Lauds 9:00am  
Benediction 9:15am  
Mass @ 9:30am  
Parish Council Mtg @ 10:30am in Hall

Friday, January 26  
Office and Church Closed

Saturday, January 27  
Office and Church Closed

Sunday, January 28  
Rosary @ 10:40am  
Mass @ 11:00am  
Food and Fellowship 12:00

## 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 [www.olmhighlands.com](http://www.olmhighlands.com).



## Important Meetings Welcome to Attend

**1/22/24**

**Zoning Board Meeting  
5:30pm @ Community Bldg. Popular St.**

**1/23/24**

**Finance Council Mtg.  
11:30am in Hall**

**1/25/24**

**Parish Council Mtg.  
10:30am in Hall**

## Father Barone's Column

### *On Unity*

*St. Ignatius of Antioch, disciple of the Apostles (+107AD)*

It is right for you to give glory in every way to Jesus Christ who has given glory to you; you must be made holy in all things by being united in perfect obedience, in submission to the bishop and the priests.

I am not giving you orders as if I were a person of importance. Even if I am a prisoner for the name of Christ, I am not yet made perfect in Jesus Christ. I am now beginning to be a disciple and I am speaking to you as my fellow-disciples. It is you who should be strengthening me by your faith, your encouragement, your patience, your serenity. But since love will not allow me to be silent about you, I am taking the opportunity to urge you to be united in conformity with the mind of God. For Jesus Christ, our life, without whom we cannot live, is the mind of the Father, just as the bishops, appointed over the whole earth, are in conformity with the mind of Jesus Christ.

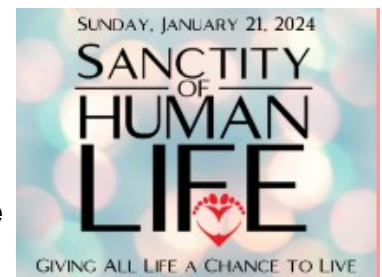
It is fitting, therefore, that you should be in agreement with the mind of the bishop as in fact you are. Your excellent priests, who are a credit to God, are as suited to the bishop as strings to a harp. So in your harmony of mind and heart the song you sing is Jesus Christ. Every one of you should form a choir, so that, in harmony of sound through harmony of hearts, and in unity taking the note from God, you may sing with one voice through Jesus Christ to the Father. If you do this, he will listen to you and see from your good works that you are members of his Son. It is then an advantage to you to live in perfect unity, so that at all times you may share in God.

If in a short space of time I have become so close a friend of your bishop – in a friendship not based on nature but on spiritual grounds – how much more blessed do I judge you to be, for you are as united with him as the Church is to Jesus Christ, and Jesus Christ to the Father, so that all things are in harmony through unity. Let no one make any mistake: unless a person is within the sanctuary, he is deprived of God's bread. For if the prayer of one or two has such power, how much more has the prayer of the bishop and the whole Church.



## Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

**Sanctity of Human Life Sunday is a day to celebrate the value of every human life. It is observed on the third Sunday of January every year, and in 2024, it falls on January 21. This day was designated by President Ronald Reagan in 1984 to raise awareness of the sanctity of human life and oppose abortion. Many churches and life organizations across the United States use this day to bring awareness to the attacks that are daily waged against human life through the abortion industry.**



**...Before birth the LORD called me, from my mother's womb he gave me my name. Isaiah 49:1**

### **2024 Combined Mission Collection**

**January 21, 2024**

Your donation benefits the following appeals:

- The Church in Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe
- Home Missions
- United States Mission
- Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa



### **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. Fabian, Pope and Martyr Feast Day—January 20 Patron Saint of Rome

It wasn't until 313 that Christianity was legalized by the emperor, Constantine the Great. Up until that time, Christians were widely persecuted by various emperors trying to please their gods. Fabianus (Fabian) was born into this Roman culture, most likely around the year 200. Although we know nothing about his early life, we do know that he served as pope for fourteen years.

Fabian's election to the papacy took place in a divinely inspired way. After the death of Pope Anterus, who served for only one year, Fabian, a layman, traveled from his farm to the city of Rome to attend the election of the new Bishop of Rome with the people and clergy. It is not known what status Fabian held in the Church as he traveled to Rome. Yet no one present even considered Fabian as a possible pope, since other far more noble churchmen were being considered. During the public discussions, however, all that changed. The fourth century Church historian, Eusebius, explains what happened next. "All of a sudden...a dove flew down from above and settled on his head as clear imitation of the descent of the Holy Ghost in the form of a dove upon the Savior; whereupon the whole people, as if moved by one divine inspiration, with all eagerness and with one soul cried out 'worthy,' and without more ado took him and placed him on the episcopal throne" (*Ecclesiastical History*). Just as the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus in the form of a dove at His Baptism, it appears that the Father chose an unsuspecting farmer as His Son's new vicar on Earth.



Fabian's reign as pope began during a relatively peaceful period in Rome. Prior to that, from the time of the Apostles, there had been only sporadic persecutions of Christians in the Roman Empire. Hatred of Christians first began with Nero in 64 and continued in various forms under successive emperors until the Emperor Decius rose to power in 249, thirteen years after Fabian became pope. Within a year of Decius' ascension to the emperor's throne, he issued an edict that required everyone in the empire to offer sacrifice both to the Roman gods and for the good of the emperor himself. What's more, the sacrifices had to be confirmed by the magistrate who, after witnessing the sacrifice, would issue a certificate verifying the sacrilegious deed had been completed. Those who refused could be imprisoned or killed.

In the face of persecution and the threat of death, some Christians went through the motions of offering sacrifice to save their lives. Others fled and hid. Pope Fabian was among those who looked persecution and death in the face and accepted them. Pope Fabian and many other Christians died as martyrs for the faith.

In addition to his martyrdom and his divine election as pope, Saint Fabian is also known for being a good administrator of the Church, organizing the Church into various districts with appointed leaders. He had a heart for evangelization and sent several bishops as missionaries to Christianize Gaul (present-day France). Lastly, like many other saints of his time, he stomped out heresy, working to preserve the pure and orthodox faith.

Source: MyCatholic.Life.com

### Online 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)



### 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



Watch or share  
Father Barone's homily for  
Fallen away Catholics.

### Visit our YouTube Channel



# Pray your rosary!