

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 28, 2024

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sunday, January 28, 2024 Readings

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Mark 1:21-28

Mission Staff

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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
1/28/24	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
2/4/24	Sung English Mass	Capital Campaign Benefactors
2/11/24	Sung English Mass	Matthew McGowan By Ted and Nancy McGowan
2/13/24	Low Latin Mass	Deacon & Mrs. Gene Brady+ By Scott and Joan Love

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 21, 2024	\$ 4,398.00*	\$2,624.06	95

*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

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 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

Monday, January 29
Office and Church Closed

Tuesday, January 30
Office and Church Open 9:00am-3:00pm
Confessions 9:10am-9:25am
Morning Prayer/Lauds 9:10am
Mass @ 9:30am

Wednesday, January 31
Office and Church Open 9:00am-3:00pm

Thursday, February 1
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

Friday, February 2
Office and Church Closed

Saturday, February 3
Office and Church Closed

Sunday, February 4
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 www.olmhighlands.com.



New Season New Plans

Join the OLM Men's and Women's Clubs as they plan for a year of fun and fellowship.

Next Meeting of both clubs:

Tuesday, February 20

Parish Hall

5:00pm Meeting

6:00pm Dinner

Father Barone's Column

From The Introduction to the Devout Life
by Saint Francis de Sales



When God the Creator made all things, he commanded the plants to bring forth fruit each according to its own kind; he has likewise commanded Christians, who are the living plants of his Church, to bring forth the fruits of devotion, each one in accord with his character, his station and his calling.

I say that devotion must be practiced in different ways by the nobleman and by the working man, by the servant and by the prince, by the widow, by the unmarried girl and by the married woman. But even this distinction is not sufficient; for the practice of devotion must be adapted to the strength, to the occupation and to the duties of each one in particular.

Tell me, please, my Philothea, whether it is proper for a bishop to want to lead a solitary life like a Carthusian; or for married people to be no more concerned than a Capuchin about increasing their income; or for a working man to spend his whole day in church like a religious; or on the other hand for a religious to be constantly exposed like a bishop to all the events and circumstances that bear on the needs of our neighbor. Is not this sort of devotion ridiculous, unorganized and intolerable? Yet this absurd error occurs very frequently; but in no way does true devotion, my Philothea, destroy anything at all. On the contrary, it perfects and fulfills all things. In fact if it ever works against, or is inimical to, anyone's legitimate station and calling, then it is very definitely false devotion.

The bee collects honey from flowers in such a way as to do the least damage or destruction to them, and he leaves them whole, undamaged and fresh, just as he found them. True devotion does still better. Not only does it not injure any sort of calling or occupation, it even embellishes and enhances it.

Moreover, just as every sort of gem, cast in honey, becomes brighter and more sparkling, each according to its color, so each person becomes more acceptable and fitting in his own vocation when he sets his vocation in the context of devotion. Through devotion your family cares become more peaceful, mutual love between husband and wife becomes more sincere, the service we owe to the prince becomes more faithful, and our work, no matter what it is, becomes more pleasant and agreeable.

Therefore, in whatever situations we happen to be, we can and we must aspire to the life of perfection.

LENT BEGINS

Ash Wednesday

February 14, 2024

Mass at 12:00 noon

Lenten Plans available on tables at doors.

Holy Thursday—March 28

Good Friday—March 29

Holy Saturday—March 30

Easter Sunday—March 31



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. John Bosco Feast Day—January 31

Patron Saint of apprentices, boys, editors, laborers, magicians, students

The youngest of three sons, John Bosco was born into a poor family in northwest Italy in the rural hamlet of Becchi. His father, a farmhand for a neighboring family, died when John was only two. His mother continued to raise her sons with much love and affection. Until the age of twelve, John spent most of his time trying to support the family by working as a shepherd and farmhand like his father. His family's poverty made it difficult for him to obtain a good education. His learning came from his lived experience, homelife, and the sermons at church that he listened to attentively.

At the age of nine, John had the first of many dreams that would greatly influence him. In his dream, he came across a group of rough boys who were talking and cursing. John became angry with them and raised his fists to threaten them for their cursing. Suddenly, a man appeared in his dream who was radiant like the sun. The man said to John, "Conquer the hearts of these, your friends, not with violence but with charity. Begin at once. Teach them the evil of vice and the excellence of virtue." When John asked the man who he was, the man replied, "I am the Son of the lady I will send to be your teacher." With that, the Blessed Mother appeared in the dream and began to teach John about his future mission of caring for boys with kindness.

John began his "ministry" when he was only ten. He would attend the shows of entertainers who performed juggling, magic tricks, and acrobatics. John studied their shows and then attempted to imitate them for other boys, always including prayers within the show and lessons he learned from Sunday sermons.

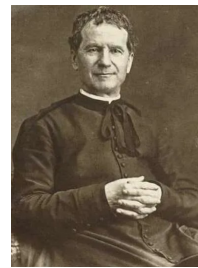
As was typical with many boys, John and his brother were always fighting with each other. This was one of the reasons that John decided to leave home at age twelve to look for work. A few years later, John caught the attention of a newly ordained priest and future saint, Father Joseph Cafasso, who saw his intellectual gifts and assisted him with his education. By the time John was twenty, Father Cafasso, with the help of some money from John's mother, helped him enroll in the seminary. After six years of study, at the age of twenty-six, John was ordained a priest.

After ordination, Father John joined his mentor, Father Cafasso, in Turin to continue his studies at the Institute of Saint Francis where Father Cafasso was in charge. The two also engaged in ministry to the poor and imprisoned, cared for girls at a boarding school, and assisted in country parishes. It was in the prisons that Father John became aware of the number of boys who needed help. Many of them were repeat offenders, and Father John's heart was drawn to help them. His dream from when he was nine years old began to come to fruition as he sought to teach them, encourage them, listen to them, and befriend them as a mentor and spiritual father.

Father John's plan was to found an oratory to provide structure and purpose for these boys. He helped them get jobs by teaching trades. At the same time, he provided them with food and shelter, taught them catechism, and gave them moral guidance and hope. Within ten years, Father John was assisting as many as 800 boys in need.

Less than a decade later, in 1861, some of the boys Father John mentored wanted to follow in his footsteps and assist other boys. Therefore, Father John founded the Society of St. Francis de Sales with a priest, seminarians, and a high school boy. The Salesian Order was formally approved by the Vatican in 1869. In 1871 Father John expanded his mission by founding a Salesian religious order of women called the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians to care for girls. Finally, in 1874 he founded the Salesian Cooperators, a lay organization that worked with the male and female Salesian Orders.

Source: MyCatholicLife.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.



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



Coat Drive

Donate new or slightly used/clean coats to Highlands families in need. Drop off is at the church office Tue, Wed, Thur. or in the bins at each church door when coming to Mass.



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Father Barone's homily for
Fallen away Catholics.

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