

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.

Tuesday: Latin Mass 9:30 a.m.

Thursday: English Mass 9:30 a.m.

HOLY DAY SCHEDULE

The Solemnity of Mary
Jan 1—11:00am

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

December 31, 2023

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Sunday Cycle: B



When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. ~Luke 2:22-40

Mission Staff

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 31, 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
12/31/23	Sung English Mass	Mario & Joanne LaPoma By the LaPoma Family
1/1/24	Low English Mass	Scott I Peek, Sr.+ By Nancy & Ted McGowan
1/2/24	Low Latin Mass	Benefactors of Capital Campaign
1/4/24	Low English Mass	Steven Caruso+ Ray and Pattey Bradick
1/7/24	Sung English Mass	Deacon & Mrs. Gene Brady+ By Scott and Joan Love
1/9/24	Low Latin Mass	Mary Long+ By Ellen Nolan

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
Dec. 24, 2023	\$1,087.00*	n/a	103
Dec. 25, 2023	\$1,720.00*	\$2,275.23	177

*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 29
Office and Church Closed

Saturday, December 30
Office and Church Closed

Sunday, December 31
Rosary @ 10:40am
Mass @ 11:00am

Monday, January 1
Mass @ 11:00 a.m.
Confessions 10:40 a.m.
Office and Church Closed

Tuesday, January 2
Office and Church Open 9:00am-3:00pm
Confession 9:10am-9:25am
Morning Prayer/Lauds 9:15am
Mass @ 9:30am

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

Thursday, January 4
Office and Church Open 9:00am-3:00pm
Confession 9:10am-9:25am
Morning Prayer/Lauds 9:15am
Mass @ 9:30am

Friday, January 5
Office and Church Closed

Saturday, January 6
Office and Church Closed

Sunday, January 7
Rosary @ 10:40am
Mass @ 11:00am
Food and Fellowship 12:00

Monday, January 8
Office and Church Closed

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

Excerpts from a Homily of Pope Benedict XVI On the Occasion of his Possession of the Chair of the Bishop of Rome

7 May 2005



The Bishop of Rome sits upon the Chair to bear witness to Christ. Thus, the Chair is the symbol of the potestas docendi, the power to teach that is an essential part of the mandate of binding and loosing which the Lord conferred on Peter, and after him, on the Twelve. In the Church, Sacred Scripture, the understanding of which increases under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and the ministry of its authentic interpretation that was conferred upon the Apostles, are indissolubly bound. Whenever Sacred Scripture is separated from the living voice of the Church, it falls prey to disputes among experts.

Of course, all they have to tell us is important and invaluable; the work of scholars is a considerable help in understanding the living process in which the Scriptures developed, hence, also in grasping their historical richness.

Yet science alone cannot provide us with a definitive and binding interpretation; it is unable to offer us, in its interpretation, that certainty with which we can live and for which we can even die. A greater mandate is necessary for this, which cannot derive from human abilities alone. The voice of the living Church is essential for this, of the Church entrusted until the end of time to Peter and to the College of the Apostles.

This power of teaching frightens many people in and outside the Church. They wonder whether freedom of conscience is threatened or whether it is a presumption opposed to freedom of thought. It is not like this. The power that Christ conferred upon Peter and his Successors is, in an absolute sense, a mandate to serve. The power of teaching in the Church involves a commitment to the service of obedience to the faith. The Pope is not an absolute monarch whose thoughts and desires are law. On the contrary: the Pope's ministry is a guarantee of obedience to Christ and to his Word. He must not proclaim his own ideas, but rather constantly bind himself and the Church to obedience to God's Word, in the face of every attempt to adapt it or water it down, and every form of opportunism.

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

How to wish a Catholic "Happy New Year!"

- "Wishing you a New Year filled with peace and love"
- "May God continue to bless you this year and throughout all your days"
- "In this season of transition, from one year to the next, may God watch over you and bless you abundantly"
- "Comforted by the promise of salvation, may you enjoy a New Year overflowing with the joy that only God can provide"
- "May our eternal God, who transcends our understanding of time, be with you in this new year and always"
- "May the Light of God guide you and may His loving arms protect you in this new year"
- "The Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace! (Numbers 6:24-26)"

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

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

Visit our

YouTube

Channel



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.

Guest Speaker: Paul Zucarelli

Presentation on His Near Death
Experience

[Click here to view](#)



Holy Day

Solemnity of Mary,
The Holy Mother of God

January 1st:

9:30 a.m. @ St. Jude;
Confessions @ OLM 10:40am
11:00 a.m. @ OLM



Pray your rosary!