

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

February 11, 2024

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sunday, February 11, 2024 Readings

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Mark 1:40-45

Mission Staff

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 11, 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
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
2/15/24	Low English Mass	Kevin McCarley Lori and John McCarley
2/18/24	Sung English Mass	Bill Johnson+ By Dixie Barton
2/20/24	Low Latin Mass	Patricia Pittari+ By Pittari Family
2/22/24	Low English Mass	Mary Pittari+ By 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
Feb 4, 2024	\$ 7,811.00*	\$1,067.26	100

*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, February 9
Office and Church Closed

Saturday, February 10
Office and Church Closed

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

Monday, February 12
Office and Church Closed

Tuesday, February 13
Office and Church Open 9:00am-3:00pm
Confessions 9:10am-9:25am
Morning Prayer/Lauds 9:10am
Mass @ 9:30am
Mardi Gras

Wednesday, February 14
Office and Church Open 9:00am-3:00pm
Ash Wednesday Mass @ 12:00 noon

Thursday, February 15
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
Stations of the Cross @ 10:00am
Town Meeting @ 6:00pm

Friday, February 16
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 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

An Interview with Harrison Butker a Year Ago Following His Super Bowl-Winning Kick

Excerpts from catholicnewsagency.com



Even though Harrison Butker kicked the winning field goal in what he described as “one of the best Super Bowls ever played,” football doesn’t define the Kansas City Chiefs player’s life.

“I want to be a saint. And that’s the most important thing, and that’s why I’m here on this earth,”

“I’m not just making kicks so that I can make money and I can puff myself up as this great person that people want to be like one day. I’m making kicks because God wants me to have a platform, at least for right now, to share this message of faith, of growing in virtue, of growing closer to the sacraments and of being a saint.”

Butker, 27, is outspoken about his Catholic faith, his pro-life convictions, and his devotion to the Traditional Latin Mass, where he frequently served at the altar before becoming a father. In an interview with CNA in 2022, Butker said he believes the traditional Mass “really entices a lot of young people who are looking for answers. They’re looking for happiness. And for me, I found happiness in embracing the faith offered in the Catholic Church.”

During the Super Bowl, many on social media were quick to point out that during the game he was wearing what appeared to be a brown scapular around his neck, a sacramental from the Carmelite tradition that anyone can wear as a sign of their devotion to Mary.

Amid the money and fame that comes with being a professional athlete, especially a successful one, Butker says daily prayer and meditation on God’s grace help him to stay grounded and remind himself that he is ultimately “ashes... dust.”

“I don’t allow [the fame] to get to my head and change the way I view myself, because I’m a child of God. I’m a sinner. I need a savior, I need Jesus, I need the sacraments, and prayer grounds me. And then, again, always coming back to my vocation and knowing that that job is way more important than kicking a football.”

LENT BEGINS

Ash Wednesday, Feb 14 @ 12:00

Stations of the Cross @ 10:00am on
2/15, 2/22, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21

Holy Thursday—March 28 @ 6:00pm

Good Friday—March 29 @ 3:00pm

Holy Saturday—March 30 @ 8:45pm

Easter Sunday—March 31 @ 11:00am



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

The Origins of Mardi Gras

Mardi Gras' origins can be traced back to types of ancient pagan festivals and medieval European traditions of Saturnalia and Lupercalia, celebrations held in anticipation of spring. Upon the arrival of Christianity to Europe, these festivals morphed into religious holidays, as it was easier to combine rather than abolish the region's established traditions into the new religion. These specific festivals' dates coincided with the Easter holiday. Thus, Mardi Gras became the six-week prelude to Lent, the 40-day period of fasting that precedes Easter.



How did Mardi Gras get its name?

The celebration was passionately adopted by French Catholics and was initially called "Boeuf Gras," or "fatted calf." Later on, the name "Mardi Gras," which translates to "Fat Tuesday," gained favor as the holiday's preferred title, since the last day of the festival season was celebrated on the Tuesday preceding Ash Wednesday.

What is Shrove Tuesday?

As Christianity spread throughout Europe, so did the adopted pre-Lenten festivities. In England, Mardi Gras became known as Shrove Tuesday or Pancake Day. The name of the holiday derives from when Anglo-Saxon Christians were summoned by the tolling of a bell to come to confession prior to starting Lent. This bell came to be called the "Pancake Bell." Once absolved from their sins, otherwise known as "shriven," individuals would head home to use the last of the household's indulgent and fattening ingredients prior to the Lenten fast. Pancakes, customarily made using butter and eggs and topped with syrup, sweetened fruit preserves, or chocolate, checked these required boxes, thus explaining the inevitable adoption of the name Pancake Day.

Shrove Tuesday



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.



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

Visit our YouTube Channel



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