

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

10:00 a.m. on
2/15, 2/22, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21
1:30 p.m. on Good Friday (3/29)

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 25, 2024

Second Sunday of Lent



Sunday, February 25, 2024 Readings

Genesis 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18

Romans 8:31b-34

Mark 9:2-10

Mission Staff

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Second Sunday of Lent February 25, 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
2/25/24	Sung English Mass	Doris Hunt* By Pauline Cavanaugh
3/3/24	Sung English Mass	Bertha LaChance+ By Pauline Cavanaugh
3/5/24	Low Latin Mass	Mary Allyne Fox Lee+ By Sharon Fox
3/7/24	Low English Mass	Doris McCuan+ By Sharon Fox
3/10/24	Sung English Mass	Deacon & Mrs. Gene Brady+ By Scott and Joan Love
3/12/24	Low Latin Mass	Steven Fox+ By Sharon Fox

Mass Key

Low Mass: little/no singing and no incense.

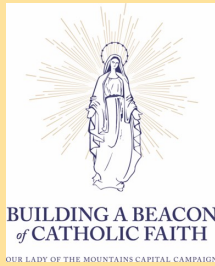
Sung Mass: hymns and moderate chanting and may have incense.

Solemn Mass: hymns, extensive chanting, and incense.

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.



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.

PARISH CALENDAR

Friday, February 23
Office and Church Closed

Saturday, February 24
Office and Church Closed

Sunday, February 25
Rosary @ 10:40am
Confession 10:45am
Mass @ 11:00am
Food and Fellowship 12:00

Monday, February 26
Office and Church Closed

Tuesday, February 27
Office and Church Open 9:00am-3:00pm

Wednesday, February 28
Office and Church Open 9:00am-3:00pm

Thursday, February 29
Office and Church Open 9:00am-3:00pm

Friday, February 16
Office and Church Closed

Saturday, February 17
Office and Church Closed

Sunday, February 18
Rosary @ 10:40am
Confession 10:45am
Mass @ 11:00am
Food and Fellowship 12:00

OLM 1st Annual Shrimp Boil

Join us for Food and Fellowship
after Stations of the Cross

WHEN: March 15, 2024

WHERE: Parish Hall

TIME: Stations of the Cross @
5:00pm

DINNER: Shrimp Boil @ 5:45pm



RSVP required. See link in weekly email or call the office at 828-526-2418.

OLM Men's and Women's Club Meeting

March 19th @ 5:00pm

All are welcome to join. If you are new, call the office to RSVP.

Father Barone's Column

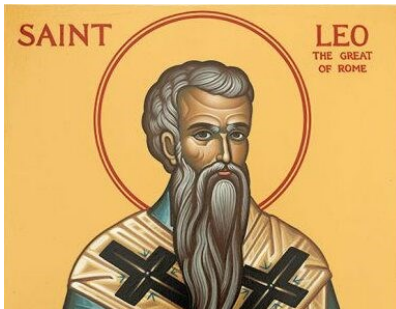
The Church of Christ Rises on the Firm Foundation of Peter's Faith
From a sermon of Pope Saint Leo the Great



February 22 is the feast of the Chair of St. Peter, on which day the Church celebrates the authority and office Christ bestowed on St. Peter. The following is from Pope St. Leo the Great:

“Out of the whole world one man, Peter, is chosen to preside at the calling of all nations, and to be set over all the apostles and all the fathers of the Church. Though there are in God’s people many shepherds, Peter is thus appointed to rule in his own person those whom Christ also rules as the original ruler. Beloved, how great and wonderful is this sharing of his power that God in his goodness has given to this man. Whatever Christ has willed to be shared in common by Peter and the other leaders of the Church, it is only through Peter that he has given to others what he has not refused to bestow on them.

...the first to confess his faith in the Lord is the one who is first in rank among the apostles. Peter says: “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Jesus replies: “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona, for flesh and blood has not revealed it to you, but my Father who is in heaven.” You are blessed, he means, because my Father has taught you. You have not been deceived by earthly opinion, but have been enlightened by inspiration from heaven. It was not flesh and blood that pointed me out to you, but the one whose only-begotten Son I am.



He continues: You are Peter: though I am the inviolable rock, the cornerstone that makes both one, the foundation apart from which no one can lay any other, yet you also are a rock, for you are given solidity by my strength, so that which is my very own because of my power is common between us through your participation.

And upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. On this strong foundation, he says, I will build an everlasting temple. The great height of my Church, which is to penetrate the heavens, shall rise on the firm foundation of this faith.”

LENTEN SCHEDULE

**Stations of the Cross @ 10:00am on
3/7, 3/14, 3/15 (5PM) & 3/21**

Holy Thursday—March 28 @ 6:00pm Confession 5:00pm-5:30pm

**Good Friday—March 29 @ 3:00pm Confession 2:00pm-2:30pm
1:30pm Stations of the Cross**

Holy Saturday—March 30 @ 8:45pm

Easter Sunday—March 31 @ 11:00am

A CALL TO SHARE

February 18 Collection

Cash/Check Offertory*.....\$5,480.00

Parish Automated Giving\$2,708.46

*Includes Sunday offertory collection and mailed in donations.

Mass Attendance: 155

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, John Turner

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

Saint Gregory of Narek—February 27—Abbot and Doctor of the Church

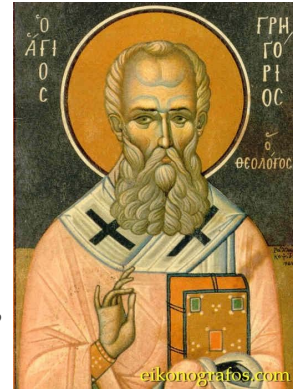
Gregory was born in 951, near Lake Van in modern-day Turkey. His mother died when he was young, leading to his deep devotion to our Blessed Mother. His father was the ruling prince of the Andzevatsiq province and an Armenian bishop and scholar whose support of some of the teachings of the Council of Chalcedon led to his excommunication from the Armenian Church.

After their mother's death, Gregory and his older brother were sent to live at the Monastery of Narek. At about the age of twenty-six, Gregory was ordained a priest for the monastery and remained there for the rest of his life, teaching theology in the monastery's school.

Shortly after his ordination to the priesthood, Gregory wrote a commentary on the Song of Songs. He also wrote commentary on the Book of Job, and numerous chants, homilies, and speeches that sang the praises of holy men. Toward the end of his life, he wrote his most famous work, *The Book of Lamentations*, or, as it is commonly known today, *The Book of Narek*.

Gregory's father taught him to remain in continuous dialogue with God, ever attentive to His divine presence. *The Book of Narek* is a compilation of ninety-five prayers that flow from that dialogue. Each begins with the phrase, "Speaking with God from the Depths of the Heart." The prayers express a troubled – even tormented – soul's deepest love of God. The torment is not despair, but an interior expression of hope from a soul in touch with its fallen humanity and sin, while also keenly aware of God's mercy. His prayers reflect the psalms and are similar to Saint Augustine's *Confessions*. Saint Gregory states that these prayers were written "by the finger of God" (*Prayer 34*) and that he saw God, as he says, "with my own eyes" (*Prayer 27f*).

In the centuries after Gregory's death, Armenia suffered greatly under foreign domination, culminating in the Armenian genocide when the Turks murdered an estimated 1 – 1.8 million Armenians in 1915-16. During their suffering, the Armenian people relied on Saint Gregory's book of prayers. When Pope Francis declared Saint Gregory a Doctor of the Church, the book of prayers became accessible to the whole world.



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



Pray your rosary!