

*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 4, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sunday, February 4, 2024 Readings

Job 7:1-4, 6-7

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Mark 1:29-39

### Mission Staff

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# Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 4, 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
2/4/24	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
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

### 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 28, 2024	\$ 4,550.00*	\$3,229.66	118

\*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.**



BUILDING A BEACON  
of CATHOLIC FAITH

OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAINS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

## PARISH CALENDAR

Friday, February 2  
Office Closed; Church 10:45-11:45  
Candlemas 11:00am -11:30am

Saturday, February 3  
Office and Church Closed

Sunday, February 4  
Rosary @ 10:40am  
Mass @ 11:00am  
Food and Fellowship 12:00 noon

Monday, February 5  
Office and Church Closed

Tuesday, February 6  
Office and Church Open 9:00am-3:00pm  
**No daily Mass**

Wednesday, February 7  
Office and Church Open 9:00am-3:00pm

Thursday, February 8  
Office and Church Open 9:00am-3:00pm  
**No daily Mass**

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

## 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).



## 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

### The Virtue of Penance

As we are preparing to enter into Lent this year. Let us take a moment to consider penance as a virtue before entering our lenten discipline. While the following entry will sound technical, we can remind ourselves of the very simple message from the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima to the small children, namely that sin is deeply offensive to God and we should make up for our sins (and the sins of the world) with acts of penance. We do penance out of love for God who has loved us so much. From the Catholic Encyclopedia on "Penance":



"Penance is a supernatural moral virtue whereby the sinner is disposed to hatred of his sin as an offense against God and to a firm purpose of amendment and satisfaction. The principal act in the exercise of this virtue is the detestation (hatred) of sin, not of sin in general nor of that which others commit, but of one's own sin.

The motive of this detestation is that sin offends God: to regret evil deeds on account of the mental or physical suffering, the social loss, or the action of human justice which they entail, is natural; but such sorrow does not suffice for penance. On the other hand, the resolve to amend, while certainly necessary, is not sufficient of itself, i.e., without hatred for sin already committed; such a resolve, in fact, would be meaningless: it would profess obedience to God's law in the future while disregarding the claims of God's justice in the matter of past transgression.

"Be converted, and do penance for all your iniquities.... Cast away from you all your transgressions... and make to yourselves a new heart, and a new spirit" (Ezech., xviii, 30-31; cf. Joel, ii, 12; Jer., viii, 6). In the same spirit St. John the Baptist exhorts his hearers: "Bring forth therefore fruit worthy of penance" (Matt., iii, 8).

Such too is the teaching of Christ as expressed in the parables of the Prodigal Son and of the Publican; while the Magdalen who "washed out her sins with her tears" of sorrow, has been lost all ages the type of the repentant sinner. Theologians, following the doctrine of St. Thomas, regard penance as truly a virtue, though they have disputed much regarding its place among the virtues. Some have classed it with the virtue of charity, others with the virtue of religion, others again as a part of justice."

### 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

## St. Scholastica—February 10 - Patron Saint of nuns, school, tests, reading, convulsive children

Saint Scholastica was born into a wealthy family around the year 480 AD, in the town of Nursia, central Italy, shortly after the fall of the Western Roman emperor. It was a chaotic time, politically speaking, but also a time when God began to manifest His divine stability through her. She had one brother, most likely a twin, by the name of Benedict. Benedict and Scholastica are now honored as great saints. Both had a powerful influence upon monastic life as we have it today, Benedict being the father of Western monasticism and Scholastica its mother.

As a child, Scholastica dedicated herself to the service of God, taking no interest in the things of this world. She lived modestly, despite being raised in a wealthy home. When Benedict left home to become a hermit and to eventually found a monastery with a new monastic rule, she marveled at his hidden life of prayer and work. His vocation called out to her, and she received permission from the local bishop to enter a home of virgins who chose to adopt Benedict's new monastic rule. Benedict assisted them and made Scholastica the abbess of the home.

Benedict's new form of monasticism focused on forming permanent, self-contained, and self-supporting monasteries that followed a strict regimen of prayer and work. After aspirants' callings were tested for a period of time, they made vows, permanently committing themselves to God and the community. Their lives became structured and ordered under the direction of an abbot or abbess to whom the monks and nuns vowed obedience. Soon after Benedict's humble monastery on Monte Cassino began to bloom, Scholastica received permission to adopt his rule with a group of virgins, making them the first convent of Benedictine nuns. In the centuries to follow, their way of life spread far and wide across the Western world.

Though Scholastica's convent was only a few miles from Benedict's monastery, the two would only get together once a year, in keeping with their strict rule of life. Those meetings fanned into flames their shared love for God and the fruits of their prayer and mutual calling to this new way of life. Each year they met at a nearby house and spent the day conversing on the holiest of topics. When these twins were around the age of sixty-three, they met for what would be their final conversation on earth. They spent the day praising God and engaged in spiritual talk. After a light dinner, Benedict announced that he and his companions needed to leave and return to the monastery. Scholastica begged him to stay so that they could continue conversing about God throughout the night. Benedict responded to her, "Sister, what are you saying? I simply cannot stay outside my cell." Scholastica knew, however, that their holy conversation needed to continue, so she bowed her head in prayer, and God sent forth a lightning storm so powerful that Benedict and his brothers could not leave. Scholastica's love for Benedict and her desire to continue with the praises of God throughout the night met with God's approval and God provided the way. They parted the next day, and three days later, Benedict had a vision of his sister's soul being taken to Heaven in the form of a dove. He had his brothers bring her body to the monastery, and Scholastica was buried in the grave intended for Benedict. Four years later, Benedict died and was buried in the same grave with his sister. The two were united by grace and a shared mission in this life, and they would forever share a grave from which they will rise together on the last day.



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.



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

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# Pray your rosary!