

*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

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

# March 3, 2024

Third Sunday of Lent



Sunday, March 3, 2024 Readings

Exodus 20:1-17

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

John 2:13-25

### Mission Staff

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# Third Sunday of Lent March 3, 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
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
3/14/24	Low English Mass	Capital Campaign Benefactors

### 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](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

## 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).

## PARISH CALENDAR

Friday, March 1  
Office and Church Closed

Saturday, March 2  
Office and Church Closed

Sunday, March 3  
Rosary @ 10:40am  
Confession 10:45am  
Mass @ 11:00am  
Food and Fellowship 12:00

Monday, March 4  
Office and Church Closed

Tuesday, March 5  
Office and Church Open 9:00am-3:00pm  
Confession 9:10am-9:25am  
Morning Prayer/Lauds 9:10am  
Mass @ 9:30am

Wednesday, March 6  
Office and Church Open 9:00am-3:00pm

Thursday, March 7  
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

Friday, March 8  
Office and Church Closed

Saturday, March 9  
Office and Church Closed

Sunday, March 10  
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.

## Deacon Matthew Dimock's Column

Rest in Christ

By Dcn. Matthew Dimock

For any of us who regularly pray the Divine Office, the last antiphon of the day is the *Salva nos*. My own translation of this antiphon is "Save us, Lord, the vigilant ones; guard us, the sleeping ones, that we may be vigilant with Christ and may rest in peace." The antiphon is a dichotomy between vigilance over our souls during the day, and sleeping in the peace of Christ at night, as well as our vigilance throughout our lives, and sleeping forever in the peace of Christ when we die.



This time, above all others within the liturgical year is a time to examine whether we place our rest in Christ. Where do I place my rest? This is the reason why we partake in the prayer, fasting, and almsgiving of the season. We want to separate ourselves from worldly goods of time, food, drink, and money, to show a sort of independence that we have from these worldly things.

Reflecting on this, I could not think of a better example than the letter of St. Ignatius of Antioch which he wrote to his followers shortly before his death in the Colosseum. Surprisingly, his letter discourages his followers from attempting to free him. "I beseech of you not to show an unseasonable goodwill towards me," he says. Rather, "suffer me to become food for the wild beasts, through whose instrumentality it will be granted me to attain to God." Now, why would St. Ignatius desire such a gruesome death? "So that when I have fallen asleep... I be a true disciple of Jesus Christ, when the world shall not see so much as my body." St. Ignatius received his wish and was, indeed, devoured by lions in the Colosseum c. 108 A.D.

This was a man who knew and loved Jesus. He loved Jesus to the point that he desired all, including his flesh, would be stripped from him so that he could attain his Savior. What a testament to the faith! Most of us will probably not suffer such a martyrdom, but we are still challenged by the testimony of his life to ask how tied we are to the things of this world. Again, can we say with the utmost confidence that we do not find my rest in my fortune, food, or creature comforts, but solely in Him who gave His life for us on the cross?

### 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 25 Collection**

**Cash/Check Offertory\*.....\$989.00**

**Parish Automated Giving .....\$3,174.06**

\*Includes Sunday offertory collection and mailed in donations.

**Mass Attendance: 83**

#### 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 Agnes of Bohemia—Princess and Abbess—1203-1280

Patron Saint of those seeking chastity and purity.

Agnes was born in Prague, where her father was the king of Bohemia. Despite the privileges of her station, she enjoyed no freedom to decide her own destiny. She was simply a commodity to be invested wherever she might bring the highest return for her family and its dynastic interests. Starting at the age of three, she was shipped to various kingdoms and betrothed to strangers she had never met. Through chance or providence, all these engagements came to naught.

Finally, when she was to be paired with King Henry III of England, she wrote to the pope asking him to prevent the marriage on the grounds that she wished to consecrate herself to Christ. Surprisingly, Henry yielded,

granting, "If she had left me for a mortal man, I should have made my vengeance felt, but I cannot take offense if she prefers the King of Heaven to me." Agnes had been deeply affected by the arrival in Prague of the first Franciscan friars, followed shortly by five Poor Clare sisters.

In 1236, her royal life behind her, she formally joined them. Agnes received a number of personal letters from Saint Clare, a precious window on the early Franciscan movement. Clare addressed Agnes as "the half of her soul and the special shrine of her heart's deepest love."

Speaking as a "mother" to "her favorite daughter," she commended Agnes for the poverty she had chosen, thus securing a place on "the path of prudent happiness." "Place your mind before the mirror of eternity!" she counseled her. "Place your soul in the brilliance of glory! Place your heart in the figure of the divine substance! And transform your whole being into the image of the Godhead itself through contemplation."

Agnes spent forty-four years as a Poor Clare and inspired many other noble women in Europe to follow her example. She died in 1280 and was canonized in 1989.

~Franciscan Media



## 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.

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



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



## Coat Drive

Donate clean slightly used or new 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.

Visit our YouTube Channel



# Pray your rosary!