

*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  
3/14, 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  
8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

### SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCY

(828) 634-1377

# March 10, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Lent



Sunday, March 10, 2024 Readings

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

Ephesians 2:4-10

John 3:14-21

### Mission Staff

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# Fourth Sunday of Lent March 10, 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
3/10/24	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
3/17/24	Sung English Mass	Patricia Pittari+ By The Pittari Family
3/19/24	Low Latin Mass	Joseph Brink+ By Sharon Fox
3/21/24	Low English Mass	Rosanna Fox Brogan+ 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](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 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

Monday, March 11  
Office and Church Closed

Tuesday, March 12  
Office and Church Open 8:00am-2:00pm  
Confession 9:10am-9:25am  
Morning Prayer/Lauds 9:10am  
Mass @ 9:30am

Wednesday, March 13  
Office and Church Open 8:00am-2:00pm

Thursday, March 14  
Office and Church Open 8:00am-2:00pm  
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 15  
Office and Church Closed

Saturday, March 16  
Office and Church Closed

Sunday, March 17  
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 by** See link in weekly email or call the office at 828-526-2418.

## Father Barone's Column

*A Humble Woman who Lived a Virtuous Life*  
~a homily by Pope Pius XII on July 7, 1946



This week a new movie, called *Cabrini*, hit theaters detailing the life of St. Francis Xavier Cabrini, the first ever American citizen saint. Let us therefore consider the words of Pope Pius XII from 1946:

“Inspired by the grace of God, we join the saints in honoring the holy virgin Frances Xavier Cabrini. She was a humble woman who became outstanding not because she was famous, or rich or powerful, but because she lived a virtuous life. From the tender years of her youth, she kept her innocence as white as a lily and preserved it carefully with the thorns of penitence; as the years progressed, she was moved by a certain instinct and a supernatural zeal to dedicate her whole life to the service and greater glory of God.

She welcomed delinquent youths into safe homes and taught them to live upright and holy lives. She consoled those who were in prison and recalled to them the hope of eternal life. She encouraged prisoners to reform themselves and to live honest lives.

She comforted the sick and the infirm in the hospitals and diligently cared for them. She extended a friendly and helping hand especially to immigrants and offered them necessary shelter and relief, for having left their homeland behind, they were wandering about in a foreign land with no place to turn for help. Because of their condition she saw that they were in danger of deserting the practice of Christian virtues and their Catholic faith.

Where did she acquire all that strength and the inexhaustible energy by which she was able to perform so many good works and to surmount so many difficulties involving material things, travel and men?

Undoubtedly she accomplished all this through the faith which was always so vibrant and alive in her heart; through the divine love which burned within her; and, finally, through constant prayer by which she was so closely united with God from whom she humbly asked and obtained whatever her human weakness could not obtain.

In the face of the endless cares and anxieties of life, she never let anything turn her aside from striving and aiming to please God and to work for his glory for which nothing, aided by God's grace, seemed too laborious, or difficult, or beyond human strength.”

### LENTEN SCHEDULE

**Stations of the Cross @ 10:00am on  
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

**March 3 Collection**

**Cash/Check Offertory\*.....\$1,233.00**

**Parish Automated Giving .....\$753.93**

\*Includes Sunday offertory collection and mailed in donations.

**Mass Attendance: 98**

#### 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

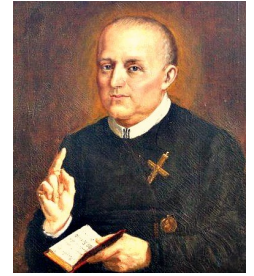
#### MILITARY/DEPLOYED

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 Clement Mary Hofbauer— Co-patron of Vienna and Warsaw Patron Saint of Metalworkers & Blacksmiths



Clement Mary might be called the second founder of the Redemptorists, as it was he who carried the congregation of Saint Alphonsus Liguori to the people north of the Alps.

John, the name given him at Baptism, was born in Moravia into a poor family, the ninth of 12 children. Although he longed to be a priest, there was no money for studies, and he was apprenticed to a baker. But God guided the young man's fortunes. He found work in the bakery of a monastery where he was allowed to attend classes in its Latin school. After the abbot there died, John tried the life of a hermit, but when Emperor Joseph II abolished hermitages, John again returned to Vienna and to baking.

One day after serving Mass at the Cathedral of St. Stephen, he called a carriage for two ladies waiting there in the rain. In their conversation they learned that he could not pursue his priestly studies because of a lack of funds. They generously offered to support both John and his friend Thaddeus, in their seminary studies. The two went to Rome, where they were drawn to Saint Alphonsus' vision of religious life and to the Redemptorists. The two young men were ordained together in 1785.

Newly professed at age 34, Clement Mary, as he was now called, and Thaddeus were sent back to Vienna. But the religious difficulties there caused them to leave and continue north to Warsaw, Poland. There they encountered numerous German-speaking Catholics who had been left priestless by the suppression of the Jesuits. At first they had to live in great poverty and preach outdoor sermons. Eventually they were given the church of St. Benno, and for the next nine years they preached five sermons a day, two in German and three in Polish, converting many to the faith. They were active in social work among the poor, founding an orphanage and then a school for boys.

Drawing candidates to the congregation, they were able to send missionaries to Poland, Germany, and Switzerland. All of these foundations eventually had to be abandoned because of the political and religious tensions of the times. After 20 years of difficult work, Clement Mary himself was imprisoned and expelled from the country. Only after another arrest was he able to reach Vienna, where he was to live and work the final 12 years of his life. He quickly became "the apostle of Vienna," hearing the confessions of the rich and the poor, visiting the sick, acting as a counselor to the powerful, sharing his holiness with all in the city. His crowning work was the establishment of a Catholic college in his beloved city.

Persecution followed Clement Mary, and there were those in authority who were able for a while to stop him from preaching. An attempt was made at the highest levels to have him banished. But his holiness and fame protected him and prompted the growth of the Redemptorists. Due to his efforts, the congregation was firmly established north of the Alps by the time of his death in 1820. Clement Mary Hofbauer was canonized in 1909. His liturgical feast is celebrated on March 15.

~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



### 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. Ends March 29th.



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

Visit our YouTube Channel



# Pray your rosary!