

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

3/21 @ 10:00 a.m. on
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.

Sunday 10:30 a.m.—10:50 a.m.
(Sunday may vary due to travel time)

ADORATION/BENEDICTION

Thursday: 8:30-9:30 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 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent



Sunday, March 17, 2024 Readings

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Hebrews 5:7-9

John 12:20-33

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Fifth Sunday of Lent March 17, 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
3/17/24	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
3/24/24	Sung English Mass	Mary Pittari+ By The Pittari Family
4/2/24	Low Latin Mass	Fran Sharpe+ By Burgain Hayes & Debi Martin
4/4/24	Low English Mass	OPEN

Mass Key

Low Mass: little/no singing and no incense.

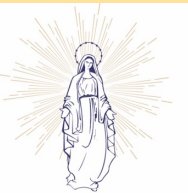
Sung Mass: hymns and moderate chanting and may have incense.

Solemn Mass: hymns, extensive chanting, and incense.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NUTS AND BOLTS

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PARISH CALENDAR

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

Monday, March 18
Office and Church Closed

Tuesday, March 19
Office and Church Open 8:00am-2:00pm
Confession 9:10am-9:25am
Morning Prayer/Lauds 9:10am
Mass @ 9:30am
Men's & Women's Club Mtg 5:00pm

Wednesday, March 20
Office and Church Open 8:00am-2:00pm

Thursday, March 21
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 22
Office and Church Closed

Saturday, March 23
Office and Church Closed

Sunday, March 24
Rosary @ 10:40am
Confession 10:45am
Mass @ 11:00am
Food and Fellowship 12:00

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Father Barone's Column

Passiontide: the final stretch

Fr. Barone



The fifth Sunday of Lent marks the beginning of the final two weeks of Lent and what traditionally was called Passiontide, during which time the faithful would focus their gaze more intensely on the passion of the Lord. The previous four weeks dealt largely with self-denial, which required a certain turning in on oneself and trying to overcome obstacles to prayer, almsgiving, and growth in virtue. Hopefully, our Lenten observances over the past month have subdued our vices, lifted up our minds, and bestowed both virtue and its rewards, as is written in the preface for Lent. It is as if we are now duly prepared to focus on the most important time of the liturgical year and the events of our salvation.

A major feature of this day is the covering of statues. The purpose for this can only be understood in the Gospel reading that traditionally was read on this Sunday from the Gospel of John in which the Lord's feud with the Jewish hierarchy had reached a fever pitch such that they took up stones to kill him, but He hid Himself from their murderous ire. Liturgically, as the Lord hides Himself, so we hide or veil images of Him and the saints for disciples must follow their Lord wherever He goes, including into hiding.

We will also begin to see the Lord's divine power hide itself; Jesus will be like the lamb led to the slaughter who opens not his mouth (see Is 53). The Lord's powerlessness and ultimate death will require the greatest of faith. Why in the world would we place our trust in a man who does not defend himself before his accusers, is condemned, mocked, spit upon, and tortured to death as a common criminal? But it was precisely in that moment of His death that the roman centurion exclaimed "truly this is the Son of God." In other words, grace is the reason to believe. It is a supernatural light from above that shines on the Truth. We can and should dispose ourselves through Lenten observances, but ultimately it is God who will give us the grace to see with greater clarity the divinity of His Son and the deep love for us that drove Him to self-sacrifice.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

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

Cash/Check Offertory*.....\$1,630.00

Parish Automated Giving\$1,222.86

*Includes Sunday offertory collection and mailed in donations.

Mass Attendance: 128

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 Nicholas Owen—March 22 Patron of illusionists and escapologists

Nicholas, familiarly known as “Little John,” was small in stature but big in the esteem of his fellow Jesuits.

Born at Oxford, this humble artisan saved the lives of many priests and laypersons in England during the penal times (1559-1829), when a series of statutes punished Catholics for the practice of their faith. Over a period of about 20 years, Nicholas used his skills to build secret hiding places for priests throughout the country.

His work, which he did completely by himself as both architect and builder, was so good that time and time again priests in hiding were undetected by raiding parties. Nicholas was a genius at finding and creating places of safety: subterranean passages, small spaces between walls, impenetrable recesses.

At one point he was even able to mastermind the escape of two Jesuits from the Tower of London. Whenever Nicholas set out to design such hiding places, he began by receiving the holy Eucharist, and he would turn to God in prayer throughout the long, dangerous construction process.

After many years at his unusual task, Nicholas entered the Society of Jesus and served as a lay brother, although—for very good reasons—his connection with the Jesuits was kept secret.

After a number of narrow escapes, he himself was finally caught in 1594. Despite protracted torture, Nicholas refused to disclose the names of other Catholics. After being released following the payment of a ransom, “Little John” went back to his work. He was arrested again in 1606. This time he was subjected to horrible tortures, suffering an agonizing death. The jailers tried suggesting that he had confessed and committed suicide, but his heroism and sufferings soon were widely known.

Nicholas Owen was canonized in 1970 as one of the 40 Martyrs of England and Wales.

~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.



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

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?

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We would like to help.



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Pray your rosary!