

*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

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 24, 2024

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



Sunday, March 24, 2024 Readings

Isaiah 50:4-7

Philippians 2:6-11

Mark 14:1-39

### Mission Staff

Parochial Administrator—Rev. Fr. Jason Barone

Office Secretary—Lori McCarley

Executive Assistant—John Paul Torres

Bookkeeper—Karen Sledge



Channel Name: OLMSt.Jude's

Address: 315 N. 5th St., Highlands, NC 28741 \* Phone: (828) 526-2418

Email: olmountainshighlands@rcdoc.org \* Website: olmhighlands.com



# Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord March 24, 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
3/24/24	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	Barbara Molloy The McCarley Family
4/7/24	Solemn Mass	OLM Benefactors
4/9/24	Low Latin Mass	Deacon & Mrs. Gene Brady+ By Scott and Joan Love
4/11/24	Low English Mass	Garland Stevens+ 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 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

Monday, March 25

Office and Church Closed

Tuesday, March 26

Office and Church Open 8:00am-2:00pm

Wednesday, March 27

Office and Church Open 8:00am-2:00pm

Thursday, March 28

Office and Church Open 8:00am-2:00pm

Pastoral Council Mtg 2@ 2:30pm in Hall

Confession @ 5:00pm-5:30pm

Mass @ 6:00pm

Friday, March 29

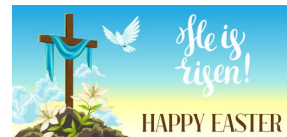
Stations of the Cross @ 1:30pm

Confessions @ 2:00pm- 2:30pm

Liturgy @ 3:00pm

Saturday, March 30

Mass @ 8:45pm



Sunday, March 31

Rosary @ 10:40am

Confession 10:45am

Mass @ 11:00am

WE GIVE *because*  
GOD GAVE FIRST

Simplify your Giving

No Checks! No Envelopes!

Enroll in OLM's Online Giving

<https://olmhighlands.com/give/>

## Father Barone's Column

### *The Blessing of the Oils and the Consecration of the Chrism*

Excerpts from the US Bishops' Website



The Chrism Mass, which the Bishop concelebrates with Priests from various regions of the diocese and during which he consecrates the sacred Chrism and blesses the other oils, is among the principal manifestations of the fullness of the Bishop's Priesthood and is considered to be a sign of the close bond of the Priests with him. For it is with the sacred Chrism consecrated by the Bishop that the newly baptized are anointed and those to be confirmed are signed. It is with the Oil of Catechumens that catechumens are prepared and disposed for Baptism. Finally, it is with the Oil of the Sick that those who are ill are comforted in their infirmity.

At the Chrism Mass—celebrated [on Tuesday of Holy Week in the Diocese of Charlotte]—the rite of blessing the oils begins [after the Liturgy of the Word].

After the procession is over, ... the Blessing of the Oil of the Sick takes place before the end of the Eucharistic Prayer, and the Blessing of the Oil of Catechumens and the Consecration of the Chrism after Communion."

The matter for all three oils is olive oil or another plant oil. Each prayer of blessing includes an explanation of the power and effect of each oil. The Bishop prays that in God's blessing of the Oil of the Sick, "everyone anointed with this oil as a safeguard for body, soul, and spirit may be freed from all pain, all infirmity, and all sickness."

The Oil of Catechumens is the second oil to be blessed by the Bishop. The prayer of blessing asks for three effects on "the catechumens who will be anointed with it": that they "may understand more deeply the Gospel of your Christ... may undertake with a generous heart the labors of the Christian life, and... may rejoice to be born anew and to live in your Church."

The high point of the ritual is the consecration of the Chrism, which is made by mixing the oil "with fragrances or other aromatic material," usually balsam. Before saying the Prayer of Consecration, "the Bishop, if appropriate, breathes upon the opening of the vessel of the Chrism." Chrism is a sign of the Holy Spirit, and this action by the Bishop recalls the Spirit of God "moving over the face of the waters" at creation (Gen 1:12) and Jesus' resurrection appearance to the disciples in which "he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit'" (Jn 20:22). The Bishop then invites the people to pray in silence before he consecrates the Chrism: "Pour out in abundance the gifts of the Holy Spirit on our brothers and sisters anointed with this oil; adorn with the splendor of holiness the places and things signed by sacred oils; but above all, by the mystery of this oil, bring to completion the growth of your Church."

### *LENTEN SCHEDULE*

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 18 Collection

Cash/Check Offertory\*.....\$1,482.00

Parish Automated Giving .....\$2,098.46

\*Includes Sunday offertory collection and mailed in donations.

Mass Attendance: 126

#### 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



## Our Community in Pictures 2024 Shrimp Boil



**OLM Men's and Women's Club Meeting**  
April 16th @ 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](mailto: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?

Please contact the office.

We would like to help.



**Experience Schola:**

**The High School Summer Program at the Abbey!**

Rising sophomore high school students and older: Now is the time to plan for your summer! Introducing Schola, the high school summer program at Belmont Abbey College. Parents, this is a program that will have your students exploring classic literature and philosophy while enjoying daily prayer life and amazing outdoor activities. Rooted in our Catholic tradition, Schola offers an introduction to the Socratic method, trips to the U.S. Whitewater Center, hiking, and of course, appreciation of the good, the true, and the beautiful. Take advantage of this unforgettable experience! You'll grow in wisdom, critical thinking and make great friendships. This is the summer experience that will prepare you for a successful college career and life. Schola 2024 will be held July 14-20 at Belmont Abbey College. Learn more at [www.bac.edu/schola](http://www.bac.edu/schola).

# Pray your rosary!