

*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.

### 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

**April 28, 2024**

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*



Sunday, April 28, 2024 Readings

Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

1 John 3:18-24

John 15:1-8

### Mission Staff

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# Fifth Sunday of Easter April 28, 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
4/28/24	Sung English Mass	Steven Fox+ By Sharon Fox
4/30/24	Low Latin Mass	Garrell Stevens+ By Sharon Fox
5/2/24	Low English Mass	Floyd Stevens+ By Sharon Fox
5/5/24	Sung English Mass	Deacon & Mrs. Gene Brady+ Scott and Joan Love
5/7/24	Low Latin Mass	OLM Benefactors
5/9/24	Low English Mass	Kinnon & Lisa Martin By Martin-Hayes Family

### Mass Key

*Low Mass:* little/no singing and no incense.

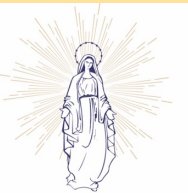
*Sung Mass:* hymns and moderate chanting and may have incense.

*Solemn Mass:* hymns, extensive chanting, and incense.

## 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)

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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, April 26

Office and Church Closed

Saturday, April 27

Office and Church Closed

Sunday, April 28

Rosary @ 10:40am

Confession 10:45am

Mass @ 11:00am

Food and Fellowship 12:00

Monday, April 29

Office and Church Closed

Tuesday, April 30

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

Confession 9:10am-9:25am

Morning Prayer/Lauds 9:10am

Mass @ 9:30am

Wednesday, May 1

Office and Church CLOSED

Thursday, May 2

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

Friday, May 3

Office and Church Closed

Saturday, May 4

Office and Church Closed

Sunday, May 5

Rosary @ 10:40am

Confession 10:45am

Mass @ 11:00am

Food and Fellowship 12:00

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## Father Barone's Column

Rite of Peace is Not Just a Greeting or Friendly Gesture, Nun Explains  
Excerpts from an Article by Catholic News Agency



The director of the Chair of Theology of the Consecrated Life at San Dámaso Ecclesiastical University in Spain, Sister Carolina Blázquez Casado, OSA, explained that the rite of peace at Mass “is not a greeting or friendly gesture.”

The sign of peace, which takes place between the recitation of the Lord’s Prayer and the Fraction (breaking) of the Host, “is a prior step to be able to approach Communion with the body of Christ in a dignified manner,” the Augustinian sister explained.

The sign of peace is exchanged in recollection of the words of Jesus recorded in Matthew 5:23-24, namely: “Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift.”

Consequently, the sign of peace is not a simple polite gesture or a gesture of human love, but rather it expresses “the sincere desire to be reconciled among ourselves, to overcome all divisions between us, to be instruments of peace, to be truly members, one of another, of the one body of Christ.”

In 2014, while Cardinal Antonio Cañizares was prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, a letter on the subject titled “The Ritual Meaning of the Gift of Peace in the Mass” was approved and confirmed by Pope Francis.

The letter addresses problems arising from some “exaggerated expressions” of the rite of peace, which led Pope Benedict XVI to consult the bishops’ conferences on the possibility of the rite being modified or eliminated from the Roman Missal.

In the end, it was decided to keep it in place while offering a series of “practical provisions to better explain the content of the exchange of peace and to moderate excessive expressions that give rise to disarray in the liturgical assembly before Communion.”

The letter emphasized that “if the faithful through their ritual gestures do not appreciate and do not show themselves to be living the authentic meaning of the rite of peace, the Christian concept of peace is weakened and their fruitful participation at the Eucharist is impaired.”

## A CALL TO SHARE

### April 21st Collection

Cash/Check Offertory\*.....\$ 5,803.00

Parish Automated Giving .....\$ 3,152.40

\*Includes Sunday offertory collection and mailed in donations.

Mass Attendance: 125



### 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

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SMOKY MOUNTAIN PREGNANCY CARE CENTER: 877-349-3200

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: 704-370-3262

COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER (MACON): 828-349-0211

VICTIMS OF ABUSE: 828-369-5544

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MENTAL HEALTH/SUBSTANCE ABUSE: 888-757-5726

SENIOR SERVICES (MACON): 828-349-2058

NC GUARDIAN AD LITEM: 800-982-4041

**Saint Athanasius – May 2**  
**Patron Saint of theologians, apologists and scholars**

Athanasius led a tumultuous but dedicated life of service to the Church. He was the great champion of the faith against the widespread heresy of Arianism, the teaching by Arius that Jesus was not truly divine. The vigor of his writings earned him the title of doctor of the Church.

Born of a Christian family in Alexandria, Egypt, and given a classical education, Athanasius became secretary to Alexander, the bishop of Alexandria, entered the priesthood and was eventually named bishop himself. His predecessor, Alexander, had been an outspoken critic of a new movement growing in the East—Arianism.

When Athanasius assumed his role as bishop of Alexandria, he continued the fight against Arianism. At first, it seemed that the battle would be easily won and that Arianism would be condemned. Such, however, did not prove to be the case. The Council of Tyre was called and for several reasons that are still unclear, the Emperor Constantine exiled Athanasius to northern Gaul. This was to be the first in a series of travels and exiles reminiscent of the life of Saint Paul.

After Constantine died, his son restored Athanasius as bishop. This lasted only a year, however, for he was deposed once again by a coalition of Arian bishops. Athanasius took his case to Rome, and Pope Julius I called a synod to review the case and other related matters.

Five times Athanasius was exiled for his defense of the doctrine of Christ's divinity. During one period of his life, he enjoyed 10 years of relative peace—reading, writing, and promoting the Christian life along the lines of the monastic ideal to which he was greatly devoted. His dogmatic and historical writings are almost all polemic, directed against every aspect of Arianism.

Among his ascetical writings, his *Life of St. Anthony* achieved astonishing popularity and contributed greatly to the establishment of monastic life throughout the Western Christian world.



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**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.**

**Protect Your Family**

Making a will isn't expensive, but not having one may cost your family a great deal. Please be a good steward of your resources by using wisely the Lord's gifts given to you. Make a will or revise the one you have if you haven't done so in the last five years.

**Pray your rosary!**

~Franciscan Media