

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 24-Oct 25, 2025)

Sunday Mass: 11:00 a.m.

Thursday: 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—Immediately following
11:00 a.m. Mass

ADORATION

Thursday: 8:30-9:30 a.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

(Pin may be required-2418)

SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCY

(828) 634-1377

Father's door is always open.

Call 828-526-2418

For an appointment



December 15, 2024

Third
Sunday
of
Advent

Sunday, December 15, 2024 Readings

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8, 19-28

Mission Staff

Parochial Administrator—Rev. Fr. Jason Barone

Office Administrator – Lori McCarley

Bookkeeper—Karen Sledge

Organist—Anita Freeman

Church hours for private prayer are Monday—Sunday, 8:00am-6:00pm.

Church access code is 2418.



Channel Name: OLMSt.Jude's



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Catholic Church

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Third Sunday in Advent December 15, 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
12/15/24	Sung English Mass	Hank and Tessa Stuckey By Steve and Julie Stuckey
12/17/24	Low Latin Mass	Deacon & Mrs. Gene Brady+ By Joan and Scott Love
12/19/24	Low English Mass	Capital Campaign Benefactors
12/22/24	Sung English Mass	Sandra & Emilio Delgado+ By Lynn and Fred Gehrisch
12/24/24	Low English Mass	Kathy O'Brien+ By the Holland Family
12/25/24	Sung English Mass	Capital Campaign Benefactors
12/29/24	Sung English Mass	John and Antonia Horvath+ By Mario & Joanne LaPoma
12/31/24	Low Latin Mass	Deacon & Mrs. Gene Brady+ By Scott and Joan Love

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.

Christmas Season Masses

December 24, 2024	December 25, 2024
2:00pm at OLM	9:00am at StJ
4:00pm at StJ	11:00am at OLM



January 1, 2025

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
9:00am at STJ - 11:00am at OLM

PARISH CALENDAR

Friday, December 13

Office and Church Closed

Church Open 8:00am–6:00pm-Pin Required

Saturday, December 14

Office and Church Closed

Church Open 8:00am–6:00pm-Pin Required

Sunday, December 15

Office Closed

Rosary @ 10:40am

Mass @ 11:00am

Confession - Immediately following Mass

Food and Fellowship—after Mass

Church Open until 6:00pm-Pin Required 12-6pm

Monday, December 16

Office Closed

Church Open 8:00am–6:00pm-Pin Required

Tuesday, December 17

Office CLOSED

Confession @ 9:10am–9:25am

Latin Mass @ 9:30am

Church Open 8:00am–6:00pm; Pin Required

Wednesday, December 18

Office CLOSED

Church Open 8:00am–6:00pm; Pin Required

Thursday, December 19

Office CLOSED

Adoration 8:30am-9:30am

Confession @ 9:10am–9:25am

English Mass @ 9:30am

Church Open 8:00am–6:00pm-Pin Required

Friday, December 20

Office Closed

Church Open 8:00am–6:00pm-Pin Required

Saturday, December 21

Office Closed

Church Open 8:00am–6:00pm-Pin Required

Sunday, December 22

Office Closed

Rosary @ 10:40am

Mass @ 11:00am

Confession - Immediately following Mass

NO Food and Fellowship after Mass

Church Open until 6:00pm-Pin Required 12-6pm

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, Mason Dorsey, Bill St. John,
Dr. Tom Williams, John Mavar, Pat Fay, Christopher Travis, Fred Gehrisch, Sr., Doris Toole

MILITARY/DEPLOYED

Please pray for all the men and women serving the United States in the military and contract workers deployed in hostile areas.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SOULS OF OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Martin de Laurel, 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, Joe Cowen
Sue Schulte, Marilyn Riva, George Schmitt, Frank Neely, Patricia Bollinger, Father Francis,
Father Casimir, Sandra & Emilio Delgado

Father Barone's Column

Finally, A Definitive Catholic Study Bible: Introducing the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible - Old and New Testaments

Dr. Scott Hahn, a renowned biblical scholar and author, has been working on developing a Catholic study bible, covering all books of the bible, for over 25 years. Working together with his team, he has finally completed this definitive work. You may want to consider purchasing one for yourself or a loved one, especially as a reference guide for difficult or confusing passages or books. You can purchase this study bible from stpaulcenter.com, ignatius.com, or search for it on Amazon. ~Fr. Barone



A description from the authors: “The whole of Scripture, Old Testament and New, is being published in a single volume, featuring the beautiful Revised Standard Version Second Catholic Edition (RSV2CE) translation along with introductions, outlines, and explanatory notes for each biblical book, extensive cross references to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and an array of visual and educational aids to bring the message of Scripture into clear focus for Catholic readers.

More than any other study edition of the Bible on the market, the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible is “like a householder who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old” (Mt 13:52). It draws insights from the best of modern scholarship as well as the best of the Catholic tradition of interpretation through the ages.

It explains the historical, cultural, literary, and archaeological background of Scripture, while at the same time looking to the Fathers, Doctors, and Councils of the Church for insight into its theological and spiritual teachings. The result is a veritable library of Bible study resources, all under one cover, designed to help readers understand the written Word of God and apply its lessons to their lives today. It is simply the most ambitious undertaking of its kind in our generation.

Key Features: Introductions and Outlines for every book of the Bible; 17,500+ explanatory footnotes for every chapter of the Bible; 20+ topical essays on major topics in the Bible; 140+ word studies on the most important vocabulary in the Bible; 25+ charts on the chronology, kings, parables, and other features of the Bible; 50+ maps on the geography of the Bible; 1,700+ cross-references to the Catechism of the Catholic Church; 9 point type size, 7 point type for footnotes.”

New Addition to OLM Website

Our website now has a resource page with a great number of links to helpful videos that explain various aspects of the Faith. Check it out on our website. [Click Here](#).

A CALL TO SHARE

December 8...Cash/Check Offertory...\$2,064.00*

Religious Retirement...\$747.00

Mass Attendance: 104

December 9...Cash/Check Offertory...\$365.00

Mass Attendance: 40

December Online Giving as of 12/11/24... \$895.00

*Includes mailed in donations.

New Church Door Procedure

The church will be open for private prayer daily from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. A pin will be required to **open/unlock and close/lock** the church when the office is not open. The pin is the last 4 digits of the office phone number: 2418. **Please remember**



Rotary Coat Drive

Mountain Top Rotary of Highlands is, once again, sponsoring a coat drive for those less fortunate in our greater Highlands community. New or clean, slightly used, coats are welcome. Drop them in the bins by the front doors of the church. The campaign continues through February.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Items still needed for Phase I

- *Paved parking lot—\$140,000
- *Tile and Marble Flooring—\$300,000
- Front Steps from sidewalk—\$40,000
- Elevator—\$45,000



Latest News

- *Tree removal-lot cleared
- *Grading of lot
- *New driveway takes shape

Catholic prayers this Advent season:

- Dear Lord, please allow me to embrace Advent in the way the Church intends: as a way to prepare for Your arrival. May everything I do—every gift I send, every party I attend, every meal I share—remind me to prepare space in my heart for You. Amen.
- Heavenly Father, heal my heart during this season of Advent. Help me to love more fully. To forgive more generously. To wait more patiently for Christmas, embracing each day and hour knowing the joy that awaits. In Your name I pray. Amen.
- Lord, send down Your Spirit to guide me during Advent this year. May the Holy Spirit help me journey closer to You and lift me up when I feel down and led me when I feel lost. I may stumble at times, but I know my ultimate journey is to draw closer to You and build Your kingdom here on earth—a kingdom that Jesus's birth, life and death helped secure. Amen.
- I pray for focus today, dear God, because during Advent, my mind and attention tend to wander. There are so many distractions, many of them well-meaning. But nothing gives my heart rest like resting in You. I pray that keep You at the focus of my day today, because I know the peace that only You offer. Amen.



Goal	\$12,446,865
Amount Pledged	\$9,029,641.20
Still To Be Raised	\$3,417,224
Amount Collected	\$6,973,685.80
Percent of Goal	72.54%
Number of Donors	199
Rate of Participation (FT & PT Parishioners)	%48.6



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Campaign

Update

December, 2024

MEMORIALIZATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR NEW CHURCH

Memorials are a permanent and holy gift to consider for our loved ones, living or deceased.

Altars
Linens
Stations
Candles
And more!



Pricing will include a bronze plaque with your appropriate dedication.

Contact Catherine Turner at memorializeOLM@gmail.com

"If you have too much to do, with God's help you will find time to do it all."

St. Peter Canisius, Dec. 21
Priest and Doctor of the Church

Pray your rosary!