

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 20, 2020

| Date | Intentions | Requested by |
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| Sun. 9/20 11:00 | Special Intention | Keri Allen |
| Wed. 9/23 9:00 | Special Intention | Keri Allen |
| Thurs. 9/24 12:10 | Dr. W.H. Meeks + | |
| Fri. 9/25 9:00 | Open | |
| Sat. 9/26 4:00 | Special Intention | Keri Allen |

Stewardship Thought

Stewardship is not job-oriented or project-minded. It is a way of life for a lifetime.

It's a new year for **FAITH FORMATION** and **YOUTH ACTIVITIES**. Families interested please call or text Bonny Dodge 828-342-0039. Weekend and weekday youth meetings.

CONGRATULATIONS

Leticia Reyes and Raul Rios on the Sacrament of Marriage
September 19, 2020

Saint of the Week

St. Maura of Troyes Feast Day September 21

Maura was born at Troyes, France, in 827. Her prayers as a young girl brought about her father's conversion after a worldly life.

Maura continued to live with her mother after her father's death and was instrumental in the spiritual growth of her brother Eutropius who became Bishop of Troyes. She devoted most of her time to prayer and works of charity, fasting on bread and water two days a week.

It is believed that Maura was the beneficiary of miracles, but she went to great lengths to conceal them, preferring a life of humble service and obscurity. She died in 850 at the age of twenty-three.

Our Lady of the Mountains

Guidelines and Precautions during the Covid-19 Pandemic

We are taking the following precautions to keep everyone safe at Mass.

1. The obligation to attend Mass is still lifted.
2. Social distance of 6ft is observed at all times.
3. Seating is limited to every other pew to facilitate social distancing.
4. Sanitizing hands is encouraged upon entering and leaving. Hand sanitizer is available at the entrances.
5. The wearing of masks is highly encouraged. Masks are available at the entrances.
6. Reusable items in the pews have been removed, such as hymnals and missals.
7. Congregational singing is suspended.
8. All physical contact between congregants is suspended such as hand-holding at the Our Father and the Sign of Peace.
9. The priest sanitizes his hand between households during the distribution of Holy Communion.
10. Distribution of the Precious Blood is suspended.
11. All high-contact surfaces are disinfected after Mass.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

Monday Saint Matthew Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday Saint Pius of Pietrelcina Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc; Lk 9:7-9

Friday Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday Saints Cosmas and Damian Eccl 11:9—12:8; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday 26th

Sunday in Ordinary Time Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Phil 2:1-11, or Phil 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32

Father's Column

The Blessing of St. Joseph's College Seminary

On September 15, 2018, in the midst of Hurricane Florence, the groundbreaking of St. Joseph's College Seminary signaled the emergence of a permanent home for our seminarians. The date was the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, chosen in response to the other hurricane buffeting the Church: the scandals of 2018. On the same day two years later, Bishop Jugis came once again, except this time not for a ceremonial shoveling of dirt, but the dedicating of what marks the completion of Phase One of our diocesan seminary. Phase Two will be a future permanent chapel.

The blessing of a seminary includes: an invocation to the Holy Spirit, a prayer of supplication asking God to assist the young men preparing for priestly ordination in their studies and pursuit of holiness, the blessing of the building with holy water, and finally the erection of a crucifix. The centrality of the crucifix represents the importance of the Model after Whom all the seminarians should strive to imitate in their formation: Jesus Christ, Priest and Victim.

This happy event marks a significant milestone, not only for the seminary project, but for the diocese as well, namely its rapid growth in population and need for more priests. The seminary blessing should also fill us with gratitude; in a time when other dioceses are closing their seminaries, the Diocese of Charlotte is blessing a new one. The future of our diocese is luminous and hopeful. In your charity please pray and support our seminarians!



In this time of Covid please consider making your offertory donations on-line. Visit our website: www.olmhighlands.com for more details.

Father Barone's Wish List

Help us get new vestments for Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church

Black— Payment Donated

Green— Payment Donated

White—Payment Donated

Red—Payment Donated

Violet—\$750

Rose—\$600

Parish Council Meeting

Our next Parish Council meeting will be on
Oct. 8, 2020 at 10:15 am

Please pray for our parishioners and their relatives and friends:

Greg Burluson, James Urbanski, Sandy Powers, Ellen Nolan, Griffin Harper, Nick Klingler, Shawn Webster

Also for those in our book of prayer intentions, and those for whom there is no one to pray. Please pray for all the men and women serving the United States in the military.

Please pray for the souls of our beloved deceased.

John Powers, Fr. Carl Beavers, Earl Goodrow and Ron Simmons, Lee Smith