

# Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church

Highlands, North Carolina



## MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday Latin Mass 9:00 am  
Thursday Mass 12:10 pm  
Friday Mass 9:00 am  
Saturday Mass 4:00 pm (**TBD See Website**)  
Sunday Mass 11:00 am

### Sacrament of Confession

15 minutes before Mass or by appointment

**Parochial Administrator—Rev. Fr. Jason Barone**  
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# The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## February 14, 2021

Date	Intentions	Requested by
2/14 11:00	Katsey Long	Ellen Nolan
2/17 12:00	OLM Parishioners	
2/18 12:00	Nancy McGowan	Ted & Nancy McGowan
2/19 9:00 Latin	Scott Peek, Sr. +	Ted & Nancy McGowan
2/21 11:00	Amy Polaskey & Family	Ellen Nolan



### JESUS' WAY

Today's readings present a contrast between "Jesus' way" and the "old way." An example of the old way is the law given to Moses and Aaron about leprosy: the leper was unclean and cast out of the community. Jesus' way is the opposite: the leper is reached out to, touched, and finally cured.

Nor ought we think of the "old way" as restricted to the days of Moses and Aaron, or even to the "old" testament. The difference between the old way and Jesus' way arises in our own lives. We still choose, every day, to live in our old way or in Jesus' way.

Jesus dared to touch a leper, disregarding the old way. The leper then was changed forever. He felt a calling. He couldn't keep himself from proclaiming that he had been touched by Jesus (even though Jesus told him not to!). Once Jesus touches us, we are called to proclaim his way.

### Saint of the Week

"The most deadly poison of our times is indifference. And this happens, although the praise of God should know no limits. Let us strive, therefore, to praise him to the greatest extent of our powers." ~ Maximilian Kolbe

### Lent 2021

The Magnificat Lenten Companion is available on the tables at the back of the church for you to take home and enjoy during Lent.

**In this time of Covid-19**  
**please consider making your offertory donations on-line. Visit our website:**  
[www.olmhighlands.com](http://www.olmhighlands.com)

### 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.

## Father's Column

### The History of Ash Wednesday

The name dies cinerum (day of ashes) which it bears in the **Roman Missal** is found in the earliest existing copies of the Gregorian Sacramentary and probably dates from at least the eighth century. On this day all the **faithful** according to ancient **custom** are exhorted to approach the **altar** before the beginning of **Mass**, and there the **priest**, dipping his thumb into **ashes** previously **blessed**, marks the forehead—or in case of **clerics** upon the place of the **tonsure** (i.e. on the crown of the head) - of each the **sign of the cross**, saying the words: "Remember man that thou art dust and unto dust thou shalt return." The **ashes** used in this **ceremony** are made by burning the remains of the palms **blessed** on the **Palm Sunday** of the previous year. In the **blessing** of the **ashes** four **prayers** are used, all of them ancient. The ashes are sprinkled with **holy water** and fumigated with **incense**. In earlier ages a **penitential procession** often followed the **rite** of the distribution of the ashes, but this is not now prescribed.

There can be no **doubt** that the **custom** of distributing the **ashes** to all the **faithful** arose from a **devotional** imitation of the practice observed in the case of public penitents. But this **devotional** usage, the reception of a **sacramental** which is full of the symbolism of **penance** is of an earlier date than was formerly supposed. It is mentioned as of general observance for both **clerics** and **faithful** in the Synod of **Beneventum**, 1091, but nearly a hundred years earlier than this the **Anglo-Saxon** homilist **AEfric** assumes that it applies to all classes of **men**.

It is possible that the notion of **penance** which was suggested by the **rite** of Ash Wednesday was reinforced by the figurative exclusion from the sacred mysteries symbolized by the hanging of the **Lenten** veil before the **sanctuary**.

#### ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is on February 17, 2021.

Mass will be at 12:00 pm at Our Lady of the Mountains and 9:00 am at St. Jude's. A flyer for a Lenten Plan is available in this bulletin.

#### Holy Week Schedule

*The Triduum will be held at St. Jude's*

Holy Thursday Mass 6 pm

Good Friday Stations of the Cross 12 pm

Good Friday Liturgy 3 pm

Holy Saturday Liturgy 8 pm

Easter Sunday

St. Jude's 9 am

Our Lady of the Mountains 11 am

Please pray for our parishioners and their relatives and friends:

Nancy McGowan, Carolyn Neupauer, Alsia Sutton & Family, Christine Walker, The Pittari Family, Laura Sanders, Mary Catherine Cann, James Urbanski, Griffin Harper

**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.

Pat Pittari, Clara Lewicki, Fr. Ubald Rugirangoga, Scott Peek, Sr., Stewart Austin, John Powers, and Ron Simmons, Harry Vaughn