

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 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 7, 2021

Date	Intentions	Requested by
2/ 7 11:00	Scott Peek, Sr. +	Ted & Nancy McGowan
2/10 12:00	Scott Peek, Sr. +	Ted & Nancy McGowan
	Latin	
2/11 12:00	Scott Peek, Sr. +	Ted & Nancy McGowan
2/12 9:00	Scott Peek, Sr. +	Ted & Nancy McGowan
	Latin	
2/14 11:00	Katsey Long	Ellen Nolan



Our Lady of the Mountains—Offertory
(Weekend of Jan. 31, 2021)

Offertory—\$587 Attendance—34

In this time of Covid-19
please consider making your offertory donations
on-line. Visit our website:
www.olmhighlands.com

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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.

Today's Readings

First Reading: Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the Lord, your God, raise up for you from among your own kin; to him you shall listen" (Deuteronomy 18:15-20).

Second Reading: Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties. Adhere to the Lord without distraction (1 Corinthians 7:32-35)

Gospel: The people were astonished at Jesus' teaching, for he taught them as one having authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him (Mark 1:21-28)

Saint of the Week

"I asked and you would not listen, so I asked my God and He did listen."

~St. Scholastica Feast Day—February 10

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.

Father's Column

Statement from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Note from Father Barone:

It is not the business of the Church to enter into politics *qua* politics; however, it is her duty to stand up for Christian principles even in the public sphere, especially in defending the dignity of innocent human life. The Mexico City Policy, which prevents U.S. tax dollars from funding abortions internationally, was first enacted in 1984 and has been rescinded and reenacted numerous times based on the abortion policy of the sitting President. Please pray a rosary in reparation for the recent advancement of the great evil of abortion. If you would like to discuss this, feel free to schedule an appointment or phone call.

Bishops Decry Executive Order that Promotes Abortion Overseas

JANUARY 28, 2021 BY PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE of the USCCB <https://www.usccb.org/news/2021/bishops-decry-executive-order-promotes-abortion-overseas>

WASHINGTON—Today, President Joe Biden signed an executive order allowing U.S. taxpayer funds to be sent to organizations that both promote and provide abortions in developing countries. The policy which he overturned, known as both the Mexico City and the Promoting Life in Global Health policy, had separated abortion from family planning activities and ensured U.S. taxpayer dollars only went to organizations that agreed to provide health services in a way that respected the dignity of all persons.

Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City in Kansas, and chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities and Bishop David J. Malloy of Rockford, and chairman of the Committee on International Justice and Peace, responded:

“It is grievous that one of President Biden’s first official acts actively promotes the destruction of human lives in developing nations. This Executive Order is antithetical to reason, violates human dignity, and is incompatible with Catholic teaching. We and our brother bishops strongly oppose this action. We urge the President to use his office for good, prioritizing the most vulnerable, including unborn children. As the largest non-government health care provider in the world, the Catholic Church stands ready to work with him and his administration to promote global women’s health in a manner that furthers integral human development, safeguarding innate human rights and the dignity of every human life, beginning in the womb. To serve our brothers and sisters with respect, it is imperative that care begin with ensuring that unborn are free from violence, recognizing every person as a child of God. We hope the new administration will work with us to meet these significant needs.”

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:

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