

# 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**  
**Sacristan—Mary Dodge    Faith Formation—Bonny Dodge**

**Office Hours: Tues, Wed, Thurs. and Fri. 9:00 am to 3:00 pm**

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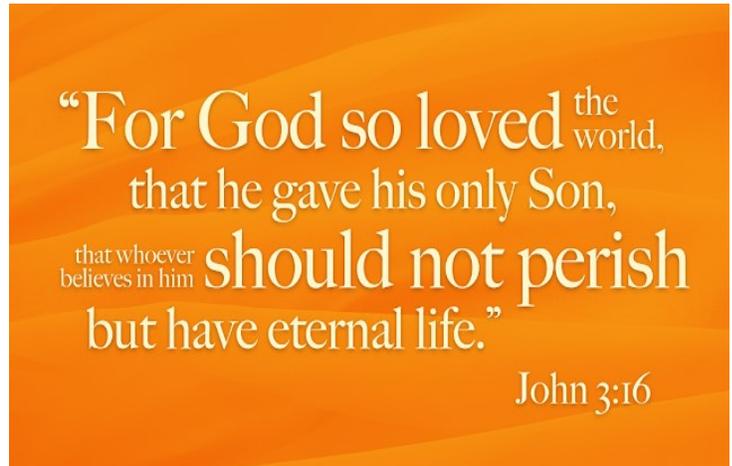
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# The Forth Sunday of Lent

## March 14, 2021

Date	Intentions	Requested by
3/14 11:00	Shirley Trailies +	Boyd & Gloria Doxtader
3/17 12:00	Paul Bollinger + Latin	Ed & Bonnie Evans
3/18 12:00	Scott Peek, Sr +	Ted & Nancy McGowan
3/19 9:00	Scott Peek, Sr. +	Ted & Nancy McGowan
3/21 11:00	Doris Hunt +	Pauline Cavanaugh



### Our Lady of the Mountains—Offertory

(Weekend of March 7, 2021)

Offertory—\$1,994 Attendance— 66



### 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.

### Divine Rescue

The return from exile in Babylon was second only to the Exodus from Egypt as a founding narrative shaping the Jewish identity into which Jesus was born and in which his church took root and began to grow. If we read between the lines of the two New Testament readings from today, we can see the lines of this same pattern of God bringing humanity from sorrow into joy: The Hebrews’ slavery in Egypt and the Judeans’ exile in Babylonia reveal a universal truth, that we belong to the God who is “rich in mercy,” and we are assured that “when we were dead in our transgressions,” God “so loved the world” that he sent Jesus to be the way of our redemption, our salvation.

The Forth Sunday of Lent is sometimes called “Laetare Sunday,” or “Rejoice! Sunday.” Even if we feel overwhelmed by the darkness of sin (our own and others’) wondering whether God really is working on our behalf, we can put our faith in today’s Word that it is so. For this, we can truly rejoice— we are more than halfway to Easter!

### Saint of the Week

Men forsook God, and made carved images of men. Since therefore an image of man was falsely worshipped as God, God became truly Man, that the falsehood might be done away.

~St. Cyril of Jerusalem (313-386), Dr. for the Church, Feast Day March 18

## Father's Column

### St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church

The following is from the decree of Blessed Pope Pius IX declaring St. Joseph the Patron of the Universal Church:

“As almighty God appointed Joseph, son of the patriarch Jacob, over all the land of Egypt to save grain for the people, so when the fullness of time had come and He was about to send to earth His only-begotten Son, the Savior of the world, He chose another Joseph, of whom the first had been the type, and He made him the lord and chief of His household and possessions, the guardian of His choicest treasures.

Indeed, he had as his spouse the Immaculate Virgin Mary, of whom was born by the Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ our Lord, who deigned to be reputed in the sight of men as the son of Joseph, and was subject to him.

Him whom countless kings and prophets had desired to see, Joseph not only saw but conversed with, and embraced in paternal affection, and kissed. He most diligently reared Him whom the faithful were to receive as the bread that came down from heaven whereby they might obtain eternal life.

Because of this sublime dignity which God conferred on most faithful servant, the Church has always most highly honored and praised blessed Joseph next to his spouse, the Virgin Mother of God, and has besought his intercession in times of trouble.

And now therefore, when in these most troublesome times the Church is beset by enemies on every side, and is weighed down by calamities so heavy that ungodly men assert that the gates of hell have at length prevailed against her, the venerable prelates of the whole Catholic world have presented to the Sovereign Pontiff their own petitions and those of the faithful committed to their charge, praying that he would deign to constitute St. Joseph Patron of the Church.

Accordingly, it has now pleased our Most Holy Sovereign, Pope Pius IX, in order to entrust himself and all the faithful to the Patriarch St. Joseph's most powerful patronage, has chosen to comply with the prelates' desire and has solemnly declared him Patron of the Catholic Church. He has also ordered that his feast on March 19th be celebrated.”

### March Novena

Please join us in praying the St. Joseph Novena

<https://www.praymorenovenas.com/st-joseph-novena>

March 11—19

On Friday March 19th we will have Mass at 9:00  
followed by brunch downstairs in Fellowship Hall.

All are welcome.

### 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

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Please pray for our parishioners and their relatives and friends:

Nancy McGowan, Carolyn Neupauer, Alsia Sutton & Family, Christine Walker, 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