

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

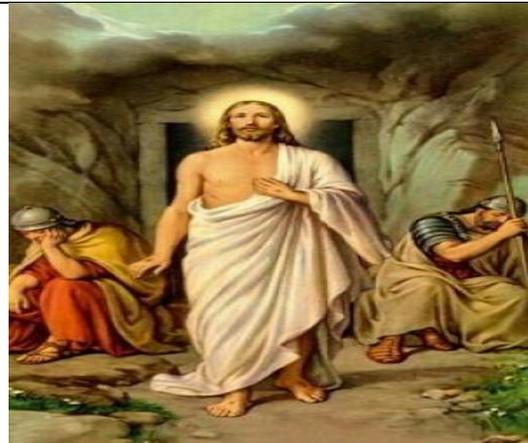
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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 4, 2021

Date	Intentions	Requested by
4/04 11:00	OLM Parishioners	
4/07 12:00	No Mass	
	Latin	
4/08 12:00	No Mass	
4/09 9:00	No Mass	
4/11 11:00	Claire Galam	Claire Galam



Bear Witness

We may not have opportunities to address crowds of people and share the gospel with them. Still, we are called to bear witness to our faith in the ways that we are able, in word and in deed. We cannot share what we have not fully embraced ourselves, however. The Easter season is the perfect time to reflect on Christ's Paschal Mystery, the unfathomable love of Jesus who shows and shares God's love perfectly. Our Lord gave his life so that we might have life, and have it to the full. Christ's victory over sin and death is our victory, our promise of eternal life with God in the fullness of time. See in Christ's life, passion, death, and resurrection the sign of God's mercy. Let this Easter day be a moment in which you allow yourself to be touched by Christ's incredible, undying love. Then, renewed in faith, look for ways to bear witness to the mercy, forgiveness, compassion, and love of the Lord with others.

The church office will be closed March 29 through April 6th.

**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.

**The next Parish Council meeting
will be on April 14th at 10:30**

Saint of the Week

Confession heals, confession justifies, confession grants pardon of sin, all hope consists in confession in confession; there is a chance for mercy.

~St. Isidore of Seville (560-636),

Bishop of Seville Feast Day April 4

Father's Column

Our Faith is in Vain If...

There is a sad tradition among television history channels in America, namely the airing of programs around the time of Easter that question the historical fact of the bodily resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. One particularly memorable documentary was released in March of 2007, produced by James Cameron of Titanic and Terminator fame. The documentary claimed to have found the lost tomb of Jesus, which included bodily remains. While the inscription identifying the remains was eventually proven to be a forgery; nonetheless, it poses an important question to Christians especially: what would it mean for us to find the bones of Jesus?

Some might be tempted to downplay its importance: "It doesn't shake my faith—Jesus was still a good teacher who taught us to love one another." We should shake off any such temptation as the consequences would be dire. St. Paul explains why: "if Christ has not risen, then our preaching is in vain, and your faith, too is in vain" (1Cor 15:14). Paul is telling us that Christianity would be false. In fact, it would be worse since Christ's first followers (who wrote much of the New Testament) claimed to encounter the Lord after the Resurrection. Christianity would be built on a lie. A religion founded on a lie is simply no religion worth joining. Who would want to live a lie? Christ was not executed for being a good teacher, for good teachers who encourage love are not generally executed. Rather, it was Christ's claim of divinity. Calling oneself God leaves very few options. Knowing this, C.S. Lewis repopularized an ancient apologetic argument for the Faith, which he called the "Three L" argument. In short, there are only three possibilities

for Jesus of Nazareth due to His claim to be God. He is either 1) a liar 2) a lunatic or 3) the Lord.

The Risen Lord encountered literally hundreds of people. From this number most of the New Testament authors are taken. Their claim gave initial testimony to this reality. We have further testimony of the Holy Spirit who speaks in depths of our hearts of the veracity of Christ's Resurrection and therefore His divinity. What does all this mean? If Christ rose, then His claim of divinity is true. This is truly the Good News: God became man, was sacrificed on the cross for our sins, rose from the dead, conquered death, and offers us new divine life. "In the world you have trouble and suffering, but take courage—for I have conquered the world" (Jn 16:33).

If Christ did not rise, our faith is in vain. But Christ *did* rise; therefore, do not receive God's grace in vain. Turn from Sin! Surrender your life to Christ!

Christ is risen! *Indeed He is risen!*

Please pray for our parishioners and their relatives and friends:

Nancy McGowan, Carolyn Neupauer, Alesia 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