

Our Lady of the Highways Catholic Church Parroquia Nuestra Señora de los Caminos

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October 30th: Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Staff/ Personal Parroquial

Rev. Gabriel Carvajal-Salazar, Pastor/Parroco

Rev. Mr. Martin Sheehan, Deacon/Diacono

Rev. Mr. Wayne Adams, Deacon (Retired)/Diacono (Retirado)

Rosa Guzman, Secretary/Secretaria

Kathy Laskis, Faith Formation Coordinator/
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Office Hours/Horario de Oficina

Mondays/Lunes 12:00PM—4:00PM

Tuesdays/Martes 1:00PM—5:00PM

Wednesdays/Miercoles 2:00PM—5:00PM

Thursdays/Jueves 2:00PM—5:00PM

Fridays/Viernes 1:00PM—6:00PM

Reconciliation Schedule

Saturdays/Sabados: 4:00pm— 5:00pm

In English and Spanish

Or call the church office for an appointment



*** Mass Schedule/Horario de Misas***

Saturdays/Sabados: 5:00 PM English

6:30 PM Español

Sundays/Domingos: 10:00 AM English

12:00 PM Español

2:00 PM Español

Tuesdays/Martes: 12:00 PM English

6:30 PM Liturgia de las horas

Fridays/Viernes: 6:00 PM Español

Adoration/Adoracion

Fridays/Viernes: 10:00 AM - 5:45 PM

Holy Day Masses will be announced/ Misas de dias festivos se anunciara

Sacraments/Sacramentos

Baptism:

Contact Deacon Martin Sheehan

Bautismo:

Llamar a la oficina parroquial

Marriage:

Contact Parish office secretary six month in advance

Matrimonio:

Contactar a Juan Pablo y Carolina al 336-653-0828 con seis meses de anticipacion

Anointing of the sick/Uncion de los enfermos:

Call the parish office/ Llamar a la oficina parroquial

Interested In Becoming a New Parishioner...

Registration Forms are available at the doors
Or you are welcome to contact the church office for more information.

Bienvenidos Nuevos Miembros a Nuestra Parroquia...

Los formularios de registro están disponibles en las puertas. O puede ponerse en contacto con

Our Mission Statement

Our Lady of the Highways, a Parish grounded in faith and service, seeks to be a people unified as a Catholic community that embraces and enjoys a wide cultural diversity. We rely on the Holy Spirit to guide us in our growth and in our Christian witness to the community. We are especially committed to promoting vocations both to the priesthood and religious life and sacred married life.

Pastor's Message

My dear brothers and sisters:

On this occasion I want to share with you the following reflection of Father Julio Domínguez.



THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

"There has been some concern regarding the Mexican tradition of making an altar on the Day of the Faithful Dead. It is seen as something pagan and even anti-Christian and demonic. This is the answer I can give you: The Franciscan missionaries introduced this custom to teach the Indigenous people to pray for the souls in purgatory, just as they taught them through the piñatas that we had to break any relationship with the enemy. In the altars, a Crucifix is always placed at the top, remembering that through his merits salvation came to us, they are also placed from the top to the bottom forming a triangle Images of the Saints, meaning that they have already been redeemed and that they wait for us in heaven. In the middle below Christ and among the images of the Saints are the photographs of our deceased, who in reality we do not know if they are in heaven or still in purgatory. The tradition even includes skulls and this is what some find suspicious, but in reality it has in no way any relation to the occult or the famous "Saint of Death." The reality is that we are celebrating the day of the dead and we pray for these dead so that if they are in purgatory they get out of there.

If we see in some images of the Saints, they are usually represented with a skull in their hand or close to them, that helped them to think continuously that sooner or later they would die and have their judgment. In the same way, we do not celebrate the entity of death, but our faithful departed and pray for them with the Holy Mass in the Church and with the Rosary in our homes or other prayers for the dead. How good and healthy it would be if all the Christians of the world could prepare ourselves and receive communion on this day for the souls in Purgatory, it would be the best gift we could give them. Many families have the custom of going to the cemetery on this day and arranging the graves and putting flowers, none of this is something negative or bad, on the contrary, the purpose of the Missionaries that on this day we remember the souls in purgatory.

Things that we must avoid and that sometimes a lot of emphasis is placed on that is putting vices that our deceased had on the altar (tequila, cigarettes, drugs and other things) that is not Christian and much less if this led to a disease to our deceased, it would be like accusing them more than helping them. I want to remember that the main point of this tradition is to pray for our deceased in purgatory and what I would least like is to see this tradition disappear because for centuries it has led the Mexican nation to pray for their deceased and it is something wonderful. I know that a very famous priest from another nation criticized this devotion that Mexican Catholics have, but being from another nation he did not understand the deep cultural and spiritual context of this tradition and that is why many have been confused. May the souls of the faithful departed by the mercy of God rest in peace. So be it!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ **November Thanksgiving Food Collections:**

The Knights will begin collections for Thanksgiving next weekend Nov 5-6 and the following weekend November 12 - 13. A list of suggested needs is inserted in the bulletin. Please speak with Fr. Gabriel, Parish Secretary Rosa, Kathy Laskis, or Delfina Paniagua to sign up for Thanksgiving assistance by Nov. 13th. Thank you for your generosity.

◆ **First Friday Vigil:**

The First Friday Vigil at Our Lady of the Highways will begin with the 6pm First Friday Mass on November 4 and end at midnight. This night of love will include the rosary, Nine Offices of the Sacred Heart, and silent adoration. Complete the devotion to the Immaculate Heart for the First Saturday by going to Mass on November 5, going to confession, pray five decades of the rosary and meditate on the mysteries of the rosary for 15 mins, keeping our Bl. Mother company as she requested at Fatima. When the First Friday and First Saturday are split on the calendar the Saturday following the First Friday is treated as the First Saturday. Contact Geri Breeding @ 336-420-1430 or OLG office @ 336- 274-6520.

Parish Membership and benefits

To be considered an active, participating member of the parish, and thus eligible for tuition assistance in any catholic school and sacramental sponsor eligibility, Our Lady of the Highways takes into account a family or individual's ministry involvement and Mass attendance. To be considered an active, participating member, envelopes are the primary way we determine if parishioners are regularly attending Mass. We ask that if you can't make a contribution on a given Sunday, still place your envelope in the collection basket so we can record your attendance. Attendance at Mass is the most important thing we do as Catholics and the most meaningful way we model and live our Catholic faith.

Are you moving?

Please remember to notify the parish office as soon as possible. If you are moving to a different parish, also notify the parish office so we can remove you from our list.

Mark Your Calendars!

- ◆ **October 29th:** Youth retreat at our parish
- ◆ **November 1st:** Feast of All Saints
- ◆ **November 2nd:** All Souls day

Special Masses:

November 1st: We will have Mass at 7pm for the Feast of All Saints.

November 2nd: We will have Mass at 7pm for All Souls day.

Misas de todo los santos y los difuntos:

1 de Noviembre: Tendremos Misa a las 7pm por el dia de Todos los Santos.

2 de Noviembre: Tendremos Misa a las 7pm por el dia de los Difuntos

Friends & Family Serving in the Military:

Please let us know if these people are still in the military and need our prayers. Thank you:

Richard Archer, Britt Baxley, Jason Boyd,
Josh Duchame, Matt Gobble, Nicholas Green, Christopher
Hackney, Michael Harris,
Everett Henry, Jasmine Leahy, James Michaels, Joshua
Ramsey, Nathaniel Ramsey, David Reid, Rebecca Schweigart,
Ryan Smithling,
Angela Monserrath Solis, John Wagner,
Caleb Littleton, Ryan Fisher

Scripture Readings

October 30th: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Wisdom 11: 22- 12: 2

God is all-powerful. None can oppose Him. He is also all-merciful out of His love for all the human beings He has made. That is why He offers us a chance to repent of our sins.

Reading II: II Thessalonians 1: 11-22

God's grace makes His faithful ones worthy of the Father's call. On the Last Day, this will amount to a mighty glorification of them.

Psalm: 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14

The Gospel: Luke 19: 1-10

This story, unique to Luke, has a certain charm to it because of the interaction between Zacchaeus and Jesus. Note that Zacchaeus is described as the "chief" tax collector, raising the hatred level of him. Christ's presence makes all the difference, and so the humanly impossible, Zacchaeus' conversion, becomes most possible.

PRAYER LIST

Please help us keep our prayer lists up to date. Call 336-475-2732 or email OLHCommunications@gmail.com to update. We have removed several names from the prayer list, please let us know if they are still sick and we can add them back onto the list. Thank you!

Our Sick and Homebound:

Maria Oliva Salazar (Father Gabriel's mother), Robert Todd, Fr. Jim Turner, Fr. Michael Gelfant, Smokey Stover, Brittany Shea, Deacon Wayne Adams, people with Covid, Pat White, Maryann Jones, Dee Silverio, Griselda Martínez, Jerry Chamber and Raymond Chamber, Gary Heilman, Angel Simms

Digital Bulletin

If you receive an email with the digital bulletin and your email has changed please submit your new email or if you would like to receive the digital bulletin email:

Change in the Tuesday daily Mass time:

Beginning on November 1st the Tuesday noon Mass will be moved to Tuesdays at 7pm.

Mensaje del parroco

Estimados feligreses: En esta ocasión quiero compartirles la siguiente reflexión del Padre Julio Domínguez.

LOS FIELES DIFUNTOS

“Por allí surgió la preocupación de que si la Tradición Mexicana de hacer altar el Día de los Fieles Difuntos es algo pagano e incluso anticristiano y demoníaco. Esta es la respuesta que puedo darles:

Los misioneros Franciscanos introdujeron esta costumbre para enseñar a los indígenas el rezar por las almas del purgatorio, así como les enseñaron a través de las piñatas que teníamos que romper cualquier relación con el enemigo. En los altares siempre se pone un Crucifijo en la parte de arriba recordando que a través de sus méritos nos vino la salvación, también se ponen de la parte de arriba hacia abajo formando un triángulo imágenes de los Santos, significando que ya fueron redimidos y que nos esperan en el cielo. En el medio abajo de Cristo y entre las imágenes de los Santos se ponen las fotografías de nuestros difuntos, que en realidad no sabemos si están en el cielo o todavía están en el purgatorio.

La tradición incluye incluso calaveras y esto es lo que a algunos les resulta sospechoso, pero en realidad no tiene en modo alguno ninguna relación con lo oculto o la famosa “santa muerte”. La realidad es que estamos celebrando el día de los muertos y pedimos por estos muertos para que si están en el purgatorio salgan de allí. Si nosotros vemos en algunas imágenes de los Santos, generalmente se representan con una calavera en la mano o cercana a ellos, eso les ayudaba a pensar continuamente que tarde que temprano morirían y tendrían su juicio. De la misma manera, nosotros no celebramos en su la entidad de la muerte, sino a nuestros fieles difuntos y pedimos por ellos con la Santa Misa en la Iglesia y con El Rosario en nuestras casas u otras oraciones de difuntos.

Que bueno y saludable sería que todos los cristianos del mundo pudiéramos prepararnos y recibir la comunión en este día por las almas del Purgatorio, sería el mejor regalo que podríamos darle. Muchas familias tienen la costumbre de ir al cementerio en este día y arreglar las tumbas y poner flores, nada de esto es algo negativo o malo, por el contrario se lleva a cabo el propósito de los Misioneros de que en este día recordemos las almas del purgatorio.

Cosas que debemos de evitar y que a veces se pone mucho énfasis en eso es el poner vicios que nuestros difuntos tenían sobre el altar (tequila, cigarrillos, drogas y otras cosas) eso no es cristiano y mucho menos si esto llevo a una enfermedad a nuestros difuntos, sería como acusarlos más que ayudarlos. Quiero recordar que el punto principal de esta tradición es pedir por nuestros difuntos en el purgatorio y lo que menos me gustaría es ver desaparecer esta tradición pues por siglos a llevado a la nación Mexicana a pedir por sus difuntos y es algo maravilloso. Se que un sacerdote muy famoso de otra nación criticó esta devoción que los católicos mexicanos tenemos, pero al ser de otra nación no entendió el profundo contexto cultural y espiritual de esta

ANUNCIOS

◆ **Colecciones de alimentos de Acción de Gracias de noviembre:**

Los Caballeros comenzarán las colectas para el Día de Acción de Gracias el próximo fin de semana del 5 al 6 de noviembre y el siguiente fin de semana del 12 al 13 de noviembre. En el boletín se inserta una lista de necesidades sugeridas. Por favor hable con el Padre. Gabriel, la secretaria parroquial Rosa, Kathy Laskis o Delfina Paniagua para inscribirse para la asistencia del Día de Acción de Gracias antes del 13 de noviembre. Gracias por tu generosidad.

◆ **La Vigilia del Primer Viernes**

La Vigilia del Primer Viernes en Nuestra Señora de los Caminos comenzará con la Misa del Primer Viernes a las 6:00 p. metro. el 4 de noviembre y finalizará a la medianoche. Esta noche de amor resultó el rosario, los Nueve Oficios del Sagrado Corazón y la adoración silenciosa. Completa la devoción al Inmaculado Corazón para el Primer Sábado yendo a Misa el 5 de noviembre, confesándote, rezando cinco decenas del rosario y meditando los misterios del rosario por 15 minutos, manteniendo nuestro Bl. Madre compañía como pidió en Fátima. Cuando el primer viernes y el primer sábado se dividen en el calendario, el sábado siguiente al primer viernes se trata como el primer sábado. Comuníquese con Geri Breeding al 336-420-1430 o a la oficina de OLG al 336-274-6520.

¿Te estás moviendo?

Recuerde notificar a la oficina parroquial lo antes posible. Si se muda a una parroquia diferente, notifique también a la oficina parroquial para que podamos eliminarlo de nuestra lista.

Cambio de horario de la Misa de Martes

A partir del 1 de Noviembre, la Misa del mediodía del Martes se trasladará a los Martes a las 7 p.m.