

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

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## *December 25th: The Nativity of the Lord*

### \* 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: 7:00 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

### \*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/

Cordinadora de Formacion de Fe

### \*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



### 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 la oficina de la iglesia para más información.

### 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

Dear Parishioners:

Merry Christmas! For most of us, this is a season of joy, a season of giving, season of lights and color and sound; a season of blessings, of family, of rejoicing; a season of

love. For some, it also includes a sad reminder of loved ones lost, or memories of better times.

This is the world into which Jesus came: One that is not perfect and is a mix of joy and sorrow, and where people experience wonderful moments and undergo great suffering.

He came for all of this, and for all of us. Today is a feast in the Church, a solemnity. It reflects the immense gravity and importance of the Incarnation, including how it points to Jesus' entire life, death, and resurrection, the mysterious means by which he redeems us, and not just the unfettered joy of the birth of a Savior. Jesus is the greatest gift we have ever received. God gave his only Son to walk among us and teach us the way to salvation. He is the Word made flesh; the promise fulfilled.



### **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:

**[olhcommunications@gmail.com](mailto:olhcommunications@gmail.com)**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ◆ **Parish Office Closed**

The parish office will be closed on December 22, 23, 26, and 27. The office will return to normal schedule on December 28th.

#### ◆ **Support for Parish Families**

Thanks to your support and generosity, we were able to assist 17 families this Christmas.

#### ◆ **Mass Schedule**

Regular mass scheduled for the weekends of December 24-25 and Dec 31, 2022-Jan 1, 2023.

### **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.

Join us for the **sixth annual *Converging Roads health care ethics conference*** presented by the *St. John Paul II Foundation, the Diocese of Charlotte and Belmont Abbey College.*

On the theme of **Catholic Medicine in a Secular Society**, this one-day conference offers continuing education for healthcare professionals rooted in the Hippocratic and Catholic ethical tradition.

**March 25, 2023 | 9:15 AM – 6:45 PM**

**The Cathedral of St. Patrick | Charlotte, NC**

Mass Celebrant: Abbot Placid Solari, Chancellor of Belmont Abbey College

Speakers: Farr Curlin, MD; Michael J. Deem, PhD; Melissa Moschella, PhD; Gwyneth Anne Spaeder, MD and more!

In-person registration ranges from \$75-\$159 based on CME/CNE inclusion.

Online registration ranges from \$45- \$129 based on CME/ CNE inclusion.

Student scholarship rate is \$15 for In-person attendance and free admission for Online attendance.

For more information, please visit [convergingroads.com](http://convergingroads.com) or email [ellen@forlifeandfamily.org](mailto:ellen@forlifeandfamily.org).

## *Scripture Readings*

**First Reading:** For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. (Is 9:5)

**Second Reading:** Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, saving all (Jas 5:7)

**Psalms:** Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord (Ps 96)

**Gospel:** "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord." (Lk 2:10-11)

## **PRAYER LIST**

Please help us keep our prayer lists up to date. Call 336-475-2732 or email [OLHCommunications@gmail.com](mailto: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:**

Maryann Jones, Dee Silverio, Griselda Martínez, Jerry Chamber and Raymond Chamber, Gary Heilman, Angel Simms, Bill Tagliaferri, Betsy Ann, Craig O'Hara, Jaunita Sherman, Ursula Adams, Theresa Longo, Sharon Baldwin, Steve Green, Ted Rampp, Jeremy Brown, Jerry Chambers, Betsy Ann O'Hara, Elmer Corron, Rick Price, Noreen Morin, Gerry and Sally Sturgis, Jim and Dottie Whitehouse, Kim Brown, and Alex Paniagua.

**Friends & Family Serving in the Military:**  
**Please let us know if these people are still in the military and need our prayers. Thank you:**

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, Hester Family, Bill Tagliaferri and Betsy Ann and Craig O'Hara.



### **Week 1**

**Is your marriage going down the right road . . . or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage.**

Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program in Raleigh on February 10-12, 2023 for couples, email [retrouvailleenc@msn.com](mailto:retrouvailleenc@msn.com), call (434) 793-0242 or visit our website: [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)

## Mensaje del parroco

Estimados feligreses:

¡Feliz Navidad! Para la mayoría de nosotros, esta es una temporada de alegría, una temporada de dar, una temporada de luces, color y sonido; un tiempo de bendiciones, de familia, de regocijo; una temporada de amar.

Para algunos, también incluye un triste recordatorio de seres queridos fallecidos, o recuerdos de tiempos mejores.

Este es el mundo al que vino Jesús: uno que no es perfecto y es una mezcla de alegría y tristeza, y donde las personas viven momentos maravillosos y sufrimientos.

Él vino por todo esto, y por todos nosotros.

Hoy es una fiesta en la Iglesia, una solemnidad. Refleja la inmensa gravedad e importancia de la Encarnación, incluyendo cómo señala toda la vida, muerte y resurrección de Jesús, El misterioso medio por el cual Él nos redime, y no solo la alegría del nacimiento de un Salvador.

Jesús es el regalo más grande que hemos recibido. Dios dio a su único Hijo para caminar entre nosotros y enseñarnos el camino a la salvación.

Él es el Verbo hecho carne; la promesa cumplida.

## **¿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.

## ANUNCIOS

### ◆ **Oficina Parroquial Cerrada**

La oficina parroquial estará cerrada los días 22, 23, 26 y 27 de diciembre. La oficina volverá al horario normal el 28 de diciembre.

### ◆ **Apoyo a las familias parroquiales**

Gracias a su apoyo y generosidad, pudimos ayudar a 17 familias esta Navidad.

### ◆ **Horario de misas**

Las misas seguirán siendo a la misma hora los fines de semana del 24 al 25 de diciembre y del 31 de diciembre de 2022 al 1 de enero de 2023.

## **Membresía parroquial y sus beneficios**

Para ser considerado un miembro activo y participante de la parroquia y, por lo tanto, elegible para la asistencia de matrícula en cualquier escuela católica y elegibilidad de patrocinador sacramental, Our Lady of the Highways toma en cuenta la participación en el ministerio de una familia o individuo y la asistencia a Misa.

Para ser considerado un miembro activo y participante, los sobres son la forma principal en que determinamos si los feligreses asisten regularmente a misa.

Le pedimos que si no puede hacer una contribución un domingo determinado, aún coloque su sobre en la canasta de recolección para que podamos registrar su asistencia.

La asistencia a misa es lo más importante que hacemos como católicos y la forma más significativa en que modelamos y vivimos nuestra fe católica.