

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

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## January 15th: He is The Son of God

### \*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



### \* 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

### 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:

It is a common practice in the entertainment world to have an opening act before a big event. Lesser-known or up-and-coming celebrities get the crowd in the mood for the moment when the main event comes on stage.

In an imperfectly analogous way, John the Baptist performs this role in the drama of our salvation.

As John did, so can we. Although we are not on that original stage, we are the ones who continue telling the story and continue pointing to the one whose life, death, and resurrection have transformed the world.

Jesus Christ is the real story, and it is only in personal, intimate knowledge of Christ, found in the life of active faith, that we truly experience God's presence.

As John the Baptist tells us later: He must increase, I must decrease. John knows he must ultimately leave the stage and allow Jesus to take his rightful place.

May our hearts be open to this great act of God's loving presence in our lives.



### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Thank you for your support and generosity. We were able to assist 17 families to brighten their Christmas.

#### ◆ **Offertory envelopes and Tax Letter**

Offertory envelopes for 2023 are available for pickup at the hall. The tax letter for those who made their donation during the year is also available to pick up in the hall.

#### ◆ **Thursday January 26, 7pm – Protecting Both Patients: Pro-Life Healthcare and Dobbs**

Join us for a discussion on women's healthcare and the Dobbs v. Jackson decision. A panel of local physicians will discuss caring for both mother and child during pregnancy and beyond, including how they address challenges to the mother's health during pregnancy.

Presented by the Office of Family Life of the Diocese of Charlotte and Catholic Health Professionals of Charlotte. Location: St. Ann Catholic Church (Allen Center) 7– 8:30pm. The event is free, but registration is required. To register please email: [FamilyLife@rcdoc.org](mailto:FamilyLife@rcdoc.org)

### **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.

The parish office will be closed on **Monday, January 16**, in observance of the MLK holiday.

La oficina parroquial estará cerrada el **lunes 16 de enero** en observancia del día de MLK.

### **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)**

## Scripture Readings

**First Reading:** I will make you a light to the nations; that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth. (Is 49, 6)

**Second Reading:** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 1, 3)

**Psalms:** Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. (Ps 40)

**Gospel:** John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."  
(Jn 1:29)

**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.

The St. John Paul II Foundation, in collaboration with the Diocese of Charlotte and Belmont Abbey College, invite all health care professionals to the sixth annual

**Converging Roads health care ethics conference on March 25, 2023 from 9:15 am – 6:45 pm at The Cathedral of St. Patrick in Charlotte, NC.**

The conference theme is **Catholic Medicine in a Secular Society**, and continuing education credits for healthcare professionals will be offered. **Topics include:** religious liberty in medicine, the vocation of a Catholic health care professional, genetic screening, and more!

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

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



### Week 4

Not willing to let go of your marriage? Many couples continue to struggle in a

marriage, but are not willing to give up on each other. There is hope. Retrouvaille is a program designed to help struggling marriages regain their health. It helps a husband and a wife rediscover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. 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. For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille

program for couples, on February 10-12, 2023, call (434) 251-0986, email

[retrouvailleenc@msn.com](mailto:retrouvailleenc@msn.com) or visit our website: [HelpOurMarriage.com](http://HelpOurMarriage.com)

## Mensaje del parroco

Estimados feligreses:

Es una práctica común en el mundo del espectáculo tener un acto de apertura ante un gran evento. Las celebridades menos conocidas o prometedoras ponen a la multitud en el estado de ánimo por el momento en que el artista principal sube al escenario.

De manera imperfectamente análoga, Juan el Bautista desempeña este papel en el drama de nuestra salvación. Como hizo Juan, nosotros también podemos. Aunque no estamos en ese escenario original, somos los que continúan contando la historia y continúan señalando a Aquel cuyo la vida, la muerte y la resurrección ha transformado el mundo.

Jesucristo es la verdadera historia y sólomente en un conocimiento personal, íntimo de Cristo, encontrado en la vida de una fe activa, que experimentemos verdaderamente la presencia de Dios. Como nos dice Juan el Bautista más adelante: Él debe crecer, yo debo disminuir. Porque Juan sabe finalmente que debe abandonar el escenario y permitir que Jesús tome el lugar que le corresponde. Que nuestros corazones estén abiertos a este gran acto de la presencia amorosa de Dios en nuestras vidas.

## ANUNCIOS

### ◆ **Apoyo a las Familias Parroquiales**

Gracias por su apoyo y generosidad. Pudimos ayudar a 17 familias a alegrar su Navidad.

### ◆ **Sobres de Ofertorio y Carta de Impuestos**

Los sobres de la ofrenda para el 2023 y la carta del impuesto para los que donaron durante el año están disponibles en el salón.

### **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. 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.

## **2023 Combined Mission Collection/Colección combinada de misiones 2023**

- ◆ The second collection this week combines five appeals into one. This Combined Mission Collection contributes toward the Collection for the Church in Latin America, the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, the Church in Africa, Catholic Home Missions, and the United States Mission Collection. Please be generous to these programs.
- ◆ La segunda colecta de esta semana combina cinco colectas en una. La Colecta Combinada para las Misiones ayudará a la Iglesia en América Latina, la Iglesia en el centro y este de Europa, la Iglesia en África, las Misiones Nacionales Católicas, y la Misión de los Estados Unidos. Por favor sea generoso con su ayuda a estos programas.