

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

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January 8th: Magic from the East

* 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:

During this holy season, we hear familiar biblical Christmas stories that contain many unexpected events and characters. They hardly seem fit for a king. It begins with a young virgin who cannot possibly be with child, yet she indeed conceives and bears the Son of God within her. The child is then born after the child's parents endure a difficult journey to Bethlehem. The birth is subsequently announced by angels to the most ordinary people, doing some of the most laborious and dirty work: shepherds. Finally, the only "important" people who recognize the newborn as a king are non-Jewish foreigners. As we examine the characters in this chapter of Jesus' life, it seems that all the wrong people are involved. None of these people would be considered important or worthy by an outside observer. It seems that this king has invited the poor and the outcasts to his birthday. How can King Herod be so afraid of a weak baby born into poverty and obscurity?

Do we now understand the message for us? When we come into the presence of the Lord, we can also feel unworthy. It is good for us to remember that even from the beginning, Jesus has welcomed the outcast and the overlooked. If we doubt that Jesus loves or invites us, it is encouraging to recall the humble shepherds and the "unclean" Magi who were the first to be summoned. This king is not judging by appearance or status. In Jesus, we celebrate a king who is longing to save those who need his mercy.

The gifts that he asks us to offer are our love and devotion to him. This king is such a joyful surprise!



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

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

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.

Scripture Readings

First Reading: Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60,1)

Second Reading: It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body. (Eph 3,5-6)

Psalm: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Gospel: "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2,2)

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 or email ellen@forlifeandfamily.org.

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:

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 Rapp, Jeremy Brown, Elmer Corron, Rick Price, Noreen Morin, Gerry and Sally Sturgis, Jim and Dottie Whitehouse, Kim Brown, Hester Family, and Alex Paniagua.



Week 3

In marriage, communication is more than just talking. At some point, did you stop sharing about the things that were important to you? Did your spouse? Improving a marriage takes time and a conscious effort to learn about your spouse.

Growing closer in a marriage does not happen automatically. Retrouvaille is a marriage program dedicated to helping couples grow closer and develop a stronger bond. You give your heart and soul to everything you do, between your work and your family.

Are you giving your heart and soul to your marriage? Sometimes the distance between a husband and a wife can seem so wide that it cannot be repaired. Retrouvaille is a marriage program designed to bring couples closer together. For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples,

February 10-12, 2023 call (434) 793-0242, email retrouvailleenc@msn.com or visit our website: www.HelpOurMarriage.com

Mensaje del parroco

Estimados feligreses:

Durante esta temporada santa, escuchamos historias bíblicas familiares de Navidad que contienen muchos eventos y personajes inesperados. Difícilmente parecen aptos para un rey. Todo comienza con una joven virgen que no puede estar embarazada, sin embargo, ella ciertamente concibe y lleva al Hijo de Dios dentro de ella. Este niño nace después de un difícil viaje de sus padres a Belén. El nacimiento se anuncia posteriormente por ángeles a la gente más común, haciendo algunos de los trabajos más laboriosos y sucios: pastores. Finalmente, las únicas personas "importantes" que reconocen al recién nacido como rey son los extranjeros no judíos. Al examinar los personajes de este capítulo de la vida de Jesús, parece que todas las personas equivocadas están involucradas. Ninguna de estas personas sería considerada importante o digna para el observador externo. Parece que este rey ha invitado a los pobres y marginados a su cumpleaños. ¿Cómo puede el rey Herodes tener tanto miedo de un bebé débil nacido en la pobreza y la oscuridad? ¿Entendemos ahora el mensaje para nosotros? Cuando venimos a la presencia del Señor, también podemos sentirnos indignos. Es bueno para nosotros recordar que incluso desde el principio Jesús ha acogido a los marginados y a los ignorados. Si dudamos de que Jesús nos ame o nos invite, es alentador recordar a los humildes pastores y a los Magos "inmundos" que fueron los primeros en ser convocados. Este rey no está juzgando por la apariencia o estado. En Jesús celebramos a un rey que anhela salvar a aquellos que necesitan su misericordia. Los regalos que nos pide que ofrezcamos son nuestro amor y devoción a ella. ¡Este rey es una sorpresa tan alegre!

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 ofertorio para 2023 están disponibles para recoger en el salón. La carta de impuestos para aquellos que hicieron su donación durante el año también está disponible para recoger 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. 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.

2023 Combined Mission Collection/Colección combinada de misiones 2023

- ◆ As part of the diocesan combined collections program, the Collection for the Church in Latin America, the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, Church in Africa, Catholic Home Missions, and the United States Mission Collection have been combined into one second collection. That collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend. Your contribution to the good work of these organizations will give you an opportunity to participate in the missionary activity of the Church on both a local and world level. This week you should receive a letter from our Vicar General and Chancellor, Father Winslow, with an informative brochure. Please take the time to read through the brochure and become more familiar with the good work done by each of these organizations. The envelope for this collection is part of your parish envelope packet.
- ◆ Como parte del programa de la Colecta Combinada para la Iglesia en Latino-América, la Iglesia en el centro y este de Europa, las Misiones Nacionales Católicas y las misiones de los Estados Unidos se han combinado en una segunda colecta. Tendrá lugar en todas las misas el próximo fin de semana. Su generosa contribución al buen trabajo de estas organizaciones le dará una oportunidad de participar en la actividad misionera de la iglesia a nivel local y al nivel mundial. El sobre de esta colecta es parte del paquete de sobres de su parroquia