



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

943 Ball Park Road
Thomasville, North Carolina 27360

September 3rd: Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

* Mass Schedule/Horario de Misas*

Saturdays/Sabados: 5:00 PM English
6:30 PM Español
Sundays/Domingos: 8:00 AM Español
10:00 AM English
12:00 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

Reconciliation Schedule

Saturdays/Sabados: 4:00pm– 5:00pm
In English and Spanish
Or call the church office for an appointment

Parish Staff/Pesonal 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

Sacraments/Sacramentos

Baptism: Contact Deacon Martin Sheehan
Bautismo: Llamar a la oficina parroquial
Marriage: Contact Parish Office secretary six months in advance
Matrimonia: Contactar a Juan Pablo y Carolina at 336-653-0828 con seis meses de anticipacion
Anointing of the sick/Uncion de los enfermos: Call the parish office/Llamar a la oficina

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

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.

Retrouvaille Marriage Help

Offers a welcoming and loving space to couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. Retrouvaille offers hope: hope that it is not too late, hope of a different and better marriage. Retrouvaille helps couples to show each other mercy through the opportunities it provides to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled and to move into their futures believing that God loves them and with His help and their efforts, their marriages can be healed and restored. Retrouvaille provides help for marriage problems/ difficulties/ crises.

For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program in Charlotte area on Sept 8-10, 2023 for couples,
Email: 3062ac@helpourmarriage.org or Call: **727-343-6701** Website: www.HelpOurMarriage.com

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. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ Women's Spiritual Exercises Retreat St. Francis Springs Prayer Center, Stoneville, NC October 13-15, 2023

Step away from the noise of the everyday and spend time with Our Lord, receiving all He has prepared for you! Open to all women, this silent retreat will offer daily Mass, Eucharistic adoration, confession, spiritual direction, quiet time for personal prayer and meaningful reflections led by Fr. Stephen Ellis, LC. Single or double room accommodations with private baths, linens and meals included. Payment plan option available. Please visit www.rcnorthcarolina.org/women for registration details.

◆ Parish Council Meeting

Pastoral Parish Council Meeting

Date: Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Parish Hall

◆ OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed on Monday, September 4, in observance of labor day.

◆ ANNOUNCEMENT FROM FATHER JIM

Father Jim has moved and he would like to hear from you. You can write to P.O Box 43, Childs, MD, 21916

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

Pastor's Message

Dear Parishioners:

How do we think as God does? To think with the mind of God requires us to reject so much of what the world proclaims. Not that the world is bad, after all the Lord created it and all that is in it, and declared it good. But the goodness of the world is still marred by sin and temptation, and those are what call to us. For example, we are surrounded by a desire to make all things comfortable and without suffering: "Buy this and your life will be easier," we are told. We are encouraged to "do what makes you feel good, take care of you." This kind of "idolatry of comfort" makes loving another look like it is simply doing whatever helps others to be comfortable. In the face of the lure of comfort, Jesus calls us to seek the goodness we long for by taking up our cross, denying ourselves, and losing our lives for Christ. And so, like Jeremiah, let us speak God's name in the face of the idols that might tempt us. Let us offer ourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God. May God, in this liturgy, speak to us and transform us by the renewal of our mind, that we may think as God does. As we are invited to pour out our lives in service to God and others, may we be filled with the life given to us at this sacred table.



Scripture Readings

First Reading: Whenever I speak, I must cry out, violence and outrage is my message; the word of the LORD has brought me derision and reproach all the day. (Jer 20, 8)

Psalm: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. (Ps 63)

Second Reading: I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. (Rom 12,1)

Gospel: Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." (Mt 16, 24-25)

PRAYER LIST

Our Sick and Homebound:

Flor Aguilar, Ellie Brown, Jeremy Brown, Kim Brown, Elmer Corron, Luigi DiPuorto, Damiana Garay, Steve Green, Marta Gutierrez, Betsy Ann & Craig O'Hara, Jeffrey Karkey, Theresa Longo, Griselda Martínez, Noreen Morin, Rick Price, Ted Rampp, Silvano Salazar, Juanita Sherman, Jerry and Sally Sturgis, Bill Tagliaferri, Jim and Dottie Whitehouse, Maryann Jones, Kermit Johnson, Luisa Ciardi, Rafael Juarez Salmeron, and Christi Thibodeau.

Protecting God's Children Class

When: September 23rd 1:00pm—4:00pm

Where: Our Lady of the Highways Parish

Designed to help adults recognize and prevent the sexual abuse of children. Mandatory for all employees and for all volunteers who have contact with children.

To register online: <https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/>

Diseñado para ayudar a los adultos a reconocer y prevenir el abuso sexual de niños. Obligatorio para todos los empleados y para todos los voluntarios que tengan contacto con niños.

Para registrarse en línea: <https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/>

Friends & Family Serving in the Military:

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

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.

19th Annual Eucharistic Congress

SAVE THE DATE! Our Charlotte Diocese Eucharistic Congress will take place on Friday and Saturday, September 8 & 9, 2023. This spiritually unifying event brings together thousands of Catholics from across the diocese and southeast for spiritual talks, music, prayer, and fellowship - all centered around the Most Blessed Sacrament. All ages welcome! Visit www.goEucharist.com for more details. If you would like to ride on the bus, please sign up in the church after all Masses or call the church office to reserve your seat.

Annual Family Life Conference

When: September 30, 9 am – 4 pm

Where: Holy Cross Catholic Church,
Kernersville

The Charlotte Diocese Office of Family Life invites you to an engaging conference featuring national and local speakers. Topics include hope in family life, a child's right to their mother and father, healing the culture, and the impact of current pro-life legislation on women's care.

Information and registration: FamilyLife@rcdoc.org

Conferencia Anual de Vida Familiar

Cuándo: 30 de septiembre, de 9 a. m. a 4 p. m.

Dónde: Iglesia Católica de la Santa Cruz, Kernersville

La Oficina de Vida Familiar de la Diócesis de Charlotte lo invita a una interesante conferencia con oradores nacionales y locales. Los temas incluyen la esperanza en la vida familiar, el derecho de un niño a su madre y padre, la curación de la cultura y el impacto de la legislación pro-vida actual en el cuidado de las mujeres.

Información e inscripciones: FamilyLife@rcdoc.org

***Together in Holiness*—Marriage Conference**

Married and engaged couples are invited to the fifth annual ***Together in Holiness*** marriage conference on **November 18, 2023 from 8:30 am - 3:45 pm at St. Barnabas Catholic Church in Arden, NC and St. Ann Catholic Church in Charlotte, NC.** This one-day conference will help you strengthen your relationship with your spouse and discover God's plan for your family. Registration: \$64/couple and \$5/child for on-site childcare. An Early Bird discount is available through October 2 as well as scholarships upon request. This conference is presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation and the Diocese of Charlotte. For more info, visit togetherinholiness.org or email TH@forlifeandfamily.org.

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TOGETHERINHOLINESS.ORG

Regional Respect Life Meeting in Kernersville Monday September 11 at 6:30pm:

On Monday September 11 from 6:30pm – 8pm, a regional Respect Life meeting will be held at Holy Cross parish in Kernersville (616 South Cherry Street, Kernersville, NC) in Salesian Hall in the Education building. All Catholics who have an interest in becoming more involved in pro-life work are encouraged to attend. The goal is for area parish Respect Life leaders and parishioners to learn and share updates on pro-life activities. The meeting is hosted by the Carolina Pro-Life Action Network (C-PLAN) of the Triad, a coalition of parish Respect Life leaders across the area. An RSVP is not required but suggested in case of last minute schedule changes. For more information or to join the C-PLAN Triad e-mail list please contact Mike FitzGerald at: triadprolifecatholics@gmail.com

La oficina parroquial estará cerrada el lunes 4 de septiembre en observancia de labor day.

Pláticas de Bautismo

Empezando octubre las pláticas de bautismo para niños hasta los 8 años, en español, serán el primer sábado de cada mes a las 9 a.m. en la iglesia. Los bautismos serán el segundo, tercero y cuarto sábado del mes a las 9 a.m.

Boletín digital

Si desea recibir el correo electrónico del boletín digital o si su correo electrónico ha cambiado, envíe su nuevo correo electrónico a:

ohlcommunications@gmail.com

Mensaje del parroco

Estimados feligreses:

¿Cómo pensamos como lo hace Dios? Pensar con la mente de Dios requiere que rechacemos gran parte de lo que el mundo proclama. No es que el mundo sea malo, después de todo, el Señor lo creó y todo lo que hay en él, y lo declaró bueno. Pero la bondad del mundo todavía está empañada por el pecado y la tentación, y eso es lo que nos llama. Por ejemplo, nos rodea el deseo de hacer que todo sea cómodo y sin sufrimiento: “Compra esto y tu vida será más fácil”, nos dicen. Nos animan a “hacer lo que te haga sentir bien, cuidarte”. Este tipo de “idolatría de la comodidad” hace que amar a otro parezca simplemente hacer lo que sea que ayude a otros a sentirse cómodos. Ante la tentación del consuelo, Jesús nos llama a buscar el bien que anhelamos tomando nuestra cruz, negándonos a nosotros mismos y perdiendo la vida por Cristo. Y así, como Jeremías, pronunciamos el nombre de Dios frente a los ídolos que puedan tentarnos. Ofreciémonos como sacrificio vivo, santo y agradable a Dios. Que Dios, en esta liturgia, nos hable y nos transforme mediante la renovación de nuestra mente, para que podamos pensar como Dios. Al ser invitados a derramar nuestras vidas al servicio de Dios y de los demás, que seamos llenos de la vida que se nos ha dado en esta mesa sagrada.