



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

943 Ball Park Road  
Thomasville, North Carolina 27360

**September 10th: Twenty Third 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](mailto:3062ac@helpourmarriage.org) or Call: **727-343-6701** Website: [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://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.

### Pastor's Message

Dear Parishioners:

When learning a new sport, it is vital to know the rules. Baseball players cannot kick the ball, but they can throw it with their hands; soccer players cannot touch the ball with their hands, but they can use their feet to kick it. Football players cannot cross the line of scrimmage until play begins, but they can move in certain directions beforehand. The rules are helpful, keeping athletes in line so the game can run smoothly, objectives can be met, and goals can be achieved. Each of us has our own Christian "athletic" adventure of "running the race toward the prize of the eternal crown," as Saint Paul often analogizes. This is a lifelong route along a path of moral living, striving for holiness. Jesus and Paul both knew that a healthy spirituality could not be maintained by the mere avoidance of sin. God is offering us so much more, namely the pursuit of virtue and the abundant life that comes through love.



### 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](http://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

#### ◆ **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

#### ◆ **Food Collection**

The food collection will be held September weekend 16 & 17. Thank you for your support and we will see you there!

### 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:** If I tell the wicked, "O wicked one, you shall surely die," and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death. (Ez 33, 8)

**Psalm:** If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

**Second Reading:** Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law. (Rom 13,10)

**Gospel:** "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." (Mt 18, 15)

## PRAYER LIST

### Our Sick and Homebound:

Flor Aguilar, Ellie Brown, Jeremy Brown, Kim Brown, Elmer Corron, Luigi DiPuerto, 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 south-east for spiritual talks, music, prayer, and fellowship - all centered around the Most Blessed Sacrament. All ages welcome! Visit [www.goEucharist.com](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://togetherinholiness.org) or email [TH@forlifeandfamily.org](mailto:TH@forlifeandfamily.org).

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## **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](mailto:triadprolifecatholics@gmail.com)

### **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](mailto:ohlcommunications@gmail.com)

## **Mensaje del parroco**

### **Estimados feligreses:**

Al aprender un nuevo deporte, es vital conocer las reglas. Los jugadores de béisbol no pueden patear la pelota, pero pueden lanzarla con las manos; los jugadores de fútbol no pueden tocar la pelota con las manos, pero pueden usar los pies para driblar y patearla; Los jugadores de fútbol no pueden cruzar la línea del centro hasta que comience el juego, pero pueden moverse en ciertas direcciones de antemano. Las reglas son útiles, manteniendo a los atletas en línea para que el juego pueda desarrollarse sin problemas, se puedan cumplir los objetivos y se logren las metas. Cada uno de nosotros tiene su propia aventura cristiana "atlética" de "correr la carrera hacia el premio de la corona eterna", como San Pablo a menudo nos dice. Esta es una ruta de toda la vida a lo largo de un camino de vida moral, luchando por la santidad. Jesús y Pablo sabían que una espiritualidad saludable no puede ser mantenida por la mera evitación del pecado. Dios nos está ofreciendo mucho más, es decir, la búsqueda de la virtud y la vida abundante que viene a través del amor.