



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

943 Ball Park Road
Thomasville, North Carolina 27360

September 24th: Twenty Fifth 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.

Second Mass Collection

- ◆ The weekend of Sep 23 & 24 we have a Second collection for the Priest's Retirement. Every year the diocese gives us a goal to meet and this year's goal is \$ 7,261. We appreciate your generosity in completing this goal as soon as possible

Segunda Colecta de la Misa

- ◆ El fin de semana del 23 y 24 de septiembre tenemos una Segunda colecta para la Jubilación de los Sacerdotes. Cada año la diócesis nos da una meta a cumplir y la meta de este año es \$7,261. Agradecemos su generosidad al completar este objetivo lo antes posible

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.

◆ 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

Pastor's Message

Dear Parishioners:

The moral of today's Gospel parable seems so blatantly unfair. The workers who put in a whole day's work and sweat receive the same wage as those who were there for only one hour. It makes us want to ask, "Jesus, what's going on here?" And then we remember that envy and discontentment say everything about us and nothing about what God is doing here. When we understand that the landowner is a representative of the kingdom of heaven, it starts to make sense. He offers the salvation that he knows we need and desire. We are recipients of the Lord's abundant mercy and generosity. His mercy is so outstanding that we can only hope to know, love, and serve him all the days of our lives. Whenever someone wakes up to his offer, they are blessed. We have no cause to be envious of the good fortune of another, for ours is equal in measure and justice. Rather, we can praise God for his continuous mercy towards us. After all, serving in his kingdom is not drudgery; it is love, grace, and all that we could ever hope for, all the days of our lives.



Scripture Readings

First Reading: But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed, he does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life. (Ez 18,27)

Psalm: Remember your mercies, O Lord. (Ps 25)

Second Reading: Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus. (Phil 2,5)

Gospel: Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you." (Mt 21,31)

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.

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.

Our Lady of the Highways Day

Sunday, September 23 - Bilingual Mass 11:00AM (only 1 Mass today) Please bring a covered dish to share for a nice lunch after Mass. The Knights of Columbus will again be serving Hamburgers and Hotdogs. We would love food from your family's country of origin!! Come and celebrate our Parish and Our Lady!

Cycle Prep for Mothers With Their Daughters

When: October 1; 2 – 5 pm

Where: Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church

Mothers, this course will assist you to prepare your daughters for the start of her first period, together! Give your daughter all the tools she needs to navigate puberty positively, while building a foundation that will help YOU continue these conversations with her! *Recommended for girls ages 9-12*

Registration is FREE but is REQUIRED. Facilitated by the Charlotte Diocese Office of Family Life!

DIOCESAN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

If you are celebrating your Silver or Golden Wedding Anniversary this year and wish to be included in the celebration, please register at

<https://charlottediocese.org/bishops-yearly-anniversary-mass-for-couples/>.

The Mass will be held on **Sunday, October 22, 2023** at St. Patrick Catholic Church. Mass begins at 3:00 p.m. and will be followed by a reception.

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

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SCAN TO REGISTER

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Marriage Announcement

- ◆ Oscar Garcia Guzman & Maribel Vazquez Garcia will be getting married at Nuestra Señora del Rosario in Moroleón, Guanajuato, Mexico, on December 23, 2023

Anuncio de Matrimonio

- ◆ Oscar García Guzmán y Maribel Vázquez García se casarán en Nuestra Señora del Rosario en Moroleón, Guanajuato, México, el 23 de diciembre de 2023.

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.

Día de Nuestra Señora de los Caminos

Domingo 23 de septiembre - Misa bilingüe a las 11:00 a.m. (solo es una misa) Por favor traigan un plato para compartir en un agradable almuerzo después de la Misa. Los Caballeros de Colón nuevamente servirán hamburguesas y perritos calientes. Nos encantaría la comida de tu familia. ¡¡país de origen!! ¡Ven y celebra nuestra Parroquia y Nuestra Señora de los caminos!

Estudio Bíblico

El grupo de la alianza de los 2 corazones, les invita a su estudio bíblico todos los lunes a las 6:30 p.m. en el salon parroquial

Mensaje del parroco

Estimados feligreses:

La moraleja de la parábola del Evangelio de hoy parece descaradamente injusta. Los trabajadores que ponen en una jornada entera de trabajo y sudor reciben el mismo salario que los que estuvieron allí durante ¿Solo una hora? Nos hace querer preguntar: “Jesús, ¿qué está pasando aquí?” Y entonces recordamos que la envidia y el descontento lo dicen todo de nosotros, y nada sobre lo que Dios está haciendo aquí. Cuando entendemos que el propietario del terreno es representante del reino de los cielos empieza a tener sentido. Él ofrece la salvación que sabe que necesitamos y deseamos. Somos destinatarios de la abundante misericordia y generosidad del Señor. Su misericordia es tan sobresaliente que podemos esperar sólo para conocerlo, amarlo y servirlo todos los días de nuestra vida. Y cada vez que alguien despierta a su oferta, son bendecidos. No tenemos motivos para tener envidia del bien y la fortuna de otro, porque la nuestra es igual en medida y justicia. Más bien podemos alabar Dios por su continua misericordia para con nosotros. Después de todo, servir en su reino no es una tarea monótona; es amor, gracia y todo lo que podemos esperar, todos los días de nuestra vida.