



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

943 Ball Park Road
Thomasville, North Carolina 27360

October 8th: Twenty Seventh 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.

Cherished: A Retreat for Those in a Season of Infertility

When: October 21, 8:30 am – 4:15 pm

Where: St. Gabriel Catholic Church, Charlotte

St. Gabriel Catholic Church (3016 Providence Rd, Charlotte, NC) and Springs in the Desert are partnering to offer Cherished, a day-long retreat, for those carrying the cross of infertility. You are not alone. Wherever you are on the path of infertility, we invite you to join the Springs in the Desert team as they reflect on the emotional, relational and spiritual aspects of the infertility experience, and offer practical suggestions for strengthening your relationship with God and your spouse. Come with your spouse or on your own for a time of prayer, healing, and friendship with others on this same path. The day includes Mass, time for prayer in Adoration, and the opportunity to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Information and Registration by October

7: www.stgabrielchurch.org/cherished

Parish Survey

Please take a moment to complete the parish survey, in November Fr. Gabriel will meet with Bishop Jugis to discuss our pastoral plan and his vision for Our Lady of the Highways. Your feedback is very important for the pastoral plan and helping to plan the future of Our Lady of the Highways!

Scan the QR code to complete the survey. English version



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 TH@forlifeandfamily.org.

◆ Pat & Joan White Second Sunday Food Collection

We will be accepting donations this weekend before and after all Masses for Fairgrove Family Resource Center. Last month we collected 205 lbs. of food and \$435 which was donated to Cooperative Community Ministries. Thank you for your continued support.

Pastor's Message

Dear Parishioners:

In both the first reading and the Gospel, we see God portrayed as a heavenly cultivator. In Isaiah's vineyard song, God is the friend who works in the vineyard. After spading and clearing the ground, planning the choicest vines, and building a watchtower and a wine press, the vineyard produces wild grapes. Isaiah invites the people of Judah to judge what should happen to the vineyard, but in the end, he discloses God's plan to let it be trampled and ruined. God looked for the people of Israel to produce good works and justice, but instead he found bloodshed and outcry.

We have now inherited the vineyard and been entrusted with its care. If the church is a vineyard, Christ is the true vine, and we are the branches. We are called to bear fruit for the kingdom of God, but we can do nothing on our own. To bear fruit for the kingdom, we must first be at peace. In today's second reading, St. Paul instructs the Philippians to have no anxiety, but to turn to God with all their needs. To know Christ and rely on him for our every need is to know peace. Christ is the source of life, and anyone who remains in him will bear much fruit.



Scripture Readings

First Reading: What more was there to do for my vineyard that I had not done? Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes, did it bring forth wild grapes? (Is 5:4)

Psalm: The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel. (Is 5:7)

Second Reading: Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you. (Phil 4:9)

Gospel: "What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?" They answered him, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants." (Mt 21:41)

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.

Public Rosary Rally for our Nation

We will participate in the Public Rosary Rally for our Nation at 11:30am on October 14th, at the Gazebo on Main Street by the Big Chair in downtown Thomasville. All are invited.

Office Announcement

The parish office will be closed Monday Oct 9, 2023, in observance of Columbus day.

La oficina parroquial estará cerrada el lunes 9 de octubre de 2023, en observancia del día de Colón.

Cycle Prep for Mothers With Their Daughters

When: October 28; 2 – 5 pm

Where: St. Thomas Aquinas 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!

Contact: Batrice Adcock, FamilyLife@rcdoc.org.

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.

Catholic Mothers Day Retreat



Saturday, November 4th
8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church
2203 West Market Street
Greensboro, NC 27403

Take some time away...from the noise, busyness, & distractions in your life. Come and receive... encouragement, inspiration, & grace for your body and soul. 8:00 am morning Mass ~ fellowship with mothers ~ brunch Adoration ~ Confession ~ Mom-themed reflections Q&A panel of experienced moms
Mothers of all walks of life are welcome. Nursing babies are welcome too! Spread the word! Suggested donation: \$20
Please RSVP at: CherishMothersRetreat@gmail.com

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Encuesta Parroquial

Tómese un momento para completar la encuesta parroquial, en noviembre el P. Gabriel se reunirá con el obispo Jugis para discutir nuestro plan pastoral y su visión para Nuestra Señora de las Carreteras. ¡Sus comentarios son muy importantes para el plan pastoral y ayudan a planificar el futuro de Nuestra Señora de las Carreteras! Escanee el código QR para completar la encuesta. versión Español.



<https://forms.office.com/r/DDAgTU9DaE>

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.



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SCAN TO REGISTER

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Mensaje del parroco

Estimados feligreses:

Tanto en la primera lectura como en el Evangelio, vemos a Dios retratado como un cultivador celestial. En la canción de la viña de Isaías, Dios es el amigo que trabaja en la viña. Después de palear y limpiar el suelo, planificar las vides más selectas y construir una torre de vigilancia y una prensa de vino, el viñedo produce uvas silvestres. Isaías invita al pueblo de Judá a juzgar lo que debería suceder con la viña, pero al final, revela el plan de Dios de dejar que sea pisoteada y arruinada. Dios buscó al pueblo de Israel para producir buenas obras y justicia, y en su lugar encontró derramamiento de sangre y clamor. Ahora heredamos el viñedo y se nos ha confiado su cuidado. Si la iglesia es una viña, Cristo es la vid verdadera, y nosotros somos las ramas. Estamos llamados a dar fruto para el reino de Dios, pero no podemos hacer nada por nuestra cuenta. Para dar fruto al reino, primero debemos estar en paz. En la segunda lectura de hoy, San Pablo instruye a los filipenses a no tener ansiedad, sino a volverse a Dios con todas sus necesidades. Conocer a Cristo y confiar en él para todas nuestras necesidades es conocer la paz. Cristo es la fuente de la vida, y cualquiera que permanezca en él dará mucho fruto.