



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

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### December 3rd: First Sunday of Advent

#### \* Mass Schedule/Horario de Misas\*

**Saturdays/Sabados:** 4:30 PM English  
6:00 PM Español  
**Sundays/Domingos:** 8:00 AM Español  
10:00 AM English  
12:00 PM Español  
**Tuesdays/Martes:** 6:00 PM Bilingual  
5:30 PM Liturgia de las horas  
**Fridays/Viernes:** 6:00 PM Español

#### \*Adoration/Adoracion\*

**Fridays/Viernes:** 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
**Holy Day Masses will be announced/ Misas de dias festivos se anunciara**

#### \*Reconciliation Schedule\*

**Saturdays/Sabados:** 4:00pm– 4:30pm  
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.

## Catholic Health Care Ethics Conference

– Health care professionals are invited to the seventh annual **Converging Roads** health care ethics conference on **March 16, 2024 from 8:00 am - 6:45 pm at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Charlotte, NC**. This one-day conference will explore the theme of **Compassion for the Sick & Dying** and offers continuing education for health care professionals rooted in the Hippocratic and Catholic ethical tradition. Registration: \$75-\$159 based on CME/CNE inclusion. This conference is presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation, the Diocese of Charlotte, and Belmont Abbey College. For more info, please visit [convergingroads.com](http://convergingroads.com) or email [heather@forlifeandfamily.org](mailto:heather@forlifeandfamily.org).



### COMPASSION FOR THE SICK & DYING

MARCH 16, 2024 | 8:00 AM - 6:45 PM | IN PERSON AND ONLINE

THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. PATRICK | 1621 DILWORTH ROAD EAST, CHARLOTTE, NC 28203

#### CONTINUING EDUCATION AVAILABLE FOR:

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

### ◆ Christmas Second Sunday Food Collections

We will be collecting food and donations next weekend for Christmas Food for parish families. At Thanksgiving, we provided food and household items to 19 families. We will be helping 21 families with food and gifts this Christmas. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

### ◆ 18th Annual MARCH FOR LIFE Charlotte!

Friday, Jan. 12, 2024

The following Masses will be offered for The Unborn on Jan. 12, 2024. St. Ann Catholic Church at 7:00am Traditional Latin Mass and at the Cathedral of St. Patrick at 10:00am Novus Ordo Mass. At 11:00am we will start to gather at the parking lot across the street from the Catholic Diocese at 1123 S. Church St. Charlotte, NC. There may be some parking available at the parking lot but please expect to find parking on your own uptown if necessary. At 12:00pm we will march to Trade and Tryon to be a witness for The Unborn. Fr. Raymond Ekosse will be the guest preacher and Deanna Tyler Glenn "Miss Huntersville 2023" will be the prolife speaker followed by the recitation of the Most Holy Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Please join us to march and pray for an end to abortion and save babies lives! See schedule details at [www.marchforlifecharlotte.com](http://www.marchforlifecharlotte.com)

## Pastor's Message

Dear Parishioners:

In the Gospel today, Jesus tells his disciples to be alert, to be ready, and to watch. In short, he tells them to be full of hope. How ready are we? How full of hope?

Advent is a season of hope, and the parable that we heard in today's Gospel, it makes it clear that our hope cannot be passive. Hope is an activity for the Christian, not simply a passive state of being. Hope is one of the theological virtues, and like the other virtues, it requires action. To be virtuous first requires building up a habit of doing the good, a state of being that is inclined to do the good. Hope is a desire, a longing for some future, and it is difficult to obtain happiness. It is a longing for nothing less than the return of Christ and our eternal union with him. Christians during this Advent season must be fully alive and fully engaged. We must be active in our pursuit of the Lord, looking around every corner and eager for this return. We must be people of hope!



## *Scripture Readings*

**First Reading:** Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you. (Is 63,19)

**Psalm:** Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved. (Ps 80)

**Second Reading:** The testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 1,6-7)

**Gospel:** "Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming." (Mk 13,35)

## **Mass Time Change**

Beginning **Tuesday, November 7th**, the Tuesday Mass will be celebrated at 6 p.m.

A partir del **Martes 7 de Noviembre**, la misa del martes se celebrará a las 6 p.m.

Starting **Saturday, November 11th**, the Saturday masses will be:

4:30 p.m. English

6 p.m. Spanish

Confession 4-4:30 p.m

A partir del **Sábado 11 de Noviembre**, las misas de los sábados serán:

4:30 p.m. Inglés

6 p.m. Español

Confesiones 4-4:30 p.m

## **PRAYER LIST**

### **Our Sick and Homebound:**

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

- ◆ Deacon Wayne wants to thank everyone who has prayed for him and his family.
- ◆ El diácono Wayne quiere darles las gracias a todas las personas que han orado por él y su familia.

### **Updated Prayer List**

Please help us keep our prayer lists up to date.  
Call 336-475-2732 or email

**OLHCommunications@gmail.com** to update.  
Thank you!

### **Friends & Family Serving in the Military:**

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

### **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.

## Conferencia Católica sobre Ética en la Atención Médica

- ◆ Los profesionales de la salud están invitados a la séptima conferencia anual de ética de la atención médica de Converging Roads el 16 de marzo de 2024 de 8:00 a. m. a 6:45 p. m. en la Catedral de San Patricio en Charlotte, Carolina del Norte. Esta conferencia de un día explorará el tema de la compasión por los enfermos y moribundos y ofrece educación continua para profesionales de la salud arraigada en la tradición ética hipocrática y católica. Inscripción: \$75 -\$159 según la inclusión de CME/CNE. Esta conferencia es presentada por la Fundación St. John Paul II, la Diócesis de Charlotte y Belmont Abbey College. Para obtener más información, visite [convergingroads.com](http://convergingroads.com) o envíe un correo electrónico a [heather@forlifeandfamily.org](mailto:heather@forlifeandfamily.org).



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## ◆ Colecciones de alimentos del segundo domingo de Navidad

Estaremos recolectando alimentos y donaciones el próximo fin de semana para comida navideña para las familias de la parroquia. En Acción de Gracias, proporcionamos alimentos y artículos para el hogar a 19 familias. Estaremos ayudando a 21 familias con comida y regalos esta Navidad. Gracias por su continuo apoyo y generosidad.

## ◆ MARCHA POR LA VIDA ¡Charlotte!

Viernes, 12 de enero de 2024

Las siguientes Misas se ofrecerán por Los No Nacidos el 12 de enero de 2024. Iglesia Católica St. Ann a las 7:00 am Misa tradicional en latín y en la Catedral de San Patricio a las 10:00 am Misa Novus Ordo. A las 11:00 am comenzaremos a reunirnos en el estacionamiento frente a la Diócesis Católica en 1123 S. Church St. Charlotte, Carolina del Norte. Es posible que haya algo de estacionamiento disponible en el estacionamiento, pero espere encontrar estacionamiento en su propia zona alta si es necesario. A las 12:00 pm marcharemos hacia Trade y Tryon para ser testigos de The Unborn. P. Raymond Ekosse será el predicador invitado y Deanna Tyler Glenn "Miss Huntersville 2023" será la oradora provida seguida de la recitación del Santísimo Rosario y la Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia. ¡Únase a nosotros para marchar y orar por el fin del aborto y salvar vidas de bebés! Consulte los detalles del calendario en [www.marchforlifecharlotte.com](http://www.marchforlifecharlotte.com)

## Mensaje del parroco

### Estimados feligreses:

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús les dice a sus discípulos que estén alerta, que estén listos y que vigilen. En definitiva, les dice que estén llenos de esperanza. ¿Qué tan preparados estamos? ¿Qué tan llenos de esperanza? El Adviento es un tiempo de esperanza, y la parábola que escuchamos en el Evangelio de hoy deja claro que nuestra esperanza no puede ser pasiva. La esperanza es una actividad para el cristiano, no simplemente un estado pasivo del ser. La esperanza es una de las virtudes teologales y, como las demás virtudes, requiere acción. Para ser virtuoso primero se requiere desarrollar el hábito de hacer el bien, un estado de ánimo que esté inclinado a hacer el bien. La esperanza es un deseo, un anhelo de algún futuro, y es difícil obtener la felicidad. Es un anhelo nada menos que del regreso de Cristo y de nuestra unión eterna con él. Los cristianos durante esta temporada de Adviento deben estar plenamente vivos y plenamente comprometidos. Debemos ser activos en nuestra búsqueda del Señor, mirando cada rincón y ansiosos por este regreso. ¡Debemos ser gente de esperanza!