



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

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### December 10th: Second 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:

Physicians | Physician Assistants | Nurses  
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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:

As we continue our journey through the season of Advent and light the second candle of our wreath, today's Gospel focuses our attention on John the Baptist, the one who prepared the way for Jesus, the last of the prophets. John the Baptist appears on the scene in the desert, baptizing people in the Jordan River. To us, this might sound like an interesting side fact, but to the Jews of that time, this location would have held great significance. Do you remember the Exodus story? God freed his people from slavery in Egypt, and led them out into the desert, where they ended up wandering for 40 years because of their disobedience. Perhaps we feel as if we don't really need to be reminded that sin can have terrible consequences in our lives. However, if we want to prepare and make room in our hearts for Christ, we would do well to heed the call of God's word and examine our consciences, asking ourselves whether we have become too cozy with secular life and what it has to offer at the cost of living a life of holiness and devotion to God. We can make this examination confident that the Lord is patient and merciful toward his children, that he desire our salvation, and has gone to incredible lengths to extend this gift to us. All we need to do is open our hearts to him.



## *Scripture Readings*

**First Reading:** A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! (Is 40,3)

**Psalm:** Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation. (Ps 85)

**Second Reading:** We await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. (1 Pt 1,13)

**Gospel:** John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. (Mk 16,4)

## 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

### 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!

## The Retrouvaille Program

This program is for Married Couples Facing Difficult Challenges and has helped tens of thousands of couples at ALL stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. We save marriages! **Next Charlotte-area Weekend is Jan 19-21st**, and is halfway filled. More Information at: **www.helpourmarriage.org**. Phone: **800-470-2230** or email: **3062ac@helpourmarriage.org**. All contacts and names held in strictest confidence.



### 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.

### Cycle Prep for Mothers With Their Daughters

Recommended for girls ages 9-12\*

When: February 3; 1 – 4:30 pm

Where: St. Matthew Catholic Church, Charlotte

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

Contact: Batrice Adcock, FamilyLife@rcdoc.org.

## 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:

Mientras continuamos nuestro viaje a través del tiempo de Adviento y encendemos la segunda vela de nuestra corona, el Evangelio de hoy centra nuestra atención en Juan el Bautista, quien preparó el camino para Jesús, el último de los profetas. Juan Bautista aparece en escena en el desierto, bautizando a la gente en el río Jordán. Para nosotros esto puede parecer un hecho interesante, pero para los judíos de esa época, este lugar habría tenido un gran significado. ¿Recuerdas la historia del Éxodo? Dios liberó a su pueblo de la esclavitud en Egipto y los condujo al desierto donde terminaron vagando durante 40 años a causa de su desobediencia. Quizás sentimos que realmente no necesitamos que nos recuerden que el pecado puede tener consecuencias terribles en nuestras vidas. Pero si queremos preparar y hacer lugar en nuestros corazones para Cristo, haríamos bien en escuchar el llamado de la palabra de Dios y examinar nuestra conciencia, preguntándonos si nos hemos vuelto demasiado cómodos con la vida secular y lo que ella tiene para ofrecer a la vez. costo de vivir una vida de santidad y devoción a Dios. Y podemos hacer este examen confiados en que el Señor es paciente y misericordioso con sus hijos, que desea nuestra salvación y que ha hecho todo lo posible para extendernos este regalo. Todo lo que tenemos que hacer es abrirle nuestro corazón.