



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

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December 17th: Third 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 or email 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

♦ 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

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* **Mass Schedule for the Holidays** *
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* **Dec 24, Sunday**, regular mass schedule during the day *
* **Dec 24, Sunday**, Christmas Vigil Mass, 6 p.m. Bilingual mass *
* **Dec 25, Monday**, 10 a.m. English mass, noon. Spanish mass *
* **Jan 1 2024, Monday**, 8 a.m. Spanish mass, 10 a.m. English mass. *
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* **Parish Office** *
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* The parish office will be closed from Dec 21- Dec 26 and Jan 1, 2024 *
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Pastor's Message

Dear Parishioners:

Today, we light the pink candle of joy for Gaudete Sunday, the Sunday of rejoicing. Rejoice always, Saint Paul teaches in the second reading. Always, he says. Today we may do so because Christmas is almost here, but rejoice always? Is this even possible? It is! Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, and in all circumstance, give thanks, St. Paul teaches. We do not do so because our unceasing prayers are always answered, or because we are thankful for circumstances that are always in our favor. We do so because in Christ, we always have good news to share. It may not be as dramatic as the news we heard in today's readings, but it is personal and meaningful for us, because we know how the Lord has blessed us and given our lives meaning and purpose. In the darkness of Advent and always, we look to the light of Christ and exult in the good news we have in him. In our rejoicing, we come to the Lord unceasingly with our needs, as we do now in our petitions. And we give thanks, as we do now in the Eucharist, for all of God's gifts, especially the gift of his Son.



Scripture Readings

First Reading: I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul. (Is 61:10).

Psalm: My soul rejoices in my God. (Is 61:10b).

Second Reading: May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thes 5:23).

Gospel: "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." (Jn 1:23).

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 o envíe un correo electrónico a heather@forlifeandfamily.org.



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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

Horario de misas en estos días festivos

Dec 24, domingo, horario de misa regular

Dec 24, domingo, misa de vigilia de navidad, 6 p.m misa bilingue

Dec 25, lunes, 10 a.m. misa en ingles, 12. misa en espanol

Jan 1 2024, lunes, 8 a.m. misa en espanol, 10 a.m. misa en ingles.

Oficina Parroquial

La oficina parroquial estará cerrada del 21 al 26 de diciembre y el 1 de enero de 2024.

Mensaje del parroco

Estimados feligreses:

Hoy encendemos el cirio rosa de la alegría por el Domingo de Gaudete, el domingo del regocijo. Estad siempre alegres, enseña san Pablo en la segunda lectura. Siempre, dice. ahora hoy podemos hacerlo porque la Navidad ya casi está aquí, pero ¿regocijarnos siempre? ¿Es esto incluso ¿posible? ¡Es! Alégrate siempre, ora sin cesar y da gracias en toda circunstancia, San Pablo. enseña. No lo hacemos porque nuestras incesantes oraciones siempre son contestadas, o porque estamos agradecidos por las circunstancias que siempre están a nuestro favor. lo hacemos porque en Cristo siempre tenemos Buenas noticias para compartir. Puede que no sea tan dramático como la noticia que escuchamos en las lecturas de hoy, pero es personal y significativa para nosotros, porque sabemos cómo el Señor nos ha bendecido y ha dado sentido y sentido a nuestras vidas. el objetivo. En la oscuridad del Adviento y siempre, miramos a la luz de Cristo y nos regocijamos en las Buenas noticias que tenemos en él. En nuestro regocijo venimos al Señor incesantemente con nuestras necesidades de él, como lo hacemos ahora en nuestras peticiones. Y damos gracias, como lo hacemos ahora en el Eucaristía, por todos los dones de Dios, especialmente el don de su Hijo.