



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

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December 31st: Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

* 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.

Mass Schedule for the New Year

Jan 1 2024, Monday, 8 a.m. Spanish mass, 10 a.m. English mass.
Parish Office
 The parish office will be closed on Jan 1, 2024.

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

♦ **Regional Respect Life Meeting in Kernersville Monday January 8 at 6:30pm:** On Monday January 8 from 6:30pm – 8pm, a regional Respect Life meeting will be held at Holy Cross parish in Kernersville (616 South Cherry Street, Kernersville, NC) in Salesian Hall in the Education building. All Catholics who have an interest in becoming more involved in pro-life work are encouraged to attend. The meeting is hosted by the Carolina Pro-Life Action Network (C-PLAN) of the Triad, a coalition of parish Respect Life leaders across the area An RSVP is not required but suggested in case of last minute schedule changes. For more information or to join the C-PLAN Triad e-mail list please contact Mike FitzGerald at: triadprolifecatholics@gmail.com

Pastor’s Message

Dear Parishioners:

In today’s first reading, we hear the story of a man named Abram, soon to be called Abraham and his wife Sarai/Sarah as they became parents in their old age. What an outrageous command God gave Abram—to look at the sky and count the stars. Yet God’s provision to Abram was just as outrageous, providing a child to him and Sarah beyond her childbearing years. Abraham obeyed by faith when, later in the story, as recounted in the Letter to the Hebrews, he was asked to sacrifice Isaac, his only son. This request would have been incomprehensible to Abraham, not only because of its brutality but also because it contradicted God’s initial promise to provide descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky. The story’s apex, of course, comes in the form of another child: Jesus. Once again, those to whom he made promises acted with great faith. By faith, they came to know the Lord, and by faith, they obeyed him. It is in this faith of Mary and Joseph, and not just the law, that brings them to the temple in Jerusalem today. The story now continues with us, amid our own families, lives, and circumstances. We, too, have the daily choice to trust in God’s faithfulness—to live by faith that God has promised us a future. Let us give thanks.



Scripture Readings

First Reading: "Your own issue shall be your heir." The Lord took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be." (Gn 3:4-5)

Psalm: The Lord remembers his covenant for ever. (Ps 105)

Second Reading: By faith he received power to generate, even though he was past the normal age—and Sarah herself was sterile. (Heb 11:11)

Gospel: The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. (Lk 2:40)

PRAYER LIST

Our Sick and Homebound:

Flor Aguilar, 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 Rapp, Dottie Whitehouse, Silvano Salazar, Juanita Sherman, Jerry and Sally Sturgis, Bill Tagliaferri, Maryann Jones, Luisa Ciardi, Rafael Juarez Salmeron, Christi Thibodeau and Bo Paschal

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.

**Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of/
Por favor oren por el descanso del alma de**

Ellie Brown

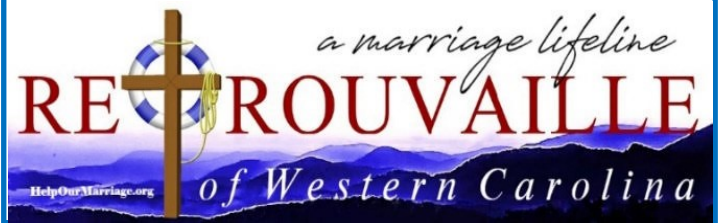
No service is planned.

Announcement about Mass Intentions

Beginning January 1, all Mass intentions must be requested in advance, in person at the parish office.

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.



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](mailto:BatriceAdcock@rcdoc.org).

Anonymous note from a family that was helped this Christmas

"To the organizers of the Angel Tree, I need to express my gratitude for a job well done. To the parishioners who understood the need and went out of their way to help make another family's Christmas exceptionally great during this season, thanks is not enough, but it is all I can do. My family understands that the reason for Christmas is Jesus and his birth! If you could have seen the faces of angels you helped on Christmas, you would understand the gratitude I feel toward each of you who were able to and took the time to make another child smile like that. From the bottom of my heart." - Thanks from an OLH parishioner.

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.



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
Nurse Practitioners | Chaplains | Social Workers



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♦ 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

Horario de misas en estos días festivos

Jan 1 2024, lunes, 8 a.m. misa en español, 10 a.m. misa en inglés.

Oficina Parroquial

La oficina parroquial estará cerrada el 1 de enero de 2024.

Anuncio sobre intenciones de misa

Empezando el 1 de enero, todas las intenciones de misa deben de solicitarse por anticipado, en persona en la oficina parroquial.

Mensaje del parroco

Estimados feligreses:

En la primera lectura de hoy escuchamos la historia de un hombre llamado Abram, que pronto se llamaría Abraham, y su esposa Sarai/Sara, cuando se convirtieron en padres en su vejez. Qué mandato tan escandaloso le dio Dios a Abram: mirar al cielo y contar las estrellas. Sin embargo, la provisión de Dios para Abram fue igual de escandalosa: les proporcionó un hijo a él y a Sara más allá de sus años fértiles. Abraham obedeció por fe cuando, más adelante en la historia, como cuenta la Carta a los Hebreos, se le pide que sacrifique a Isaac, su único hijo. Esta petición habría resultado incomprensible para Abraham, no sólo por su brutalidad sino más aún porque contradecía la promesa inicial de Dios de proporcionar una descendencia tan numerosa como las estrellas del cielo. El vértice de la historia, por supuesto, viene en la forma de otro niño: Jesús. Una vez más, aquellos a quienes hizo promesas actuaron con gran fe. Por la fe llegaron a conocer al Señor y por la fe le obedecieron. Es en esta fe de María y José, y no sólo en la ley, lo que los lleva hoy al templo de Jerusalén. La historia ahora continúa con nosotros, en medio de nuestras propias familias, vidas y circunstancias. Nosotros también tenemos la opción diaria de confiar en la fidelidad de Dios: vivir por la fe que Dios nos ha prometido un futuro. Demos gracias.