



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

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### December 1: The 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 English  
5:30 PM Liturgy of the Hours

**Wednesday/Miercoles:** 6:30 PM Liturgia de las horas  
7:00PM Español

**Fridays/Viernes:** 6:00 PM Español

#### \*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

#### \*Office Hours/ Horario de Oficina\*

**Mondays/Lunes -Fridays/  
Viernes** 2:00PM - 5:00PM

#### \*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

#### \*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

#### 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.

## Scripture Readings

**First Reading:** The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah. In those days, in that time, I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land. In those days Judah shall be safe and Jerusalem shall dwell secure; this is what they shall call her: "The LORD our justice." ([Jer 33:14-16](#))

**Psalms:** To you, O Lord, I lift my soul. ([Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14](#))

**Second:** Brothers and sisters: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we have for you, so as to strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. Amen. Finally, brothers and sisters, we earnestly ask and exhort you in the Lord Jesus that, as you received from us how you should conduct yourselves to please God and as you are conducting yourselves you do so even more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. ([1 Thes 3:12-4:2](#))

**Gospel:** Jesus said to his disciples: "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand. "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man." ([Lk 21:25-28, 34-36](#))

## Two holy days, two Masses

Catholics should plan to attend two Masses over two days Dec. 8-9:



**Sunday, Dec. 8**

Second Sunday of Advent

\*Please attend Mass sometime after 4 p.m. Saturday and before 4 p.m. Sunday.

**Monday, Dec. 9**

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

\*Please attend Mass any time after 4 p.m. Sunday or on Monday.

Please plan to attend Mass for each day. One Mass does not fulfill both obligations.

## The Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation Mass Schedule Monday, December 9, 2024

5:00pm—English

7:00pm—Spanish

Parish Advent Penance Service will be held on **Tuesday, December 3rd at 6:00pm**. There will be several priests here to hear confessions both in English and Spanish. We will not have the Mass that night.

**El servicio de penitencia de Adviento** la misa se llevará a cabo el martes 3 de diciembre a las 6:00 p. m. Habrá varios sacerdotes aquí para escuchar confesiones tanto en inglés como en español. No tendremos misa esa noche.

## Dos Días Santos, Dos Misas.

Los católicos deben planear asistir a dos Misas en dos días, ya que hay Días Santos de Obligación consecutivos.



**Domingo,  
8 de diciembre**

Segundo domingo de Adviento

Por favor, les rogamos que asistan a Misa el sábado después de 4 p.m. y el domingo antes de 4 p.m.

**Lunes,  
9 de diciembre**

Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Santísima Virgen María

Por favor, asista a Misa en cualquier momento después de 4 p.m. del domingo o el lunes.

Por favor, prevea asistir a la Misa de cada día. Una Misa no cumple con ambas obligaciones.

## Pastor's Message

Dear Parishioners:

Today is the first day of the new liturgical year for the Church. We are entering Advent, a time of preparation for Christmas. We will begin preparing our hearts to celebrate the birth of Christ, and in anticipation of his return. Jeremiah foretold the (first) coming of Christ. The Gospel addresses his second coming and contains admonitions to keep our hearts alert and free from vice. Jesus says to be vigilant and attentive to what surrounds us: *But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.* Every Advent is a time to prepare for our own journey to Bethlehem, and to await the return of the Son of Man. We take a serious look at our practices and consider how we can grow closer to God. There are countless ways to do this. Perhaps it is a dedicated time each day for prayer. Or maybe it is in reconnecting with a loved one. It could even be starting a new act of service. It might look different from person to person, but God is calling us to prepare to receive him and prepare for his return.



## Prayer List

### Our Sick and Homebound:

Deacon Wayne & Ursula Adams, Flor Aguilar, Jose' Angel Aleman Macias, Mosheer Amir & family, Ralph Berger, Jeremy Brown Sr., Kim Brown, Bernabe' Carvajal-Salazar, Luigi DiPuerto, Laura Espitia & baby Belen, Charles Estes, Damiana Garay, Maria Louisa Gomez, Rosa Gomez, Marta Gutierrez, Rafael Juarez Salmeron, Barbara Johnson, Maryann Jones, Jeffrey Karkey, Jean Latucci, Theresa Longo, Griselda Martínez, Rosario Martinez, Sandy McCormick, Noelia Montes, Noreen Morin, Rick Price, Adriana Ramirez, Ted Rampp, Bettie Bagley Sharpe Rowe, Holly Schroeher, Arden Sheehan, Juanita Sherman, Bill Tagliaferri, Christi Thibodeau, and Dottie Whitehouse.

### Friends & Family Serving in the Military:

**Please let us know if these people are still in the military and need our prayers. Thank you:** Ryan Fisher, Christopher Hackney, Michael Harris, Everett Henry, Christian Juarez Solis, Jasmine Leahy, Caleb Littleton, James Michaels, Joshua Ramsey, Nathaniel Ramsey, David Reid, Rebecca Schweigart, Ryan Smithling, Angela Monserrath Solis, and John Wagner.

### PRAYER FOR THE NEW CHURCH

A. *Our help is in the Name of the Lord.*  
**B. He that made heaven and earth.**  
A. *If the Lord does not build the building,*  
**B. the workers toil in vain**  
A. *Lord, let your ears be attentive,*  
**B. to the voice of our supplication.**  
A. *Good Father, we, the community of Our Lady of the Highways*  
**B. we thank you for these seventy years of parish life.** A.  
*Thank you, Father, for the founders of this parish, and for all those who, throughout these years,*  
**B. have worked to build the Catholic Faith in this area of North Carolina.**  
A. *Especiallly, we entrust you,*  
**B. those who already rest in peace. Receive them into your kingdom!**  
A. *As you see, Lord:*  
**B. Your community has grown, and we need more space.**  
A. *Therefore, Holy Father,*  
**B. we ask that you move our hearts and those of others,**  
A. *so we may generously use the goods you have given us,*  
**B. to obtain a larger church, not only for ourselves but also for future generations.**  
A. *Saint Joseph, Patron of the Church,*  
**B. pray for us.**  
A. *Our Lady of the Highways,*  
**B. pray for us.**  
A. *And may everything be for the greater glory of God, B. and the good of souls.*  
A. *Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*  
**B. Amen.**

### Pat and Joan White

### 2nd Sunday Food Collection

**December Christmas food collection** is for parish families in need of assistance. The collection will be held the **weekends of 12/7 & 12/8 and 12/14 & 12/15.** Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

**La colecta de alimentos de Navidad de diciembre** es para las familias de la parroquia que necesitan ayuda. La colecta se llevará a cabo los fines de semana del **7 y 8 de diciembre y del 14 y 15 de diciembre.** Gracias por su continuo apoyo y generosidad.

### ORACIÓN POR EL NUEVO TEMPLO

A. *Nuestro auxilio está en el Nombre del Señor.*  
**B. Que hizo el cielo y la tierra.**  
A. *Si el Señor no construye el edificio,*  
**B. en vano se fatigan los obreros.**  
A. *Señor, estén atentos tus oídos*  
**B. a la voz de nuestra súplica.**  
A. *Padre, nosotros comunidad de Nuestra Señora de los Caminos,*  
**B. te damos gracias por estos setenta años de vida parroquial.** A.  
*Gracias, Padre, por los fundadores de esta parroquia, y por todos los que, a lo largo de estos años,*  
**B. han trabajado en favor de la Fe Católica, en esta área de Carolina del Norte.**  
A. *Especialmente, te encomendamos*  
**B. los que ya duermen el sueño de la paz. ¡Recíbelos en tu reino!**  
A. *Como ves, Señor:*  
**B. tu comunidad ha crecido y necesitamos más espacio.**  
A. *Por consiguiente, Padre Santo,*  
**B. te pedimos que muevas nuestro corazón y el de los demás** A. *para que generosamente*  
**B. usemos parte de los bienes que nos has dado**  
A. *y así podamos*  
**B. obtener un templo más grande,**  
A. *no solo para nosotros,*  
**B. sino también para las generaciones futuras.**  
A. *San José, Patrono de la Iglesia,*  
**B. ruega por nosotros.**  
A. *Nuestra Señora de los Caminos,*  
**B. ruega por nosotros.**  
A. *Y que todo sea para la mayor gloria de Dios,*  
**B. y el bien de las almas.**  
A. *Por Jesucristo, nuestro, Señor.*  
**B. Amén.**

### Angel Tree

There are still 33 Angel tickets left. We will have the tickets **after all Masses** again this weekend. Please take a ticket and get the gift for people in need in our parish. Please **bring the gifts back by December 8th** wrapped. Thank you for your support!



### Árbol de los ángeles

Todavía quedan 33 boletos para Angel. Tendremos los boletos nuevamente después de todas las misas este fin de semana. Por favor, tome un boleto y obtenga el regalo para las personas necesitadas en nuestra parroquia. Por favor, devuelva los regalos envueltos antes del 8 de diciembre. ¡Gracias por su apoyo!



## MARCH FOR LIFE

### CHARLOTTE MARCH FOR LIFE JANUARY 10, 2025

Mass 10:00am | Cathedral of St. Patrick  
Gather & Pray 11:30am | March 12:00pm  
1123 S. Church St. Charlotte, NC



SCAN HERE FOR MORE DETAILS

### NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE PILGRIMAGE WASHINGTON, DC JANUARY 23-25, 2025

2 busses this year!  
Depart & return from Charlotte  
Bus fare, lodging, breakfasts included  
Tickets: \$200-\$300; student discount available



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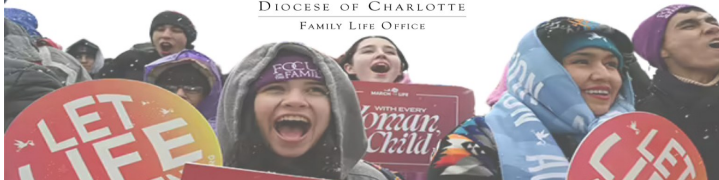
National Prayer Vigil Mass | Life Fest  
Rally & March for Life | Saturday Pilgrimage

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### Weekly Events Calendar

**Every Monday:** the Alliance of the two Hearts, 6:30 p.m. in the social hall.

**Every Thursday:** The Apostles of the Word 7 p.m in the social hall.

**Every Friday:** Eucharistic adoration from 9 am. to 6 p.m.

**Every Second Thursday of the month** at 7:00 pm the Parish Council meets in the Social Hall. (Next meeting January 9, 2025)

**Every Second Friday of the month** at 10:30am OLH Senior Club meeting in the Social Hall.

**Every Third Saturday of the month:** Nocturnal adoration from 7:00pm until 5:00am on Sunday.

### Calendario de eventos semanales

**Todos los lunes:** La Alianza de los dos Corazones, 6:30 p.m. en el salón social.

**Todos los jueves:** Los Apóstoles de la Palabra 7 p.m. en el salón social.

**Todos los viernes:** Adoración Eucarística de 9 a.m. a 6 p.m.

**Todos los segundos jueves del mes** a las 7:00 p.m. el Consejo Parroquial se reúne en el Salón Social. (Próxima reunión el 9 de enero de 2025)

**Todos los segundos viernes del mes** a las 10:30 a.m. Reunión del Club de Mayores de OLH en el Salón Social.

### Mensaje del parroco

Estimados feligreses:

Hoy es el primer día del nuevo año litúrgico para la Iglesia. Estamos entrando en el Adviento, un tiempo de preparación para la Navidad. Comenzaremos a preparar nuestros corazones para celebrar el nacimiento de Cristo y en anticipación de su regreso. Jeremías predijo la (primera) venida de Cristo. El Evangelio habla de su segunda venida y contiene advertencias para mantener nuestros corazones alerta y libres de vicios. Jesús dice que estemos vigilantes y atentos a lo que nos rodea: Pero cuando comiencen a suceder estas señales, levántense y levanten la cabeza porque su redención está cerca.

Cada Adviento es un tiempo para prepararnos para nuestro propio viaje a Belén y para esperar el regreso del Hijo del Hombre. Analizamos seriamente nuestras prácticas y consideramos cómo podemos acercarnos más a Dios. Hay innumerables formas de hacerlo. Quizás sea un tiempo dedicado cada día a la oración. O tal vez sea reconectarnos con un ser querido. Incluso podría ser comenzar un nuevo acto de servicio. Puede parecer diferente de una persona a otra, pero Dios nos está llamando a prepararnos para recibirlo y prepararnos para su regreso.