



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

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December 15: The 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 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.

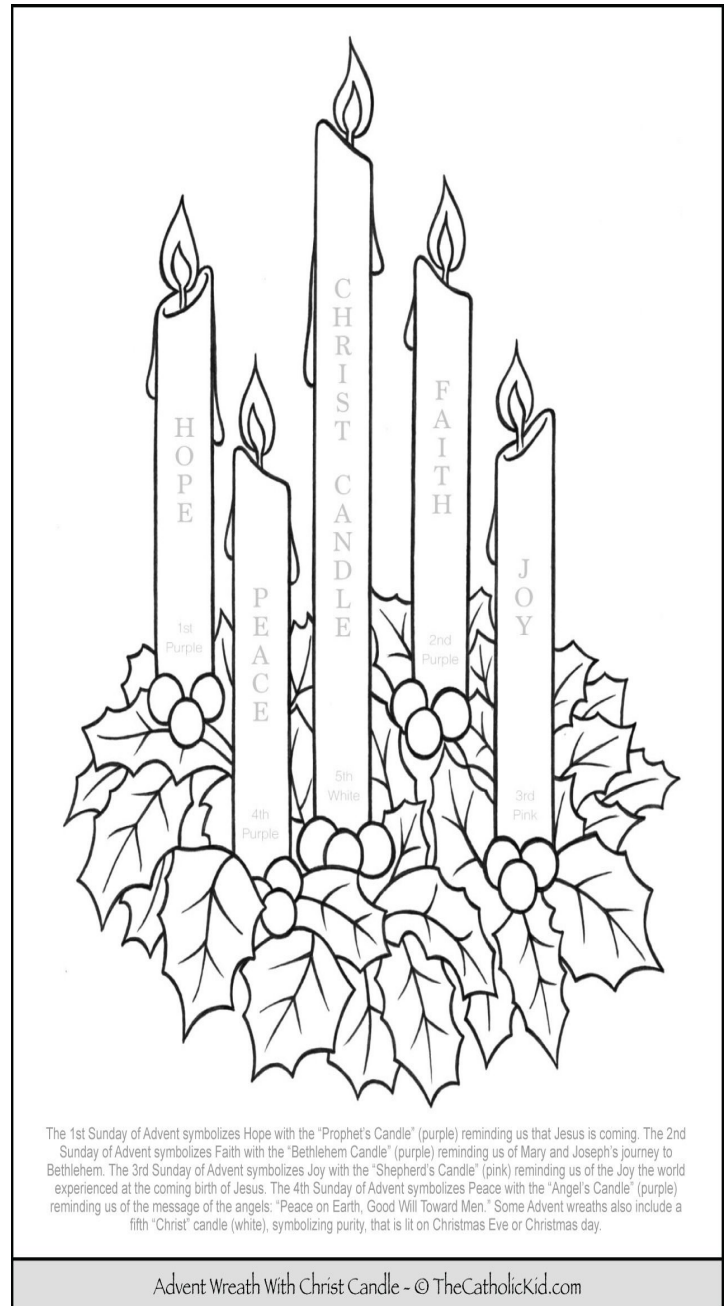
Scripture Readings

First Reading: Shout for joy, O daughter Zion! Sing joyfully, O Israel! Be glad and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has removed the judgment against you he has turned away your enemies; the King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst, you have no further misfortune to fear. On that day, it shall be said to Jerusalem: Fear not, O Zion, be not discouraged! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior; he will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love, he will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals. ([Zep 3:14-18a](#))

Psalm: Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel. ([Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6.](#))

Second: Brothers and sisters: Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. ([Phil 4:4-7](#))

Gospel: The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?" He said to them in reply, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He answered them, "Stop collecting more than what is prescribed." Soldiers also asked him, "And what is it that we should do?" He told them, "Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages." Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people. ([Lk 3:10-18](#))



Pastor's Message

Dear Parishioners:

When was the last time we stopped in our tracks, threw our arms in the air, and sang praise to the Lord, unable to contain our joy? We see joy like this at the completion of championship games, with the winners embracing one another, shouting, in complete exuberance. Or at the moment when a child is born, the joy of the parents is so intense that words are replaced by tears. These are remarkable moments indeed, the ones we remember for the rest of our lives. But what if this kind of joy, life-altering, memorable joy, was a part of our daily existence, including the difficult and troublesome times? And what if we could not just find and possess it in those moments, but share it? We light the pink candle this third Sunday of Advent to remind us to rejoice, even if we face challenges as Zephaniah and Paul did. We do not need to experience something extravagant to throw our hands in the air and praise God. The Lord is coming indeed, he is here, our mighty Savior.



Prayer List

Our Sick and Homebound:

Deacon Wayne & Ursula Adams, Flor Aguilar, Jose' Angel Aleman Macias, Mosheer Amir & family, Ralph Berger, Jeremy Brown Sr., Bernabe' Carvajal-Salazar, Luigi DiPuorto, 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, 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 **weekend of 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 **14 y 15 de diciembre.** Gracias por su continuo apoyo y generosidad.

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

Bettie Bagley Sharpe Rowe
Father Jack Kelly
Kimberly Brown



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.

Holiday Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve - 5:00pm - English
7:00pm - Español

Christmas Day - 10:00am - English
12:00pm - Español

New Year's Eve - 5:00pm - English
7:00pm - Español

New Year's Day - 10:00pm - English
12:00pm - Español

The Posada will be held each night beginning on Monday, December 16th at 7:00pm until Christmas Eve. All are welcome and we have the participation sheets in both English and Spanish, so all can participate. The Posada reenacts Joseph looking for a place for Mary to have the baby, Jesus.

La Posada se llevará a cabo cada noche a partir del lunes 16 de diciembre a las 7:00 p.m. hasta la víspera de Navidad. Todos son bienvenidos y tenemos las hojas en inglés y español, para que todos puedan participar.

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



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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



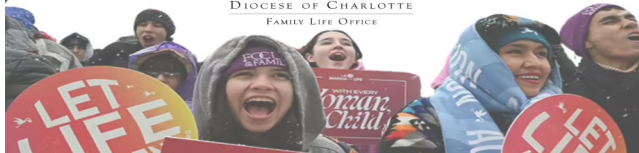
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National Prayer Vigil Mass | Life Fest
Rally & March for Life | Saturday Pilgrimage

RespectLife@rcdoc.org

704-370-3229

DIocese of CHARLOTTE
FAMILY LIFE OFFICE



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:

¿Cuándo fue la última vez que nos detuvimos, levantamos los brazos y cantamos alabanzas al Señor, sin poder contener nuestra alegría? Vemos alegría como esta al final de los partidos del campeonato, con los ganadores abrazándose, gritando, en completa exuberancia. O en el momento en que nace un niño, la alegría de los padres es tan intensa que las palabras son reemplazadas por lágrimas. Estos son momentos notables, de hecho, los que recordamos por el resto de nuestras vidas. Pero ¿qué pasaría si este tipo de alegría, alegría que cambia la vida, alegría memorable, fuera parte de nuestra existencia diaria, incluso en los momentos difíciles y problemáticos? ¿Y si no solo pudiéramos encontrarla y poseerla en esos momentos, sino compartirla? Encendemos la vela rosa este tercer domingo de Adviento para recordarnos que debemos regocijarnos, incluso si enfrentamos desafíos como los que enfrentaron Sofonías y Pablo. No necesitamos experimentar algo extravagante para levantar las manos y alabar a Dios. El Señor viene de verdad, está aquí, nuestro poderoso Salvador.