



Our Lady of the Highways Catholic Church
Parroquia Nuestra Señora de los Caminos
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January 12: The Baptism of the Lord

*** 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**
 7:00 PM 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: Thus says the LORD: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the nations, not crying out, not shouting, not making his voice heard in the street. A bruised reed he shall not break, and a smoldering wick he shall not quench, until he establishes justice on the earth; the coastlands will wait for his teaching. I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice, I have grasped you by the hand; I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness. ([Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7](#))

Psalm: The Lord will bless his people with peace. ([Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10](#))

Second: Peter proceeded to speak to those gathered in the house of Cornelius, saying: "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. You know the word that he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him." ([Acts 10:34-38](#))

Gospel: 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." After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." ([Luke 3:15-16, 21-22](#))

Please Save the Date - The Catholic Charities 2025 Partners in Hope Dinner will be held on Thursday, March 27th at the Benton Convention Center. Monsignor Anthony Marcaccio will be the recipient of the 2025 Bishop Curlin Partners in Hope Award posthumously. While this is a free event, you will be invited to make a donation. We are currently recruiting table captains and sponsors for the event. For more information, please visit www.ccdoc.org/PIH or email partnersinhopecc@gmail.com.

Elizabeth's Voice Support Group

NEWBORN CARE SESSION



- Pregnant?? Adopting a Newborn??
- Plan to help someone take care of a newborn?
- Not sure where to start? No worries!
- Join us in a **FREE** session to discuss and have hands on learning about newborn care
- This session can help you be better prepared spiritually and physically.
- Trained professionals on site
- Loving, Bible-Based, Non-Judgemental, Confidential Space

COME JOIN US!

When: January 25, 2025 (Saturday)
1:30pm to 2:45pm

Where:
Thomasville Library
14 Randolph St.
Thomasville, NC

Questions:
Call/Text Jelessia 336-780-6945
[Elizabeth's Voice](#)
[Elizabethsvoice4moms](#)

Walk-Ins Are Welcomed



Room At The Inn

February 28th: Our Winter Rose Gala will be held at The Blue Heron Event Center and includes a live auction. To learn more about this event, please visit roominn.org/ events Raffle tickets on sale January 1st! You can have a chance to win \$5,000 while helping our mothers and children in the process. The drawing will be held at our Winter Rose Gala on Friday, February 28, 2025. Need not be present to win. To purchase raffle tickets, please visit www.roominn.org/raffle-tickets/

Pastor's Message

Dear Parishioners:

Today, with the feast of the Baptism of our Lord, we come to the end of the Christmas season. The vestment colors will change, and we will go back to Ordinary Time. But before we do, the Church gives us this feast which is a wonderful end to the Christmas season. Today's feast offers us one more moment of revelation (and epiphany, if you will) as to who Jesus Christ truly is, and it serves as a good transition into Ordinary Time, as this event signals the end of Jesus' hidden years and the transition into his public ministry. Jesus had gone out to the Jordan River to seek baptism by John. Even though Jesus was not a sinner, and was therefore not in need of repentance, he chose to go where such people were. This is who Jesus is; this who God is. God is the one who goes out in search of the sinner and helps him to carry his burden. As we move forward with our day and our week, let us do so comforted by these truths: God seeks out the sinner, bears our burdens with us, and loves us unconditionally.



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 Schroeber, 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.

Face today's challenges with *Faith*

Life & Family Conference

"Cultural Challenges & Catholic Faith"

Join us for a day of formation and education focused on marriage, family and pro-life work. Experience dynamic, nationally known speakers and panel discussions about fostering hope and love in family life, strengthening marriages, and other life-affirming topics. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$20 for students. Lunch and refreshments included.



Father Jeff Kirby, STD
"The Way of the Lord:
Speaking Moral Truth
with Love"



Christine Wisdom,
MS, LMHC
"From Suffering
to Healing in
Family Life"



Adamo Manfra, Major
USMCR, S.T.B.
"Faith in the Public Square:
Catholic Engagement in
Politics and Policy"

January 18, 2025
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Diocese of Charlotte
Pastoral Center
1123 S. Church St.
Charlotte, NC 28203

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DIocese of CHARLOTTE
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Questions? Email familylife@rcdoc.org

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.

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.

15th Annual Catholic Men's Conference of the Carolinas
QUEM SERVIS?
 WHO DO YOU SERVE?
FEBRUARY 8, 2025

SPEAKERS

BISHOP FABRE-JEUNE Diocese of Charlotte, Celebrant	JOHN FRANKMAN Former Green Beret & Seminarian, Convert, Political Activist
JOHN EDWARDS Former Marine, Convert Catholic, <i>Redneck</i>	BRINCK Father, Husband, Catholic Rapper
RICK BARRETT Weapons Specialist, <i>The Armed Catholic</i>	ANTHONY ABBATE & ROB BLYTON Podcast Hosts, <i>Avoiding Babylon</i>

Day of Faith and Fellowship including keynote speakers, Mass, Rosary, Confession, Adoration and lunch included.

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC CHURCH
 1400 Suther Road, Charlotte, NC 28213
 \$40 General Admission | \$35 Specials & Students | \$25 Virtual
 @catholicmensconf | www.catholicmenofthecarolinas.org

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.

Baptism preparation class for older children
 Monday, January 27, February 3 & 10 from 7:00pm-8:00pm. All children ages 7-15 years of age must attend all three classes with their parents and godparents. To register for this class, please contact the parish secretary at 336-475-2667 or by email at olhsecretary@gmail.com

Clase de preparación para el bautismo para niños mayores Lunes 27 de enero, 3 y 10 de febrero de 7:00pm - 8:00 pm. Todos los niños de 7 a 15 años deben asistir a las tres clases con sus padres y padrinos. Para inscribirse en esta clase, comuníquese con la secretaria de la parroquia al 336-475-2667 o por correo electrónico a olhsecretary@gmail.com

Pat and Joan White Second Sunday Food Collection
 The Knights of Columbus will be collecting food and donations this weekend, January 11 & 12 for one of our local food pantries. Thank you for your generosity/Los Caballeros de Colón estarán recolectando alimentos y donaciones este fin de semana, 11 y 12 de enero, para una de nuestras despensas de alimentos locales. Gracias por su generosidad.

Mensaje del parroco

Estimados feligreses:
 Hoy, con la fiesta del Bautismo de nuestro Señor, llegamos al final de la temporada navideña. Los colores de las vestimentas cambiarán y regresaremos al Tiempo Ordinario. Pero antes de hacerlo, la Iglesia nos da esta fiesta que es un final maravilloso para la temporada navideña. La fiesta de hoy nos ofrece un momento más de revelación (y epifanía, si se quiere) en cuanto a quién es realmente Jesucristo, y sirve como una buena transición hacia el Tiempo Ordinario, ya que este evento señala el final de los años ocultos de Jesús y la transición hacia su ministerio público. Jesús había salido al río Jordán para buscar el bautismo de Juan. Aunque Jesús no era un pecador y, por lo tanto, no necesitaba arrepentimiento, eligió ir donde estaban esas personas. Esto es quién es Jesús; esto es quién es Dios. Dios es el que sale en busca del pecador y lo ayuda a llevar su carga. A medida que avanzamos con nuestro día y nuestra semana, hagámoslo consolados por estas verdades: Dios busca al pecador, lleva nuestras cargas con nosotros y nos ama incondicionalmente.