



**Our Lady of the Highways Catholic Church**  
**Parroquia Nuestra Señora de los Caminos**  
 943 Ball Park Road  
 Thomasville, North Carolina 27360  
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**January 5: The Epiphany 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:** Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses. Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD. ([Isaiah 60:1-6](#))

**Psalms:** Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. ([Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13.](#))

**Second:** Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ([Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6](#))

**Gospel:** When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: *And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.*" Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. ... ([Matthew 2:1-12](#))

**Please Save the Date** - The Catholic Charities 2025 Partners in Hope Dinner will be held on Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.ccdoc.org/PIH) or email [partnersinhopecc@gmail.com](mailto: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  
[Facebook](#) Elizabeth's Voice  
[Instagram](#) Elizabethsvoice4moms

Walk-Ins Are Welcomed



#### Room At The Inn

February 28<sup>th</sup>: 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](http://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/](http://www.roominn.org/raffle-tickets/)

### Pastor's Message

Dear Parishioners:

These winter days, light is in short supply. The days are at their shortest, and the weather its coldest. But in these long, dark nights when it is clear, we can see the stars. However bright they might be, they are a beautiful sight, a vibrant, twinkling, stark contrast to the night sky. Throughout human history the stars and the heavens have offered a tapestry of shapes and forms for stories and myths and have provided maps for navigation and guidance. One star in particular take center stage in today's Gospel. As we near the end of this Christmas season, we can follow the example of the Magi and take great joy in what has been revealed to us. We have celebrated again the beauty of Christmas, that God the Father sent his Son to be with us and bring light to cast out the darkness of the world. Our salvation calls us to go out and share the Good News. The joy of the Christmas season cannot be contained in this season but sends us out to share that light with others. Soon we will thanks for God's revelation and saving love through the breaking of the bread. May this Eucharistic thanksgiving strengthen our joy and allow it to be light for others.



## 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 Rapp, Holly Schroeder, 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.

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

Father Jack Kelly  
Kimberly Brown



## 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

[RespectLife@rcdoc.org](mailto:RespectLife@rcdoc.org)



704-370-3229

DIocese of CHARLOTTE  
FAMILY LIFE OFFICE



### 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, *Armed Catholics*

**BRINCK**  
 Father, Husband, Catholic Rapper

**RICK BARRETT**  
 Weapons Specialist, *The Armed Catholic*

**ANTHONY ABBATE & ROB BLYTON**  
 Poet, Husband, *Avoiding Babylon*

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

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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.

**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 next 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 el próximo 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:

En estos días de invierno, la luz es escasa. Los días son más cortos y el clima más frío. Pero en estas noches largas y oscuras, cuando está despejado, podemos ver las estrellas. Por más brillantes que sean, son una vista hermosa, un contraste vibrante, centelleante y marcado con el cielo nocturno. A lo largo de la historia humana, las estrellas y los cielos han ofrecido un tapiz de formas y figuras para historias y mitos y han proporcionado mapas para la navegación y la orientación. Una estrella en particular ocupa el centro del escenario en el Evangelio de hoy. Al acercarnos al final de esta temporada navideña, podemos seguir el ejemplo de los Magos y sentir una gran alegría por lo que se nos ha revelado. Hemos celebrado nuevamente la belleza de la Navidad, que Dios Padre envió a su Hijo para estar con nosotros y traer luz para expulsar la oscuridad del mundo. Nuestra salvación nos llama a salir y compartir la Buena Nueva. La alegría de la temporada navideña no se puede contener en esta temporada, sino que nos envía a compartir esa luz con los demás. Pronto daremos gracias por la revelación de Dios y el amor salvador a través de la fracción del pan. Que esta acción de gracias eucarística fortalezca nuestra alegría y permita que sea luz para los demás.