



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

943 Ball Park Road
Thomasville, North Carolina 27360

October 1st: Twenty Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

* Mass Schedule/Horario de Misas*

Saturdays/Sabados: 5:00 PM English
6:30 PM Español
Sundays/Domingos: 8:00 AM Español
10:00 AM English
12:00 PM Español
Tuesdays/Martes: 7:00 PM English
6:30 PM Liturgia de las horas
Fridays/Viernes: 6:00 PM Español

Adoration/Adoracion

Fridays/Viernes: 10:00 AM - 5:45 PM
Holy Day Masses will be announced/ Misas de dias festivos se anunciara

Reconciliation Schedule

Saturdays/Sabados: 4:00pm– 5:00pm
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.

Cherished: A Retreat for Those in a Season of Infertility

When: October 21, 8:30 am - 4:15 pm
Where: St. Gabriel Catholic Church, Charlotte

St. Gabriel Catholic Church (3016 Providence Rd, Charlotte, NC) and Springs in the Desert are partnering to offer Cherished, a day-long retreat, for those carrying the cross of infertility. You are not alone. Wherever you are on the path of infertility, we invite you to join the Springs in the Desert team as they reflect on the emotional, relational and spiritual aspects of the infertility experience, and offer practical suggestions for strengthening your relationship with God and your spouse. Come with your spouse or on your own for a time of prayer, healing, and friendship with others on this same path. The day includes Mass, time for prayer in Adoration, and the opportunity to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Information and Registration by October 7: www.stgabrielchurch.org/cherished

Parish Membership and benefits

To be considered an active, participating member of the parish, and thus eligible for tuition assistance in any catholic school and sacramental sponsor eligibility, Our Lady of the Highways takes into account a family or individual's ministry involvement and Mass attendance. Envelopes are the primary way we determine if parishioners are regularly attending Mass. We ask that if you can't make a contribution on a given Sunday, still place your envelope in the collection basket so we can record your attendance. Attendance at Mass is the most important thing we do as Catholics.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ Women's Spiritual Exercises Retreat St. Francis Springs Prayer Center, Stoneville, NC October 13-15, 2023

Step away from the noise of the everyday and spend time with Our Lord, receiving all He has prepared for you! Open to all women, this silent retreat will offer daily Mass, Eucharistic adoration, confession, spiritual direction, quiet time for personal prayer and meaningful reflections led by Fr. Stephen Ellis, LC. Single or double room accommodations with private baths, linens and meals included. Payment plan option available. Please visit www.rcnorthcarolina.org/women for registration details.

◆ Together in Holiness Marriage Conference

Married and engaged couples are invited to the fifth annual Together in Holiness marriage conference on **November 18, 2023 from 8:30 am - 3:45 pm at St. Barnabas Catholic Church in Arden, NC and St. Ann Catholic Church in Charlotte, NC.** This one-day conference will help you strengthen your relationship with your spouse and discover God's plan for your family. Registration: \$64/couple and \$5/child for on-site childcare. An Early Bird discount is available through October 2 as well as scholarships upon request. This conference is presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation and the Diocese of Charlotte. For more info, visit togetherinholiness.org or email

Pastor's Message

Dear Parishioners:

We all know the old saying, "Actions speak louder than words." Jesus teaches this very lesson in our Gospel today. The religious leaders of that ancient community spoke many pious words and gave the impression of great holiness. The Pharisees and Scripture scholars were considered the greatest servants of God in their communities. Once Jesus began to challenge them, they were revealed as righteous in speech but not in their treatment of others. Every time we attend Mass, we speak words of faith in the Holy Trinity and the Resurrection. The Lord calls us to do more than just speak words of surrender to God. We say, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven" and "Amen" when we receive his body and blood in the Eucharist. The challenge is to live as people who actually believe the words we speak and pray. May God always help us do so.



Scripture Readings

First Reading: But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed, he does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life. (Ez 18,27)

Psalms: Remember your mercies, O Lord. (Ps 25)

Second Reading: Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus. (Phil 2,5)

Gospel: Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you." (Mt 21,31)

PRAYER LIST

Our Sick and Homebound:

Flor Aguilar, Ellie Brown, Jeremy Brown, Kim Brown, Elmer Corron, Luigi DiPuorto, Damiana Garay, Steve Green, Marta Gutierrez, Betsy Ann & Craig O'Hara, Jeffrey Karkey, Theresa Longo, Griselda Martínez, Noreen Morin, Rick Price, Ted Rampp, Silvano Salazar, Juanita Sherman, Jerry and Sally Sturgis, Bill Tagliaferri, Jim and Dottie Whitehouse, Maryann Jones, Kermit Johnson, Luisa Ciardi, Rafael Juarez Salmeron, and Christi Thibodeau.

Friends & Family Serving in the Military:

Please let us know if these people are still in the military and need our prayers. Thank you:
Nicholas Green, 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.

Cycle Prep for Mothers With Their Daughters

When: October 1; 2 – 5 pm

Where: Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church

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 continue these conversations with her! *Recommended for girls ages 9-12*

Registration is FREE but is REQUIRED. Facilitated by the Charlotte Diocese Office of Family Life!

DIOCESAN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

If you are celebrating your Silver or Golden Wedding Anniversary this year and wish to be included in the celebration, please register at

<https://charlottediocese.org/bishops-yearly-anniversary-mass-for-couples/>.

The Mass will be held on **Sunday, October 22, 2023** at St. Patrick Catholic Church. Mass begins at 3:00 p.m. and will be followed by a reception.

Parish Survey

Please take a moment to complete the parish survey, in November Fr. Gabriel will meet with Bishop Jugis to discuss our pastoral plan and his vision for Our Lady of the Highways. Your feedback is very important for the pastoral plan and helping to plan the future of Our Lady of the Highways!

Scan the QR code to complete the survey. English version



<https://forms.office.com/r/3smFXFLS6F>

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Encuesta Parroquial

Tómese un momento para completar la encuesta parroquial, en noviembre el P. Gabriel se reunirá con el obispo Jugis para discutir nuestro plan pastoral y su visión para Nuestra Señora de las Carreteras. ¡Sus comentarios son muy importantes para el plan pastoral y ayudan a planificar el futuro de Nuestra Señora de las Carreteras! Escanee el código QR para completar la encuesta. versión Español.



<https://forms.office.com/r/DDAgtU9DaE>

Pláticas de Bautismo

Empezando octubre las pláticas de bautismo para niños hasta los 8 años, en español, serán el primer sábado de cada mes a las 9 a.m. en la iglesia. Los bautismos serán el segundo, tercero y cuarto sábado del mes a las 9 a.m.

Mensaje del parroco

Estimados feligreses:

Todos conocemos el viejo dicho: "Las acciones hablan más que las palabras". Jesús enseña esta misma lección en nuestro Evangelio de hoy. Los líderes religiosos de esa antigua comunidad hablaron muchas palabras piadosas y dieron la impresión de gran santidad de que los fariseos y los eruditos de las Escrituras eran considerados los más grandes siervos de Dios en sus comunidades. Una vez que Jesús comenzó a desafiarlos, se revelaron como justos en el habla, pero no en su trato hacia los demás. Cada vez que asistimos a Misa, hablamos palabras de fe en la Santísima Trinidad y la Resurrección. El Señor nos llama a hacer algo más que hablar palabras de entrega a Dios. Decimos: "Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo" y "Amén" cuando recibimos su cuerpo y sangre en la Eucaristía. El desafío es vivir como personas que realmente creen las palabras que hablamos y oramos. Que Dios siempre nos ayude a hacerlo.