



St. Mary, Mother of God, Catholic Church

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10/17/21 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

XXIX Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Pastor: Rev. Paul Asoh, MSP

Deacons: Rev. Mr. Matthew Newsome
Rev. Mr. John Szarek
Rev. Mr. Daniel Pyles

Director of Religious Education: Luci Castillo

Liturgical Music: Brad Martin / Joe Conway

Bookkeeper: Ellen Miller

St. Mary's Book Rack: Mary Ann Kuehl

Receptionists: Sarah Brown & Beth Fields

Office Assistant: Courtney McLaughlin

Office Hours / Horas de Oficina

Monday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday: 10am to 2pm

Lunes, Jueves, Viernes, Sabado: 10am to 2pm

MASS TIMES at St. Mary's

Weekend Masses:

Saturday Vigil at 7:00 pm (Español)

Sunday at 8:30 am 11:30 am

Daily Masses:

Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturdays at
9:00 am; Wednesday at 5:30 pm

Misas de fin de semana:

Vigilia del sábado a las 7:00 pm (Español)

Domingo a las 8:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.

Misas diarias:

Lunes, jueves, viernes y sábados a las 9:00 a.m.

Miércoles a las 5:30 p.m.

Mass Times at WCU: Catholic Campus Ministry

(during the academic school year) Sunday: 4:00 pm

Friday Daily Mass: 12:15 pm

CONFESSION/CONFESIONES at St. Mary's

Sunday: 10:45 until 11:15 am

Wednesdays at 4:45 pm, Friday at 9:30 am
and Saturday at 5:00 pm

Or by appointment

Tiempos de confesiones

Miércoles de 4:45-5:15 pm

Viernes 9:30-10:30 am durante la Adoración

Sábado 5:00-6:00 pm

O con cita previa

Adoration and Benediction

Every Friday following Mass until 10:30 am

1st Friday from 9:30 am -10:00 pm

1st Saturday Holy Hour after Mass

Adoración y Bendición

Todos los viernes después de la misa hasta las 10:30

a.m. 1er viernes de 9:30 a.m. a 10:00 p.m.

1er sábado hora santa después de la misa

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Calendar -October 17th to 24th

Sunday	8:30 am	Sunday Mass	Jim Alexander+
	11:30 am	Sunday Mass	Pro Populo
	4:00 pm	Sunday Mass (at WCU)	
Monday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	Fr. Richard Sutter
Tuesday:	6:00 pm	RCIA	Parish Hall
Wednesday:	5:30 pm	Daily Mass	Guy & Susan Karcher <i>25th Anniversary</i>
	6:30 pm	Faith Formation Classes	
Thursday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	Fr. Christopher Bond
Friday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	
Saturday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	
	7:00 pm	Misa de Vigilia:	
Sunday	8:30 am	Sunday Mass	Roger Grenier+
	11:30 am	Sunday Mass	Pro Populo
	4:00 pm	Sunday Mass (at WCU)	

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Mass / Misa	Ushers / Ujieres	Readers / Lecturas	Servers / Monaguillos
Sabado Oct 23 7:00pm		Juan Carlos Villegas	
Sunday Oct 24 8:30am	Mike Ensley Don Pierce	Sue Szarek	Brian Raming
Sunday Oct 24 11:30am	Robin Starrs Joe Cerniglia	Jonathan Fischer	Newsomes Gideon Freeman

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Value and Benefits of Holy Hour in Our lives, Parish and Town

I have decided to speak about the value of adoring the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament for an hour because I have noticed that though in the Parish we have regular periods of Holy hours with Benediction or Exposition, the number of person attending them are quite few. This is also true even for those who attend morning Mass or even come for confessions during the Holy Hour on Friday after Mass. Many times, they do not wait to spend time with the Lord. Many times, I am left with Deacon Matt and one or two adorers. Also, during our First Friday adoration from after Mass till Benediction at 9 pm, it has been difficult to fill the hours with more than one person adoring the Lord. And if that person is not available, at times others have had to stay for more than two hours. That is why in this talk I will want to remind us of the value and benefits of spending time with the lord before the Blessed Sacrament.



In the Gospel of Matthew, after He had instituted the Holy Eucharist, Jesus enjoined His disciples to “love one another as I have loved you”. During the agony in the Garden of Gethsemane the night before his crucifixion, Jesus spoke to his disciples, saying "My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch with me." (Matthew 26:38) Returning to the disciples after prayer, he found them asleep and in Matthew 26:40 he asked Peter: "So, could you not keep watch with me for an hour?" Jesus is saying the same thing to us in St Mary Mother of God.

The practice of a "daily Holy Hour" has been encouraged in the Catholic tradition, for centuries and popularized in 1673 by St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. Mother Teresa of Calcutta had a Holy Hour each day and all members of her Missionaries of Charity followed her example. The Holy Hour has been practiced by saints such as Gemma Galgani and Faustina Kowalska. St. John Paul II said that worship of the Eucharist outside of Mass is of “inestimable value” to the Church.

In adoration, we are invited to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. We suggest offering prayers of adoration, thanksgiving, reparation and petition while in adoration. Other suggestions include an examination of conscience or perhaps a reflection on a virtue that appeals to you. Other ideas include meditative reading, reading about the lives of the saints or praying the Rosary, the Psalms or Liturgy of the Hours, Alternately, it's acceptable just to sit quietly and be in God's presence. Think of the experience as visiting a friend and just enjoy being in His company. This is a good opportunity to listen to what He might be telling you.

What could be more helpful to many than the opportunity to talk to the Lord face to face. It is seeking His authority on how He wants us to use the talents He has given us. Before the Blessed Sacrament we receive spiritual radiation that heals any cancer of our spirit and at times restores us even physically. It is also presenting our ailments, failures, fears, anxieties and storms for calm, and offering our broken self and nation for healing. It is also sharing with Him our joys, successes and thanksgiving. It is an opportunity to implore His mercies to bring this Pandemic to an end. Brothers and sisters let us make more time to spend more time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Sincerely in Christ, Pastor, Fr. Paul Asoh, MSP

Housekeeping:

1. We have a second collection next Sunday as we celebrate Mission Sunday. This will be sent to the Office of The Propagation of Faith to help with missionary work. “Some give to the mission by going, while others go to the missions by giving”.
2. We have stable office times which are published on the front page of the bulletin this week.
3. The Fall Festival in the Parish comes up Friday October 29 starting by 5 pm.

Desde el Escritorio del Pastor

Mis queridos hermanos y hermanas:

Valor y beneficios de la Hora Santa en nuestras vidas, parroquia y ciudad

He decidido hablar sobre el valor de adorar al Señor en el Santísimo Sacramento durante una hora porque he notado que aunque en la Parroquia tenemos períodos regulares de Horas Santas con Bendición o Exposición, el número de personas que los asiste es bastante pequeño. Esto también es cierto incluso para aquellos que asisten a la Misa matutina o incluso vienen a confesarse durante la Hora Santa el viernes después de la Misa. Muchas veces, no esperan para pasar tiempo con el Señor. Muchas veces me quedo con el diácono Matt y uno o dos adoradores. Además, durante nuestra adoración del primer viernes desde después de la misa hasta la bendición a las 9 pm, ha sido difícil llenar las horas con más de una persona adorando al Señor. Y si esa persona no está disponible, en ocasiones otras han tenido que quedarse más de dos horas. Es por eso que en esta charla querré recordarnos el valor y los beneficios de pasar tiempo con el Señor ante el Santísimo Sacramento.



En el Evangelio de Mateo, después de haber instituido la Sagrada Eucaristía, Jesús ordenó a sus discípulos que “se amen los unos a los otros como yo los he amado a ustedes”. Durante la agonía en el Huerto de Getsemaní la noche antes de su crucifixión, Jesús habló a sus discípulos, diciendo: "Mi alma está triste hasta la muerte. Quédense aquí y velen conmigo". (Mateo 26:38) Al regresar a los discípulos después de la oración, los encontró dormidos y en Mateo 26:40 le preguntó a Pedro: "Entonces, ¿no podrías velar conmigo por una hora?" Jesús nos dice lo mismo en Santa María Madre de Dios.

La práctica de una "Hora Santa diaria" ha sido fomentada en la tradición católica durante siglos y popularizada en 1673 por Santa Margarita María Alacoque. La Madre Teresa de Calcuta tenía una Hora Santa todos los días y todos los miembros de sus Misioneras de la Caridad siguieron su ejemplo. La Hora Santa ha sido practicada por santos como Gemma Galgani y Faustina Kowalska. San Juan Pablo II dijo que el culto a la Eucaristía fuera de la Misa es de “valor inestimable” para la Iglesia.

En adoración, se nos invita a rezar ante el Santísimo Sacramento. Sugerimos ofrecer oraciones de adoración, acción de gracias, reparación y petición durante la adoración. Otras sugerencias incluyen un examen de conciencia o quizás una reflexión sobre una virtud que le atraiga. Otras ideas incluyen lectura meditativa, leer sobre la vida de los santos o rezar el Rosario, los Salmos o la Liturgia de las Horas. Alternativamente, es aceptable simplemente sentarse en silencio y estar en la presencia de Dios. Piense en la experiencia como visitar a un amigo y simplemente disfrute de estar en Su compañía. Ésta es una buena oportunidad para escuchar lo que podría estar diciendo.

¿Qué podría ser más útil para muchos que la oportunidad de hablar con el Señor cara a cara? Es buscar su autoridad sobre cómo quiere que usemos los talentos que nos ha dado. Ante el Santísimo Sacramento recibimos radiación espiritual que cura cualquier cáncer de nuestro espíritu y en ocasiones nos restaura incluso físicamente. También presenta nuestras dolencias, fracasos, miedos, ansiedades y tormentas para la calma, y ofrece nuestro yo y nuestra nación quebrantados para que se curen. También es compartir con Él nuestras alegrías, éxitos y agradecimiento. Es una oportunidad para implorar sus misericordias para poner fin a esta pandemia. Hermanos y hermanas, hagamos más tiempo para pasar más tiempo con Jesús en el Santísimo Sacramento.

Sinceramente en Cristo, Pastor, P. Paul Asoh, MSP

Noticias:

- 1 Tenemos una segunda colecta el próximo domingo mientras celebramos el Domingo de las Misiones. Esto se enviará a la Oficina de Propagación de la Fe para ayudar con la obra misional. “Algunos dan a la misión yendo, mientras que otros van a las misiones dando”.
2. Tenemos horarios de oficina estables que se publican en la portada del boletín esta semana.
3. El Festival de Otoño en la Parroquia comienza el viernes 29 de octubre a partir de las 5 pm.

Religious Education

Faith Formation Classes are Wednesday October 20th, at 6:30pm

Will begin with Adoration with a community meeting afterwards.

Remember you will get screened at the entrance.

If you are interested in volunteering please come and talk to Luci. We appreciate your help!

Las clases de formación de fe son el miércoles 20 de octubre a las 6:30 pm

Comenzará con la Adoración con una reunión comunitaria después.

Recuerde que le checaran la temperatura en la entrada.

Si está interesado en ser voluntario, venga y hable con Luci. ¡Apreciamos su ayuda!

Stewardship

The offertory collection last weekend was \$2,390; Month to date: \$5,607

Priests Retirement: \$4,255 has been collected toward our goal of \$4,611

La recaudación del ofertorio el semana pasado fue de \$2,390; Mes: \$5,607

Jubilación de sacerdotes: Se han recaudado \$4,255 para nuestra meta de \$4,611

WCU Campus Ministry News

Thanks to everyone who participated in our campus ministry raffle last weekend. Through your generosity, *we were able to raise \$500* for our ministry. The drawing for the *two \$1000* cash prizes will be on **December 16**, so you still have a chance to purchase tickets for \$5 (or 5 for \$20). See Deacon Matt or email ccm@wcucatholic.org.

We are planning a *Day of Reflection* for our students on Saturday, **Nov. 13**. If you are interested in helping out by donating a meal, dessert, or snack, please contact Deacon Matt at the above email address. Thank you for your support of our ministry!



2021 MINISTRY FAIR

**After All Masses
NOV 6th AND 7th**

Location: Parish Hall

Sponsored by the Stewardship Committee

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS - POR FAVOR GUARDE EN SUS ORACIONES:

Mary Ann Asbury, Justin Basenese, Jacki Bautista, Michael Burke, Moon Chung, Jim Clark,
Sheila Coller, Will Crain, Diane Glover, Jim Glover, Rory Glover, Monica Glover,
Miles Harris, Debbie Hentschel, Barbara Jakiela, Skip Karby, Souhair Kwaham, Rita Lamanna,
Daniella Machado, Tim Mann, Karen Matulis, Peter Namotka, Georgia Newsom,
William Newsom, Jr., William Newsom, Sr., William Owen, Cathleen Pilch, Stephen Pilch,
Zig Pilch, Cynthia Pitts, Alicia Ramirez, David and Allene Ramsey, Stuart and Janet Snyder, Jay
Thorne, Allen Thurston, Joshua Turner, Lewis Turner, Joe Waters, Pauline Watson, Bonnie Welch,
Elaine Wilkes

Those Called to Active Duty: Luke Turner

Serving a Vocation: Sr. Catherine, OCD and Fr. Joseph Wasswa (Diocese of Charlotte)

and for all the prayers written in our parish book of prayers.

*If you know of someone to be added to the prayer list
or is homebound that would like a visit please email or call the office.*

Ministry Fair – November 6 & 7 – Feria del Ministerio

**Come and see all the COMMISSIONS and
COMMITTEES to join or volunteer!**

Parish Life Commission

- Plan, coordinate, and execute social and recreational programs and events to bring the parish family together.
- Whether it be parish-wide or in small groups, provide opportunities for to come together in community.
- Assist other commissions in celebrating parish events.

Outreach Commission

- Promote and deliver programs with emphasis on social services, Pro-Life, social justice, and other ministries important to our community.
- Includes the St. Mary Respect Life committee.
- Increase awareness on the important issues affecting our parish and community: Poverty and food disparities; Increase in domestic and sexual violence; Devaluation of human life plaguing our society today.

Hispanic Community Commission

- Ensure that the needs and rich faithful customs of the Hispanic Catholic culture are met at St. Mary Mother of God.
- Facilitate communication between the Spanish and English-speaking members of St. Mary's so that we understand we are one parish, one faith, one body in Christ.

**Watch the bulletin to learn about all of our
Commissions and Committees at St. Mary**

**¡Ven y conoce todas las COMISIONES y
COMITÉS para unirte o ser voluntario!**

Comisión de Vida Parroquial

- Planificar, coordinar y ejecutar programas y eventos sociales y recreativos para unir a la familia parroquial.
- Ya sea en toda la parroquia o en grupos pequeños, brinde oportunidades para reunirse en la comunidad.
- Ayudar a otras comisiones a celebrar eventos parroquiales.

Comisión de Divulgación

- Promover y entregar programas con énfasis en servicios sociales, Pro-Vida, justicia social y otros ministerios importantes para nuestra comunidad.
- Incluye el comité de Respeto a la Vida de St. Mary.
- Aumentar la conciencia sobre los problemas importantes que afectan a nuestra parroquia y comunidad: pobreza; Aumento de la violencia doméstica; La devaluación de la vida humana.

Comisión de la Comunidad Hispana

- Asegurar que las necesidades y las ricas costumbres fieles de la cultura católica hispana se satisfagan.
- Facilitar la comunicación entre los miembros de habla hispana e inglesa para que entendamos que somos una parroquia, una fe, un cuerpo en Cristo.

**Mire el boletín para conocer todas nuestras
comisiones y comités en Santa María**

Parish Organizations

Parish Council

Chair: Brian Raming
Secretary: Sue Szarek

Parish Finance Council

Chair: Robin Starrs

Buildings & Grounds Commission

Chair: Don Pierce

Communications & Evangelization Commission

Chair: Mike Ensley

- Online & Social Media Resources:
Deacon. Matt and Steve Kuehl

Community Outreach Commission

Chair: Elaina Quijada

- Food Pantry: Yenny Sanchez
- Respect Life: Sue Szarek
- Prison Ministry: Steve Kuehl

Faith Education & Formation Commission

DRE: Luci Castillo

- Sacramental Preparation: Bonny Dodge
 - RCIA Coordinator: Mike Ensley
- Small Group Bible Studies: Tom Asbury

Liturgical Commission

Chair: Joe Conway

- Altar Guild: Sue Szarek

Hispanic Community Commission

Chair: Javier and Marta Espinoza

Parish Life Commission

Chair: Beth Fields

- Deputy Chair: Bonny Dodge
- Knights of Columbus: Jonathan Fischer
- Lay Carmelites: Director: Jean Burton

Stewardship Committee

Chair: Brian Raming

WCU Campus Ministry

Campus Minister: Deacon Matt Newsome

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New to the parish?

Please stop by the Welcome Desk in the Hall and complete a registration form.

**If interested in volunteer opportunities please call the office
and we will help you share your time and talents within the parish.**

¿Nuevo en la parroquia?

Pase por el mostrador de bienvenida en el salón y complete un formulario de registro.

**Si está interesado en oportunidades de voluntariado, llame a la oficina
y veremos cómo compartir su tiempo y talentos dentro de la parroquia.**



FALL FESTIVAL

AT ST.MARY'S

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29TH
AT 5:00PM

ACTIVITIES

CAR DECORATIONS

SOCCER CHALLENGE

COOK BOOK RECIPE DINNER

NEIGHBORHOOD TRICK-OR-TREATING

SMASH PIE

SILENT AUCTION

COSTUME CONTEST

DRESS
YOUR
CHILD AS
A SAINT.
BEST
COSTUME
WINS!

Sign up on the sheet in
the hall to show off
your favorite recipe!

Bring your favorite recipe or national dish

