



St. Mary, Mother of God, Catholic Church

22 Bartlett Street, Sylva NC, 28779

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12/05/21 2nd Sunday of Advent

II Domingo de Adviento

Pastor: Rev. Paul Asoh, MSP (Ext 102)

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

Administrative Assistant to the Pastor / DRE:

Luci Castillo (Ext 101/103)

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Liturgical Music: Brad Martin / Joe Conway (Ext 104)

Bookkeeper: Ellen Miller

St. Mary's Book Rack: Mary Ann Kuehl

Receptionist: Beth Fields

Office Assistant: Courtney McLaughlin

Office Hours / Horas de Oficina

Monday & Thursday: 10 to 2; Friday: 9 to 2; Saturday: 10 to 1

Lunes y Jueves: 10 to 2; Viernes: 9 to 2 Sabado: 10 to 1

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 -9:00 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

Main Line/Reception: 828-586-9496 Sacrament Emergency: 828-631-0576

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Calendar – December 5th to December 12th

Sunday	8:30 am	Sunday Mass	Skip Karby+
	10:00 am	Donuts, Dogma & Scripture	St. Joseph (Fr. Paul)
	11:30 am	Sunday Mass	Melissa Townsend
	4:00 pm	Sunday Mass (at WCU)	Francis Faith Kempfer+ and the Kempfer Family (with Dcn. Sigfredo)
	7:00 pm	Hispanic Catechesis	
Monday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	Tim Reitz
Tuesday:	6:00 pm	RCIA	Parish Hall
Wednesday:	9:00 am	Immaculate Conception	
	5:30 pm	Immaculate Conception	Stanley Pilch+
	6:30 pm	Advent Retreat – Session 1	Until 8:30 pm
Thursday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	Honor of Our Lady of Lourdes
	10:00 am	Advent Retreat – Session 2	Until 12:00 pm
	5:00 pm	Advent Retreat – Session 3	
	6:00 pm	Advent Penance Service	Until 8:00 pm
Friday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	Skip Karby+
Saturday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	Alicia Elias+
	7:00 pm	Misa de Vigilia:	
Sunday	8:30 am	Sunday Mass	Jim Alexander+
	10:00 am	Donuts, Dogma & Scripture	Our Lady of Guadalupe
	11:30 am	Sunday Mass	Pro Populo
	4:00 pm	Sunday Mass (at WCU)	
	5:30 pm	Guadalupe Procession	From El Mercadito (104 W. Main)
	7:00 pm	Our Lady of Guadalupe	Familia Perez

To request a Mass Intention: Email to massintentions@stmarymotherofgod.com

Use the envelopes near the women's bathroom

Liturgical Minister Schedule – Next Week

Mass / Misa	Ushers / Hospitalidad	Readers / Lecturas	Servers / Monaguillos
Sabado Dec 11 7:00pm	Familia Ovando-Frias	Benita Bueno	
Sunday Dec 12 8:30am	Mike Ensley Don Pierce	Sue Szarek	Todd Wenberg
Sunday Dec 12 11:30am	Robin Starrs Joe Cerniglia	Jonathan Fischer	Newsomes Gideon Freeman

From the Pastor's Desk

Reflections on Repentance

On this Second Sunday of Advent, Year C, 2021 our Sunday Readings are from Baruch 5, 1-9; Philippians 1:4-6,8-11; Luke 3:1-6; and our Song of Praise is Psalm 126. Our theme is "Reflections on Repentance for the Forgiveness of Sins," taken from the message of John the Baptist who appears on the scene during the Season of Advent. In preparation for the Lord's coming, John the Baptist calls us to repentance for the forgiveness of our sins. This is central to every other thing we might want to do for an enjoyable Christmas, though it might not be on our checklist of things we need before Christmas, and hardly so. You will remember that among our usual prayers for a holy celebration of the Mass, is the call to repent of the wrongs we have done or failed to do, and so we seek forgiveness for our sins. Why do we pray that way if not that we want to properly prepare a place for our Lord in our hearts? Advent is a preparation for Christ to have His place in us all the days of our lives.

This week we celebrate the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of our Blessed Mother, and at the beginning of next week, the Feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. All are invited to participate in an evening Marian procession, followed by the Votive Mass to our Lady and ending with the Parish fiesta. Just like Mary our Mother, humble and trusting, we must adequately respond to the love and invitation of God. Hence, St. Paul in writing to the Philippians prays that our love might increase ever more in knowledge and the value for greater preparation, filled with the fruit of righteousness for the glory and praise of God in Christ Jesus, (cf. Phil. 1:9-11). The Lord Jesus brought salvation to our door step, and called us to repentance. These are what John the Baptist challenges us to do this season, (cf. Lk. 3:1-6). We have the opportunity of reflection, renewal and repentance by participating in the Parish Advent Mission/Retreat facilitated by Brian Pusateri and Broken Word ministry.

This season, in response to the challenge of John the Baptist, we must stand firm and speak the real and tough truth, the prophetic truth, to ourselves. We must put things straight. For example, we cannot have laws to protect the unborn, and also have the laws to kill them, and have Christian attorneys, juries and judges who defend them as just laws. Our God is a God of Justice and Truth, Peace and Righteousness. The laws of each nation reflect or depict the God those nations serve and worship. Christians will not get the justice and peace we seek unless we prepare and position ourselves in places of power and leadership, armed with our practice of truth and righteousness, and self-sacrifice for God and humanity. God who saved us without ourselves, would want us to protect one another out of love of our neighbors, in truth, justice and peace.

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

Housekeeping:

1. Mr. William Newsom died last Thursday. He is the husband of our Parishioner Georgia Newsom who sings in the Choir. His funeral Mass will be on Saturday December 11 at 11am. We pray for God's mercy and eternal rest on his soul, and consolation for Georgia and their whole family.
2. There will be a Parish Advent Mission/Retreat starting after the evening Mass on Wednesday December 8 and ending with Advent confessions Thursday evening from 6 to 8 pm. This Mission and the talk on St. Joseph end our Year of St. Joseph. Details are on the back of the bulletin.
3. If you don't have one, please pick up a copy of the Parish Christmas gift book titled "Living Joy – 9 Rules to Help You Rediscover and Live Joy Every Day" by Chris Stefanick. Chris is an internationally acclaimed Catholic author.
4. This week during Donuts, Dogma and Scripture I will be speaking on St. Joseph. The Year of St. Joseph ends this Wednesday, December 8, which is also the Solemnity of Immaculate Conception. Pope Francis proclaimed the Year at the same time last year. Please stop in the Parish Hall between the Masses at 10:00am for some snacks, coffee, the sharing of the faith and Scripture. You will also find out how we can gain the indulgences of the Year of St. Joseph.
5. We thank Parishioners for their support during the second collection last week to pay for our annual Formed subscription. \$1,026 was collected which will pay for our subscription with a surplus of \$27. Thank you!
6. Next weekend (December 11 and 12), we have the last Second collection for the year for the Retirement Fund for all the Religious women and men who have worked or are working in our Diocese. A donor to the Retirement Fund for the Religious writes "I still remember the lessons the sisters gave us and how they instilled in us the love of our faith". Your gift next weekend provides care, medicine, and more for these our elderly Religious sisters, brothers and priests.
7. The Parish will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on the evening of Sunday, December 12. It will begin with gathering for Procession by 5 pm at the El Marcadito Spanish store, then the Procession starting by 5:30 pm. Mass begins after the Procession, followed by a Parish fiesta in the Parish Hall after the Mass.
8. Parishioners can now donate towards the purchase of poinsettias for the decoration of the Church at the last week of Advent. A Lowes gift card will also help in that regard.



Desde el Escritorio del Pastor

Reflexiones sobre el Arrepentimiento

En este segundo domingo de Adviento, año C, 2021, nuestras lecturas dominicales son de Baruc 5, 1-9; Filipenses 1: 4-6,8-11; Lucas 3: 1-6; y nuestro Canto de alabanza es el Salmo 126. Nuestro tema es "Reflexiones sobre el arrepentimiento para el perdón de los pecados", tomado del mensaje de Juan el Bautista que aparece en escena durante el tiempo de Adviento. En preparación para la venida del Señor, Juan el Bautista nos llama al arrepentimiento para el perdón de nuestros pecados. Esto es fundamental para todas las demás cosas que podríamos querer hacer para disfrutar de una Navidad agradable, aunque es posible que no esté en nuestra lista de verificación de las cosas que necesitamos antes de Navidad, y difícilmente. Recordarás que entre nuestras oraciones habituales para una celebración santa de la Misa, está el llamado a arrepentirnos de los males que hemos cometido o dejado de hacer, y por eso buscamos el perdón de nuestros pecados. ¿Por qué oramos de esa manera si no es porque queremos preparar adecuadamente un lugar para nuestro Señor en nuestros corazones? El Adviento es una preparación para que Cristo tenga Su lugar en nosotros todos los días de nuestra vida.

Esta semana celebramos la solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción de nuestra Santísima Madre, ya principios de la próxima semana, la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Todos están invitados a participar en una procesión mariana vespertina, seguida de la Misa Votiva a la Virgen y terminando con la fiesta parroquial. Como María nuestra Madre, humilde y confiada, debemos responder adecuadamente al amor y la invitación de Dios. Por tanto, San Pablo, escribiendo a los Filipenses, ora para que nuestro amor aumente cada vez más en conocimiento y en valor para una mayor preparación, colmado del fruto de la justicia para gloria y alabanza de Dios en Cristo Jesús (cf. Fil. 1). : 9-11). El Señor Jesús trajo la salvación a nuestra puerta y nos llamó al arrepentimiento. Esto es lo que Juan el Bautista nos desafía a hacer en esta temporada (cf. Lc. 3: 1-6). Tenemos la oportunidad de reflexión, renovación y arrepentimiento al participar en la Misión / Retiro Parroquial de Adviento facilitado por Brian Pusateri y el ministerio Broken Word.

Esta temporada, en respuesta al desafío de Juan el Bautista, debemos mantenernos firmes y decirnos la verdad real y dura, la verdad profética, a nosotros mismos. Debemos aclarar las cosas. Por ejemplo, no podemos tener leyes para proteger a los no nacidos, y también tener leyes para matarlos, y tener abogados, jurados y jueces cristianos que los defiendan como leyes justas. Nuestro Dios es un Dios de justicia y verdad, paz y rectitud. Las leyes de cada nación reflejan o describen al Dios que esas naciones sirven y adoran. Los cristianos no obtendrán la justicia y la paz que buscamos a menos que nos preparemos y nos coloquemos en lugares de poder y liderazgo, armados con nuestra práctica de la verdad y la rectitud, y el sacrificio personal por Dios y la humanidad. Dios, que nos salvó sin nosotros mismos, quisiera que nos protegiéramos unos a otros por amor a nuestro prójimo, en verdad, justicia y paz.

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

Noticias:

1. Oramos El Sr. William Newsom falleció el jueves pasado. Es el esposo de nuestro feligrés Georgia Newsom quien canta en el Coro. Su misa fúnebre será el sábado 11 de diciembre a las 11 de la mañana. Oramos por la misericordia de Dios y el descanso eterno en su alma, y el consuelo para Georgia y toda su familia.
2. Habrá una Misión Parroquial de Adviento / Retiro comenzando después de la Misa de la tarde el miércoles 8 de diciembre y terminando con las confesiones de Adviento el jueves por la noche de 6 a 8 pm. Esta Misión y la charla sobre San José ponen fin a nuestro Año de San José. Los detalles se encuentran en la parte posterior del boletín.
3. Si no tiene uno, recoja una copia del libro de regalos de Navidad de la parroquia titulado "Vivir el gozo: 9 reglas para ayudarlo a redescubrir y vivir el gozo todos los días" de Chris Stefanick. Chris es un autor católico de renombre internacional.
4. Esta semana durante Donuts, Dogma and Scripture hablaré sobre San José. El Año de San José finaliza este miércoles 8 de diciembre, que es también la Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción. El Papa Francisco proclamó el Año en la misma época el año pasado. Deténgase en el salón parroquial entre las misas a las 10:00 am para tomar un refrigerio, café, compartir la fe y las Escrituras. También descubrirá cómo podemos obtener las indulgencias del Año de San José.
5. Agradecemos a los feligreses por su apoyo durante la segunda colecta la semana pasada para pagar nuestra suscripción anual Formed. Se recaudaron \$ 1,026 que pagarán nuestra suscripción con un excedente de \$ 27. ¡Gracias!
6. El próximo fin de semana (11 y 12 de diciembre), tendremos la última Segunda colecta del año para el Fondo de Jubilación de todos los religiosos y religiosas que han trabajado o están trabajando en nuestra Diócesis. Un donante del Fondo de Jubilación para Religiosos escribe: "Todavía recuerdo las lecciones que nos dieron las hermanas y cómo nos inculcaron el amor de nuestra fe". Su donación el próximo fin de semana brinda atención, medicina y más para estas nuestras hermanas religiosas, hermanos y sacerdotes ancianos.
7. La Parroquia celebrará la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en la noche del domingo 12 de diciembre. Comenzará con una reunión para la Procesión a las 5 pm en la tienda en español El Marcadito, luego la Procesión comenzará a las 5:30 pm. La misa comienza después de la procesión, seguida de una fiesta parroquial en el salón parroquial después de la misa.
8. Los feligreses ahora pueden donar para la compra de poinsettias para la decoración de la Iglesia en la última semana de Adviento. Una tarjeta de regalo de Lowes también ayudará en ese sentido.



Religious Education

Faith Formation Classes are Wednesday December 15th, at 6:30pm

Remember you will get screened at the entrance.

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

Las clases de formación de fe son el miércoles 15 de diciembre a las 6:30 pm

Recuerde que le checaran la temperatura en la entrada.

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

VISIT THE BOOK RACK

Missals for 2022 and Guides for the Liturgy of the Hours are now available.

We also have Advent and Christmas items!

VISITA EL ESTANTE DE LIBROS

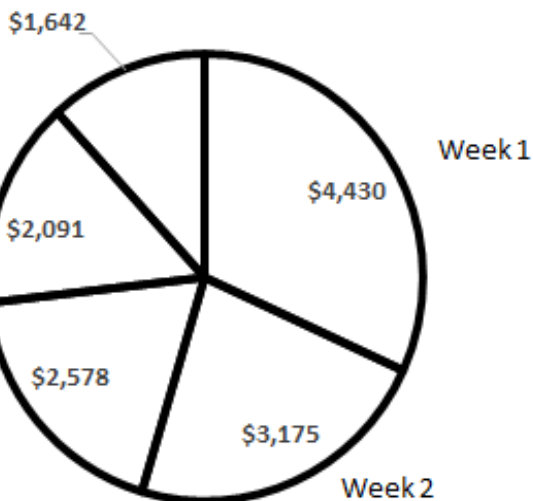
Los Misales para 2022 y las Guías para la Liturgia de las Horas ya están disponibles.

¡También tenemos artículos de Adviento y Navidad!

Stewardship

November Offertory

November Budget
Shortfall



DSA 2021

GOAL OF \$19,856

Collected and Pledged total \$19,375 (97.5%)
49 participating families



Priests Retirement 2021



WCU Campus Ministry News

Holiday Masses at WCU:

Sunday Dec 12 Final Mass of the semester (No Mass on campus until January)

Sunday Jan 9 First campus Mass in 2022

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, Martin Espinoza+, 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, Paula McCafferty & McCafferty Family, Peter Namotka, Georgia Newsom, William Newsom, Jr., William Newsom, Sr.+, Tom Nicoletti & Nicoletti Family, William Owen, Cathleen Pilch, Stephen Pilch, Zig Pilch, Cynthia Pitts, Alicia Ramirez, 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.*

Masses for the Immuno-Compromised

With the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the emergence of the omicron variant, the protocols below are being adopted *beginning Sunday, December 12*, to make our parish more welcoming to those with higher health risk or concerns.

Out of love and respect for our whole parish family,
please follow these guidelines.

SUNDAY – 8:30am Mass

Mass will be live-streamed
to the Fellowship Hall

The door to the shelter area
will be unlocked for access

MASKS ARE REQUIRED IN THE HALL

Social distancing is required, and
singing is not allowed in the Hall

A Eucharistic Minister (with mask)
will bring communion

Special air filtration is in place

Wednesday – 5:30pm Mass

The right transept is reserved
for those with high risk

**MASKS ARE REQUIRED
IN THE RIGHT TRANSEPT**

All are requested to wear masks

Celebrant will wear a mask
when giving communion

Singing is not allowed
Practice social distancing at communion

Special air filtration is in place

For the Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00pm the Sunday protocols will be used.

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

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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.**

A Three-Part Advent Retreat

Blessed, Broken and Scared

December 8-9, 2021

ST. MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

22 Bartlett St. Sylva, NC 28779

The message is delivered in ***three*** parts
Make plans to attend ***all*** three sessions

Wednesday December 8th following 5:30PM mass from **6:30PM-8:30PM**

Thursday December 9th following 9:00AM mass from **10AM -Noon**

Thursday December 9th prior to Advent Confessions from **5:00PM -6:00PM**

Jesus was born into a broken world and filled it with blessings. What keeps us from unwrapping such a great gift? Discover how God can transform us into a gift for others.

Retreat Leader: Brian Pusateri

Brian is a Catholic lay evangelist, the author of 4th Day Letters and founder of Broken Door Ministries. Brian's life was forever changed by a gift he received from God in 2011. Since then, he has been sharing this gift at retreats and missions across the country. He invites you to come and see what gift God has for you, as you prepare for Christmas.

Join the many others whose lives have been changed by a message of mercy, healing, and hope.

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