



St. Mary, Mother of God, Catholic Church

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2/06/22 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

V Domingo en el Tiempo Ordinario

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)

Receptionist / Office Assistant: Sarah Brown (Ext 100)

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

Bookkeeper: Ellen Miller

St. Mary's Book Rack: Mary Ann Kuehl

Receptionist: Beth Fields

“Do not be afraid. From now on you will be catching men.”

MASS TIMES at St. Mary Mother of God

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 am & 11:30 am

Misas diarias:

Lunes, jueves, viernes y sábados a las 9:00 am

Miércoles a las 5:30 pm

Mass Times at WCU: Catholic Campus Ministry

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

Friday Daily Mass: 12:15 pm

CONFESSION/CONFESIONES

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 Misa hasta las 10:30 am

Primer viernes de 9:30 am a 10:00 pm

Primer sábado Hora Santa después de la Misa

Main Line/Reception: 828-586-9496

Sacrament Emergency: 828-631-0576

Email: smmgoffice@stmarymotherofgod.com

Calendar - February 6th to 13th

Sunday	8:30 am	Sunday Mass	Newsom Family
	10:00 am	Donuts, Dogma & Scripture	Sibling Rivalry & Parents Responsibility (Fr. Paul)
	11:30 am	Sunday Mass	Pro Populo
	4:00 pm	Sunday Mass (at WCU)	
Monday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	Cheslie Kryst+
	7:00 pm	Hispanic Ministry Meeting	
Tuesday:	6:00 pm	RCIA	Parish Hall
Wednesday:	5:30 pm	Daily Mass	Virginia Wittekind+
	6:30 pm	First Communion Class	
Thursday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	Dylan Sylwester
	11:30 am	Staff Meeting	
	6:00 pm	Catholic Daughters of America Meeting	
Friday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	William Newsom+
	6:00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration (until 8:00 pm)	
	12:15 pm	Daily Mass (at WCU)	
Saturday:	8:00 am	Blessing for Couples Renewing Vows	
	9:00 am	Daily Mass	
	9:30 am	Knights of Columbus 4 th Degree Meeting	
	7:00 pm	Misa de Vigilia	Renewal of Wedding Vows
Sunday	8:30 am	Sunday Mass	Jim Alexander+
	10:00 am	Donuts, Dogma & Scripture	The What & Why of Fasting (Dcn. Matt)
	11:30 am	Sunday Mass	Pro Populo
	4:00 pm	Sunday Mass (at WCU)	

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 Feb 12 7:00pm	Familia Pérez	Patricia Hernandez	
Sunday Feb 13 8:30am	Mike Ensley Don Pierce	Brian Raming	Brian Raming
Sunday Feb 13 11:30am	Robin Starrs Joe Cerniglia	Sheila Painschab Bella Core	Newsomes Gideon Freeman

From the Pastor's Desk

Requesting Masses for Special Intentions

The custom of offering Masses for specific intentions is a very ancient tradition in the Church. The Mass is the prayer of Christ and the Church. For this reason the Church considers the Mass as the greatest possible prayer of intercession as it is the perfect offering of Christ to the Father by making present the paschal mystery of his death and resurrection. We can offer Masses for various intentions of thanksgiving, anniversaries, memorials, petitions for healings and other needs. One must never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit one's soul. Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical "Mirae Caritatis" (Wonderful Love – 1902) beautifully elaborated this point and emphasized the connection between the communion of saints with the Mass: "The grace of mutual love among the living, strengthened and increased by the sacrament of the Eucharist, flows, especially by virtue of the Sacrifice [of the Mass], to all who belong to the communion of saints. For the communion of saints is simply ... the mutual sharing of help, atonement, prayers and benefits among the faithful, those already in the heavenly fatherland, those consigned to the purifying fire, and those still making their pilgrim way here on earth. These all form one city, whose head is Christ, and whose vital principle is love. In his encyclical "Ecclesia de Eucharistia (Church of the Eucharist)," Pope St. John Paul II taught, "In the celebration of the Eucharistic Sacrifice, the Church prays that God, the Father of mercies, will grant His children the fullness of the Holy Spirit so that they may become one body and one spirit in Christ. In raising this prayer to the Father of lights, from whom comes every good endowment and every perfect gift, the Church believes that she will be heard, for she prays in union with Christ her Head and Spouse, who takes up this plea of His Bride and joins it to His own redemptive sacrifice" (No. 43).



The tradition of offering Masses for others, particularly the dead, began in the very early Church. Inscriptions discovered on tombs in Roman catacombs of the 2nd century give evidence this practice: The epitaph on the tomb of Abercius (d. 180), Bishop of Hieropolis in Phrygia, begs for prayers for the repose of his soul. Tertullian (c. 200) attested to observing the anniversary of a spouse with prayers and sacrifices, (such as the Mass): "Indeed she prays for his soul, and requests refreshment for him meanwhile, and fellowship with him in the first resurrection; and she offers her sacrifice on the anniversaries of his falling asleep" (On Monogamy, X). Moreover, the Canons of Hippolytus (c. 235) explicitly mentions the offering of prayers for the dead during the Mass. St. Cyril of Jerusalem (d. 386), in one of his many catechetical discourses, explained how at Mass both the living and dead are remembered, and how the Eucharistic Sacrifice of our Lord is of benefit to sinners, living and dead. St. Ambrose (d. 397) preached, "We have loved them during life; let us not abandon them in death, until we have conducted them by our prayers into the house of the Lord." St. John Chrysostom (d. 407) stated, "Let us help and commemorate them. If Job's sons were purified by their father's sacrifice, why would we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation? Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them." St. Augustine (d. 430) recorded the dying wishes of his mother, St. Monica, in his Confessions: "One thing only I ask you, that you remember me at the altar of the Lord wherever you may be." Finally, Pope St. Gregory (d. 604) said, "Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them."

The intention of the Mass is also determined by various factors: The Church may stipulate the particular intention; for example, all pastors are required to offer one Mass on Sunday for the intentions of the living and deceased parishioners of a parish. A priest may also have his own particular intention in offering a Mass, such as the repose of the soul of his parents. Finally, a person may ask a priest to offer a Mass for a particular intention as mentioned above. The faithful generally make an offering, called a stipend (donation) to the priest who applies the Mass to their specific intention. This is usually given to the Parish office or put in the Mass intention envelopes (which can be found near the women's restroom). By making this offering, the faithful, by parting with something that is their own, associate themselves more intimately with Christ. The offering of a stipend is also a means whereby Catholics may contribute to the upkeep of the clergy. However, so as to avoid even the appearance of commerce in sacred things, the Church regulates the practice of receiving stipends. Thus, in normal circumstances, a priest may only accept one stipend for any one Mass even though he may offer up the Mass for several intentions. The person who has offered the stipend has not "bought a Mass", a thing which is patently impossible. What has happened is that the priest has committed himself to celebrate a Mass according to the intentions of the person making the offering. Parishioners are invited to book any of the weekday or weekend Masses for your specific or general intentions.

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

Housekeeping:

1. Please return your Palm Sunday palms from last year to the container in the Narthex, they will be burnt and used on Ash Wednesday.
2. Thank you for your generosity during the Diocesan Support Appeal Last Year; may God continue to bless you all for your generosity. The DSA video shown at all the Masses this weekend highlights the impact you make in many lives in the Diocese, and the need for our help and support in this year's Diocesan Support Appeal.
3. Donuts, Dogma and Scripture continues at 10:00 am after the 8:30 am Mass.

Desde el Escritorio del Pastor

Solicitud de Misas para Intenciones Especiales

La costumbre de ofrecer Misas por intenciones específicas es una tradición muy antigua en la Iglesia. La Misa es la oración de Cristo y de la Iglesia. Por eso la Iglesia considera la Misa como la mayor oración de intercesión posible, ya que es la ofrenda perfecta de Cristo al Padre al hacer presente el misterio pascual de su muerte y resurrección. Podemos ofrecer Misas por diversas intenciones de acción de gracias, aniversarios, memoriales, peticiones de sanación y otras necesidades. Nunca hay que olvidar las gracias infinitas que brotan del Sacrificio de la Misa que benefician el alma. El Papa León XIII en su encíclica "Mirae Caritatis" (Amor maravilloso – 1902) elaboró bellamente este punto y enfatizó la conexión entre la comunión de los santos con la Misa: "La gracia del amor mutuo entre los vivos, fortalecida y aumentada por el sacramento de la Eucaristía, fluye, especialmente en virtud del Sacrificio [de la Misa], a todos los que pertenecen a la comunión de los santos. Porque la comunión de los santos es simplemente... el mutuo compartir de la ayuda, la expiación, las oraciones y los beneficios entre los fieles, los que ya están en la patria celestial, los enviados al fuego purificador y los que todavía peregrinan aquí en la tierra. Todos estos forman una sola ciudad, cuya cabeza es Cristo, y cuyo principio vital es el amor. En su encíclica "Ecclesia de Eucharistia (Iglesia de la Eucaristía)", el Papa San Juan Pablo II enseñó: "En la celebración del Sacrificio Eucarístico, la Iglesia ora para que Dios, el Padre de las misericordias, conceda a Sus hijos la plenitud de el Espíritu Santo para que sean un solo cuerpo y un solo espíritu en Cristo. Al elevar esta oración al Padre de las luces, de quien procede toda buena dádiva y todo don perfecto, la Iglesia cree que será escuchada, porque ora en unión con Cristo, su Cabeza y Esposo, que recoge esta súplica de su Esposa y la une a su propio sacrificio redentor» (n. 43).



La tradición de ofrecer misas por los demás, particularmente por los muertos, comenzó en la Iglesia primitiva. Las inscripciones descubiertas en las tumbas de las catacumbas romanas del siglo II dan evidencia de esta práctica: El epitafio de la tumba de Abercio (m. 180), obispo de Hierópolis en Frigia, pide oraciones por el descanso de su alma. Tertuliano (c. 200) atestiguó que observaba el aniversario de un cónyuge con oraciones y sacrificios (como la Misa): "De hecho, ella ora por su alma y pide refrigerio para él mientras tanto, y comunión con él en la primera resurrección; y ella ofrece su sacrificio en los aniversarios de su sueño" (Sobre la monogamia, X). Además, los Cánones de Hipólito (c. 235) mencionan explícitamente la ofrenda de oraciones por los difuntos durante la Misa. San Cirilo de Jerusalén (m. 386), en uno de sus muchos discursos catequísticos, explicó cómo en la Misa tanto los vivos y los muertos son recordados, y cómo el Sacrificio Eucarístico de nuestro Señor beneficia a los pecadores, vivos y muertos. San Ambrosio (m. 397) predicó: "Los hemos amado durante la vida; no los abandonemos en la muerte, hasta que los hayamos conducido con nuestras oraciones a la casa del Señor". San Juan Crisóstomo (m. 407) declaró: "Ayudémoslos y conmemorémoslos. Si los hijos de Job fueron purificados por el sacrificio de su padre, ¿por qué dudaríamos de que nuestras ofrendas por los muertos les brinden algún consuelo? No dudemos en ayudar aquellos que han muerto y ofrecer nuestras oraciones por ellos". San Agustín (m. 430) registró los últimos deseos de su madre, Santa Mónica, en sus Confesiones: "Una sola cosa te pido, que me recuerdes en el altar del Señor dondequiera que estés". Finalmente, el Papa San Gregorio (m. 604) dijo: "No dudemos en ayudar a los que han muerto y ofrecer nuestras oraciones por ellos".

La intención de la Misa también está determinada por varios factores: La Iglesia puede estipular la intención particular; por ejemplo, se requiere que todos los párrocos ofrezcan una Misa el domingo por las intenciones de los feligreses vivos y fallecidos de una parroquia. Un sacerdote también puede tener su propia intención particular al ofrecer una Misa, como el descanso del alma de sus padres. Finalmente, una persona puede pedirle a un sacerdote que ofrezca una Misa por una intención particular como se mencionó anteriormente. Los fieles generalmente hacen una ofrenda, llamada estipendio (donación) al sacerdote que aplica la Misa a su intención específica. Esto generalmente se entrega a la oficina parroquial o se coloca en los sobres de intención de misa (que se pueden encontrar cerca del baño de mujeres). Al hacer esta ofrenda, los fieles, al desprenderse de algo que les es propio, se asocian más íntimamente con Cristo. La ofrenda de un estipendio es también un medio por el cual los católicos pueden contribuir al mantenimiento del clero. Sin embargo, para evitar incluso la apariencia de comercio de cosas sagradas, la Iglesia regula la práctica de recibir estipendios. Por lo tanto, en circunstancias normales, un sacerdote solo puede aceptar un estipendio para cualquier Misa aunque pueda ofrecer la Misa por varias intenciones. La persona que ha ofrecido el estipendio no ha "comprado una misa", cosa que es manifiestamente imposible. Lo que ha sucedido es que el sacerdote se ha comprometido a celebrar una Misa de acuerdo con las intenciones de la persona que hace la ofrenda. Se invita a los feligreses a reservar cualquiera de las misas de lunes a viernes o de fin de semana para sus intenciones específicas o generales.

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

Noticias:

1. Devuelva sus palmas del Domingo de Ramos del año pasado al contenedor en el Nártex, serán quemadas y utilizadas el Miércoles de Ceniza.
2. Gracias por su generosidad durante la Campaña de apoyo diocesano del año pasado; Que Dios los siga bendiciendo a todos por su generosidad. El video de DSA que se muestra en todas las Misas este fin de semana destaca el impacto que tiene en muchas vidas en la Diócesis y la necesidad de nuestra ayuda y apoyo en la Campaña de Apoyo Diocesano de este año.
3. Donuts, Dogma y Escritura continúa a las 10:00 am después de la Misa de 8:30 am.mundo.

Religious Education

Faith Formation Classes are Wednesday, February 16, 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 16 de febrero 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!

COVID-19 Provisions / Disposiciones COVID-19

With the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the emergence of the omicron variant, out of love and respect for our fellow parishioners, we are asking that ***everyone begin wearing a mask to Mass*** and other events at St. Mary. This is not a requirement, but a way of showing our care for each other.

Con la pandemia de COVID-19 en curso y el surgimiento de la variante omicron, por amor y respeto por nuestros compañeros feligreses, pedimos ***que todos comiencen a usar una máscara para Misa*** y otros eventos en St. Mary. Esto no es un requisito, sino una forma de mostrar nuestro cuidado mutuo.

Stewardship

Offertory last weekend: \$1,719 / Month to date: \$16,612

Combined Missions Collection: \$779

Annual gift statements are available at the church entrance until January 31.

For questions or to receive your statement via email, please contact Ellen at bookkeeper@stmarymotherofgod.com

Ofertorio último fin de semana: \$1,719 / Mes hasta la fecha: \$16,612

Colección de misiones combinadas: \$779

Las declaraciones anuales de donaciones están disponibles en la entrada hasta el 31 de enero.

Si tiene preguntas o para recibir su estado de cuenta por correo electrónico, comuníquese con Ellen a bookkeeper@stmarymotherofgod.com

WCU Campus Ministry News

Mass is celebrated at the Catholic Campus Ministry Student Center during the academic semester every ***Sunday at 4:00 PM*** and ***Friday at 12:15 PM***

View our full schedule and find more information about our campus ministry at www.WCUCatholic.org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Catholic Campus Ministry provides a home cooked meal every Wednesday night for about 20 hungry college students. If you are interested in ***donating a meal***, please contact Deacon Matt at ccm@wcucatholic.org.

Thank you!

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

Alonso Family, Ángel Esteban Arrua, Rodolfo Martin Arruabarrena, Mary Ann Asbury, Justin Basenese, Jacki Bautista, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Luz Alejandra Bringas, Michael Burke, Cáceres Family, Jonathan Castillo, Sue Cerniglia, Moon Chung, Verónica Natalia Chávez, Jim Clark, Sheila Coller, Will Crain, Martin Espinoza+, Diane Glover, Jim Glover, Rory Glover, Monica Glover, Rita Goffinet, Marisa Graham, Miles Harris, Debbie Hentschel, Barbara Jakiela, Souhair Kwaham, Rita Lamanna, Daniella Machado, Tim Mann, Karen Matulis, Paula McCafferty & McCafferty Family, Peter Namotka, Georgia Newsom, William Newsom, Jr., William Newsom, Sr., Linwood Newsome, Tom Nicoletti & Nicoletti Family, William Owen, Carolina Silvia Brizuela Pérez, Cathleen Pilch, Stephen Pilch, Zig Pilch, Cynthia Pitts, Alicia Ramirez, Rios Family, Verónica Rodríguez, SantaCruz Family, Stuart and Janet Snyder, María Sol Montel, 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.*

GIVING THANKS TO THE KNIGHTS

The Knights of Columbus Annual Dinner is scheduled for February 13th, 2022.

We as a parish would like to show our appreciation
for ALL that the Knights do for us, by sponsoring this event.

Beth Fields, Ernie and Joan Sipler will be coordinating the event with you, our grateful
parishioners. They will need help *providing sides and desserts* for the event.

Please call Joan Sipler at **828-293-7039** if you can prepare food or help make the event successful.

Thank You!

CATHOLIC MOMS CONNECT / CONEXIÓN DE MAMÁS CATÓLICAS

Calling all MOMS! Catholic Moms Connect is a new group being formed at St. Mary Mother of God for Catholic moms of our parish to meet for prayer, fellowship, and connection. We will meet on ***Tuesday, February 15, in the Parish Hall from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.***

Materials used in this group will be offered in both English and Spanish.

Since this is a time for Moms to be together, please, no children.

¡Llamando a todas las MAMÁS! Catholic Moms Connect es un nuevo grupo que se está formando en Sta. Maria Madre de Dios para que las madres católicas de nuestra parroquia se reúnan para orar, tener compañerismo y conectarse. Nos reuniremos ***el martes 15 de febrero en el Salón Parroquial de 6:30 a 8:00 pm.***

Los materiales utilizados en este grupo se ofrecerán tanto en inglés como en español.

Dado que este es un momento para que las mamás estén juntas, por favor, no niños.

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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Sacramental Emergency: 828-631-0576

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.

SUCCESSFUL VACCINATION EVENT
At St. Mary Mother of God – January 30, 2022



PLEASE UPDATE YOUR PARISH REGISTRATION

Please follow this link to fill out the forms with your contact information. We are updating the church directory.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScrGFVLI2cpRDzFKg1_rT_YboltrLHhQojIXKWT3kieXN30oQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Por favor complete los formularios a continuación con su información de contacto. Estamos actualizando el directorio de la iglesia.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfeFkVwA3PgCmNbffSZjjAGmq8M_ZK13O2PMGHB1hz_ZxcB2Q/viewform?usp=sf_link

Thank you! / ¡Gracias!