

St. Mary, Mother of God, Catholic Church

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2/13/22 – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
VI 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)

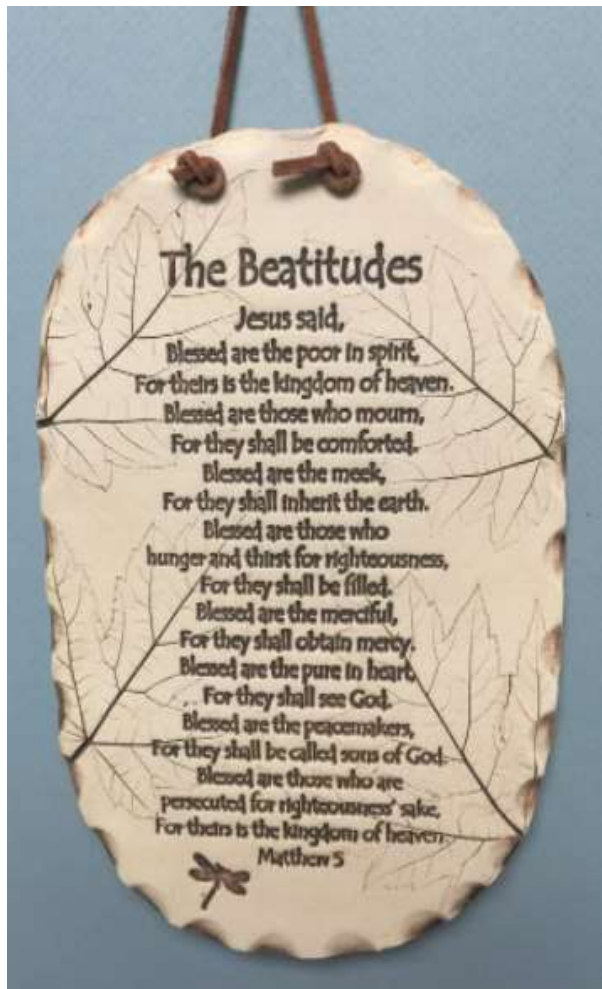
Receptionist / Office Assistant: Sarah Brown (Ext 100)

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

Bookkeeper: Ellen Miller

St. Mary's Book Rack: Mary Ann Kuehl

Receptionist: Beth Fields



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 13th to 20th

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	Reiter Family
	4:00 pm	Sunday Mass (at WCU)	Pro Populo
	5:30 pm	Knights of Columbus Dinner	
Monday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	
Tuesday:	6:00 pm	RCIA	Parish Hall
	6:30 pm	Catholic Moms Connect	
Wednesday:	5:30 pm	Daily Mass	Henry Pilch+
	6:30 pm	Faith Formation	
Thursday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	
	7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting	
Friday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	
	6:00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration (until 8:00 pm)	
	12:15 pm	Daily Mass (at WCU)	
Saturday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	
	10:00 am	Lay Carmelites Community Meeting	
	7:00 pm	Misa de Vigilia	
Sunday	8:30 am	Sunday Mass	Linda Tiller
	10:00 am	Donuts, Dogma & Scripture	
	11:30 am	Sunday Mass	Newsom Family
	4:00 pm	Sunday Mass (at WCU)	Pro Populo

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 19 7:00pm	Familia Flores	Benita Bueno	
Sunday Feb 20 8:30am	Mike Ensley Don Pierce	Lucanne Rinke	Todd Wenberg
Sunday Feb 20 11:30am	Robin Starrs Joe Cerniglia	Sue Cerniglia	Newsomes Gideon Freeman

From the Pastor's Desk

Making the Right Choice

It is a fact that every choice has its effect. Good choices bring good consequences and bad choices have bad consequences. In the first reading, Jeremiah prophesied to the people of Judah what would happen to them if they continued in their sin of adulatory and trusting in human allies. He also prophesied the blessings they would receive from God if they trusted in God:

“Cursed is the one who trust in human beings, who seeks his strength in flesh, whose heart turns away from the Lord. He is like a barren bush in the desert that enjoys no change of season, but stands in a lava waste, a salt and empty earth” (Jeremiah 17:5-6). “Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is the Lord. He is like a tree planted beside the waters, that stretches out its roots to the stream. It fears not the heat when it comes; its leaves stay green; in the year of drought it shows no distress, but still bears fruit” (Jeremiah 17:7-8).

The people of Judah did not listen to Jeremiah. They continued their sin of adultery. Their king, Zedekiah, and his officials allied with Egypt; thereby seeking strength in flesh and turning away from God. The result was that King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon conquered Judah, destroyed Jerusalem, and carried Judeans into their first exile in almost 1,000 years. Good choice begets good results. Bad choice begets bad results. There is no doubt that many things are beyond our choice or control; but someone says that largely, we are our choices. Even things beyond our choice or control still provide opportunities for our choice. As people of faith, in all circumstances and in every choice, let us, prayerfully, be guided by the word of God and the promptings of the Holy Spirit. There are, also, times we need to seek the counsel of the wise to guide us in the process of discerning the good choice to make, or the bad choice not to make (Tobit 4:18, Proverbs 19:20).



You might be thinking to yourself, “How is the Kingdom ‘mine’ in poverty? We don’t live in abject poverty as in some third world country.” “How am I ‘blessed’ when my reputation is smeared all over social media?” I, too, scratch my head when I read things like this. But then I remember that Jesus not only taught these things, he also lived them out! His happiness was precisely in that he was totally free of human compulsions towards unrestricted pleasures, a celebrity reputation, financial prosperity and security, or even undisciplined emotional habits. He invites us to live his freedom, and perhaps in some small way, we also want that for ourselves. Yet maybe, we are too afraid to make the break from “our ways” to “his way.” It seems like such an impossibility to follow Jesus, while we have a desire for his life, there’s that ‘something’ that holds us back.

From Sunday’s Gospel: Jesus “came down” (Luke 6:17) ... and he invites us to do the same. What pedestals of self-exaltation do we need to come down from? Jesus “raises his eyes towards his disciples” (Luke 6:20) ... meaning, he’s looking at us too. Are his eyes stern in judgement towards us for sins unknown or unrepented? Or are his eyes tender in compassion, knowing how frail and weak our character is? Hopefully, there’s a little of both ... more of the latter, but enough of the former.

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

Housekeeping:

1. Please return your Palm Sunday palms of last year to the plastic 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 and the impact you make in many lives in the Diocese. As the DSA video shows (seen last weekend in all the Masses), the need for our help and support continues in this year's Diocesan Support Appeal. Next weekend we will have the DSA pledge cards in the pews, and also on the weekend of February 26 & 27.
3. Donuts, Dogma and Scripture continues at 10:00 am after the 8:30 am Mass. Also the 50th anniversary adoration continues Friday evening from 6-8 pm.
4. We congratulate all the couples who celebrated the renewal of their marriage vows during the Spanish vigil Mass. May God deepen your love for each other.

Desde el Escritorio del Pastor

Tomar la Decisión Correcta

Es un hecho que cada elección tiene su efecto. Las buenas decisiones traen buenas consecuencias y las malas decisiones tienen malas consecuencias. En la primera lectura, Jeremías profetizó al pueblo de Judá lo que les sucedería si continuaban en su pecado de adulación y confianza en los aliados humanos. También profetizó las bendiciones que recibirían de Dios si confiaban en Dios:

“Maldito el que confía en los seres humanos, el que busca su fuerza en la carne, cuyo corazón se aparta del Señor. Es como una zarza estéril en el desierto que no disfruta de cambio de estación, sino que se yergue en un desierto de lava, una tierra salada y vacía” (Jeremías 17:5-6). “Bienaventurado el que confía en el Señor, cuya esperanza es el Señor. Es como un árbol plantado junto a las aguas, que extiende sus raíces hasta la corriente. No teme al calor cuando llega; sus hojas se mantienen verdes; en el año de sequía no muestra angustia, sino que da fruto” (Jeremías 17:7-8).

El pueblo de Judá no escuchó a Jeremías. Continuaron con su pecado de adulterio. Su rey, Sedequías, y sus oficiales se aliaron con Egipto; buscando así fuerza en la carne y apartándose de Dios. El resultado fue que el rey Nabucodonosor de Babilonia conquistó Judá, destruyó Jerusalén y llevó a los judíos a su primer exilio en casi 1000 años. Una buena elección engendra buenos resultados. Una mala elección engendra malos resultados. No hay duda de que muchas cosas están más allá de nuestra elección o control; pero alguien dice que, en gran medida, somos nuestras elecciones. Incluso las cosas más allá de nuestra elección o control aún brindan oportunidades para nuestra elección. Como personas de fe, en todas las circunstancias y en cada elección, dejémonos guiar, en oración, por la palabra de Dios y las inspiraciones del Espíritu Santo. Hay, también, momentos en que necesitamos buscar el consejo de los sabios para que nos guíen en el proceso de discernir la buena elección que hacer, o la mala elección que no hacer (Tobías 4:18, Proverbios 19:20).

Quizás estés pensando, “¿Cómo es el Reino 'mío' en la pobreza? No vivimos en la más absoluta pobreza como en algún país del tercer mundo”. “¿Cómo soy 'bendecido' cuando mi reputación está manchada en todas las redes sociales?” Yo también me rasco la cabeza cuando leo cosas como esta. Pero luego recuerdo que Jesús no solo enseñó estas cosas, ¡también las vivió! Su felicidad residía precisamente en que estaba totalmente libre de las compulsiones humanas hacia los placeres sin restricciones, una reputación de celebridad, la prosperidad y seguridad financiera, o incluso hábitos emocionales indisciplinados. Nos invita a vivir su libertad, y quizás de alguna manera, también nosotros la queremos para nosotros. Sin embargo, tal vez, tenemos demasiado miedo de hacer la ruptura de "nuestros caminos" a "su camino". Parece tal imposibilidad seguir a Jesús, mientras tenemos un deseo por su vida, hay ese “algo” que nos detiene.

Del Evangelio del domingo: Jesús “bajó” (Lc 6,17)... y nos invita a hacer lo mismo. ¿De qué pedestales de exaltación propia necesitamos bajar? Jesús “levantó los ojos hacia sus discípulos” (Lucas 6:20)... es decir, nos está mirando a nosotros también. ¿Son sus ojos severos en el juicio hacia nosotros por pecados desconocidos o sin arrepentimiento? ¿O son sus ojos tiernos en compasión, sabiendo cuán frágil y débil es nuestro carácter? Con suerte, hay un poco de ambos... más de lo último, pero suficiente de lo primero.

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

Noticias:

1. Devuelva sus palmas del Domingo de Ramos del año pasado al contenedor de plástico 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 continúe bendiciéndolos a todos por su generosidad y el impacto que tienen en muchas vidas en la Diócesis. Como muestra el video de DSA (visto el fin de semana pasado en todas las Misas), la necesidad de nuestra ayuda y apoyo continúa en la Campaña de Apoyo Diocesano de este año. El próximo fin de semana tendremos las tarjetas de compromiso de DSA en las bancas, y también el fin de semana del 26 y 27 de febrero.
3. Donuts, Dogma y Escritura continúan a las 10:00 am después de la misa de 8:30 am. También la adoración del 50 aniversario continúa el viernes por la noche de 6 a 8 pm.
4. Felicitamos a todas las parejas que celebraron la renovación de sus votos matrimoniales durante la Misa de vigilia en español. Que Dios profundice su amor mutuo.



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 wear 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 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: \$4,294 / Month to date: \$4,294

To get envelopes or receive your 2021 giving statement, please contact Ellen at

bookkeeper@stmarymotherofgod.com

Ofertorio último fin de semana: \$4,294 / Mes hasta la fecha: \$4,294

Para obtener sobres o recibir su declaración de donaciones de 2021, comuníquese con Ellen a

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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, Marisa Graham, 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., 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.*

50th Anniversary ↔ 50 Acts of Charity

As we begin our yearlong celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Diocese of Charlotte we are also celebrating *50 Acts of Charity* starting with our own *Food Pantry*.

YOU CAN HELP

Our own St Mary Mother of God *Food Pantry* is open, and in need of stocking!

Please bring *non-perishable food items* such as:

Peanut Butter Jelly Oatmeal Rice Beans Macaroni & Cheese Soup Cereal

Also needed are *hygiene products* including:

Soap Shampoo Deodorant Feminine Hygiene

Please *place all items in the Fellowship Hall* in the area designated.

The theme of our 50th Anniversary celebration is "*Faith more precious than gold*".

Let's put our faith into ACTION – and start by stocking our food pantry!

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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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.

DIOCESE OF CHARLOTTE

From our Humble Beginnings

In 1970 we were part of the Diocese of Raleigh with a population of about 67,000 Catholics. And that was the whole Catholic population of North Carolina! Bishop Vincent S. Waters (you can see his name on our plaque in Church) started the efforts to split the diocese and create the new Diocese of Charlotte. In his Pastoral Letter announcing the new Diocese in 1971 he wrote: "When the family of God grows and matures in any place, in the plan of God a new family is set up. Rejoice with me in this Good News."

On January 12, 1972 our Diocese was started! We formally came into being with the episcopal ordination and installation of Father Michael Begley as the first Bishop of the new diocese. Our current Bishop is Bishop Peter Joseph Jugis, who was baptized at St. Ann Catholic Church in 1957 by Monsignor Michael Begley.

On January 1, 1977 Pope Paul VI transferred Belmont Abbey from a territorial abbey to the Diocese of Charlotte, establishing the present configuration of the diocese.

When our new diocese was formed, we were a population of just over 34,000. As of 2010, we had grown by a factor of 12 to an estimated Catholic population of 408,000. As Bishop Waters announced: God has set up a new family.



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/1FAIpQLScrGFVLl2cpRDzFKg1_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.

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Thank you! / ¡Gracias!