



St. Mary, Mother of God, Catholic Church

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6/5/22 – Pentecost Sunday Domingo de Pentecostés

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

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

*There appeared tongues as of fire,
and they were all filled
with the Holy Spirit.*

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 -8:00 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 8:00 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 – June 5th to 12th

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| Sunday | 8:30 am | Sunday Mass | Linda Tiller+ Nancy Putnam |
| | 10:00 am | Catholicism Episode 5 – The Indispensable Men | |
| | 11:30 am | Sunday Mass | Angela Turner+ |
| Monday: | 9:00 am | Daily Mass | |
| | 7:00 pm | Hispanic Ministry Meeting | |
| Tuesday: | 6:00 pm | RCIA | Parish Hall |
| Wednesday: | 5:30 pm | Daily Mass | Clara Pierce+ |
| | 6:30 pm | Confirmation Class | |
| Thursday: | 9:00 am | Daily Mass | |
| | 6:00 pm | Catholic Daughters of America Meeting | |
| Friday: | 9:00 am | Daily Mass | |
| | 6:00 pm | Adoration (until 8:00 pm) | |
| Saturday: | 9:00 am | Daily Mass | |
| | 9:30 am | Knights of Columbus 4 th Degree Meeting | |
| | 7:00 pm | Misa de Vigilia | Jonathan Castillo |
| Sunday | 8:30 am | Sunday Mass | Jim Alexander+ Tony and Irma Almengual (renewal of wedding vows) |
| | 10:00 am | Catholicism Episode 6 – Mystical Union of Christ and the Church | |
| | 11:30 am | Sunday Mass | 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 June 11 7:00 pm | Familia Perez | Patricia Hernandez | |
| Sunday June 12 8:30am | Mike Ensley Don Pierce | Lucanne Rinke | Brian Raming |
| Sunday June 12 11:30am | Robin Starrs Joe Cerniglia | Sara Freeman | Newsomes Gideon Freeman |

From the Pastor's Desk

May the Holy Spirit Enlighten and Strengthen Us

The Church was conceived when Jesus said to Peter, "You are the rock, upon which I will build my Church" (Mathew 16:18). But the Church was born on Pentecost Sunday with the descent of the Holy Spirit, on the apostles and disciples of Jesus who had been praying in Novena together after Jesus's Ascension. The Holy Spirit, the third Person of the Blessed Trinity and the one sent down from heaven on Pentecost, grants us seven gifts: Wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. In Confirmation, we have sealed with the Holy Spirit the completion of our Baptism. In addition, our cooperation with and our living in the Holy Spirit bears spiritual fruit in us. According to the tradition of the Catholic Church, there are twelve fruits of the Spirit: Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control (Galatians 5:22-23, CCC 1832). If there is an absence of these fruits (virtues) in our lives, we have been offered a wonderful gift from God to pray and invite the Holy Spirit to increase them within us. Cooperating with this grace, these gifts and fruits at work through the Spirit, we can go forth and bring the Good News to others, commissioned just like the Apostles, receiving the same Spirit which descended upon them at Pentecost.



St. Paul names some other gifts which have been referred to as extraordinary or charismatic gifts of the Holy Spirit. They are the gifts of faith, healing, miracles, prophecy, discernment of Spirits, varieties of tongues, interpretation of those tongues (languages), discipleship, teaching, assistance and administration (1 Corinthians 12:9-10, 28). These extraordinary or charismatic gifts are nourished by the foundational seven gifts of the Holy Spirit named above.

The Holy Spirit does so much in our lives, today's readings remind us of the many ways he acts in our lives. He confers the graces received in the seven Sacraments. Grace can be thought of as that freely given yet underserved gift from God that helps us be holy. God asks us to be holy because He is holy (Matthew 5:48). This Sacramental grace transforms us, heals us, and helps us grow in the faith. The Spirit prepares the faithful with a grace that draws them closer to Christ, reveals the Risen Lord to them, and recalls the Word of God. As we pray for a revival in our parish, community, and nation, we pray for an opening of our hearts and minds to understand these teachings so they may be embraced, lived, and brought to others. The Holy Spirit appears in many forms, as illuminated in the teaching of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Although considered unseen, the Holy Spirit once manifested in the symbols and gifts mentioned above, can be perceived. One symbol is water, especially present at the sacrament of Baptism. The Spirit is also present in the living water, Christ, the source of eternal life. At the well, Jesus told the woman that whoever drank this water would never thirst again. The Spirit brings hope and a promise of eternal life.

Probably the most familiar symbol of the Holy Spirit is that of fire, which came as tongues above the Apostles' heads during Pentecost. With this fire came great gifts of prophecy, healing, discernment, and tongues, among others. Fire can also be an agent of refinement, a transformation of the original to a new, more purified form as with gold. This infusion of the Holy Spirit within us, purifying and shaping us, brings with it new life and understanding of the gifts God grants us. We are each given our own gifts so that we may play an essential yet unique role in his good and perfect plan for us in our families, society, and the Church. For many of us, it is also true that the gifts of the Holy Spirit bestowed on us are either inactive or minimally active depending on how much we open up and cooperate with the Spirit. For this reason St. Paul urges us, "I invite you to fan into flame the gift of God you received through the laying on of my hands" (2 Timothy 1:6). May the Holy Spirit, fall afresh on us, melt us, mold us, fill us and use us. May the Holy Spirit enlighten our minds and strengthen our wills. Amen!

For reference, see the June 5 posting at Connect! Sunday Reflection by Allison Grugas.

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

Housekeeping:

1. Supporting the Diocese 50th Anniversary, we're continuing to celebrate our 50 Acts of Charity. We are hosting a Baby Bottle Campaign to support Smoky Mountain Pregnancy Care Center. Loose change can go a long way! Please take a baby bottle home, and fill it with loose change, cash, or check, and return by Father's Day. Lastly, we are having a Blood Drive on Saturday June 25th. Your one blood donation can save up to three lives. Please sign up if interested in the vestibule. Thank you!
2. Father Paul will be on vacation from June 16th until July 1st. Father Marcel Amadi will be covering Masses, confessions and any other sacramental needs during this time.
3. Please stop over for Donuts & Dogma at 10:00am every Sunday as we go through the Catholicism series with Bishop Barron.
4. I ask for your prayers for Charlotte Alexander who is currently in the hospital in Greenville, SC recovering from a fall.

Desde el Escritorio del Pastor

Que el Espíritu Santo Nos Ilumine y Fortalezca

La Iglesia fue concebida cuando Jesús le dijo a Pedro: "Tú eres la roca sobre la cual edificaré mi Iglesia" (Mateo 16:18). Pero la Iglesia nació el domingo de Pentecostés con la venida del Espíritu Santo, sobre los apóstoles y discípulos de Jesús que habían estado rezando juntos en Novena después de la Ascensión de Jesús. El Espíritu Santo, tercera Persona de la Santísima Trinidad y enviado del cielo en Pentecostés, nos concede siete dones: Sabiduría, entendimiento, consejo, fortaleza, ciencia, piedad y temor del Señor. En la Confirmación hemos sellado con el Espíritu Santo la consumación de nuestro Bautismo. Además, nuestra cooperación y nuestro vivir en el Espíritu Santo produce fruto espiritual en nosotros. Según la tradición de la Iglesia Católica, hay doce frutos del Espíritu: Amor, alegría, paz, paciencia, benignidad, bondad, fidelidad, mansedumbre, templanza (Gálatas 5:22-23, CIC 1832). Si hay una ausencia de estos frutos (virtudes) en nuestras vidas, se nos ha ofrecido un don maravilloso de Dios para orar e invitar al Espíritu Santo a que los aumente en nosotros. Cooperando con esta gracia, estos dones y frutos obrando a través del Espíritu, podemos salir y llevar la Buena Nueva a otros, comisionados como los Apóstoles, recibiendo el mismo Espíritu que descendió sobre ellos en Pentecostés.

San Pablo nombra algunos otros dones que se han denominado dones extraordinarios o carismáticos del Espíritu Santo. Son los dones de fe, sanidad, milagros, profecía, discernimiento de Espíritus, variedad de lenguas, interpretación de esas lenguas (idiomas), discipulado, enseñanza, asistencia y administración (1 Corintios 12:9-10, 28). Estos dones extraordinarios o carismáticos se nutren de los siete dones fundamentales del Espíritu Santo mencionados anteriormente.

El Espíritu Santo hace tanto en nuestras vidas, las lecturas de hoy nos recuerdan las muchas formas en que actúa en nuestras vidas. Confiere las gracias recibidas en los siete Sacramentos. Se puede pensar en la gracia como ese regalo de Dios que se da gratuitamente, pero que no se ha merecido bien, que nos ayuda a ser santos. Dios nos pide que seamos santos porque Él es santo (Mateo 5:48). Esta gracia sacramental nos transforma, nos sana y nos ayuda a crecer en la fe. El Espíritu prepara a los fieles con una gracia que los acerca a Cristo, les revela al Resucitado y les recuerda la Palabra de Dios. Mientras oramos por un avivamiento en nuestra parroquia, comunidad y nación, oramos por una apertura de nuestros corazones y mentes para comprender estas enseñanzas para que puedan ser acogidas, vividas y llevadas a otros. El Espíritu Santo aparece en muchas formas, como lo ilumina la enseñanza del Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica. Aunque se considera invisible, el Espíritu Santo una vez manifestado en los símbolos y dones mencionados anteriormente, puede ser percibido. Un símbolo es el agua, especialmente presente en el sacramento del Bautismo. El Espíritu está también presente en el agua viva, Cristo, fuente de vida eterna. En el pozo, Jesús le dijo a la mujer que quien bebiera de esta agua nunca más volvería a tener sed. El Espíritu trae esperanza y una promesa de vida eterna.

Probablemente el símbolo más familiar del Espíritu Santo es el del fuego, que apareció como lenguas sobre las cabezas de los Apóstoles durante Pentecostés. Con este fuego vinieron grandes dones de profecía, sanidad, discernimiento y lenguas, entre otros. El fuego también puede ser un agente de refinamiento, una transformación del original a una forma nueva y más purificada como con el oro. Esta infusión del Espíritu Santo en nosotros, purificándonos y formándonos, trae consigo nueva vida y comprensión de los dones que Dios nos concede. A cada uno de nosotros se nos dan nuestros propios dones para que podamos desempeñar un papel esencial pero único en su plan bueno y perfecto para nosotros en nuestras familias, la sociedad y la Iglesia. Para muchos de nosotros, también es cierto que los dones del Espíritu Santo que se nos otorgan están inactivos o mínimamente activos dependiendo de cuánto nos abrimos y cooperamos con el Espíritu. Por eso san Pablo nos exhorta: "Os invito a avivar el fuego del don de Dios que habéis recibido por la imposición de mis manos" (2 Timoteo 1, 6). Que el Espíritu Santo, caiga de nuevo sobre nosotros, nos derrita, nos moldee, nos llene y nos use. Que el Espíritu Santo ilumine nuestra mente y fortalezca nuestra voluntad. ¡Amén!

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

Noticias:

1. Apoyando el 50 Aniversario de la Diócesis, continuamos celebrando nuestros 50 Actos de Caridad. Estamos organizando una Campaña de biberones para apoyar al Centro de Atención de Embarazo de Smoky Mountain. ¡El cambio suelto puede recorrer un largo camino! Llévate un biberón a casa y llénalo con monedas sueltas, efectivo o cheque, y devuélvelo antes del Día del Padre. Por último, tendremos una campaña de donación de sangre el sábado 25 de junio. Tu única donación de sangre puede salvar hasta tres vidas. Regístrate si está interesado en el vestíbulo. ¡Gracias!!
2. El Padre Paul estará de vacaciones desde el 16 de junio hasta el 1 de julio. El padre Marcel Amadi cubrirá misas, confesiones y cualquier otra necesidad sacramental durante este tiempo.
3. Pase por Donuts & Dogma a las 10:00 am todos los domingos mientras avanzamos en la serie de catolicismo con el obispo Barron.
4. Pido sus oraciones por Charlotte Alexander, quien se encuentra en el hospital de Greenville, SC, recuperándose de una caída.



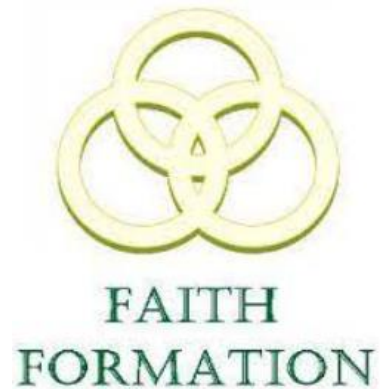
Religious Education

Next *Confirmation class* is Wednesday, June 8, and class will be *every week* until August 10.

La próxima *clase de Confirmación* es el miércoles 8 de junio,
y será *todas las semanas* hasta el 10 de agosto.

Registration for Faith Formation for 2022/23 is now OPEN! Contact Luci or stop by during office hours to register. We have classes from grades Kindergarten through 12th grade. If you would like to volunteer as an assistant or any other role for faith formation please let me know, we would love to have you!

¡El registro para la formación en la fe para 2022/23 ya está ABIERTA! Comuníquese con Luci o pase durante el horario de oficina para registrarse. Comenzamos las clases desde los grados de Kinder hasta el grado 12. Si desea ser voluntario como asistente de nuestros maestros principales o cualquier otra función durante las clases de formación en la fe, hágamelo saber, ¡Nos encantaría tenerlo/a!



Stewardship

Offertory last weekend: \$2,905 / Month to date: \$16,820

Ofertorio último fin de semana: \$2,905 / Mes hasta la fecha: \$16,820

Bookrack News / Estante de Libro

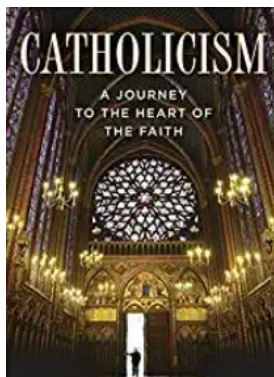
Check out the BookRack for *Father's Day items*.

We still have a few First Communion and Confirmation things as well.

Echa un vistazo al Estante de Libro para los *artículos del Día del Padre*.
Todavía tenemos algunas cosas de Primera Comunión y Confirmación también.

Catholicism Series – Sunday at 10:00am – La Serie Catolicismo

What is Catholicism? A 2,000-year-old living tradition? A worldview? A way of life? A relationship? A mystery? In Catholicism Bishop Robert Barron examines all these questions and more, seeking to capture the body, heart and mind of the Catholic faith.



¿Qué es el Catolicismo? ¿Una tradición viva de 2,000 años? ¿Una visión del mundo? ¿Una forma de vida? ¿Una relación? ¿Un misterio? En el serie Catolicismo, el obispo Robert Barron examina todas estas preguntas y más, buscando capturar el cuerpo, Corazón y mente de la fe Católica.

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

Charlotte Alexander, 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, Moon Chung, Verónica Natalia Chávez, Jim Clark, Sheila Coller, Will Crain, Noah & Bridger Ensley+, Rebecca & Russell Ensley, Diane Glover, Jim Glover, Rory Glover, Monica Glover, Marisa Graham, Miles Harris, Debbie Hentschel, Barbara Jakiela,, Souhair Kwaham, Rita Lamanna, Daniella Machado, Tim Mann, Sam Matthews, Karen Matulis, Paula McCafferty & McCafferty Family, Peter Namotka, Georgia Newsom, William Newsom, Jr., Linwood Newsome, Tom Nicoletti & Nicoletti Family, William Owen, Carolina Silvia Brizuela Pérez, Cathleen Pilch, Stephen Pilch, Zig Pilch, Cynthia Pitts, Nancy Putnam, 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.*

Yard Sale Is Coming!

We hope you are saving your treasures to donate!

Our Parish Life Committee is asking that **donations be dropped off** in the hall from **July 13th through July 27th.**

Larger items should be put under the covered carport area, next to the hall.

Please only donate clean items and laundered clothing. No older heavy TVs or nonworking electronics and appliances.

WE NEED lots and lots of VOLUNTEERS. A sign up sheet will be posted in the near future in the Church foyer. If you have questions please call **Susan Karcher** at 828 508-5966.

The Church Yard Sale hours will be:

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| Thursday, July 28 th | Evening Early Bird Event (parishioners only) |
| Friday July 29 th | 8:30-5:00 |
| Saturday July 30 th | 8:30-4:00 |



Quo Vadis & Duc In Altum Days

Calling all young men and women!

Quo Vadis Days IX, a 5-day vocations discernment retreat for young men (ages 15-19)

June 13 – 17, 2022

Duc In Altum VI, a 5-day vocations discernment retreat for young women (ages 15-19)

June 27 – July 1, 2022.

Both will be at Belmont Abbey College; Cost is \$150



Quo Vadis Days and Duc In Altum provide an effective balance between the activity of a summer camp and the quiet of a retreat. The day is structured to include Holy Mass, the Liturgy of the Hours, Eucharistic Adoration, time for personal reflection and inter-action with priests, religious and seminarians. There is also ample time for recreation and fellowship.

50 Hours with Jesus / 50 Horas con Jesús

As we previously announced, we celebrate Eucharist Adoration every Friday as part of our celebration for our Diocese 50th Anniversary. Is there a way better to celebrate our Diocese than spending time with Jesus? Adoration is a sign of devotion to of Jesus Christ, who is present in body, blood, soul, and divinity, under the appearance of the consecrated host.

We have adoration available to all every Friday from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM from now until January 2023.

As a Catholic practice, Jesus is never to be unattended when exposed in the Holy Sacrament. Father has asked each Commission to attend to ensure this. ***Please note the specific dates for your commission:***

June 10 Stewardship, Building & Grounds, Spanish Speaking
June 17 Outreach, Parish Life, Communication
June 24 Hispanic Emmaus Ministry

PLEASE NOTE: Adoration is NOT limited to these ministries!

Please come and enjoy quiet time with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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 Brittany Lester

Community Outreach Commission

Chair: Elaina Quijada

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

Faith Education & Formation Commission

Chair: Bonnie Dodge

DRE: Luci Castillo

- RCIA Coordinator: Mike Ensley
- Contact Luci for sacramental needs

Liturgical Commission

Chair: Joe Conway

- Altar Guild: Sue Szarek

Hispanic Community Commission

Chair: Javier and Marta Espinoza

Parish Life Commission

Chair: Javier & Analise Comacho

- 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.

Mark your calendars for our 50th Anniversary summer celebrations!



Come enjoy fun and fellowship with the faithful, priests, seminarians, and religious of the Diocese of Charlotte!



JULY 9

FAMILY CONCERT:
CHARLOTTE
WHITEWATER
CENTER



JULY 24

CATHOLIC
FAMILY DAY:
CAROWINDS



AUG. 5-6

EUCCHARISTIC
CONGRESS:
CHARLOTTE
CONVENTION
CENTER



SEPT. 9

CATHOLIC NIGHT:
CHARLOTTE
KNIGHTS
STADIUM