



*"There is need of only one thing.
Mary has chosen the better part."*

St. Mary, Mother of God, Catholic Church

22 Bartlett Street, Sylva NC, 28779

Office: 828-586-9496 Fax: 828-586-2167

7/17/22 – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
XVI 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 / DRC:

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

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 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm
1st Friday from 9:30 am -8:00 pm
1st Saturday Holy Hour after Mass

Adoración y Bendición

Todos los viernes de 6:00 a 8:00 pm
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: smmgooffice@stmarymotherofgod.com

Calendar – July 17th to 24th

Sunday	8:30 am	Sunday Mass	Linda Tiller+
	10:00 am	Sanctuary Episode 1 - Introduction	
	11:30 am	Sunday Mass	William Newsom+
Monday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	Eugene Pilch+
	6:30 pm	Liturgy Commission Meeting	
Tuesday:	6:00 pm	RCIA	Parish Hall
Wednesday:	5:30 pm	Daily Mass	Christopher, Jesse, Allison, Colin, and Jeorgia Elks
Thursday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	
	7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting	
Friday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	
	7:00 pm	Retiro de Evaangelización para Mujeres	
Saturday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	
	11:30 am	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	
	7:00 pm	Misa de Vigilia	Apolinaria Pacheco
Sunday	8:30 am	Sunday Mass	Roger Grenier+ & Carole Lemay
	10:00 am	Sanctuary Episode 2– Mental Health	
	11:30 am	Sunday Mass	Cristino Bohorquez Reiter Family

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 July 23 7:00 pm	Familia Perez	Benita Bueno	
Sunday July 24 8:30am	Mike Ensley Don Pierce	Caryn Raming	Brian Raming
Sunday July 24 11:30am	Robin Starrs Joe Cerniglia	Sue Cerniglia	Newsomes Gideon Freeman

From the Pastor's Desk

Hospitality to Strangers and Time with Jesus

It is said that many have entertained Angels not knowing who they were. We read, in today's first reading, how Abraham and Sarah showed hospitality to three strangers, not knowing that they were angels of the Lord. Abraham and Sarah were rewarded with the gift of Isaac, the child of the promise. God's promise to Abraham would not have come to fulfilment in the manner it came about if Abraham and Sarah did not show hospitality to the strangers. I believe that the Book of Hebrews echoed Abraham's and Sarah's encounter where it writes, "Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels." (Hebrews 13:1-2).

Two other wonderful examples of the reward of hospitality are as follows. In 1 Kings 17:7-16, the widow of Zarephath, not knowing that Elijah was a prophet, shared with him and her son their "only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug." Her reward was, "There was food every day for Elijah and the woman and her family. For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry." In 2 Kings 4:8-17, the Shunammite woman and her husband who showed hospitality to Elisha and his servant were rewarded. "The woman (who was barren) became pregnant and gave birth to a son, just as Elisha told her." What is your attitude to the stranger, the immigrant, or the new person in town. Are our actions and rhetoric born out of charity and hospitality?

The family of Lazarus, Martha and Mary always welcomed Jesus and showed Him great hospitality. Mary sat beside Jesus and listened to him, while Martha was burdened with much serving, and was anxious and worried about many things. She was also upset. She upset with herself, with Mary, and with Jesus. It is not surprising that Martha was upset. Wouldn't someone who is burdened, anxious and worried about many things not be upset with oneself and with everybody?

The gospel passage teaches us that like Mary, we need to create quality time to commune with God to nourish our spiritual life. If we do not do this, there is every possibility that we become like Martha; demands of life burden us, keep us anxious, worried, and upset us. There is a saying that the one who is too busy to pray is busier than God wants them to be. Jesus emphasized the importance of nourishing the spiritual life to his apostles. At some point in their ministering to people Jesus advised them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while" (Mark 6:31-33). Spiritual recollection and retreat also need to occupy as prominent a place in our calendar as vacations and various kinds of trips do. Do you schedule time to spend with Jesus in prayer, and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament? Do you attend the different retreats organized within and outside the Parish. There is a Retreat Center close to us in Maggie valley with facilities to take some spiritual time out with the Lord.

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

Housekeeping:

1. The Church has granted a Plenary indulgence for next Sunday, July 24th, under the usual conditions (Sacramental Confessions, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer in accordance with the intentions of the Holy Father) for all the faithful including grandparents and the elderly who in a spirit of charity and penance, attend Mass, visit the elderly including those of them that are sick, abandoned and disabled, in person or virtually.
2. We are appealing for volunteers to help with sorting, set up and sales for the yard sale. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex. Drop off of large donated items will now be at the Conference Center, or the carport of the new building, from this week to July 26th.
3. Please sign up to join in trip on August 6th to participate in the Diocese of Charlotte Eucharistic Congress. We will have two busses available from the Cherokee Boys Club. There is a subsidized fee for individuals and families. Only 25 persons have reserved, and we want to avoid a last-minute sign up as we have to pay the Bus Company.



Desde el Escritorio del Pastor

Hospitalidad a los Extraños y Tiempo con Jesús

Se dice que muchos han agasajado a los Ángeles sin saber quiénes eran. Leemos, en la primera lectura de hoy, cómo Abraham y Sara hospedaron a tres extraños, sin saber que eran ángeles del Señor. Abraham y Sara fueron recompensados con el regalo de Isaac, el hijo de la promesa. La promesa de Dios a Abraham no se habría cumplido de la manera en que se cumplió si Abraham y Sara no hubieran mostrado hospitalidad a los extraños. Creo que el Libro de Hebreos se hizo eco del encuentro de Abraham y Sara donde escribe: “Que continúe el amor mutuo. No descuidéis la hospitalidad, porque por ella algunos sin saberlo hospedaron ángeles.” (Hebreos 13:1-2).

Otros dos maravillosos ejemplos de la recompensa de la hospitalidad son los siguientes. En 1 Reyes 17:7-16, la viuda de Sarepta, sin saber que Elías era profeta, compartió con él y su hijo “sólo un puñado de harina en una tinaja y un poco de aceite de oliva en una jarra”. Su recompensa fue: “Había comida todos los días para Elías y la mujer y su familia. porque la harina de la tinaja no se agotó y el aceite de la jarra no se secó”. En 2 Reyes 4:8-17, la mujer sunamita y su esposo que fueron hospitalarios con Eliseo y su sirviente fueron recompensados. “La mujer (que era estéril) quedó embarazada y dio a luz un hijo, tal como le dijo Eliseo”. ¿Cuál es su actitud hacia el extraño, el inmigrante o la persona nueva en la ciudad? ¿Nuestras acciones y nuestra retórica nacen de la caridad y la hospitalidad?



La familia de Lázaro, Marta y María siempre acogió a Jesús y le mostró gran hospitalidad. María se sentó al lado de Jesús y lo escuchó, mientras Marta estaba cargada de mucho servicio, y estaba ansiosa y preocupada por muchas cosas. Ella también estaba molesta. Se enojó consigo misma, con María y con Jesús. No es de extrañar que Martha estuviera molesta. Alguien que está cargado, ansioso y preocupado por muchas cosas, ¿no estaría molesto consigo mismo y con todos?

El pasaje del evangelio nos enseña que, como María, necesitamos crear tiempo de calidad para estar en comunión con Dios para nutrir nuestra vida espiritual. Si no hacemos esto, hay muchas posibilidades de que lleguemos a ser como Marta; Las exigencias de la vida nos abruman, nos mantienen ansiosos, preocupados y molestos. Hay un dicho que dice que el que está demasiado ocupado para orar está más ocupado de lo que Dios quiere que esté. Jesús enfatizó la importancia de nutrir la vida espiritual de sus apóstoles. En algún momento de su ministerio a la gente, Jesús les aconsejó: “Vengan solos a un lugar desierto y descansen un poco” (Marcos 6:31-33). El recogimiento espiritual y el retiro también deben ocupar un lugar tan destacado en nuestro calendario como lo ocupan las vacaciones y los diversos tipos de viajes. ¿Programas tiempo para pasar con Jesús en oración y adoración ante el Santísimo Sacramento? Asistes a los diferentes retiros organizados dentro y fuera de la Parroquia. Hay un Centro de Retiros cerca de nosotros en Maggie Valley con instalaciones para tomar un tiempo espiritual con el Señor.

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

Noticias:

1. La Iglesia ha concedido indulgencia plenaria para el próximo domingo 24 de julio, en las condiciones habituales (confesiones sacramentales, comunión eucarística y oración según las intenciones del Santo Padre) para todos los fieles, incluidos los abuelos y los ancianos que en espíritu de caridad y penitencia, asistir a Misa, visitar a los ancianos, incluidos los enfermos, los abandonados y los discapacitados, personalmente o virtualmente.
2. Solicitamos voluntarios para ayudar con la clasificación, instalación y ventas para la venta de garaje. Hay una hoja de inscripción en el Narthex. La entrega de artículos grandes donados ahora se realizará en el Centro de conferencias, o en el estacionamiento techado del nuevo edificio, desde esta semana hasta el 26 de julio.
3. Regístrese para unirse al viaje el 6 de agosto para participar en el Congreso Eucarístico de la Diócesis de Charlotte. Tendremos dos autobuses disponibles del Cherokee Boys Club. Hay una tarifa subsidiada para individuos y familias. Solo 25 personas han reservado, y queremos evitar una inscripción de última hora ya que tenemos que pagar a la Compañía de Autobuses.

Religious Education

There is no **Confirmation class** on Wednesday, July 20. The next class is **July 27**, and class will be **every week** until August 10.

No hay **clase de Confirmación** el miércoles 20 de julio. La próxima clase es el **27 de julio**, y la clase 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. If you would like to volunteer as an assistant or any other role for faith formation please let Luci 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. Si desea ser voluntario como asistente o cualquier otra función durante las clases de formación en la fe, hágamelos saber, ¡Nos encantaría tenerlo/a!



Stewardship

Offertory last weekend: \$3,088 / Month to date: \$7,746

Ofertorio último fin de semana: \$3,088 / Mes hasta la fecha: \$7,746

Eucharistic Revival / Avivamiento Eucarístico

THERE'S SO MUCH ON THE HORIZON! The Eucharistic Revival is a grassroots, Spirit-led renewal of the Church in the United States from the inside out—not a top-down program! Our broad, deep mission requires time for each individual, parish, and diocese to respond in their own way. Our plans and hopes for the next three years include:

June 19, 2022	National Eucharistic Revival began
June 2022 to June 2023	Year of Diocesan Revival
June 2023 to June 2024	Year of Parish Revival
July 17-21, 2024	National Eucharistic Congress
July 2024 to June 2025	Year of Missionary Sending

REVIVAL STARTS WITH YOU! The most important aspect of this Revival will happen in your own heart. Learn what Christ has revealed about this precious gift and why it is pivotal to your spiritual journey.

www.eucharisticrevival.org

¡HAY TANTO EN EL HORIZONTE! El Avivamiento Eucarístico es una renovación de la Iglesia en los Estados Unidos de base, guiada por el Espíritu, desde adentro hacia afuera, ¡no es un programa de arriba hacia abajo! Nuestra misión amplia y profunda requiere tiempo para que cada individuo, parroquia y diócesis responda a su manera. Nuestros planes para los próximos tres años incluyen:

Junio 2022	Avivamiento Eucarístico Nacional
Junio 2022 a Junio 2023	Año del Renacimiento Diocesano
Junio 2023 a Junio 2024	Año del avivamiento parroquial
17 al 21 de julio de 2024	Congreso Eucarístico Nacional
Julio 2024 a Junio 2025	Año del Envío Misionero

¡EL AVIVAMIENTO COMIENZA CONTIGO! El aspecto más importante de este Avivamiento ocurrirá en su propio corazón. Aprenda lo que Cristo ha revelado sobre este precioso regalo y por qué es fundamental para su viaje espiritual!

www.eucharisticrevival.org

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, Rita Goffinett, 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, 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:

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



Eucharistic Congress

SIGN UP TODAY:

The 2022 Diocese of Charlotte Eucharistic Congress, set for **August 5 to 6**, is fast approaching!

Sign-up for 2022 **First Communicants** to take part in the closing Mass procession. **Volunteers and ushers** are also needed. Sign up to help and enjoy a backstage view at this unforgettable diocesan "family reunion".

Get details and sign up at www.goeucharist.com.

St. Mary parish has arranged two buses to go to the Eucharistic Congress on August 6. Sign up in the Narthex.



¡El Congreso Eucarístico de la Diócesis de Charlotte de 2022, programado para los días 5 y 6 de agosto, se acerca rápidamente!

Regístrese para que los Primeros Comunicantes de 2022 participen en la procesión de la Misa de clausura. También se necesitan voluntarios y ujieres. Regístrese para ayudar y disfrutar de una vista entre bastidores en esta inolvidable "reunión familiar" diocesana.

Obtén detalles e insíbete en www.goeucharist.com.

La parroquia de Santa María ha dispuesto dos autobuses para ir al Congreso Eucarístico el 6 de agosto. Insíbete en el Nártex..

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 then 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.

Adoration is available 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: Adoration is NOT limited! 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

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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.

Sanctuary Course for Catholics

How can a church become a sanctuary—a place where individuals living with mental health challenges feel safe, supported, and a sense of belonging? The Sanctuary Course for Catholics was created to inspire and equip communities of faith that are asking this important question. Developed in consultation with mental health professionals, theologians, and people with lived experience, this eight-session study guide explores key mental health topics and examines meaningful ways to offer companionship, support recovery, and promote wellbeing.

The Sanctuary Course continues every Sunday
at Donuts and Dogma (10:00 am).



The Sanctuary Course for Catholics is for anyone who wants to learn about faith and mental health. It requires no previous training or expertise—just a willingness to engage in dialogue with other believers. This course and films address difficult and sensitive topics, and may not be appropriate for a young audience. It is not recommended for people ages 17 and younger.

The Sanctuary sessions include: Introduction, Mental Health, Mental Illness, Stigma, Recovery, Companionship, Self-Care, The Church.

Mother Daughter Retreat / Retiro de Mamá e Hija



Retiro de Mamá e hija

MOTHER DAUGHTER RETREAT
JULY 30TH FROM 9AM TO 3:30PM
JULIO 30 DE 9AM A 3:30PM

Costo \$10
Fee \$10

-para las niñas de 12 años en adelante acompañada de su mamá
-for young girls aged 12 and up, accompanied by their mother

En la Casita de la
At the conference Center

Iglesia Santa María Madre de Dios
at St. Mary's Catholic Church

BRING LUNCH. BREAKFAST WILL BE PROVIDED
TRAER LUNCH, EL DESAYUNO SE PROVEERA

22 Bartlett St, Sylva, NC 28779

Objetivo: Educar desde una edad temprana a las niñas sobre la naturaleza de sus cuerpos.
Objective: To educate from an early age to young girls about the nature of their bodies.