

# St. Mary, Mother of God, Catholic Church

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7/31/22 – 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
XVIII Domingo en el Tiempo Ordinario

AND HE SAID  
TO THEM....

Luke 12:15

“TAKE CARE, AND BE ON  
YOUR GUARD AGAINST ALL  
COVETOUSNESS, FOR ONE’S  
LIFE DOES NOT CONSIST IN  
THE ABUNDANCE OF HIS  
POSSESSIONS.”

**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:** [smmgoffice@stmarymotherofgod.com](mailto:smmgoffice@stmarymotherofgod.com)

## Calendar – July 31<sup>st</sup> to August 7<sup>th</sup>

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Sunday Mass</b>	Roger Grenier+ & Carole Lemay
	10:00 am	Sanctuary Episode 3 – Mental Illness	
	<b>11:30 am</b>	<b>Sunday Mass</b>	Newsom Family
<b>Monday:</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Daily Mass</b>	Michael E. Collins+
	7:00pm	Hispanic Ministry Meeting	
<b>Tuesday:</b>	6:00 pm	RCIA	Parish Hall
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Daily Mass</b>	Scull Family
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Daily Mass</b>	Davenport Family
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<i>NO MASS</i>	
<b>Saturday:</b>	4:00 am	Bus leaves for the Eucharistic Congress in Charlotte	
	<b>9:00 am</b>	<i>NO MASS</i>	
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<i>NO MASS</i>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Sunday Mass</b>	Roger Grenier+ & Carole Lemay
	10:00 am	Sanctuary Episode 4 – Stigma	
	<b>11:30 am</b>	<b>Sunday Mass (at Bridge Park)</b>	William Newsom+
	1:00 pm	Marian Procession from Bridge Park	

To request a Mass Intention:

Email to [massintentions@stmarymotherofgod.com](mailto: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 Aug 6 7:00 pm	Familia Perez	Patricia Hernandez	
Sunday Aug 7 8:30am	Mike Ensley Don Pierce	Lucanne Rinke	Brian Raming
Sunday Aug 7 11:30am	Robin Starrs Joe Cerniglia	Sara Freeman	Newsomes Gideon Freeman

## From the Pastor's Desk

### Be Rich in God

The word vanity can be defined as excessive attention to oneself, one's possession, one's appearance, or one's achievement. Some products that encourage self-attention are prefixed with the word 'vanity.' For example, vanity table, vanity mirror, vanity license plates, vanity surgery and so on. Vanity can further be described as self-worship, or excessive seeking of self-satisfaction. Vanity is preferring world-centered life instead of a God-centered one.

In the second reading, St. Paul names sins that result from world-centered life: immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, greed, and lying. St. Paul tells us to put to death these parts of us that are earthly. The second person in the gospel was so greedy that he was unable to share his possession with others. St. Paul condemns this attitude in the following words, "Their end is destruction. Their god is their stomach; their glory is in their shame. Their minds are occupied with earthly things" (Philippians 3:19).

While we possess, grab, accumulate, bicker, and fight; let us remember Job's statement, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart" (Job 1:21). Jesus advises us in today's gospel to be rich in God rather than storing up treasures for ourselves. The more we are rich in God, the less we store up treasures for ourselves. The deeper one's spiritual life is, the lesser one is involved in things of vanity. Therefore, we are challenged not to acquire more than we need, and to share our treasures with others. God has given enough blessings to the world. As we prepare for the Eucharistic Congress, we are called to become more like Christ who shared himself totally with us. As the saying goes, God has blessed the earth with enough for everybody's *need*, but not enough for everybody's *greed*.

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



### Housekeeping:

1. Next week Friday and Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, because of our trip to Charlotte for the Eucharistic Congress, there will be no morning Mass, confessions or Adoration, and no Saturday confessions and Vigil Mass.
2. On behalf of the Parish, I would like to express our gratitude to Mr. Brad Martin, our organist, who has contributed immensely to our Liturgical music. He will be leaving after this weekend, and we wish him God's blessings.
3. The Pilgrimage Statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary will visit our Parish after the Eucharistic Congress from the August 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>. As part of the 50th anniversary celebration, the 11:30 am Mass on August 7 will be at Bridge Park and bilingual. After the Mass there will be a Marian procession with the Pilgrimage Statue from Bridge park to the Church, ending with benediction. There will be a bilingual Rosary at 6:30pm on Monday and Tuesday evenings.
4. Volunteers are needed to help in the parish office during office hours. If you are interested call or stop by the office and speak to Sarah or Luci.
5. Please sign up to join in trip on August 5<sup>th</sup> to participate in the Diocese of Charlotte Eucharistic Congress. We have two coaches available from the Cherokee Boys Club. There is a subsidized fee for individuals and families. The second bus needs to be filled, and we should complete reservations by the end of this weekend (July 31). We want to avoid a last-minute sign up as we must pay the Bus Company in advance.



## Desde el Escritorio del Pastor

### Ser Rico en Dios

La palabra vanidad se puede definir como una atención excesiva a uno mismo, la posesión, la apariencia o el logro de uno. Algunos productos que fomentan la autoatención tienen el prefijo de la palabra "tocador". Por ejemplo, mesa de tocador, espejo de tocador, matrículas de tocador, cirugía de tocador, etc. La vanidad puede describirse además como egoísmo o búsqueda excesiva de satisfacción propia. La vanidad es preferir una vida centrada en el mundo en lugar de una vida centrada en Dios.

En la segunda lectura, San Pablo nombra los pecados que resultan de una vida centrada en el mundo: inmoralidad, impureza, pasión, malos deseos, codicia y mentira. San Pablo nos dice que demos muerte a estas partes de nosotros que son terrenales. La segunda persona en el evangelio era tan codiciosa que no podía compartir su posesión con los demás. San Pablo condena esta actitud con las siguientes palabras: "Su fin es destrucción. Su dios es su estómago; su gloria está en su vergüenza. Su mente está ocupada en cosas terrenales" (Filipenses 3:19).



Mientras poseemos, agarramos, acumulamos, discutimos y luchamos; recordemos la afirmación de Job: "Desnudo salí del vientre de mi madre, y desnudo saldré" (Job 1:21). Jesús nos aconseja en el evangelio de hoy que seamos ricos en Dios en lugar de acumular tesoros para nosotros mismos. Cuanto más ricos somos en Dios, menos tesoros acumulamos para nosotros mismos. Cuanto más profunda es la vida espiritual de uno, menos se involucra uno en cosas de vanidad. Por lo tanto, tenemos el desafío de no adquirir más de lo que necesitamos y de compartir nuestros tesoros con los demás. Dios ha dado suficientes bendiciones al mundo. Mientras nos preparamos para el Congreso Eucarístico, estamos llamados a ser más como Cristo, quien se compartió totalmente con nosotros. Como dice el refrán, Dios ha bendecido la tierra con suficiente para las *necesidades* de todos, pero no para la *codicia* de todos.

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

### Noticias:

1. La próxima semana, viernes y sábado, 5 y 6 de agosto, debido a nuestro viaje a Charlotte para el Congreso Eucarístico, no habrá Misa matutina, confesiones ni Adoración, ni confesiones sabatinas ni Misa de Vigilia.
2. En nombre de la Parroquia, me gustaría expresar nuestra gratitud al Sr. Brad Martin, nuestro organista, quien ha contribuido inmensamente a nuestra música litúrgica. Se irá después de este fin de semana y le deseamos las bendiciones de Dios.
3. La Imagen Peregrinadora de la Santísima Virgen María visitará nuestra Parroquia después del Congreso Eucarístico del 6 al 10 de agosto. Como parte de la celebración del 50 aniversario, la Misa de las 11:30 am el 7 de agosto será en Bridge Park y bilingüe. Después de la Misa habrá una procesión mariana con la Imagen de la Peregrinación desde el parque del Puente hasta la Iglesia, finalizando con la bendición. Habrá un Rosario bilingüe a las 6:30 pm los lunes y martes por la noche.
4. Se necesitan voluntarios para ayudar en la oficina parroquial durante el horario de oficina. Si está interesado, llame o pase por la oficina y hable con Sarah o Luci.
5. Regístrese para unirse al viaje el 5 de agosto para participar en el Congreso Eucarístico de la Diócesis de Charlotte. Tenemos dos entrenadores disponibles del Cherokee Boys Club. Hay una tarifa subsidiada para individuos y familias. El segundo autobús debe llenarse y debemos completar las reservas para fines de este fin de semana (31 de julio). Queremos evitar una inscripción de última hora ya que debemos pagar a la Compañía de Autobuses por adelantado.

## Religious Education

The next *Confirmation class* is on Wednesday, August 3.  
We will also have a *Confirmation Review* on Friday, August 12, more details to follow.

La próxima *clase de Confirmación* es el miércoles 3 de agosto.  
También tendremos una *revisión de confirmación* el viernes 12 de agosto, más detalles a continuación.

**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: \$3,424 / Month to date: \$15,413

Ofertorio último fin de semana: \$3,424 / Mes hasta la fecha: \$15,413

## 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
<b>July 17-21, 2024</b>	<b>National Eucharistic Congress</b>
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](http://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](http://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 Thanks



Many thanks to Susan Karcher and all who helped with the Yard Sale! Also thanks to those who donated items to the sale. The proceeds will go to the Cemetery Fund.

## Eucharistic Congress

### **SIGN UP TODAY:**

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

Get details and sign up at [www.goeucharist.com](http://www.goeucharist.com).

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



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

Obtén detalles e inscríbete en [www.goeucharist.com](http://www.goeucharist.com).

La parroquia de Santa María ha dispuesto dos autobuses para ir al Congreso Eucarístico el 6 de agosto. Inscríbete en la oficina.



# WCU Campus Ministry

We will welcome back the students at Western Carolina University with our first Masses on campus:

Sunday, August 21, 4:00 pm

Friday, August 26, 12:15 pm

For more information visit:

**[wcucatholic.org](http://wcucatholic.org)**



## 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: Juan Carlos y Deisi Villegas*

### 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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**Website:** [stmarymotherofgod.com](http://stmarymotherofgod.com)

### **Social Media:**

[facebook.com/stmarysylva](https://facebook.com/stmarysylva)

[instagram.com/stmarysylva](https://instagram.com/stmarysylva)

[youtube.com/c/StMaryMotherofGod](https://youtube.com/c/StMaryMotherofGod)

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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.

Our session on **August 7 will discuss the Stigma which may accompany mental illness**. In the video segment we will be meeting Simone, who lives with schizophrenia—a complex biochemical brain disorder that can impact the way a person thinks, feels, communicates, and perceives reality, and that often includes experiences of psychosis.

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pilgrim Statue / Estatua Peregrina 50 Aniversario

A specially commissioned statue of Mary, Mother of God is visiting more than 100 locations across the Diocese of Charlotte during the anniversary year – **making a spiritual pilgrimage to visit the faithful across our diocese just as she did in her "Visitation" to St. Elizabeth**. Through participation in this memorable Marian Pilgrimage, our diocesan family comes together in prayer to God through the intercession of our patroness.

The Pilgrim Statue will visit our parish from **August 7 to 10**:

Sunday, August 7, 8:00 am	Welcome with Rosary and song
Sunday, August 7, 1:00 pm	Marian Procession
Monday, August 8, 6:30 pm	Bilingual Rosary and Litany
Tuesday, August 9, 6:30 pm	Bilingual Rosary and Litany

How can you have a fruitful pilgrimage? Simply **carry a special prayer intention** in your mind and heart! You can have a single intention, or a different one for each destination. **Upon arrival kneel near the statue of Our Lady and pray fervently**, asking her to intercede with Jesus for your request. Conclude by offering prayers of gratitude and thanksgiving.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us!

