

St. Mary, Mother of God, Catholic Church

22 Bartlett Street, Sylva NC, 28779

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**8/7/22 – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
XIX 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: 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

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Calendar - August 7th to 14th

Sunday	8:30 am	Sunday Mass	Roger Grenier+ & Carole Lemay
	10:00 am	NO Donuts & Dogma	
	11:30 am	Marian Procession <i>from Bridge Park</i>	
	~12:15 pm	Sunday Mass (bilingual)	William Newsom+
Monday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	Deceased of the Kennedy & Maurro Families
	6:30 pm	Bilingual Rosary – Mary Mother of God Pilgrim Statue	
Tuesday:	6:00 pm	RCIA	Parish Hall
	6:30 pm	Bilingual Rosary – Mary Mother of God Pilgrim Statue	
Wednesday:	5:30 pm	Daily Mass	
Thursday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	Deceased of the Bubb & Nigriny Families
	6:00 pm	Catholic Daughters Meeting	
Friday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	Linda Tiller+
	9:30 am	Confirmation Preparation - Day of Reflection (until 2:00 pm)	
	7:00 pm	Comienza Retiro Evangélico para Hombres	
Saturday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	
	9:30 am	Knights of Columbus 4 th Degree Meeting	
	11:30 am	Celebración Quinceanera	
	7:00 pm	Misa de Vigilia	Diego Acosta
Sunday	8:30 am	Sunday Mass	Jim Alexander+
	10:00 am	Sanctuary Episode 4 – Stigma	
	11:30 am	Sunday Mass	Newsom 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 Aug 13 7:00 pm	Familia Perez	Juan Carlos Villegas	
Sunday Aug 14 8:30am	Mike Ensley Don Pierce	Sue Szarek	Todd Wenberg
Sunday Aug 14 11:30am	Robin Starrs Joe Cerniglia	Jonathan Fischer	Newsomes Gideon Freeman

From the Pastor's Desk

Eucharist at the Center

As we celebrate the Diocese of Charlotte Eucharistic Congress this weekend, the words of Pope Francis ring true, "After all, why did Jesus give us the Eucharist? He wants the Eucharist to be a real part of our life -- not just something we do once in a while" but an essential part of our lives. The Eucharist is the source and summit of our Christian worship and life. Receiving the Eucharist also renews us, strengthens us he said. "Jesus is always doing new things: lifting up those who have fallen down, forgiving sins and giving us a new start, healing the wounded. There is no limit to his ability to make all things new. And in the Eucharist, he lifts us up, helps us face the anxieties and delays in our lives, calming the storms around us. He renews us, he fills us with his love, he refreshes us, he makes us new." The Eucharist invites us to deeper faith in Jesus Christ, helping us become Him whom we receive, in the midst of our joys, hopes and success, pains, sorrows, failures and disappointments. Even in the delays we encounter, the Eucharist helps us to remain a bastion of faith, hope and charity.



When God delays, faith helps us to overcome our anxieties and stress, no matter how difficult they are. As a society, we are experiencing an epidemic of anxiety and stress. Keeping up with the demands of life and the failures of has worn us out. Many of us are getting much less sleep than we need. This heightened stress takes a toll on our bodies making our blood pressure soar. We overeat and use alcohol to compensate for the pressure we feel. As we close in on ourselves, we become more isolated until we find ourselves trapped in a prison of fear.

How different our life is when we put God at the center of it, and regularly receive the Eucharist. Jesus is the Bread of life, the living water, and promised those who follow him that his yoke would be easy and his burden light (Mt 11:30). Those who live according to his teaching are no longer burdened by having to live up to the world's unrealistic expectations. We no longer measure ourselves against what others have but against the word of a merciful God who knows us, loves us and gives us His body and blood to sustain our pilgrimage journey. We who follow Jesus live in the freedom of faith. Let us ask the intercession of our Blessed Mother, Mary Mother of God as we welcome her pilgrimage statue this weekend.

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

Housekeeping:

1. The Pilgrimage Statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary is visiting our Parish after the Eucharistic Congress that ended yesterday. It will be here till the 10th of August. As part of the 50th anniversary celebration, a Marian procession will begin at Bridge Park at 11:30 am today, followed by a bilingual Mass in the Church. There will be a bilingual Rosary at 6:30 pm on Monday and Tuesday evenings.
2. Father Paul will be going on vacation from the 13th of August until September 1st. Please let us welcome Fr. Jude Alih, MSP who will be standing in for me while I am on vacation. He will celebrate Masses and the Sacraments while I am away. He begins this Wednesday evening, August 10th.
3. Starting next weekend, we will introduce the guitar for liturgical musical accompaniment for the 8:30 am Sunday Mass, since we are only able to have an organist at the 11:30 am Mass.

Desde el Escritorio del Pastor

Eucaristía en el Centro

Mientras celebramos el Congreso Eucarístico de la Diócesis de Charlotte este fin de semana, las palabras del Papa Francisco suenan verdaderas: "Después de todo, ¿por qué Jesús nos dio la Eucaristía? Él quiere que la Eucaristía sea una parte real de nuestra vida, no solo algo que hacer de vez en cuando" sino una parte esencial de nuestras vidas. La Eucaristía es la fuente y cumbre de nuestro culto y vida cristiana. Recibir la Eucaristía también nos renueva, nos fortalece, dijo. "Jesús siempre está haciendo cosas nuevas: levantando a los caídos, perdonando los pecados y dándonos un nuevo comienzo, sanando a los heridos. No hay límite a su capacidad de hacer nuevas todas las cosas. Y en la Eucaristía, nos levanta. nos ayuda a afrontar las angustias y dilaciones de nuestra vida, calmando las tempestades que nos rodean, nos renueva, nos llena de su amor, nos refresca, nos hace nuevos". La Eucaristía nos invita a una fe más profunda en Jesucristo, ayudándonos a convertirnos en Aquel a quien recibimos, en medio de nuestras alegrías, esperanzas y éxitos, dolores, tristezas, fracasos y decepciones. Incluso en los retrasos que encontramos, la Eucaristía nos ayuda a seguir siendo un baluarte de fe, esperanza y caridad.



Cuando Dios se demora, la fe nos ayuda a superar nuestras ansiedades y tensiones, por difíciles que sean. Como sociedad, estamos viviendo una epidemia de ansiedad y estrés. Mantenernos al día con las exigencias de la vida y los fracasos nos ha agotado. Muchos de nosotros estamos durmiendo mucho menos de lo que necesitamos. Este aumento del estrés afecta nuestros cuerpos y hace que nuestra presión arterial se dispare. Comemos en exceso y usamos alcohol para compensar la presión que sentimos. A medida que nos encerramos en nosotros mismos, nos aislamos más hasta que nos encontramos atrapados en una prisión de miedo.

Qué diferente es nuestra vida cuando ponemos a Dios en el centro y recibimos regularmente la Eucaristía. Jesús es el Pan de vida, el agua viva, y prometió a los que le siguen que su yugo será suave y su carga ligera (Mt 11,30). Los que viven de acuerdo con sus enseñanzas ya no tienen la carga de tener que vivir de acuerdo con las expectativas poco realistas del mundo. Ya no nos medimos con lo que tienen los demás sino con la palabra de un Dios misericordioso que nos conoce, nos ama y nos da su cuerpo y su sangre para sostener nuestro camino de peregrinación. Los que seguimos a Jesús vivimos en la libertad de la fe. Pidamos la intercesión de nuestra Santísima Madre, María Madre de Dios, mientras damos la bienvenida a su estatua peregrina este fin de semana.

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

Noticias:

1. La Imagen Peregrinadora de la Santísima Virgen María está de visita en nuestra Parroquia tras el Congreso Eucarístico que finalizó ayer. Estará aquí hasta el 10 de agosto. Como parte de la celebración del 50 aniversario, una procesión mariana comenzará hoy a las 11:30 am en Bridge Park, seguida de una misa bilingüe en la iglesia. Habrá un Rosario bilingüe a las 6:30 pm los lunes y martes por la noche.
2. El padre Paul se irá de vacaciones desde el 13 de agosto hasta el 1 de septiembre. Por favor, démosle la bienvenida al P. Jude Alih, MSP, quien me reemplazará mientras estoy de vacaciones. Celebrará misas y sacramentos mientras yo esté fuera. Comienza este miércoles por la noche, 10 de agosto.
3. A partir del próximo fin de semana, introduciremos la guitarra para el acompañamiento musical litúrgico en la Misa dominical de las 8:30 am, ya que solo podremos tener un organista en la Misa de las 11:30 am.

Religious Education

The next *Confirmation class* is on Wednesday, August 10.

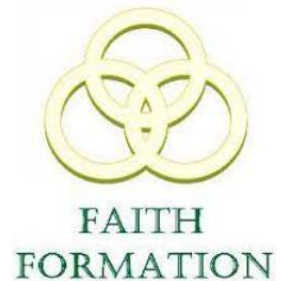
We will also have a *Confirmation Review* at church on Friday, August 12, from 9am to 2pm.

La próxima *clase de Confirmación* es el miércoles 10 de agosto.

También tendremos una *Revisión de Confirmación* en la iglesia el viernes 12 de agosto de 9 am a 2 pm.

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: \$2,179 / Month to date: \$17,592

Ofertorio último fin de semana: \$2,179 / Mes hasta la fecha: \$17,592

50 Acts of Charity School Supplies / 50 Actos de Caridad Útiles Escolares

School starts soon! Children need supplies! Can you help? Let's help the children of Jackson County start the school year right with new supplies.

As part of our 50 Acts of Charity, we'll be collecting School Supplies for school age children in Jackson County. Please pick up a couple things and place in the box in the vestibule. All donations will be coordinated with Catholic Charities and be donated to local children in need.

Children are our most treasured and important investment in our future. Let's help them start the academic year right!



¡La escuela comienza pronto! ¡Los niños necesitan suministros! ¿Puede usted ayudar? Ayudemos a los niños del condado de Jackson a comenzar bien el año escolar con nuevos útiles.

Como parte de nuestros 50 actos de caridad, recolectaremos útiles escolares para niños en edad escolar en el condado de Jackson. Recoja un par de cosas y colóquelas en la caja en el vestíbulo. Todas las donaciones se coordinarán con Caridades Católicas y se donarán a niños locales necesitados.

Los niños son nuestra inversión más preciada e importante en nuestro futuro. ¡Ayudémoslos a comenzar bien el año académico!

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 Goffinet, 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

The Yard Sale made \$4,022!

The proceeds will go to the Cemetery Fund.



Many thanks to Susan Karcher for her tireless efforts, those who donated items for sale, and all who helped with the Yard Sale!



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



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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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 14 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.

50th 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!

