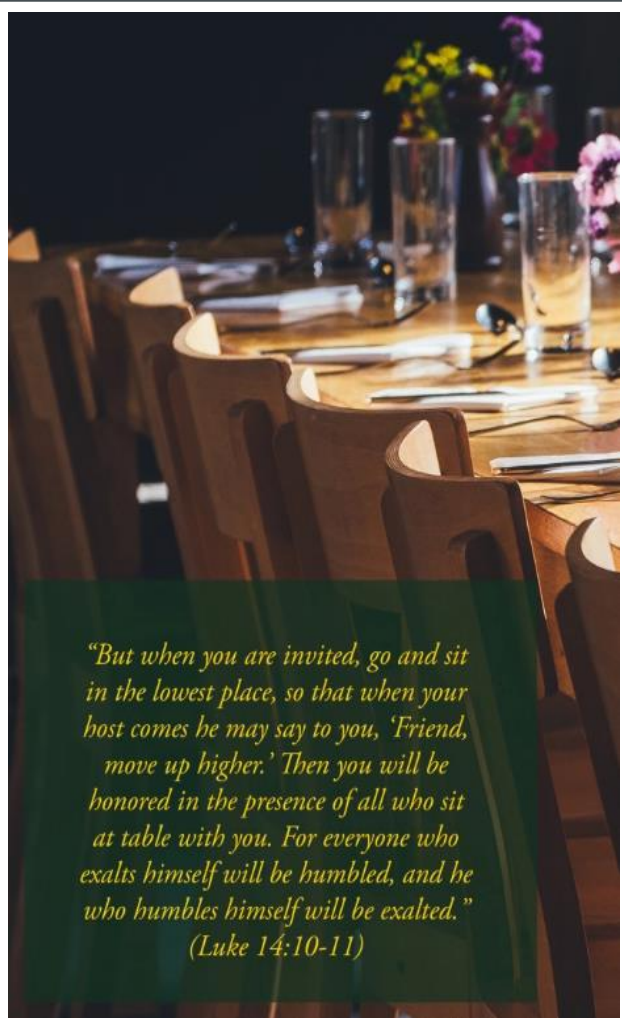


St. Mary, Mother of God, Catholic Church

22 Bartlett Street, Sylva NC, 28779

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

8/28/22 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
XXII Domingo en el Tiempo Ordinario



*"But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."
(Luke 14:10-11)*

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

Sacrament Emergency: 828-631-0576

Email: smmgoffice@stmarymotherofgod.com

Calendar – August 28th to September 4th

Sunday	8:30 am	Sunday Mass	Roger Grenier+ & Carole Lemay
	10:00 am	Sanctuary Episode 6 – Companionship	
	11:30 am	Sunday Mass	James Joseph McKinney+ & McKinney Family
	4:00 pm	Sunday Mass (at WCU)	
Monday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	
Tuesday:	6:00 pm	RCIA	Parish Hall
Wednesday:	5:30 pm	Daily Mass	
Thursday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	
Friday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	Tekla Pilch+
	10:00 am	First Friday Adoration (until 8:00 pm)	
	12:15 pm	Daily Mass (at WCU)	
Saturday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	
	7:00 pm	Misa de Vigilia	
Sunday	8:30 am	Sunday Mass	Linda Tiller+
	10:00 am	Sanctuary Episode 7 – Self Care	
	11:30 am	Sunday Mass	William & Jenny Conway
	4:00 pm	Sunday Mass (at WCU)	

To request a Mass Intention:

Email to massintentions@stmarymotherofgod.com

Or use the envelopes near the women's bathroom

Liturgical Minister Schedule – Next Week

Mass / Misa	Ushers / Hospitalidad	Readers / Lecturas	Servers / Monaguillos
Sabado Sep 3 7:00 pm	Familia Perez	Patricia Hernandez	
Sunday Sep 4 8:30am	Mike Ensley Don Pierce	Sue Szarek	Todd Wenberg
Sunday Sep 4 11:30am	Robin Starrs Joe Cerniglia	Sara Freeman	Newsomes Gideon Freeman

From the Pastor's Desk

Imitate the Humility of Jesus

It is not a coincidence that the words 'humble' and 'human' are closely related. Both words are derived from the Latin word 'humus' or earth. Biology teaches us that 'humus' is the best part of the soil that makes plants grow. God made human beings from 'humus,' the best part of the soil. And human beings return to 'humus' at the end of their life span. God says to us in Genesis 3:19, "For you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Humility can be defined as devoid of pride or devoid of vanity. That is why some spiritual fathers and mothers see humility as the foundation of all virtues. According to St. Augustine, "In a soul where humility does not exist, there can be no true virtue, but mere appearance." St. Augustine also says, "If you are seeking perfection, there are three ways to reach it; first is humility, second is humility, and third is humility." St. Dominic says, "Arm yourself with prayer rather than a sword; wear humility rather than fine clothes." St. Thomas Villanova says, "Humility is the mother of many virtues. From it springs obedience, holy fear, reverence, patience, modesty, mildness, and peace." St. Thomas Villanova also says, "A humble person does not feel the insult which may be inflicted upon him or her." He or she does not dwell on it.

We may put it this way, a humble person does not retain in himself or herself insults inflicted upon him or her. When we experience prolonged anger or disturbance of soul, mind, and body due to insults from someone, no matter how close or distant that person may be, it means that the pride in us or our self-importance has retained the insults. The less proud we are or the less self-important we feel, the less we are wounded by insults, and the more forgiving we are. At the root of many un-forgiveness, misunderstandings and arguments is wounded pride or wounded self-importance. That is why Scripture says, "Where there is strife, there is pride; but wisdom is found in those who take advice" (Proverbs 13:10).

A humble person is content and detached and does not engage in unhealthy competitions and comparisons. He or she is respectful. He or she is not arrogant. He or she is forgiving. He or she does not depend on human recognition. Jesus did not depend on human testimony (John 5:34). He admonishes us, "Learn from me for I am meek and humble of heart" (Matthew 11:29). He teaches us humility when he washed the feet of his disciples. He said to them and to us, "Do you realize what I have done for you? You call me 'teacher' and 'master,' and rightly so, for indeed I am. If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet. I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do" (John 13:12-15). This is excellent humility! May God give us the grace to imitate the humility of our Lord and God Jesus Christ.

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

Housekeeping:

1. We welcome feedback on the changes to our liturgical music on Sunday. Please let us know what you think by talking to Joe Conway, or by contacting the office by email, phone or in person.
2. Our parish will take up a second Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services today, a collection taken every three years. The AMS provides pastoral care to Catholic men and women serving in the Armed Forces. They do not receive any funding from the government or military and have no parishes, so they depend on our donations.
3. Our parish will celebrate our Golden Jubilee (50th anniversary) as a parish next month on September 25th, at the 11:30 am Sunday Mass. Please look for a schedule of events and festivities in the bulletin, website, and Facebook.
4. We congratulate our four Parishioners who just received the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. John's Waynesville last Monday, August 22nd. May the Holy Spirit enlighten their minds and guide them through a deeper commitment to their faith and relationship with God.



Desde el Escritorio del Pastor

Imitar la Humildad de Jesús

No es casualidad que las palabras 'humilde' y 'humano' estén estrechamente relacionadas. Ambas palabras se derivan de la palabra latina 'humus' o tierra. La biología nos enseña que el 'humus' es la mejor parte del suelo que hace crecer las plantas. Dios hizo a los seres humanos del 'humus', la mejor parte de la tierra. Y los seres humanos vuelven al 'humus' al final de su vida. Dios nos dice en Génesis 3:19: "Porque polvo eres, y al polvo volverás".

La humildad puede definirse como desprovista de orgullo o desprovista de vanidad. Por eso, algunos padres y madres espirituales ven en la humildad el fundamento de todas las virtudes. Según San Agustín, "En un alma donde no existe la humildad, no puede haber verdadera virtud, sino mera apariencia". San Agustín también dice: "Si buscas la perfección, hay tres formas de alcanzarla; primero es humildad, segundo es humildad y tercero es humildad". Santo Domingo dice: "Ármate con la oración en lugar de una espada; vístete de humildad en lugar de ropa fina". Santo Tomás Villanova dice: "La humildad es la madre de muchas virtudes. De ella brotan la obediencia, el santo temor, la reverencia, la paciencia, la modestia, la mansedumbre y la paz". Santo Tomás Villanova también dice: "Una persona humilde no siente el insulto que se le puede infligir". Él o ella no se detiene en ello.

Podemos decirlo de esta manera, una persona humilde no retiene en sí mismo los insultos que se le infligen. Cuando experimentamos una ira prolongada o una perturbación del alma, la mente y el cuerpo debido a los insultos de alguien, sin importar qué tan cerca o lejos pueda estar esa persona, significa que el orgullo en nosotros o nuestra propia importancia ha retenido los insultos. Cuanto menos orgullosos seamos o menos engraidos nos sintamos, menos nos lastimarán los insultos y más perdonaremos. En la raíz de muchas faltas de perdón, malentendidos y discusiones está el orgullo herido o la autoimportancia herida. Por eso dice la Escritura: "Donde hay contienda, hay orgullo; pero la sabiduría se encuentra en los que aceptan consejos" (Proverbios 13:10).

Una persona humilde está contenta y desapegada y no se involucra en competiciones y comparaciones malsanas. Él o ella es respetuoso. Él o ella no es arrogante. Él o ella está perdonando. Él o ella no depende del reconocimiento humano. Jesús no dependió del testimonio humano (Juan 5:34). Él nos amonesta: "Aprended de mí que soy manso y humilde de corazón" (Mateo 11:29). Nos enseña la humildad cuando lavó los pies de sus discípulos. Él les dijo a ellos y a nosotros: "¿Se dan cuenta de lo que he hecho por ustedes? Me llamas "maestro" y "maestro", y con razón, porque en verdad lo soy. Por tanto, si yo, el maestro y el maestro, os he lavado los pies, vosotros debéis lavaros los pies unos a otros. Os he dado modelo a seguir, para que como yo he hecho por vosotros, también vosotros lo hagáis" (Juan 13:12-15). ¡Esta es una excelente humildad! Que Dios nos dé la gracia de imitar la humildad de nuestro Señor y Dios Jesucristo.

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

Noticias:

1. Nuestra parroquia realizará hoy una segunda Colecta para la Arquidiócesis para los Servicios Militares, una colecta cada tres años. La AMS brinda atención pastoral a hombres y mujeres católicos que sirven en las Fuerzas Armadas. No reciben fondos del gobierno ni del ejército y no tienen parroquias, por lo que dependen de nuestras donaciones.
2. Nuestra parroquia celebrará nuestro Jubileo de Oro (50 aniversario) como parroquia el próximo mes, el 25 de septiembre, en la misa dominical de las 11:30 a. m. Busque el calendario de eventos y festividades en el boletín, el sitio web y Facebook.
3. Felicitamos a nuestros cuatro feligreses que acaban de recibir el Sacramento de la Confirmación en St. John's Waynesville el pasado lunes 22 de agosto. Que el Espíritu Santo ilumine sus mentes y los guíe a través de un compromiso más profundo con su fe y su relación con Dios.



Religious Education

Congratulations to Angie, Jany, Juliana, and Lucia who were Confirmed on Monday, August 22.

Felicitaciones a Angie, Jany, Juliana y Lucia que fueron Confirmadas el lunes 22 de agosto.

Welcome Faith Formation students!

Classes for the new school year begin on *Wednesday, September 7*. This year we will go back to in-person classes every week.

¡Bienvenidos estudiantes de Formación en la Fe!

Las clases para el nuevo año escolar comienzan *el miércoles 7 de septiembre*. Este año volveremos a las clases presenciales todas las semanas.



Stewardship

Offertory last weekend: \$3,417 / Month to date: \$5,596

Ofertorio último fin de semana: \$2,179 / Mes hasta la fecha: \$5,596

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 Collier, Will Crain, 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.*

Sanctuary Course

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)**



Our session on **September 4 will discuss self-care**. In the video segment, we will meet Katrina, who lives with bipolar 2 disorder.

Men's Retreat

Men's Retreat 2022: Practical Holiness

Saint Francis de Sales said, "Be who you are... and be that well." Come to this retreat and learn how to grow spiritually even amidst life's many demands.

October 7-9

Catholic Conference Center in Hickory NC

Enjoy the company of other men in this beautiful setting with exceptional dining and walkable trails. It's ideal for both group discussion or private reflection. Along with thought-provoking talks, they'll be opportunities for Mass, Adoration, confession, and spiritual direction.



For More Information:

Web: www.catholicconference.org/mens-retreat
email: info@catholicconference.org
call: 828.327.7441

WCU Campus Ministry

Welcome back Western Carolina University students!

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

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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.

Catholic Night at the Charlotte Knights

Take me out to the ballgame!

Mark your calendars for a night of baseball September 9 with other Catholic families at the Knights' Truist Field, when the ***Charlotte Knights will face off against the Nashville Sounds***. The night will end with a spectacular fireworks show after the game!

Date: Friday, Sept. 9, 2022

Time: 7:04 p.m.

Location: Truist Field, 324 S. Mint St., Charlotte, N.C. 28202

Details: Buy tickets directly from the Charlotte Knights at their website



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