



St. Mary, Mother of God, Catholic Church

22 Bartlett Street, Sylva NC, 28779

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9/4/22 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
XXIII 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: 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 – September 4th to 11th

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)	
Monday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	Shirley Feick+
	7:00 pm	Hispanic Ministry Meeting	
Tuesday:	6:00 pm	RCIA	Parish Hall
Wednesday:	5:30 pm	Daily Mass	
	6:30 pm	Faith Formation Classes Begin	
Thursday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	
Friday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	Stephanie Rosen+
	12:15 pm	Daily Mass (at WCU)	
	6:00 pm	Adoration (until 8:00 pm)	
	7:00 pm	Catholic Night at the Charlotte Knights	
Saturday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	
	9:30 am	Knights of Columbus 4 th Degree Meeting	
	7:00 pm	Misa de Vigilia	
Sunday	8:30 am	Sunday Mass	Jim Alexander+
	10:00 am	Sanctuary Episode 8 – The Church	
	11:30 am	Sunday Mass	William Newsom+
	4:00 pm	Sunday Mass (at WCU)	

Liturgical Minister Schedule – Next Week

Mass / Misa	Ushers / Hospitalidad	Readers / Lecturas	Servers / Monaguillos
Sabado Sep 10 7:00 pm	Familia Perez	Martha Espinoza	
Sunday Sep 11 8:30am	Mike Ensley Don Pierce	Caryn Raming	Brian Raming
Sunday Sep 11 11:30am	Robin Starrs Joe Cerniglia	Jonathan Fischer	Newsomes Gideon Freeman

From the Pastor's Desk

My Cross

Most of us when we suffer wonder, why me. Why do I have to suffer? Why did this happen to me. The meaning of life will be become clearer to us when we realize that we will find purpose in life when our search leads us from why to whom. Suffering does have a human and divine face to it. It is our Lord Jesus Christ on the Cross. On the Cross God suffered for us. The Christian life has a cost, and that cost is the Cross. A path that Jesus leads and invites us to follow,

We have only to look at our Lord Jesus crucified on the Cross and there we will find the meaning of our existence and the answer to our searching and longing, when faced with the Christian value of the Cross. To reach authentic gain, pain or the Cross is inevitable. In our suffering we demand answers. We are not satisfied with pietistic platitudes such as "just offer it up" or "you will be just fine." Suffering, especially chronic physical sickness, deep emotional or psychological pain and death itself, causes a personal crisis that forces us to go deep

into ourselves and ask those questions that are most fundamental to our human existence. It is precisely in the crucible of intense suffering that we either come close to God or rebel against his loving presence.

Jesus reminds us of the inevitable of the Cross for all true disciple when he says in today's gospel: "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me" (Luke 9: 23).

In these words, taken from this Sunday's gospel narrative we discover the drastic invitation of Jesus. Embracing the cross, our personal cross or crosses is an essential aspect to our walk with the Lord Jesus. Our Crosses come in different ways, forms, and shapes, but they do help us to become better as we walk with the Lord. They also help us through our endurance and experience, to guide others who may be going through similar or different difficulties. May God give us the grace to embrace the Cross or Crosses He allows on our paths.

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



Housekeeping:

1. St. Mary Mother of God will celebrate it's Golden Jubilee / 50th anniversary as a Parish on September 25th, with the 11:30 am Sunday Mass. Please look for a schedule of events and festivities in the bulletin, website, and Facebook.
2. The Parish office will be closed this Monday, September 5, for Labor Day.
3. Faith Formation classes begins this Wednesday, September 7, at 6:30 pm.
4. The Parish Life Commission is looking for volunteers. This commission identifies and coordinates the social and recreational needs of the parish. To volunteer, contact Annaleise Comacho at annaleisecamacho@gmail.com.

Desde el Escritorio del Pastor

Mi Cruz

La mayoría de nosotros cuando sufrimos nos preguntamos, ¿por qué yo? ¿Por qué tengo que sufrir? Por qué me ha ocurrido esto a mí. El significado de la vida se volverá más claro para nosotros cuando nos demos cuenta de que encontraremos un propósito en la vida cuando nuestra búsqueda nos lleve de por qué a quién. El sufrimiento tiene un rostro humano y divino. Es nuestro Señor Jesucristo en la Cruz. En la Cruz Dios sufrió por nosotros. La vida cristiana tiene un costo, y ese costo es la Cruz. Un camino que Jesús conduce y nos invita a seguir,

Sólo tenemos que mirar a nuestro Señor Jesús crucificado en la Cruz y allí encontraremos el sentido de nuestra existencia y la respuesta a nuestra búsqueda y anhelo, frente al valor cristiano de la Cruz. Para llegar a la auténtica ganancia, el dolor o la Cruz es inevitable. En nuestro sufrimiento exigimos respuestas. No estamos satisfechos con tópicos pietistas como "simplemente ofrécelo" o "estarás bien". El sufrimiento,

especialmente la enfermedad física crónica, el dolor emocional o psíquico profundo y la propia muerte, provoca una crisis personal que nos obliga a profundizar en nosotros mismos ya plantearnos aquellas cuestiones más fundamentales para nuestra existencia humana. Es precisamente en el crisol del intenso sufrimiento que o nos acercamos a Dios o nos rebelamos contra su presencia amorosa.

Jesús nos recuerda lo inevitable de la Cruz para todo verdadero discípulo cuando dice en el evangelio de hoy: “Si alguno quiere venir en pos de mí, debe negarse a sí mismo, tomar su cruz cada día y seguirme” (Lc 9, 23).

En estas palabras, extraídas del relato evangélico de este domingo, descubrimos la drástica invitación de Jesús. Abrazar la cruz, nuestra cruz o cruces personales es un aspecto esencial de nuestro caminar con el Señor Jesús. Nuestras cruces vienen en diferentes formas y formas, pero nos ayudan a ser mejores a medida que caminamos con el Señor. También nos ayudan a través de nuestra resistencia y experiencia, a guiar a otros que pueden estar pasando por dificultades similares o diferentes. Que Dios nos dé la gracia de abrazar la Cruz o Cruces que Él permite en nuestro camino.

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



Noticias:

1. St. Mary Mother of God celebrará su Jubileo de Oro / 50 aniversario como parroquia el 25 de septiembre, con la misa dominical de las 11:30 a. m. Busque el calendario de eventos y festividades en el boletín, el sitio web y Facebook.
2. La oficina parroquial estará cerrada este lunes 5 de septiembre por el Día del Trabajo.
3. Las clases de Formación de Fe comienzan este miércoles 7 de septiembre a las 6:30 pm.
4. La Comisión de Vida Parroquial está buscando voluntarios. Esta comisión identifica y coordina las necesidades sociales y recreativas de la parroquia. Para ser voluntario, comuníquese con Annalise Comacho en annaleisecamacho@gmail.com.

Religious Education

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: \$2,964 / August to date: \$16,101

2nd Collection for the Archdiocese for Military Services: \$1,041

DSA Status: \$17,594 toward a goal of \$19,146

Ofertorio último fin de semana: \$2.964 / Agosto a la fecha: \$16.101

Segunda colecta para la Arquidiócesis para Servicios Militares: \$1,041

Estado de DSA: \$ 17,594 hacia una meta de \$ 19,146

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, 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 final session on **September 11** will discuss the **Church**. In the video segment, we will meet Brian, who has experienced Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. This video references military experience and suicide.

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

Annual Fall Beach Retreat

September 23 to 25 at Folly Beach, SC

Any college-age young adult is invited to attend. The cost is \$50 per person.

Space is limited!

Register at wcucatholic.org/retreats



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

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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 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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