



*There is one God,
There is also one Mediator
between God and men,
the man Christ Jesus.*

St. Mary, Mother of God, Catholic Church

22 Bartlett Street, Sylva NC, 28779

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

**9/18/22 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
XXV 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

Sacrament Emergency: 828-631-0576

Email: smmgoffice@stmarymotherofgod.com

Calendar – September 18th to 25th

Sunday	8:30 am	Sunday Mass	Roger Grenier+ & Carole Lemay
	10:00 am	Extreme Mercy – Fr. Donald Calloway – Session 1	
	11:30 am	Sunday Mass	Newsom Family
	1:30 pm	Kermes for Mexican Independence at Bridge Park	
	4:00 pm	Sunday Mass (at WCU)	
Monday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	Smith Family
	6:30 pm	Liturgy Commission Meeting	
Tuesday:	6:00 pm	RCIA	Parish Hall
Wednesday:	5:30 pm	Daily Mass	Homer D. Green, Jr+
	6:30 pm	Faith Formation Classes	
Thursday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	
Friday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	Sheila & Chuck Coller+
	12:15 pm	Daily Mass (at WCU)	
	6:00 pm	Adoration (until 8:00 pm)	
Saturday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	
	11:30 am	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	
	7:00 pm	NO MASS	
Sunday	8:30 am	Sunday Mass	Reiter Family
	10:00 am	Extreme Mercy – Fr. Donald Calloway – Session 2	
	10:00 am	St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting	
	11:30 am	Sunday Mass	Geri Fesnacht+
	1:00 pm	50 th Anniversary Celebration	
	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 24 7:00 pm	No Mass	No Mass	
Sunday Sep 25 8:30am	Mike Ensley Don Pierce	Lucanne Rinke	Brian Raming
Sunday Sep 25 11:30am	Robin Starrs Joe Cerniglia	Carla Haire	Newsomes Gideon & Kristin

From the Pastor's Desk

The Christian Use of Money

"Money is the root of all evil." The Bible does not actually say that. What the Bible says is "The love of money is the root of all evils, and there are some who, pursuing it, have wandered away from the faith and so given their souls any number of fatal wounds." (1 Timothy 6:10). This reminds us that money can be used for a lot of good. On this 25th Sunday of ordinary time, the Church urges us to reflect on our attitude towards money, material things, and especially, our attitude towards the poor and the marginalized. Injustice, greed, and oppression are among the greatest factors that have perpetuated poverty in our society.

Amos prophesied in Israel about the 8th century BC. At that time, Israel enjoyed material prosperity. Unfortunately, with the material prosperity were corruption, injustice, oppression of the poor, and unfaithfulness to God. The unfortunate situation is captured by Amos' words in the first reading, "When will the new moon be over," you ask, "that we may sell our grain, and Sabbath, that we may display the wheat? We will diminish the ephah, and add to the shekel, and fix our scales for cheating! We will buy the lowly for silver, and the poor for a pair of sandals, even the refuse of the wheat we will sell" (Amos 8:5). This passage shows the dishonesty of political, economic, and religious leaders, and the decadence in the society. The dishonesty of our rulers and leaders is a huge problem in our world today. Their unfaithfulness to the teachings and commandments of God continues to undermine and corrupt the fabric of our society.

That is why in the second reading Paul implores us to pray for everyone especially, kings, rulers, and government leaders. This prayer is necessary for conversion and wisdom. If our leaders are converted and become wise, they will help to stop corruption, injustice, and oppression in our land and systems. If our leaders are better, we live better lives. This is very important because, as Paul puts it: "God wants everyone to be saved and reach the full knowledge of the truth." This truth is that there is only one God and that we all are His children. He loves us all equally and wishes that we all prosper and be in health, even as our soul prospers. Once we understand this, selfishness will disappear, and we shall begin to consider the interest and good of others. It is God's will to save all. This includes salvation from starvation, injustice, greed, and corruption that has destroyed our world and left many poor.

In the gospel, Jesus reminds us of the fact that money and material things do not last forever. Hence, he advises us on how to make use of them without losing our salvation. That is why he gave the parable of the astute steward, who though dishonest, decided to invest in his master's debtors. The master was amazed at the craftiness of the dishonest steward, which made Jesus to say, "The children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than the children of light." This is to say that many times, honest people who are supposed to be "children of light" lack courage, firmness, and exuberance. If "children of this world" turn their energy and craftiness to doing good, hardship and suffering will disappear from our society. There is a saying that "The best way to invest is to invest in the poor." We should therefore learn to invest in the poor and others to improve their conditions. Amassing wealth for ourselves without using it to help those in need only amounts to greed and selfishness.

On the contrary, the wise use their wealth to help those in need and store wealth for themselves in heaven. Therefore, it is important to know that we are only its managers when God blesses us with money. God gives us wealth to help and improve the lives of those in need. It is not meant only for our families and us. So, we must be charitable with it.

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

Housekeeping:

1. We will be having an International Food Festival and Potluck as part of our 50th Celebration. The church is supplying chicken, concessions stand (hot dogs, popcorn, cotton candy, and drinks), and a cake for dessert. We are asking parishioners to bring dishes that represent their culture. You can sign up this weekend in the Parish Hall or email Annaleise Camacho at: annaleisecamacho@gmail.com. We will have cards for you to write the name of your dish and its country of origin. Please indicate when you sign up the country your dish is from, and we will print flags to go with your dishes at the hall.
2. All Parishes of the Diocese of Charlotte have been asked to have a Second collection for Priests' Retirement Benefits on September 25th, 2022. This is to help take care of the many Priests who have served and still serving many Parishes in our Diocese for decades and years. The goal is \$5,214; we have already collected \$1,210. Please, we appeal for your generosity on the 25th and the weeks after.
3. Please disregard any personal email from Fr. Paul soliciting funds, gift cards or email correspondence. They are scams which seek to take advantage of parishioners.
4. You are invited to the Mexican Independence Day celebration at Bridge Park today (September 18) starting at 1:30 pm. There will be different dishes and a raffle. Please let us support our Hispanic community and the Parish in the celebration. Wishing our Mexican parishioners, a happy Mexican Independence Day!



Desde el Escritorio del Pastor

El Uso Cristiano del Dinero

"El dinero es la raíz del mal." La Biblia en realidad no dice eso. Lo que la Biblia dice es: "El amor al dinero es la raíz de todos los males, y hay algunos que, persiguiéndolo, se han extraviado de la fe y han dado a sus almas un sinnúmero de heridas mortales". (1 Timoteo 6:10). Esto nos recuerda que el dinero puede usarse para muchas cosas buenas. En este domingo 25 del tiempo ordinario, la Iglesia nos insta a reflexionar sobre nuestra actitud hacia el dinero, las cosas materiales y, especialmente, nuestra actitud hacia los pobres y marginados. La injusticia, la codicia y la opresión se encuentran entre los mayores factores que han perpetuado la pobreza en nuestra sociedad.

Amós profetizó en Israel alrededor del siglo VIII a. En ese momento, Israel disfrutaba de prosperidad material. Lamentablemente, con la prosperidad material vinieron la corrupción, la injusticia, la opresión de los pobres y la infidelidad a Dios. La desafortunada situación es capturada por las palabras de Amós en la primera lectura, "¿Cuándo pasará la luna nueva, preguntas, para que podamos vender nuestro grano, y el sábado, para que podamos exhibir el trigo? ¡Disminuiremos el efa, y añadiremos al siclo, y ajustaremos nuestras balanzas para engañar! Compraremos a los humildes por plata, y a los pobres por un par de sandalias, aun los desperdicios del trigo venderemos" (Amós 8:5). Este pasaje muestra la deshonestidad de los líderes políticos, económicos y religiosos, y la decadencia de la sociedad. La deshonestidad de nuestros gobernantes y líderes es un gran problema en nuestro mundo de hoy. Su infidelidad a las enseñanzas y mandamientos de Dios continúa socavando y corrompiendo el tejido de nuestra sociedad.



Por eso, en la segunda lectura, Pablo nos implora que oremos por todos, especialmente, reyes, gobernantes y líderes de gobierno. Esta oración es necesaria para la conversión y la sabiduría. Si nuestros líderes se convierten y se vuelven sabios, ayudarán a detener la corrupción, la injusticia y la opresión en nuestra tierra y sistemas. Si nuestros líderes son mejores, vivimos vidas mejores. Esto es muy importante porque, como dice Pablo: "Dios quiere que todos se salven y lleguen al pleno conocimiento de la verdad". Esta verdad es que hay un solo Dios y que todos somos sus hijos. Él nos ama a todos por igual y desea que todos prosperemos y tengamos salud, así como prospera nuestra alma. Una vez que entendamos esto, el egoísmo desaparecerá y comenzaremos a considerar el interés y el bien de los demás. Es la voluntad de Dios salvar a todos. Esto incluye la salvación del hambre, la injusticia, la codicia y la corrupción que ha destruido nuestro mundo y ha dejado a muchos pobres.

En el evangelio, Jesús nos recuerda el hecho de que el dinero y las cosas materiales no duran para siempre. Por eso, nos aconseja cómo hacer uso de ellos sin perder nuestra salvación. Por eso dio la parábola del mayordomo astuto, que aunque deshonesto, decidió invertir en los deudores de su amo. El maestro se asombró de la astucia del mayordomo deshonesto, lo que hizo que Jesús dijera: "Los hijos de este mundo son más prudentes para tratar con su propia generación que los hijos de la luz". Es decir, muchas veces a las personas honestas que se supone que son "hijos de la luz" les falta coraje, firmeza y exuberancia. Si los "hijos de este mundo" dedican su energía y astucia a hacer el bien, las dificultades y el sufrimiento desaparecerán de nuestra sociedad. Hay un dicho que dice: "La mejor manera de invertir es invertir en los pobres". Por lo tanto, debemos aprender a invertir en los pobres y en los demás para mejorar sus condiciones. Amasar riqueza para nosotros mismos sin usarla para ayudar a los necesitados solo equivale a codicia y egoísmo.

Por el contrario, los sabios usan su riqueza para ayudar a los necesitados y acumulan riqueza para sí mismos en el cielo. Por lo tanto, es importante saber que solo somos sus administradores cuando Dios nos bendice con dinero. Dios nos da la riqueza para ayudar y mejorar la vida de los necesitados. No es solo para nuestras familias y para nosotros. Por lo tanto, debemos ser caritativos con él.

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

Noticias:

1. Tendremos un Festival Internacional de Comida y Potluck como parte de nuestra 50^o Celebración. La iglesia está proporcionando pollo, puesto de comida (perros calientes, palomitas de maíz, algodón de azúcar y bebidas) y un pastel de postre. Estamos pidiendo a los feligreses que traigan platos que representen su cultura. Puede inscribirse este fin de semana en el Salón Parroquial o enviar un correo electrónico a Annaleise Camacho a: annaleisecamacho@gmail.com. Tendremos tarjetas para que escribas el nombre de tu plato y su país de origen. Indique cuando se registre el país de origen de su plato, e imprimiremos banderas para acompañar sus platos en el salón.
2. Se ha pedido a todas las parroquias de la Diócesis de Charlotte que realicen una Segunda colecta para los Beneficios de Jubilación de los Sacerdotes el 25 de septiembre de 2022. Esto es para ayudar a cuidar a los muchos Sacerdotes que han servido y siguen sirviendo en muchas Parroquias de nuestra Diócesis durante décadas y años. La meta es \$5,214; ya hemos recaudado \$1,210. Por favor, apelamos a su generosidad el día 25 y las semanas siguientes.
3. Ignore cualquier correo electrónico personal del Padre. Paul solicitando fondos, tarjetas de regalo o correspondencia por correo electrónico. Son estafas que buscan aprovecharse de los feligreses.
4. Estás invitado a la celebración del Día de la Independencia de México en Bridge Park hoy (18 de septiembre) a partir de la 1:30 p. m. Habrá diferentes platos y una rifa. ¡Deseando a nuestros feligreses mexicanos, un feliz Día de la Independencia de México!.

Religious Education

Welcome Faith Formation students!

Faith Formation has begun. Classes for the new school year will be held in-person every week.



FAITH
FORMATION

¡Bienvenidos estudiantes de Formación en la Fe!

La formación en la fe ha comenzado. Las clases para el nuevo año escolar se llevarán a cabo en persona todas las semanas.

Stewardship

Offertory last weekend: \$3,451 / September to date: \$7,848

Priests Retirement 2022: \$1,210 collected toward a goal of \$5,213

A second collection for the Priests Retirement fund will be on September 25

Ofertorio último fin de semana: \$3,451 / Septiembre a la fecha: \$7,848

Retiro de sacerdotes 2022: \$1,210 recaudados para una meta de \$5,213

Una segunda colecta para el fondo de Jubilación de Sacerdotes será el 25 de septiembre

It is with great sadness that we share the news of the deaths of Sheila and Chuck Coller, long-time parishioners at St. Mary's. In recent years they were no longer able to spend their summers at their home in the mountains due to illness. There will be a joint funeral Mass on September 24 at 9:30am at St. Jude's Cathedral Chapel in St. Petersburg, FL. Condolences can be sent to Cheryl Coller Reed, 1576 Pennwood Circle South, Clearwater, FL 33756

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, 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.*

Extreme Mercy – Fr. Donald Calloway

Would you believe the story of someone who...

- Dropped out of High School...
- Ran away from home at age 15...
- Joined the Japanese mafia...
- Was deported from Japan handcuffed to a military transport...
- Followed the Grateful Dead across America...
- Nearly died from drug overdose...
- Was sent to a locked-down psychiatric institution...
- Met Jesus through Mary and became a priest!

Come hear the amazing conversion story of Fr. Donald Calloway which he tells with unmistakable zeal for the priesthood and devotion to Our Lady. Discover why Divine Mercy is for all of us at all times, especially in the most difficult situations.

Come hear the story at:

Donuts & Dogma

Beginning
Sunday, September 18
at 10:00am
in the Fellowship Hall



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 Linda Gray

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: Joe Cerniglia
- Lay Carmelites Director: Jean Burton

Stewardship Committee

Chair: Brian Raming

WCU Campus Ministry

Campus Minister: Deacon Matt Newsome

Email: smmgoffice@stmarymotherofgod.com

Website: stmarymotherofgod.com

Social Media:

facebook.com/stmarysylva

instagram.com/stmarysylva

youtube.com/c/StMaryMotherofGod

Main Line/Reception: 828-586-9496

Sacramental Emergency: 828-631-0576

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.

**SANTA MARIA
MADRE DE DIOS
CELEBRACION DEL 50 ANIVERSARIO**

**DOMINGO,
25 DE SEPTIEMBRE DE 2022**

LAS FESTIVIDADES INCLUYEN:

- 11:30 A.M. MISA BILNGUE
- BAUTIZO DE OBRA NUEVA:
CENTRO SAN JUAN BOSCO
- CELEBRACION DEL 50:

**FESTIVAL INTERNACIONAL DE COMIDA
PROBABILIDAD**

PASTEL

CONCESIONES

**JUEGOS Y PREMIOS DE CARNAVAL
RIFA**

CABINA DE FOTOS

EXHIBICION DE FOTOS

LOS VOLUNTARIOS NECESITABAN:

**POR FAVOR REGISTRESE EN EL SALON
PARROQUIAL O COMUNIQUESE CON ANNALEISE**

CAMACHO A:

ANNALEISECAMACHO@GMAIL.COM

**ST. MARY
MOTHER OF GOD
50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

**SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 25, 2022**

FESTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- 11:30 A.M. BILINGUAL MASS
- CHRISTENING OF NEW BUILDING:
ST. JOHN BOSCO CENTER
- 50TH CELEBRATION:

INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL

POTLUCK

CAKE

CONCESIONS

CARNIVAL GAMES & PRIZES

RAFFLE

PHOTO BOOTH

PHOTO DISPLAY

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

**PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE PARISH HALL OR
CONTACT ANNALEISE CAMACHO AT:
ANNALEISECAMACHO@GMAIL.COM**