

St. Mary, Mother of God, Catholic Church

22 Bartlett Street, Sylva NC, 28779

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9/25/22 – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
XXVI 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



*Thanking God
for Fifty Years of Grace at
St. Mary Mother of God Parish*

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 25th to October 2nd

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	Gerri Fasnacht+
	1:00 pm	50 th Anniversary Celebration	
	4:00 pm	Sunday Mass (at WCU)	
Monday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	
Tuesday:			
Wednesday:	5:30 pm	Daily Mass	
	6:30 pm	Faith Formation Community Meeting	
Thursday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	
Friday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	
	12:15 pm	Daily Mass (at WCU)	
Saturday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	
	11:00 am	March for Life – Begins at St. John the Evangelist (Waynesville)	
	7:00 pm	Misa en Español	
Sunday	8:30 am	Sunday Mass	
	10:00 am	Extreme Mercy – Fr. Donald Calloway – Session 3	
	11:30 am	Sunday Mass	William Newsom+
	4:00 pm	Sunday Mass (at WCU)	

To request a Mass Intention:

Email to massintentions@stmarymotherofgod.com

Liturgical Minister Schedule – Next Week

Mass / Misa	Ushers / Hospitalidad	Readers / Lecturas	Servers / Monaguillos
Sabado Oct 1 7:00 pm	Familia Perez	Patricia Hernandez	
Sunday Oct 2 8:30am	Mike Ensley Don Pierce	Sue Szarek	Brian Raming Todd Wenberg
Sunday Oct 2 11:30am	Robin Starrs Joe Cerniglia	Sara Freeman	Alister, Gideon, Kristen, Maddie, Malcolm

From the Pastor's Desk

Thanking God For Fifty Years of Grace at St. Mary Mother of God Parish

On January 12, 1972 Monsignor Michael J. Begley was named the Bishop of the newly created diocese of Charlotte covering the Western forty-six counties of the state of North Carolina. Later that same year on the feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary, September 8, 1972, Bishop Michael J. Begley established two new Parishes: St. Mary Mother of God, Sylva, and St. Joseph at Bryson City. We gather to celebrate this Golden Jubilee on the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time. But this is not just another ordinary Sunday here in St. Mary Mother of God Parish. We gather 17 days after St. Mary turned 50. As we gather to celebrate this Golden Jubilee, we do so with humility and grateful hearts of thanksgiving to God for His blessings, protection and guidance to our many parishioners throughout all these years. We thank God for all the many Pastors living and called to glory, who have guided the Parish through this five decades. We pray for God's mercy for those of them who have died. We thank God for the positive changes and the growth in diversity in the Parish, with parishioners from many different parts of the country and the world. We are also filled with the awareness that, on some occasions, we are anything but deserving and jubilant, anything but golden. Hence we have good reason to pray for forgiveness for our sins and missteps during these years. We invoke our Blessed Mother today, we ask her to accompany us and guide us as we thank God for his graces on this parish.



As I reflected on the many roles a lot of people have played in the Golden story of St. Mary, from those who contributed time and resources building both her physical and spiritual structures, I came across this short story about three bricklayers. A traveler came upon the three men working. He asked the first man what he was doing and the man said he was laying bricks. He asked the second man what he was doing and the man said he was putting up a wall. When he got to the third man and asked what he was doing, he said he was building a cathedral. They were all doing the same things. The first man had a job. The second man had a career. The third man had a calling. We have been involved in laying bricks through different roles in the Parish every day, every month and every year. Some have been Pastors, some commission or ministry heads, some teachers, Catechists, parents and different volunteers. All contribute as we envision the cathedral and move through our days with intention and passion, living our best life. Let us remember the many encounters with God in the Eucharist and how we have been loved and touched by the best sides of so many others, who unlike the rich man in the Lazarus story, noticed us and reached out.

About 750 BC, Amos denounced the rich and the leaders in Israel who in their extravagant life of luxury oppressed and neglected the suffering poor: "Those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge upon their couches; eating lambs taken from the flock, and calves from the stall; who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the best oils, but are not made ill by the collapse of Joseph." (Amos 4:6-7).

The neglect of the poor by the rich and the leaders was not different during the time of Jesus, which was why Jesus gave the parable of the rich man and Lazarus. Notice that while the poor man has a name, Jesus did not give the rich man a name because his behavior left a lot to be desired. He had no heart despite being fabulously rich. Because he had no heart, he could not see the poor man, Lazarus, lying at his gate.

The rich man did nothing wrong for being rich. His three sins were: lack of moderation ("dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day"), negligence, and lack of compassion ("lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table"). While the rich man did not show compassion to Lazarus, the rich man's dogs did. The dogs, ordinarily, would have barked and driven Lazarus away from their master's gate. Instead, the dogs showed him compassion by licking his sores. Do we notice those who are going through difficulties, and when we do, do we make some effort to help them?

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

Housekeeping:

1. All Parishes of the Diocese of Charlotte have been asked to have a Second collection for Priests' Retirement Benefits on September 25th. This is to help take care of the many Priests who have served and still serving 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.
2. There will be a March for Life in Waynesville on Saturday, October 1, beginning at St. John the Evangelist Parish at 11:00am. Come and stand up for life!
3. The annual Priests Retreat of the Diocese of Charlotte starts from the evening of Sunday October 2nd until Friday October 7th. There will not be any morning Mass in the Parish from October 3rd through October 7th.

Desde el Escritorio del Pastor

Agradeciendo a Dios por Cincuenta Años de Gracia en Parroquia de Santa María Madre de Dios

El 12 de enero de 1972, Monseñor Michael J. Begley fue nombrado obispo de la recién creada diócesis de Charlotte que cubre los cuarenta y seis condados occidentales del estado de Carolina del Norte. Más tarde, ese mismo año, en la fiesta de Nuestra Señora del Rosario, el 8 de septiembre de 1972, el obispo Michael J. Begley estableció dos nuevas parroquias: St. Mary Mother of God, Sylva y St. Joseph en Bryson City. Nos reunimos para celebrar este Jubileo de Oro el domingo 26 del Tiempo Ordinario. Pero este no es un domingo cualquiera aquí en la Parroquia Santa María Madre de Dios. Nos reunimos 17 días después de que Santa María cumpliera 50 años. Al reunirnos para celebrar este Jubileo de Oro, lo hacemos con humildad y corazones agradecidos de acción de gracias a Dios por sus bendiciones, protección y guía a nuestros muchos feligreses a lo largo de todos estos años. Agradecemos a Dios por tantos Pastores vivos y llamados a la gloria, que han guiado a la Parroquia a lo largo de estas cinco décadas. Oramos por la misericordia de Dios para aquellos de ellos que han muerto. Damos gracias a Dios por los cambios positivos y el crecimiento de la diversidad en la Parroquia, con feligreses de muchas partes diferentes del país y del mundo. También estamos llenos de la conciencia de que, en algunas ocasiones, somos todo menos merecedores y jubilosos, todo menos dorados. Por lo tanto, tenemos buenas razones para orar por el perdón de nuestros pecados y errores durante estos años. Invocamos a nuestra Santísima Madre hoy, le pedimos que nos acompañe y nos guíe mientras damos gracias a Dios por sus gracias en esta parroquia.



Mientras reflexionaba sobre los muchos roles que muchas personas han jugado en la historia dorada de Santa María, de aquellos que contribuyeron con tiempo y recursos para construir sus estructuras tanto físicas como espirituales, me encontré con esta breve historia sobre tres albañiles. Un viajero se encontró con los tres hombres trabajando. Le preguntó al primer hombre qué estaba haciendo y el hombre dijo que estaba poniendo ladrillos. Le preguntó al segundo hombre qué estaba haciendo y el hombre dijo que estaba levantando una pared. Cuando llegó al tercer hombre y le preguntó qué estaba haciendo, dijo que estaba construyendo una catedral. Todos estaban haciendo las mismas cosas. El primer hombre tenía un trabajo. El segundo hombre tenía una carrera. El tercer hombre tenía una vocación. Hemos estado involucrados en la colocación de ladrillos a través de diferentes roles en la Parroquia todos los días, todos los meses y todos los años. Algunos han sido pastores, algunos jefes de comisiones o ministerios, algunos maestros, catequistas, padres y diferentes voluntarios. Todos contribuyen mientras imaginamos la catedral y pasamos nuestros días con intención y pasión, viviendo nuestra mejor vida. Recordemos los muchos encuentros con Dios en la Eucaristía y cómo hemos sido amados y tocados por los mejores lados de tantos otros, que a diferencia del hombre rico de la historia de Lázaro, se fijaron en nosotros y se acercaron.

Alrededor del 750 aC, Amós denunció a los ricos y a los líderes de Israel que en su extravagante vida de lujos oprimían y desatendían a los pobres que sufrían: “Aquellos que yacen en lechos de marfil y descansan en sus lechos; comer corderos tomados del rebaño y becerros del establo; que beben vino en tazones, y se ungen con los mejores aceites, pero no se enferman por la caída de José.” (Amós 4:6-7).

El descuido de los pobres por parte de los ricos y los líderes no fue diferente en el tiempo de Jesús, por eso Jesús dio la parábola del hombre rico y Lázaro. Note que mientras el pobre tiene un nombre, Jesús no le dio un nombre al rico porque su comportamiento dejaba mucho que desear. No tenía corazón a pesar de ser fabulosamente rico. Como no tenía corazón, no podía ver al pobre Lázaro que yacía a su puerta.

El hombre rico no hizo nada malo por ser rico. Sus tres pecados fueron: falta de moderación (“vestido de púrpura y lino fino, y comiendo cada día con esplendor”), negligencia y falta de compasión (“yaciendo a su puerta estaba un pobre llamado Lázaro, cubierto de llagas, que gustosamente he comido hasta saciarme de las sobras que caían de la mesa del rico”). Mientras que el hombre rico no mostró compasión por Lázaro, los perros del hombre rico sí lo hicieron. Los perros, normalmente, habrían ladrado y ahuyentado a Lázaro de la puerta de su amo. En cambio, los perros le mostraron compasión lamiendo sus llagas. ¿Nos damos cuenta de quienes están pasando por dificultades y, cuando lo hacemos, hacemos algún esfuerzo por ayudarlos?

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

Noticias:

1. 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. Esto es para ayudar a cuidar de los muchos Sacerdotes que han servido y siguen sirviendo a 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.
2. Habrá una Marcha por la Vida en Waynesville el sábado 1 de octubre, comenzando en la Parroquia de St. John the Evangelist a las 11:00 am. ¡Ven y lucha por la vida!
3. El Retiro Anual de Sacerdotes de la Diócesis de Charlotte comienza desde la noche del domingo 2 de octubre hasta el viernes 7 de octubre. No habrá misa matutina en la parroquia del 3 al 7 de octubre.

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.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

Adults who desire to become Catholic attend OCIA, which includes study, prayer and rites at Mass. Participants in OCIA are called catechumens. They undergo a process of conversion as they study the Gospel, profess faith in Jesus and the Catholic Church, and receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist, usually at Easter.

For more information contact Mike Ensley or the office

Stewardship

Offertory last weekend: \$2,277 / September to date: \$10,125

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: \$2,277 / Septiembre a la fecha: \$10,125

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

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. 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. 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

Continuing through
Sunday, October 9
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

St. John Bosco Center

The Saint John Bosco Center
will be dedicated on September 25.

The Center has been completely remodeled to
provide additional meeting and classroom space.

Thanks to all who volunteered their time and talent to make
this possible: David Lerche, Javier Martinez, Joe Conway, Luiz
Perez, Ruben, Scott Freeman, Tom Flanagan, Tony Tiller, and
Usebio Modtesuma.

The logo for St. John Bosco Center features the text "St John" in a yellow, stylized font above "Bosco Center" in a larger, bold yellow font, all set against a blue rectangular background.

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

- OCIA 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

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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.

WALK FOR HOPE

Join Sylva Police Department as they Walk for Hope to support breast cancer.

October 1, 2022

10 A.M.

Sylva Fountain



Caminar por la Esperanza

Únase al Departamento de Policía de Sylva mientras caminan por la esperanza para apoyar el cáncer de mama

Octubre 1, 2022

10 A.M.

Comienza de la Fuente del Centro de Sylva

