

St. Mary, Mother of God, Catholic Church

22 Bartlett Street, Sylva NC, 28779

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10/09/22 – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
XXVIII Domingo en el Tiempo Ordinario



*“Were not ten cleansed,
where are the other nine?”*

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: Carla Haire

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 – October 9th to 16th

Sunday	8:30 am	Sunday Mass	Jim Alexander+
	10:00 am	Extreme Mercy – Fr. Donald Calloway – Session 4	
	11:30 am	Sunday Mass	Reiter Family
	4:00 pm	Sunday Mass (at WCU)	Pro Populo
Monday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	Deceased of the Kennedy & Maurro Families+
	7:00 pm	Hispanic Ministry Meeting	
Tuesday:			
Wednesday:	5:30 pm	Daily Mass	Brendan Lynch+ & Marjorie Lynch
	6:30 pm	Faith Formation Classes	
Thursday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	Deceased of the Bubb & Nigriny Families+
	6:00 pm	Catholic Daughters of America Meeting	
	6:30 pm	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	
Friday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	Robert Harcourt+
	6:00 pm	Adoration (until 8:00 pm)	
	12:15 pm	Daily Mass (at WCU)	
Saturday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	
	10:00 am	Lay Carmelite Community Meeting	
	7:00 pm	Misa en Español	
Sunday	8:30 am	Sunday Mass	Linda Tiller+
	10:00 am	Top Model to Role Model – Session 1	
	11:30 am	Sunday Mass	Newsom Family
	4:00 pm	NO MASS (at WCU)	Pro Populo

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 Oct 15 7:00 pm	Familia Perez	Juan Carlos Villegas	
Sunday Oct 16 8:30am	Mike Ensley Don Pierce	Brian Raming	Brian Raming Todd Wenberg
Sunday Oct 16 11:30am	Robin Starrs Joe Cerniglia	Sue Cerniglia	Alister, Gideon, Kristen, Maddie, Malcolm

From the Pastor's Desk

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

One of my classmates in the Seminary and at ordination Fr. Gabriel Gomerep, MSP would always remind us of the value of gratitude when he would say: "Gratitude is the least of all virtues, while ingratitude is the worst of all vices."

The readings of today invite us to reflect on the importance of gratitude. When Naaman bathed in the River Jordan as directed by Elisha, "he was cleansed of his leprosy." He was grateful to God and returned to Elisha with a gift to express his gratitude. Naaman was Syrian. Syria, then, was considered a pagan territory because they were Baal worshippers. Naaman said to Elisha, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth, except in Israel. Please accept a gift from your servant." Ironically, this happened during the last years of King Ahab and his wife, Jezebel, and their children who led the Israelites to idolatry. While the Chosen People were ungrateful to God by worshipping pagan gods, Naaman the Syrian expressed gratitude to God and proclaimed, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth, except in Israel."



In today's gospel, Jesus healed ten lepers. Nine were Jews, and one was a Samaritan. Again, the nine Jews who were healed did not return to Jesus to express gratitude. The Samaritan did. The Jews looked down on the Samaritans as pagans and foreigners. Yet, it was the 'pagan' (the foreigner) "who returned [to Jesus] glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him." Jesus emphasizes the importance of gratitude by asking, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?"

Some of us are like the nine Jews who took their healing for granted. Many times, we take our blessings for granted by not showing appreciation. Sometimes we act with a sense of entitlement, such that when someone does something for us, we feel we deserve it or are entitled to it and hence do not say THANK YOU. We are invited to limit our complaints, fault finding, whining, and nagging, and to increase our gratefulness, appreciation and thanks to God and ourselves. Please let us show appreciation to each other and to God in our prayers and actions. We thank God for His blessings on our Diocese and Parish as we celebrate 50th anniversaries. We thank God for His protection and blessings on many families, marriages and vocations including mine as I prepare to celebrate the 20th anniversary of my Priestly Ordination on the 22nd of this month. We thank you all for your generosity of time and resources to the Parish.

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

Housekeeping:

1. If you are celebrating your Silver or Golden Wedding Anniversary this year (married in 1972 or 1997), you and your family are invited to the annual Diocesan Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, October 23rd**, at St. Ann Catholic Church. Mass begins at 2:30 p.m. and will be followed by a reception. Please register at <https://charlottediocese.org/bishops-yearly-anniversary-mass-for-couples/>.
2. You are all invited to Fr. Paul's 20th Priestly Ordination anniversary celebration on **Saturday October 22nd** starting with Mass at 10:30 am and reception in the Parish hall immediately after Mass. There will not be any 9:00 am Mass on that Saturday.
3. We welcome Mrs. Carla Haire who will be assuming the bookkeeping role for St. Mary Mother of God Parish. We thank her for her generosity of time and commitment.
4. The Parish Faith Formation Trunk and Treat Fall festival takes on **Wednesday October 26th** after the 5:30pm evening Mass. Please come with your cars and decorated trunks and candies. Children should please dress in their favorite Saint or Holy costume.
5. Since the Executive Assistant to the Pastor will be out on leave **from October 17th to November 11th**, office hours during this time will be: Wednesday 2pm – 4pm; Friday 9am – 2pm; Saturday 10am – 1pm.

Desde el Escritorio del Pastor

Gracias, Gracias, Gracias

Uno de mis compañeros de clase en el Seminario y en la ordenación el P. Gabriel Gomerep, MSP siempre nos recordaba el valor de la gratitud cuando decía: “La gratitud es la menor de todas las virtudes, mientras que la ingratitud es el peor de todos los vicios.

Las lecturas de hoy nos invitan a reflexionar sobre la importancia de la gratitud. Cuando Naamán se bañó en el río Jordán según las instrucciones de Eliseo, “quedó limpio de su lepra”. Estaba agradecido con Dios y regresó a Eliseo con un regalo para expresar su gratitud. Naamán era sirio. Siria, entonces, era considerada un territorio pagano porque eran adoradores de Baal. Naamán le dijo a Eliseo: “Ahora sé que no hay Dios en toda la tierra, excepto en Israel. Por favor acepta un regalo de tu sirviente.” Irónicamente, esto sucedió durante los últimos años del rey Acab y su esposa, Jezabel, y sus hijos, quienes llevaron a los israelitas a la idolatría. Mientras que el Pueblo Elegido era desagradecido con Dios al adorar a dioses paganos, Naamán el sirio expresó su gratitud a Dios y proclamó: “Ahora sé que no hay Dios en toda la tierra, excepto en Israel”.



En el evangelio de hoy, Jesús sanó a diez leprosos. Nueve eran judíos y uno era samaritano. Nuevamente, los nueve judíos que fueron sanados no regresaron a Jesús para expresar gratitud. El samaritano lo hizo. Los judíos despreciaban a los samaritanos como paganos y extranjeros. Sin embargo, fue el ‘pagano’ (el extranjero) “quien volvió [a Jesús] glorificando a Dios a gran voz; y se postró a los pies de Jesús y le dio gracias.” Jesús enfatiza la importancia de la gratitud al preguntar: “Diez fueron limpiados, ¿no es así? donde están los otros nueve? ¿Nadie sino este extranjero ha vuelto para dar gracias a Dios?”

Algunos de nosotros somos como los nueve judíos que dieron por sentada su curación. Muchas veces, damos por sentadas nuestras bendiciones al no mostrar aprecio. A veces actuamos con un sentido de derecho, de modo que cuando alguien hace algo por nosotros, sentimos que lo merecemos o que tenemos derecho a ello y, por lo tanto, no decimos GRACIAS. Estamos invitados a limitar nuestras quejas, críticas, lloriqueos y regañones, y a aumentar nuestro agradecimiento, aprecio y agradecimiento a Dios ya nosotros mismos. Por favor, mostremos aprecio el uno por el otro y por Dios en nuestras oraciones y acciones. Agradecemos a Dios por Sus bendiciones sobre nuestra Diócesis y Parroquia mientras celebramos los 50 aniversarios. Damos gracias a Dios por su protección y bendiciones sobre muchas familias, matrimonios y vocaciones, incluida la mía, mientras me preparo para celebrar el vigésimo aniversario de mi ordenación sacerdotal el 22 de este mes. Les agradecemos a todos por su generosidad de tiempo y recursos para la Parroquia.

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

Noticias:

1. Si está celebrando su aniversario de bodas de plata o de oro este año (casado en 1972 o 1997), usted y su familia están invitados a la misa anual de aniversario diocesano el domingo 23 de octubre en la iglesia católica St. Ann. La misa comienza a las 2:30 p.m. y será seguido por una recepción. Regístrese en <https://charlottediocese.org/bishops-yearly-anniversary-mass-for-couples/>.
2. Están todos invitados al Padre. La celebración del vigésimo aniversario de la ordenación sacerdotal de Paul el sábado 22 de octubre comenzará con la misa a las 10:30 a. m. y la recepción en el salón parroquial inmediatamente después de la misa. No habrá misa a las 9:00 a. m. ese sábado.
3. Damos la bienvenida a la Sra. Carla Haire, quien asumirá la función de contabilidad de la Parroquia de Santa María Madre de Dios. Le agradecemos su generosidad de tiempo y compromiso.
4. El festival de otoño Trunk and Treat de formación de fe parroquial se lleva a cabo el miércoles 26 de octubre después de la misa vespertina de las 5:30 p. m. Por favor venga con sus autos y baúles decorados y dulces. Los niños deben vestirse con su disfraz favorito de Santo o Santo.
5. Dado que el Asistente Ejecutivo del Párroco estará de licencia del 17 de octubre al 11 de noviembre, el horario de oficina durante este tiempo será: miércoles de 2 p. m. a 4 p. m.; viernes 9am – 2pm; Sábado 10am – 1pm..

Religious Education

Faith Formation has begun.

Classes for the new school year will be held in-person every week.

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



FAITH
FORMATION

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: \$2,597 / September to date: \$12,723

Priests Retirement 2022: \$4,012 collected toward a goal of \$5,213

Ofertorio último fin de semana: \$2,597 / Septiembre a la fecha: \$12,723

Retiro de sacerdotes 2022: \$4,012 recaudados para una meta de \$5,213

Catholic Charities Is Hiring / Caridades Católicas Está Contratando

Catholic Charities is reopening our office in **Murphy**, hiring staff in the Western Region Office in **Asheville**, and looking for staff for our **Winston-Salem** and **Charlotte** offices. From part-time to full-time to case management to director positions, if you or someone you know is interested, please check out <https://ccdoc.org/jobs> for all the openings. If you have any questions, please contact **Jesse Boeckermann** at jdboeckermann@ccdoc.org and 828-820-5153.

Caridades Católicas Está reabriendo la oficina en **Murphy**, contratando personal en la Oficina en **Asheville** y buscando personal para nuestras oficinas de **Winston-Salem** y **Charlotte**. Desde tiempo parcial hasta tiempo completo, administración de casos y puestos de director, si usted o alguien que conoce está interesado, consulte <https://ccdoc.org/jobs> para todas las vacantes. Si tiene alguna pregunta, comuníquese con **Jesse Boeckermann** al jdboeckermann@ccdoc.org y al 828-820-5153.



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Diocese of Charlotte

Strengthening Families. Building Communities. Reducing Poverty.

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.*

Top Model to Role Model

For every Marilyn Monroe there is a Mary Magdalene; for every Lady Gaga there is our Lady, Queen of Heaven. In this video, Leah Darrow offers her own story of sin and redemption as a case study in how damaging the current culture can be to women. Launching her career as a cast member of the TV reality show *America's Next Top Model*, Leah plunged head first into the modeling business. Using humor and stories from her own life, Leah share facts about:

- The false promises of celebrity culture.
- How modesty, purity and true love are connected.
- The role that parents play as (sometimes) secret allies.
- How our outward image reflects our interior state.
- How immodesty cheapens womanhood.

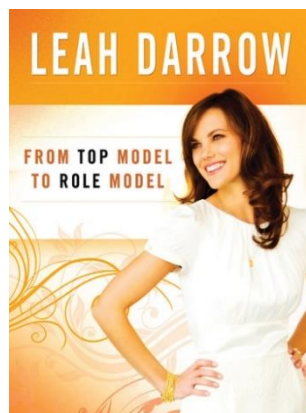
Today, having returned to the Catholic Church, Leah speaks to us about maintaining our dignity and relationship with God.

Come hear the story at:

Donuts & Dogma

Beginning
Sunday, October 16
at 10:00am

in the Fellowship Hall



Aprende Ingles

The advertisement is for a free English learning event. It features a central graphic with the text "APRENDE INGLES Gratis" in large, stylized letters. Above the text is a graduation cap and a speech bubble with the word "GOOD". Below the text is a speech bubble with "Hi" and a location pin icon. The event details are listed: "INICIARAN EL: 18 DE OCTUBRE" and "A PARTIR DE LAS: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM". The location is "LUGAR: 22 BARTLETT ST, SYLVA, NC 28779". At the bottom, it says "PARA MÁS INFORMACIÓN LLAMAR AL: (828) 242-7345". The UNIDXS logo is in the top left corner. The background is white with blue and yellow accents.

Eucharistic Revival / Avivamiento Eucarístico

Jesus gives himself to us in the Eucharist in order to...what exactly? Fr. John Riccardo offer three things that come to mind:

1. He gives himself to us because **love wants union**, and God is love (which is so much more than saying God is loving!). This is amazing! Far more than any husband and wife desire each other, God desires...us! Me! You! God is a “mad Lover,” as St. Catherine of Siena used to describe him!
2. Jesus gives himself to us in order to **give us grace**. What’s grace? Years ago, as a young priest, I remember talking to the Lord, asking him to help me better understand this word. I felt like I heard him say to me, “Grace is power, supernatural strength, like ‘spiritual steroids.’”
3. Jesus gives himself to us is so that **our hearts might become more like his heart**. In other words, he wants my heart to be “wrenched open” at the sight of those around me who are, as it were, lying in the ditch that is life apart from God.



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.

Want to volunteer? 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.

¿Quieres ser voluntario? Llame a la oficina y lo ayudaremos a compartir su tiempo y talentos dentro de la parroquia.

You Are Invited / Estan Invitados



You are invited

TO THE 20TH
ANNIVERSARY OF
PRIESTLY
ORDINATION OF
FR. PAUL ASOH, MSP

On Saturday October 22, 2022

Mass @ 10:30am

St. Mary Mother of God Church, Sylva,
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