



"Behold the Lamb of God."

St. Mary, Mother of God, Catholic Church

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1/15/23 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
II Domingo en el Tiempo Ordinario

Pastor: Rev. Paul Asoh, MSP (Ext 102)

Deacons: Rev. Mr. Matthew Newsome
Rev. Mr. John Szarek (retired)
Rev. Mr. Daniel Pyles

Administrative Assistant to the Pastor / DRC:

Luci Castillo (Ext 101/103)

Receptionist / Office Assistant: Sarah Brown (Ext 100)

Liturgical Music: Trinity Leger / Joe Conway (Ext 104)

Bookkeeper: Carla Haire

St. Mary's Book Rack: Mary Ann Kuehl

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

Sunday: 10:45 until 11:15 am
Wednesdays at 5:00 pm, Friday at 9:30 am
and Saturday at 5:00 pm
Or by appointment

Tiempos de Confesiones

Domingo 10:45 am, Miércoles 5:00 pm
Viernes 9:30 am, Sabado 5:00 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: smmgooffice@stmarymotherofgod.com

Calendar -January 8th to 15th

Sunday	8:30 am	Sunday Mass	Steve Eberly+
	10:00 am	Donuts & Dogma – Restored Session 2	
	11:30 am	Sunday Mass	Newsom Family
	4:00 pm	Sunday Mass - WCU	Pro Populo
Monday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	Kate Conway
Tuesday:	6:00 pm	English Class / Clase de Inglés	
Wednesday:	5:30 pm	Daily Mass	Jake, Linda & Baby Gray
	6:45 pm	Faith Formation Classes	
Thursday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	Kathy Starr
	7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting	
Friday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	Teresa Starrs
	12:15 pm	Daily Mass - WCU	
Saturday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	Edith Allen+
	10:00 am	Lay Carmelite Community Meeting	
	7:00 pm	Misa en Español	
Sunday	8:30 am	Sunday Mass	Linda Tiller+
	10:00 am	Donuts & Dogma – Restored Session 3	
	11:30 am	Sunday Mass	William Newsom+
	4:00 pm	Sunday Mass - WCU	Pro Populo

To request a Mass Intention:

Email to massintentions@stmarymotherofgod.com

Or use the envelopes near the women's restroom

Liturgical Minister Schedule – Next Week

Mass / Misa	Ushers / Hospitalidad	Readers / Lecturas	Servers / Monaguillos
Sabado 21 Enero 7:00 pm	Familia Perez	Benita Bueno	
Sunday Jan 22 8:30am		Sue Szarek	Brian Raming Todd Wenberg
Sunday Jan 22 11:30am		Sara Freeman	Alister, Gideon, Kristen, Maddie

From the Pastor's Desk

Remembering the Encounter with Jesus

Today I would like to return to an important theme: the relationship between hope and memory, with particular reference to the memory of vocation. I take the call of Jesus' first disciples as an icon. This experience made such an impression on their memory that one of them even noted the time: it was about four in the afternoon (John 1:39). The encounter took place near the Jordan River, where John the Baptist was baptizing; and those young Galileans had chosen the Baptist as their spiritual guide. One day Jesus came and was baptized in the river. The following day he passed by again and it was then that John the Baptist told two of his disciples: "Behold, the Lamb of God!"

And for those two, it is the "spark". They leave their first teacher and begin to follow Jesus. On the way, he turns to them and asks the decisive question: "What do you seek?". In the Gospels, Jesus appears as an expert on the human heart. At that moment he met two young men, searching, with a healthy restlessness. Indeed, what youth is a satisfied youth without a quest for meaning? And throughout the entire Gospel, in all of the encounters that happen to him along the way, Jesus appears as an "incendiary" of hearts. From this springs that question of His that seeks to bring out the desire for life and happiness that every young person bears inside: "What do you seek?".

John and Andrew's vocation begins in this way: it is the beginning of a friendship with Jesus so strong as to impose a commonality of life and of passions with Him. The two disciples begin to stay with Jesus and immediately become missionaries, because when the encounter ends, they do not calmly return home: in fact, their respective brothers — Simon and James — soon become engaged as followers. They go to them and say: "We have found the Messiah; we have found a great prophet": they share the news. They are missionaries in that encounter. How can we discover our own vocation in this world? This passage of the Gospel tells us that the first indicator is the joy of the encounter with Jesus. Marriage, consecrated life, priesthood: every true vocation begins with an encounter with Jesus who gives us joy and hope anew; and he leads us, even through trials and difficulties, to an ever fuller encounter; that encounter, the encounter with him, grows greater, and to the fullness of joy.

The Lord does not want men and women who walk behind him reluctantly, without having the wind of gladness in their hearts. Jesus wants people who understand that being with him bestows immense happiness, which can be renewed every day of our life. We become Jesus' preachers not by sharpening the weapons of rhetoric: you can talk, talk, talk, but if there is nothing else.... How do we become preachers of Jesus? By keeping the sparkle of true happiness in our eyes. We see many Christians, even among us, who transmit the joy of faith with their eyes: with their eyes!

For this reason, a Christian, like the Virgin Mary, keeps alive the flame of falling in love: in love with Jesus. Certainly there are trials in life; there are moments in which it is necessary to go forward despite the cold and the crosswinds, despite much bitterness. But Christians know the way that leads to that sacred fire which ignited them once and for ever. Here then, is a fundamental dynamic of Christian life: remembering Jesus. Paul said to his disciple: "Remember Jesus Christ" (2 Tim 2:8). Let us remember Jesus, the loving fire by which one day we understood our life as a project of good, and with this flame, let us rekindle our hope.

POPE FRANCIS – GENERAL AUDIENCE – SEPTEMBER 2017

Housekeeping:

1. There will be a second collection this weekend, January 14 & 15, for the Combined Missions, which includes the Church in Latin America and in Africa, Aid to the Church in Need, Catholic Home Missions, and the United States Mission. Please be generous in supporting the mission work of the Church in this once-per-year collection.
2. Donuts and Dogma continues on Sundays at 10:00 am. We are hearing from ordinary people whose lives have been radically moved by Jesus Christ in a series called 'Restored'.



Desde el Escritorio del Pastor

Recordando el Encuentro con Jesús

Hoy quisiera volver sobre un tema importante: la relación entre esperanza y memoria, con especial referencia a la memoria de la vocación. Tomo como icono la llamada de los primeros discípulos de Jesús. Esta experiencia les impresionó tanto en la memoria que uno de ellos incluso anotó la hora: eran como las cuatro de la tarde (Juan 1:39). El encuentro tuvo lugar cerca del río Jordán, donde Juan Bautista estaba bautizando; y aquellos jóvenes galileos habían elegido al Bautista como su guía espiritual. Un día Jesús vino y fue bautizado en el río. Al día siguiente volvió a pasar y fue entonces cuando Juan el Bautista le dijo a dos de sus discípulos: “¡He aquí el Cordero de Dios!”.

Y para esos dos, es la “chispa”. Dejan a su primer maestro y comienzan a seguir a Jesús. En el camino, se vuelve hacia ellos y les hace la pregunta decisiva: “¿Qué buscáis?”. En los Evangelios, Jesús aparece como un experto en el corazón humano. En ese momento se encontró con dos jóvenes, buscando, con sana inquietud. En efecto, ¿qué juventud es una juventud satisfecha sin una búsqueda de sentido? Y a lo largo de todo el Evangelio, en todos los encuentros que le suceden en el camino, Jesús aparece como un “incendiario” de corazones. De ahí brota esa pregunta suya que busca sacar a relucir el deseo de vida y felicidad que todo joven lleva dentro: “¿Qué buscas?”.



La vocación de Juan y Andrés comienza así: es el comienzo de una amistad con Jesús tan fuerte que impone una comunidad de vida y de pasiones con Él. Los dos discípulos comienzan a quedarse con Jesús e inmediatamente se convierten en misioneros, porque cuando termina el encuentro, no regresan tranquilos a casa: de hecho, sus respectivos hermanos, Simón y Santiago, pronto se comprometen como seguidores. Se acercan a ellos y les dicen: “Hemos encontrado al Mesías; hemos encontrado un gran profeta”: comparten la noticia. Son misioneros en ese encuentro. ¿Cómo podemos descubrir nuestra propia vocación en este mundo? Este pasaje del Evangelio nos dice que el primer indicador es la alegría del encuentro con Jesús. Matrimonio, vida consagrada, sacerdocio: toda verdadera vocación comienza con un encuentro con Jesús que nos da de nuevo alegría y esperanza; y nos conduce, aun a través de pruebas y dificultades, a un encuentro cada vez más pleno; ese encuentro, el encuentro con él, se hace mayor, y hasta la plenitud de la alegría.

El Señor no quiere hombres y mujeres que caminen detrás de él de mala gana, sin tener el viento de alegría en el corazón. Jesús quiere personas que entiendan que estar con él da una felicidad inmensa, que puede renovarse cada día de nuestra vida. No nos convertimos en predicadores de Jesús afilando las armas de la retórica: se puede hablar, hablar, hablar, pero si no hay otra cosa... ¿Cómo nos convertimos en predicadores de Jesús? Manteniendo el brillo de la verdadera felicidad en nuestros ojos. Vemos muchos cristianos, incluso entre nosotros, que transmiten la alegría de la fe con los ojos: ¡con los ojos!

Por eso, un cristiano, como la Virgen María, mantiene viva la llama del enamoramiento: enamorarse de Jesús. Ciertamente hay pruebas en la vida; hay momentos en que es necesario seguir adelante a pesar del frío y de los vientos cruzados, a pesar de mucha amargura. Pero los cristianos conocen el camino que conduce a ese fuego sagrado que los encendió una vez y para siempre. He aquí, pues, una dinámica fundamental de la vida cristiana: recordar a Jesús. Pablo dijo a su discípulo: “Acuérdate de Jesucristo” (2 Tm 2,8). Recordemos a Jesús, el fuego amoroso por el que un día entendimos nuestra vida como proyecto de bien, y con esta llama reavivemos nuestra esperanza.

PAPA FRANCISCO – AUDIENCIA GENERAL – SEPTIEMBRE 2017

Noticias:

1. Habrá una segunda colecta este fin de semana, 14 y 15 de enero, para las Misiones Combinadas, que incluye la Iglesia en América Latina y en África, Ayuda a la Iglesia Necesitada, Misiones Católicas Nacionales y la Misión de los Estados Unidos. Sea generoso al apoyar el trabajo misionero de la Iglesia en esta colecta anual.
2. Donuts y Dogma continúa los domingos a las 10:00 am. Estamos escuchando a personas comunes cuyas vidas han sido cambiadas radicalmente por Jesucristo en una serie llamada 'Restaurados'.

Religious Education

The next Faith Formation Class day is January 18



FAITH
FORMATION

El próximo día de Clase de Formación de Fe es el 18 de enero

Bookrack / Estante de Llibros

St Mary's Bookrack has the 2023 Christian prayer and Liturgy of the Hours guides. We also have the new Sunday missals.

St Mary's Bookrack tiene las guías de oración cristiana y liturgia de las horas de 2023. También tenemos los nuevos misales dominicales.

WCU Campus Ministry

A new semester of campus ministry begins with our *first Sunday Mass* of the Spring semester on *January 15*.

We are once more appealing for *volunteers to provide dinner for our Wednesday night fellowship meals*. Last semester we averaged about 25 students each week and we expect those good numbers to continue. If you'd like to contribute one or more meals, or make a monetary donation to our ministry, please contact Deacon Matt at ccm@wcucatholic.org. Thank you so much for your support!



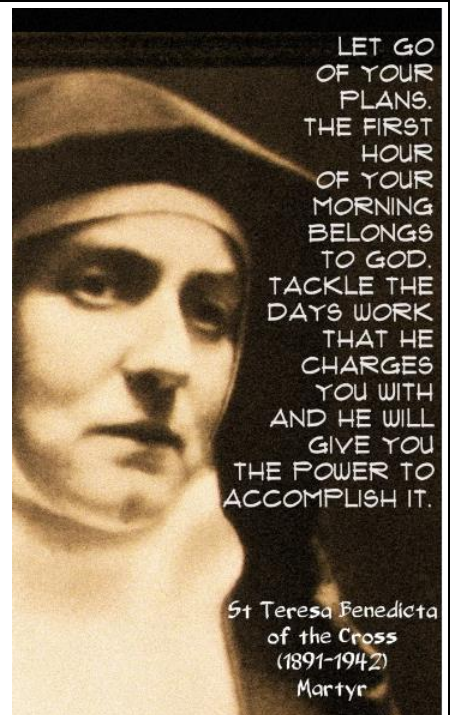
Eucharistic Revival / Avivamiento Eucarístico

“Each morn you come to me as early Mass,
Your flesh and blood become my food and drink;
And wonders are accomplished.
Your body permeates mine mysteriously,
I feel your soul becoming one with mine:
I am no longer what I used to be.”

ST. TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS

“Cada mañana vienes a mí como misa temprana,
Tu carne y sangre se convierten en mi comida y bebida;
Y se realizan maravillas.
tu cuerpo impregna el mio misteriosamente,
Siento que tu alma se hace una con la mía:
Ya no soy lo que solía ser”.

STA. TERESA BENEDICTA DE LA CRUZ



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, Fran Berry, 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, Don Pierce, Cathleen Pilch, Stephen Pilch, Zig Pilch, Cynthia Pitts, Alicia Ramirez, Rios Family, Verónica Rodríguez, SantaCruz Family, Stuart and Janet Snyder, María Sol Montel, Kathy Starr, Teresa Starrs, 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.

Restored – Donuts & Dogma

Restored: Stories of Encounter is a six-part documentary series on **individuals who had radical encounters with Christ and went on to make a real difference in the world.** This series provides vivid and deeply human role models for all who desire life in Christ.

Every subject of this series is a moving example of Christ's perfect love for the poor, the lost, and the weak. They can inspire anyone who wants to do something good to take the leap. All our subjects did was **let their great love move them to action.**

Donuts & Dogma

Continues
Sunday at 10:00am
in the Fellowship Hall



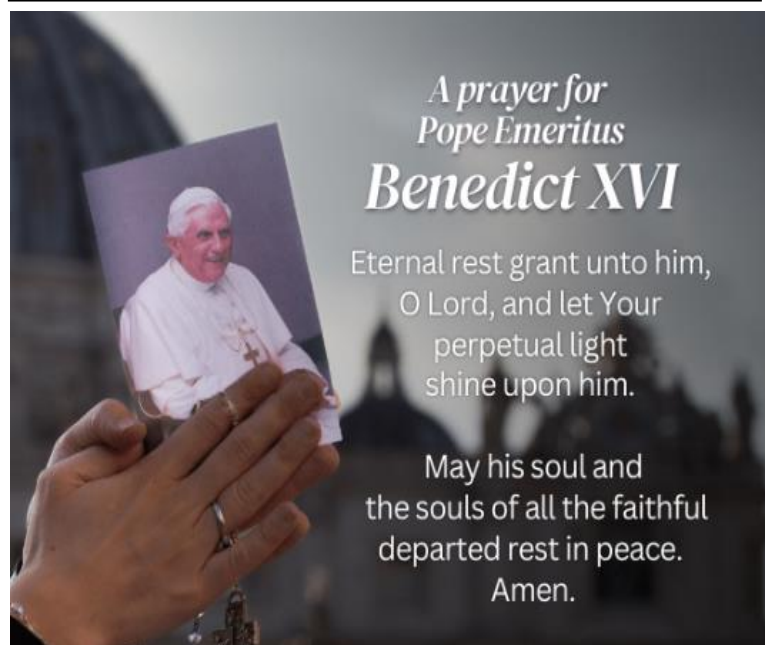
Protecting God's Children

Help protect all of God's children

Everyone has a role to play in protecting children. If you have information about possible sexual abuse or misconduct by any clergy, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Charlotte, report concerns securely and anonymously over the phone or online: 888-630-5929 or www.RedFlagReporting.com/RCDOC.

Ayuda a proteger a todos los niños de Dios

Todo el mundo tiene un papel que desempeñar en la protección de los niños. Si tiene información sobre un posible abuso sexual o mala conducta por parte de cualquier miembro del clero, empleado o voluntario de la Diócesis de Charlotte, por favor reportar sus inquietudes de forma segura y anónima las por teléfono o en línea: 1-888-630-5929 o www.RedFlagReporting.com/RCDOC.



National March for Life – January 20 – Washington DC



**TOGETHER, WE GATHER TO
CELEBRATE LIFE**

**We celebrate life from the moment of conception to
the moment of natural death, and every moment in
between.**

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE – WHY WILL WE CONTINUE TO MARCH?

Even with the wonderful blessing of Roe v. Wade being overturned, which allows more freedom at the state level to enact pro-life laws, the necessary work to build a culture of life is not finished. Rather, it is focused differently. Many national legislative battles loom, including keeping longstanding Hyde Amendment, which has saved over 2 million lives, but now cannot be taken for granted. Our most important work is changing hearts and minds. The goal of the national March for Life is to not only change laws, but to change the culture to ultimately make abortion unthinkable. With the role of the states being more important, we are also growing a strong state march for life initiative. We will continue to march every January at the national level until a culture of life is restored in the United States of America.

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: Linda Gray

- 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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youtube.com/c/StMaryMotherofGod

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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.



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