



St. Mary, Mother of God, Catholic Church

22 Bartlett Street, Sylva NC, 28779

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1/22/23 – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 III 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

1st Friday from 9:30 am -8:00 pm
 1st Saturday Holy Hour after Mass

Adoración y Bendición

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

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Calendar -January 22nd to 29th

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
Monday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	Teresa Starrs
Tuesday:	6:00 pm	English Class / Clase de Inglés	
Wednesday:	5:30 pm	Daily Mass	
	6:30 pm	Faith Formation Community Meeting	
Thursday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	Deceased of the Bubb & Nigriny Families+
	6:30 pm	Misa en Español	
	6:30 pm	Catholic Moms Connect Meeting	
Friday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	
	12:15 pm	Daily Mass - WCU	
	6:00 pm	Adoración Emaus	
Saturday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	
	11:30 am	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	
	7:00 pm	Misa en Español	
Sunday	8:30 am	Sunday Mass	Stellato Family
	10:00 am	Donuts & Dogma – Restored Session 4	
	11:30 am	Sunday Mass	Reiter Family Marta Conway+
	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 28 Enero 7:00 pm	Familia Perez	Juan Carlos Villegas	
Sunday Jan 29 8:30am		Lucanne Rinke	Brian Raming Todd Wenberg
Sunday Jan 29 11:30am		Sue Cerniglia	Alister, Gideon, Kristen, Maddie

From the Pastor's Desk

Love the Bible

This Sunday the third in ordinary time is dedicated to the word of God. Pope Francis in his Apostolic Letter, *Motu proprio "Aperuit Illis"* in September 2019 declared that the third Sunday in ordinary time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God. The Sunday of the Word of God is not similar with Bible Sunday and does not replace Bible Sunday.

There are two important questions: How many Catholics really read the Bible every day and how many live out the message from the Bible in their daily lives. The two are intimately linked. Why is it important to know the Bible? The Pope shared that without the Scriptures, the event of the mission of Jesus and of His church in this world will remain incomprehensible. He said that for the faithful this is the only opportunity to grasp the beauty of God's Word and to see it applied in their daily lives.

How to implement the message of Pope Francis in our parish and in our daily lives? First of all, we have to love the Bible. Love the Bible is not love of the book, but the love to read and understand the messages from God in the Bible. We can read personally or in the community. To love the Bible means to love Jesus and His messages. The Bible is the good news and bad news. It is the good news for us, the children of God, but the bad news for the wicked. The devil doesn't like it when he sees us reading the Bible. That is why we have to love the Bible and not ignore it. The great Bible scholar, St Jerome said, "Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ." Furthermore, the Bible is "the words of God expressed in human language." The Bible is a guide and support for every situation in our lives, community and Nation.

Secondly, we have to grasp the Bible. Not everybody is able to grasp the Bible easily. Sometimes we have to read it several times to understand it. For those who want to understand more they have to study the Bible. It is always good and enriching to join a small Bible study group. When we are able to understand the Bible we will love the Bible more.

Thirdly, we have to evangelize. After Jesus called his first apostles in today's Gospel reading, He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom. Now is our turn to continue the mission of Jesus to proclaim the Good News. Nonetheless, many Catholics are not aware of their duty to evangelize. In the last paragraph of St. Matthew's gospel, Jesus commands us to go to tell peoples everywhere and make them His disciples: baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything He has commanded us.

On the other hand, many Catholics who want to evangelize but have no knowledge of how and what to do. They are not confident to evangelize though they want to. One help to this is to volunteer and join one of the ministries or Commissions in the Parish. There is a testimony from someone who has joined the SCC (Small Christian Community) workshop. She said, "In the beginning I totally did not understand what was it all about. I don't know how to begin, always tongue-tied, nervous, fearful and reluctant. These sessions have helped me tremendously. I had trouble grasping some of the materials in the first two to three sessions. I was asking myself "how". As these are progressive formation sessions, it has helped me to gain momentum and understanding slowly on a new horizon of ideas, understanding and clarity opened before me. These sessions have taught me the skill of the art of evangelizing." Our Parish has recently started a St. Vincent De Paul Conference and we are in need of more volunteers. This is also one of the means of sharing the word of God together and reach out to the poor.

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

Housekeeping:

1. The Parish is looking for a bilingual administrative assistant to the Pastor who is able to work 20 hours a week on part time basis and able to start in March.
2. There will be the blessing of candles of February 2nd at the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus Christ. The next day, the memorial of St. Blase Bishop and martyr, there will be blessing of throats.
3. First Friday Adoration will be on February 3 from 10:00 am until 8:00 pm. To ensure Jesus is accompanied at all times, we would like to have two adorers signed up for each hour. Please consider "watching one hour with Jesus", and sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.



Desde el Escritorio del Pastor

Ama la Biblia

Este domingo el tercero del tiempo ordinario está dedicado a la palabra de Dios. El Papa Francisco en su Carta Apostólica, Motu proprio "Aperuit Illis" en septiembre de 2019 declaró que el tercer domingo del tiempo ordinario debe ser dedicado a la celebración, estudio y difusión de la Palabra de Dios. El Domingo de la Palabra de Dios no es similar al Domingo de la Biblia y no reemplaza al Domingo de la Biblia.

Hay dos preguntas importantes: cuántos católicos realmente leen la Biblia todos los días y cuántos viven el mensaje de la Biblia en su vida diaria. Los dos están íntimamente ligados. ¿Por qué es importante conocer la Biblia? El Papa compartió que sin las Escrituras, el acontecimiento de la misión de Jesús y de su Iglesia en este mundo seguirá siendo incomprendible. Dijo que para los fieles esta es la única oportunidad de captar la belleza de la Palabra de Dios y verla aplicada en su vida diaria.

¿Cómo implementar el mensaje del Papa Francisco en nuestra parroquia y en nuestra vida diaria? En primer lugar, tenemos que amar la Biblia. Amar la Biblia no es amar el libro, sino amar leer y comprender los mensajes de Dios en la Biblia. Podemos leer personalmente o en la comunidad. Amar la Biblia significa amar a Jesús y sus mensajes. La Biblia es las buenas noticias y las malas noticias. Es la buena noticia para nosotros, los hijos de Dios, pero la mala noticia para los malvados. Al diablo no le gusta cuando nos ve leyendo la Biblia. Por eso tenemos que amar la Biblia y no ignorarla. El gran erudito de la Biblia, San Jerónimo, dijo: "La ignorancia de las Escrituras es ignorancia de Cristo". Además, la Biblia es "las palabras de Dios expresadas en lenguaje humano". La Biblia es guía y apoyo para cada situación de nuestra vida, comunidad y Nación.

En segundo lugar, tenemos que comprender la Biblia. No todo el mundo es capaz de comprender la Biblia con facilidad. A veces tenemos que leerlo varias veces para entenderlo. Para aquellos que quieren entender más, tienen que estudiar la Biblia. Siempre es bueno y enriquecedor unirse a un pequeño grupo de estudio bíblico. Cuando seamos capaces de entender la Biblia, amaremos más la Biblia.

En tercer lugar, tenemos que evangelizar. Después de que Jesús llamó a sus primeros apóstoles en el Evangelio de hoy, recorrió toda Galilea enseñando en sus sinagogas, proclamando la Buena Nueva del reino. Ahora es nuestro turno de continuar la misión de Jesús de proclamar la Buena Nueva. Sin embargo, muchos católicos no son conscientes de su deber de evangelizar. En el último párrafo del evangelio de San Mateo, Jesús nos manda ir a decirle a la gente en todas partes y hacerlos Sus discípulos: bautizarlos en el nombre del Padre, del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo, y enseñarles a obedecer todo lo que Él ha mandado. nosotros.

Por otro lado, muchos católicos que quieren evangelizar pero no saben cómo y qué hacer. No tienen confianza para evangelizar aunque quieran. Una ayuda para esto es ser voluntario y unirse a uno de los ministerios o comisiones de la parroquia. Hay un testimonio de alguien que se ha sumado al taller SCC (Pequeña Comunidad Cristiana). Ella dijo: "Al principio no entendía totalmente de qué se trataba. No sé cómo empezar, siempre mudo, nervioso, temeroso y reacio. Estas sesiones me han ayudado enormemente. Tuve problemas para comprender algunos de los materiales en las primeras dos o tres sesiones. Me preguntaba "cómo". Como se trata de sesiones de formación progresiva, me ha ayudado a ganar impulso y comprensión poco a poco en un nuevo horizonte de ideas, comprensión y claridad que se abrió ante mí. Estas sesiones me han enseñado la destreza del arte de evangelizar". Nuestra parroquia ha comenzado recientemente una Conferencia de St. Vincent De Paul y necesitamos más voluntarios. Este es también uno de los medios para compartir juntos la palabra de Dios y llegar a los pobres.

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



Noticias:

1. La parroquia está buscando un asistente administrativo bilingüe para el párroco que pueda trabajar 20 horas a la semana a tiempo parcial y que pueda comenzar en marzo.
2. Habrá la bendición de cirios el 2 de febrero en la Fiesta de la Presentación de Jesucristo. Al día siguiente, memorial de san Blas obispo y mártir, habrá bendición de gargantas.
3. La adoración del primer viernes será el 3 de febrero de 10:00 am a 8:00 pm. Para que Jesús esté acompañado en todo momento, nos gustaría tener dos adoratrices inscritas para cada hora. Considere "ver una hora con Jesús" y regístrese en el tablón de anuncios en el nártex.

Religious Education

Faith Formation Community Meeting at 6:30 pm on January 25

The next Faith Formation Class day is February 1



FAITH
FORMATION

Reunión comunitaria de formación de fe a las 6:30 pm el 25 de enero

El próximo día de la Clase de Formación de Fe es el 1 de febrero.

St. Mary Bookrack / Estante de Libros

We have the 2023 Christian prayer and Liturgy of the Hours guides. We also have the new Sunday missals.

Tenemos las guías de liturgia de las horas de 2023. También tenemos los nuevos misales dominicales.

WCU Campus Ministry

Attention College Students!

Give Your Heart Away

February 24-25, 2023

at the Smith Campus Ministry Center, Greensboro, NC

Join college students from across the Diocese of Charlotte for two days of learning and reflection on Catholic Social Teaching. More information and registration at catholiccampus.com/gyha/



Eucharistic Revival / Avivamiento Eucarístico

Jesus is coming to YOU

God will never stop pursuing you. Jesus Christ became human in order to draw closer to YOU. He died for YOU. He gave us the Eucharist to be with YOU. Through the *National Eucharistic Pilgrimage*, he will draw close yet again—and he invites you to encounter him and receive the healing you long for.

Shortly after his resurrection, Jesus accompanied two disciples on their journey from Jerusalem to Emmaus—walking with them in their grief, offering hope, and revealing himself through the breaking of the bread.

Jesus wants to do the same for YOU!

This will be one of the *largest Eucharistic processions in history*. Just as throngs followed Christ throughout his earthly ministry, our nation will process with our Eucharistic Lord through cities, along highways, and past rural towns—right through your neighborhood—on His way to the 10th National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis in July 2024.

For more information go to:

<https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/pilgrimage>



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

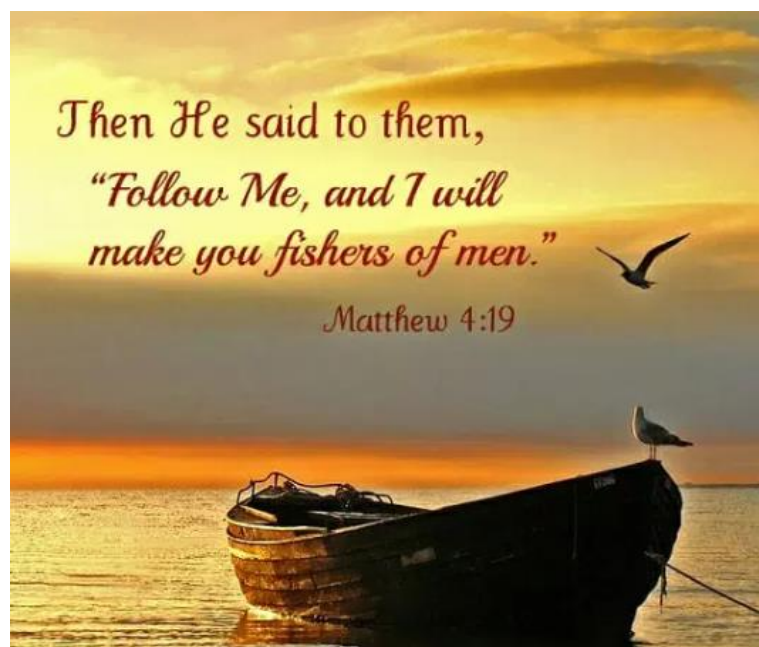
Everyone has a role to play in protecting children. If you have information about possible sexual abuse or misconduct by any clergy, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Charlotte, report concerns securely and anonymously over the phone or online: 888-630-5929 or www.RedFlagReporting.com/RCDOC.

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.

*Then He said to them,
"Follow Me, and I will
make you fishers of men."*

Matthew 4:19



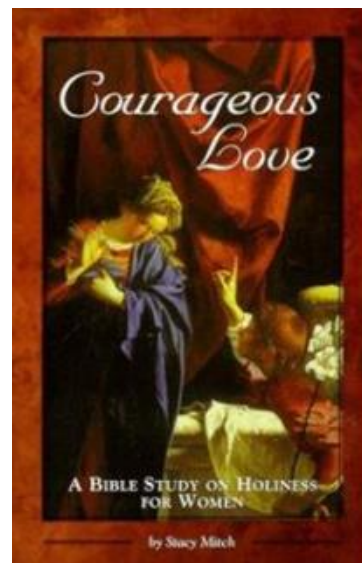
Catholic Moms Connect

Catholic Moms Connect is an opportunity for Catholic moms of our parish to meet for prayer, fellowship, and connection.

We're reading and discussing selections from, "Courageous Love," by Stacy Mitch. Materials will be provided.

Please contact Joannie Newsome at jmcnewsome@gmail.com for more information.

CATHOLIC MOMS CONNECT
Thursday, January 26 – 6:30 pm
Fellowship Hall



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

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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.

Have you seen St. Mary Mother of God 50 Acts of Charity?

Look what we did!!!!



American Red Cross Blood Drive

June and December 2022

Total of 41 units
potential of 123 lives saved!



We also hosted a **DIAPER DRIVE** for Catholic Charities!



Plus MORE! Watch the bulletin for more photos! Awesome donations by St. Mary's!!!



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