

St. Mary, Mother of God, Catholic Church

22 Bartlett Street, Sylva NC, 28779

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2/12/23 – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
VI Domingo en el Tiempo Ordinario

EYE has NOT
seen, nor

Ear Heard,

NEITHER HAVE ENTERED INTO THE

Heart of Man,
the things which

God has **PREPARED**

for them that
LOVE HIM.

1 CORINTHIANS 2:9

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

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 9:30-8:00 pm
1st Saturday Holy Hour after Mass
Last Friday 7:00-8:00 pm (Emmaus)

Adoración y Bendición

Primer viernes de 9:30 am a 8:00 pm
Primer sábado Hora Santa después de la Misa
Último viernes 7:00-8:00 pm (Emaús)

Main Line/Reception: 828-586-9496

Sacrament Emergency: 828-631-0576

Email: smmgoffice@stmarymotherofgod.com

Calendar – February 12th to 19th

Sunday	8:30 am	Sunday Mass	
	10:00 am	Donuts & Dogma – Restored Session 6	
	11:30 am	Sunday Mass	Newsom Family
	4:00 pm	Sunday Mass - WCU	Pro Populo
Monday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	
Tuesday:	6:00 pm	English Class / Clase de Inglés	
Wednesday:	5:30 pm	Daily Mass	
	6:30 pm	Faith Formation Classes	
Thursday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	
	7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting	
Friday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	Renee Pierce
	12:15 pm	Daily Mass - WCU	
Saturday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	
	10:00 am	Lay Carmelites Community Meeting	
	5:30 pm	Confirmation Class (Track 2)	
	7:00 pm	Misa en Español	
Sunday	8:30 am	Sunday Mass	Mincio Family
	10:00 am	Donuts & Dogma – Catholic Social Teaching Session 1	
	11:30 am	Sunday Mass	Newsom Family
	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 11 Feb 7:00 pm	Familia Perez	Juan Carlos Villegas	
Sunday Feb 12 8:30am		Lucanne Rinke	Brian Raming Todd Wenberg
Sunday Feb 12 11:30am		Carla Haire	Alister, Gideon, Kristen, Maddie

From the Pastor's Desk

Free Will & Divine Authority

God gives each of us free will, which makes us responsible for our choices and our actions. Bad choices and actions have bad consequences, while good choices and actions have good rewards. This is in line with the natural law of cause and effect. "A person reaps what he or she sows" (Galatians 6:7). Sirach continues, "No one does God command to act unjustly, to none does he give license to sin" (Sirach 15:20). Rather, God has given us his Holy Spirit to lead us, to guide us, and to direct us. We pray to make good choices according to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. However, we need to recognize the fact that there are times when conditions or situations take away or reduce one's free will to choose what to do or what not to do. At such times, we entrust ourselves to the power of the Holy Spirit.

Chapters 5 to 7 of Matthew's gospel contain extensive and radical teachings and instructions by Jesus. In chapter 7, Jesus raises himself and his teaching above Moses and Mosaic Laws. Jesus shows himself as possessing divine authority. Six times in the gospel reading, Jesus declared, "I say to you" to broaden the interpretation of Mosaic Laws and to emphasize that obeying the letter of the law is not enough. Jesus draws our attention to obeying the spirit of God's law.

Jesus instructs us that while it is against the law to kill, it is also sinful to remain in prolonged anger against anyone. Anger is one of the seven deadly sins. Anger is a deadly tool for the devil. That is why St. Paul cautions us, "Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun set on your anger, and do not leave room for the devil" (Ephesians 4:26). The devil does not cause much destruction without anger. That is why Jesus encourages us to choose the path of peace and reconciliation. He says, "Go first and reconcile with your brother/sister, and then come to offer your gift." God detests the gift of the angry person and the unforgiving person (Proverbs 15:8). Jesus says, "... whoever says to his brother, 'Raqa,' will be answerable to the Sanhedrin, and whoever says, 'You fool,' will be liable to fiery Gehenna." 'Raqa' in Hebrew means 'worthless.' It is sinful to destroy anyone's personhood or humiliate anyone by what we do or what we say. As Christians our tongues must be used to bless and never to curse. The tongue must never be used to set fire to the forest of human relationship.

Jesus draws our attention also to the sin of lust (uncontrolled strong sexual desire), which is, also, one of the seven deadly sins. Fornication and adultery are mortal sins, but they are only products of lust. If sexual desire is controlled, fornication, adultery, rape, and other sexual sins are controlled. Let us pray for self-control, which is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit. It is with self-control that we can tear out our right eye and cut off our right hand to avoid falling into sin or avoid the occasions of such sins. Jesus means that we must avoid occasions (whoever and whatever that can lead us to sin) no matter how dear and how precious they are to us.

Jesus says, "Do not swear at all." Since taking vows, oaths, and swearing-in ceremonies exist in almost every culture, we can interpret that Jesus means we must never swear falsely. Let our 'Yes' mean our 'Yes,' and let our 'No' mean our 'No.'

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

Housekeeping:

1. Please be generous in response to the Diocesan Support Appeal. Your contribution to the Diocesan Support Appeal is a way to act with love for our sisters and brothers throughout the Diocese, and to continue the saving work begun by Jesus. Next week during Mass, is our In-Pew DSA appeal, you may complete a pledge envelope or go to www.charlottediocese.org/dsa to make a gift online.
2. We are having a Volunteer Appreciation dinner for all our Parish volunteers and their families on February 21st at 6:30 pm in the Parish hall.
3. Please let us remember to book Masses for our special intentions, for our departed loved ones and the souls in Purgatory.
4. The Knights of Columbus at St. Mary are inviting us to pray the Rosary at 6 pm on February 23rd, for the Nigerian elections taking place on the 25th of February, two days after: For a peaceful election, good governance, and an end to the Christian persecution in Nigeria.
5. We congratulate the 15 couples who renewed their Marriage vows at the vigil Mass this weekend. May God continue to deepen your love for each other. We wish them and everyone Happy Valentine Day this week.
6. We are still appealing for more volunteers to join the St. Vincent De Paul Society to care for the needy in our community. We now have a poor box in the Narthex under the Knights of Columbus plaque. Please donate generously.



Desde el Escritorio del Pastor

Libre Albedrío y Autoridad Divina

Dios nos da a cada uno de nosotros libre albedrío, lo que nos hace responsables de nuestras elecciones y nuestras acciones. Las malas elecciones y acciones tienen malas consecuencias, mientras que las buenas elecciones y acciones tienen buenas recompensas. Esto está en línea con la ley natural de causa y efecto. “Cada uno siega lo que siembra” (Gálatas 6:7). Eclesiástico continúa: “A nadie manda Dios actuar injustamente, a nadie le da licencia para pecar” (Eclesiástico 15:20). Más bien, Dios nos ha dado su Espíritu Santo para guiarnos, guiarnos y dirigirnos. Oramos para tomar buenas decisiones de acuerdo con la guía del Espíritu Santo. Sin embargo, debemos reconocer el hecho de que hay momentos en que las condiciones o situaciones quitan o reducen el libre albedrío de uno para elegir qué hacer o qué no hacer. En esos momentos, nos encomendamos al poder del Espíritu Santo.

Los capítulos 5 a 7 del evangelio de Mateo contienen enseñanzas e instrucciones extensas y radicales de Jesús. En el capítulo 7, Jesús se eleva a sí mismo y su enseñanza por encima de Moisés y las Leyes Mosaicas. Jesús se muestra a sí mismo como poseedor de la autoridad divina. Seis veces en la lectura del evangelio, Jesús declaró, “Os digo” para ampliar la interpretación de las Leyes Mosaicas y enfatizar que obedecer la letra de la ley no es suficiente. Jesús llama nuestra atención a obedecer el espíritu de la ley de Dios.

Jesús nos instruye que si bien es contra la ley matar, también es pecaminoso permanecer en ira prolongada contra alguien. La ira es uno de los siete pecados capitales. La ira es una herramienta mortal para el diablo. Por eso San Pablo nos advierte: “Airaos, pero no pequéis; no se ponga el sol sobre vuestro enojo, y no dejéis lugar al diablo” (Efesios 4:26). El diablo no causa mucha destrucción sin ira. Por eso Jesús nos anima a elegir el camino de la paz y la reconciliación. Él dice: “Ve primero y reconcíliate con tu hermano/hermana, y luego ven a ofrecer tu ofrenda”. Dios detesta el regalo de la persona airada y la persona que no perdona (Proverbios 15:8). Jesús dice: "... cualquiera que diga a su hermano, 'Raqa', será responsable ante el Sanedrín, y cualquiera que diga, 'Necio', será responsable de la Gehena de fuego". 'Raqa' en hebreo significa 'sin valor'. Es pecaminoso destruir la personalidad de alguien o humillar a alguien por lo que hacemos o decimos. Como cristianos, nuestras lenguas deben usarse para bendecir y nunca para maldecir. La lengua nunca debe usarse para prender fuego al bosque de las relaciones humanas.

Jesús llama nuestra atención también sobre el pecado de la lujuria (deseo sexual fuerte e incontrolado), que es, también, uno de los siete pecados capitales. La fornicación y el adulterio son pecados mortales, pero son solo productos de la lujuria. Si se controla el deseo sexual, se controlan la fornicación, el adulterio, la violación y otros pecados sexuales. Oremos por el dominio propio, que es uno de los frutos del Espíritu Santo. Es con dominio propio que podemos arrancarnos el ojo derecho y cortarnos la mano derecha para evitar caer en pecado o evitar las ocasiones de tales pecados. Jesús quiere decir que debemos evitar las ocasiones (cualquiera y lo que sea que nos pueda llevar a pecar) sin importar cuán queridas y preciosas sean para nosotros.

Jesús dice: “No jures en absoluto”. Dado que los votos, juramentos y ceremonias de juramento existen en casi todas las culturas, podemos interpretar que Jesús quiere decir que nunca debemos jurar en falso. Que nuestro 'Sí' signifique nuestro 'Sí', y que nuestro 'No' signifique nuestro 'No'.

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

Noticias

1. Sea generoso en respuesta a la Solicitud de apoyo diocesano. Su contribución a la Campaña de Apoyo Diocesano es una forma de actuar con amor por nuestras hermanas y hermanos en toda la Diócesis, y de continuar la obra de salvación iniciada por Jesús. La próxima semana, durante la Misa, es nuestra apelación DSA En-Banco, puede completar un sobre de compromiso o visitar www.charlottediocese.org/dsa para hacer una donación en línea.
2. Tendremos una cena de Agradecimiento a los Voluntarios para todos nuestros voluntarios de la Parroquia y sus familias el 21 de febrero a las 6:30 pm en el salón de la Parroquia.
3. Por favor, recordemos reservar Misas por nuestras intenciones especiales, nuestros seres queridos difuntos y las almas del Purgatorio.
4. Los Caballeros de Colón en St. Mary nos invitan a rezar el Rosario a las 6:00 p. m. el 23 de febrero, por las elecciones de Nigeria que se llevarán a cabo el 25 de febrero, dos días después: Por unas elecciones pacíficas, un buen gobierno y una fin de la persecución cristiana en Nigeria.
5. Felicitamos a las 15 parejas que renovaron sus votos matrimoniales en la Misa de vigilia de este fin de semana. Que Dios continúe profundizando su amor mutuo. Les deseamos a ellos y a todos Feliz Día de San Valentín esta semana.
6. Todavía estamos solicitando más voluntarios para que se unan a la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl para cuidar a los necesitados de nuestra comunidad. Ahora tenemos una caja para pobres en el Nártex debajo de la placa de Caballeros de Colón. Por favor, done generosamente.



Religious Education

The next Faith Formation Class day is February 15

El próximo día de la Clase de Formación de Fe es el 15 de febrero.



FAITH
FORMATION

St. Mary Bookrack / Estante de Llibros

We have the 2023 Christian prayer and Liturgy of the Hours guides and the new Sunday missals.
There are now Lenten items available.

Tenemos las guías de oración cristiana y Liturgia de las Horas 2023 y los nuevos misales dominicales.
Ahora hay artículos de Cuaresma disponibles.

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 catholiconcampus.com/gvha/

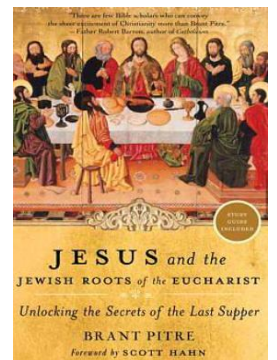


Lenten Study Groups / Grupos de Estudio de Cuaresma

Sign Up Now!

Join or lead a study group to read and discuss “*Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist*” during Lent. Books will be given to all St. Mary’s families at the beginning of Lent.

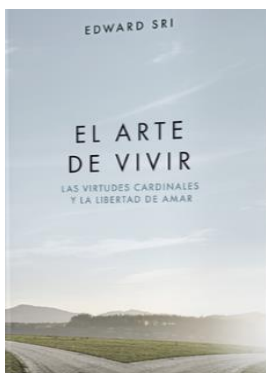
An exhaustive examination of the Old Testament roots of the Eucharist from the daily manna in the desert to the bread of the Presence in the temple. *The rich overtones of the Passover sacrifice are wrenchingly fulfilled in the life and death of Jesus.* In-depth biblical scholarship told in sparkling prose.



¡Regístrate ahora!

Únase o dirija un grupo de estudio para leer y discutir “*El Arte de Vivir*” durante la Cuaresma. Los libros se entregarán a todas las familias de Santa María al comienzo de la Cuaresma.

En este nuevo libro del autor más vendido, Edward Sri, descubrimos la estrecha *conexión entre crecer en las virtudes y crecer en amistad y comunidad* con los demás.



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, William Newsom, Jr., 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.

Catholic Social Teaching

The Catholic Church's social teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom for building a just society and *living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society*. From apostolic times, the Church has engaged the biggest questions about citizenship, economics, labor, and the common good. This series will explore the *seven main themes of Catholic Social Teaching* and ponder how Catholics should live here and now while knowing they were made for a kingdom “not of this world”.

At Donuts & Dogma

Beginning
Sunday, February 19, at 10:00am
in the Fellowship Hall



Human Dignity Everyone is special.



What is best for everyone? **Common Good**



Solidarity We are one big family.



All people should have a say! **Subsidiarity**



Participation We all want to work and contribute to our communities.



We are part of and need to care for creation. **Care for Our Common Home**

Preferential Option for the Poor Some people need extra help.

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.

Used Candles / Velas Usadas

Do you want to have blessed candles at home? The candle stubs from the altar are available for you to burn at home; they must be burned not thrown away. Take some from the box in the Narthex.

¿Quieres tener velas benditas en casa? Los cabos de vela del altar están disponibles para que los quemes en casa; deben ser quemados, no desechados. Tome un poco de la caja en el Narthex.



Stewardship

Offertory last weekend: \$4,132 / Budget: \$3,292
February month to date: \$4,132 / Budget: \$13,168

Ofertorio último fin de semana: \$4,132 / Meta: \$3,292
Mes de enero a la fecha: \$4,132 / Meta: \$13,168

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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facebook.com/stmarysylva

instagram.com/stmarysylva

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.

SCOTTS CREEK SCHOOL



St. Mary Mother of
God Catholic Church,

Thank you so much for your generosity. The school supplies that you donated will greatly benefit the students as we have to provide the majority of them with supplies to use in the classroom. We appreciate your thinking of us!

Scotts Creek School
FACULTY + STAFF

Thank you for contributing to support our local school during our 50 Acts of Charity!

Lenten Fish Fry

For three Fridays:

February 24

March 17

March 31

Serving 5 pm to 7 pm

Dine in or take out



Meal includes:

Fried fish, mac-n-cheese, hushpuppies, dessert and water

Open to the public!

Provided by the Knights of Columbus