



St. Mary, Mother of God, Catholic Church

22 Bartlett Street, Sylva NC, 28779

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3/26/23 – 5th Sunday in Lent

V Domingo de Cuaresma

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

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

Administrative Assistant: Flor Widmar (Ext 101)

DRC: Luci Castillo (Ext 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, Friday & Saturday: 10 to 2; Wednesday 12 to 2

Lunes, Viernes y Sábado: 10 a 2; Miércoles 12 a 2

Appointments with the Pastor

Monday/Lunes: 10:30 to 12:30; Thursday/Jueves: 10 to 2

"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me will never die."

MASS TIMES at St. Mary Mother of God

Weekend Masses:

Saturday Vigil at 7:00 pm (Spanish)

Sunday at 8:30 am & 11:30 am

Daily Masses:

Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 9:00 am

Wednesday at 5:30 pm

Last Thursday at 6:30 pm (Spanish)

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 sábado a las 9:00 am

Miércoles a las 5:30 pm

Último jueves a las 18:30 (Español)

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, Sábado 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 Thursday & Friday 7:00-8:00 pm

Adoración y Bendición

Primer viernes de 9:30 am a 8:00 pm

Primer sábado Hora Santa después de la Misa

Último jueves y viernes 7:00-8:00 pm

Main Line/Reception: 828-586-9496

Sacrament Emergency: 828-631-0576

Email: smmgoffice@stmarymotherofgod.com

Calendar – March 26th to April 2nd

Sunday	8:30 am	Sunday Mass	John McKenzie+
	10:00 am	Donuts & Dogma – Catholic Social Teaching Session 4	
	11:30 am	Sunday Mass	Reiter Family
	4:00 pm	Sunday Mass - WCU	Pro Populo
Monday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	Kathy Starr
	4:30 pm	Tax Clinic (until 9:00 pm)	
	6:30 pm	English Class / Clase de Inglés	
Tuesday:			
Wednesday:	5:30 pm	Daily Mass	Gladys Pilch
	6:45 pm	Faith Formation Classes	
Thursday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	
	6:30 pm	Misa en Español	
	7:00 pm	Adoración	
Friday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	
	12:15 pm	Daily Mass – WCU	
	5:00 pm	Fish Fry (until 7:00 pm)	
	6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross / Via Crucis	
Saturday:	7:00 pm	Adoración	
	9:00 am	Daily Mass	
	5:30 pm	Confirmation Class (Track 2)	
Sunday	7:00 pm	Misa de Domingo de Ramos	
	8:30 am	Palm Sunday Mass	Ann Monahan Thomas+
	11:30 am	Palm Sunday Mass	Lucille Frontauria+
	4:00 pm	Palm 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 1 Abril 7:00 pm	Familia Perez		
Sunday Apr 2 8:30am		Caryn Raming	Brian Raming Todd Wenberg
Sunday Apr 2 11:30am		Jonathan Fischer	Alister, Gideon, Kristen, Maddie

From the Pastor's Desk

God's Time is Always Best

The first reading was Ezekiel's prophecy to the people of Israel while they were in exile in Babylon. They had resigned to hopelessness that they would never be free and would never return to their homeland. Ezekiel was one of the prophets God sent to give hope to the people. The images Ezekiel used to describe the people's situation, as we see in the reading, are death and grave. Ezekiel then prophesied spirit, life, and restoration. Ezekiel prophesied, "I will open your graves and have you rise from them... I will put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I will settle you upon your land..." This prophecy was fulfilled in about 597 BC when King Cyrus of Persia released the people of Israel to return to their land (Ezra 1:1-11).



In the gospel, Lazarus was dead and was four days in the grave. He was brought back to life by Jesus. It was a hopeless case before Jesus arrived. When Jesus was told that Lazarus was ill, he did not proceed immediately to visit Lazarus. It took him four days before he arrived at the home of Mary and Martha. Jesus ordered, "Take away the stone." He commanded, "Lazarus, come out." Lazarus came out with hand and foot tied with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. Finally, Jesus ordered, "Unbind him and let him go."

The Israelites were seventy years in Babylon before they got their freedom. Lazarus was four days in the grave before Jesus brought him back to life. This means that sometimes, difficult times can last for a while. Sometimes, according to God's divine will, it takes a while before we receive what we are praying for. Therefore, during difficult times, and when we have not received what we prayed for, we are encouraged to stand strong in faith and persevere in prayer. Jesus promises in Matthew 24:13, "The one who perseveres to the end will be saved." May our faith and prayer move 'mountains' and uproot 'mulberry trees.' Amen.

During the Babylonian exile, the Israelites never believed that there was hope for them to return to their homeland. But when it was God's time, it came very fast and with unexpected blessings. The people of Israel did not fight for their freedom, and they left Babylon with much gold and silver to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem. Following the decree issued by King Cyrus, the Babylonians provided the Israelites with silver and gold, goods and livestock, and freewill offerings for the temple. In all, there were 5,400 articles of gold and silver (Ezra 1:6-11).

Also, in the gospel, nobody could have imagined that Lazarus would live again having been buried for four days, but Jesus brought him back to life. "With God, all things are possible" (Matthew 19:6). God speaks to us through Prophet Ezekiel, "I will open your graves and have you rise from them ... I have promised and, I will do it." Brothers and sisters, no matter how bad things are or get, never give up on God. His time is always the best. Though it may not look that way in the moment, joy comes in the morning.

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

Housekeeping:

1. We are appealing for donations to purchase Easter lilies to decorate the altar for the Easter Vigil and Sunday. We are hoping to raise \$500. Drop your donation in the office, or in the offertory in an envelope marked for Easter lilies. You can also make the donation online and indicate for Easter lilies.
2. Please be generous to the Diocesan Support Appeal. As we look at our lives and the many ways God has blessed us, let us give back a proportionate gift to the Diocesan Support Appeal as a way of saying thank you to the Lord. God will never be outdone in generosity. If you have yet to turn in your pledge envelope, you may complete one and return it to the Parish Office or in the offertory, or go to www.charlottediocese.org/dsa to make a gift online. 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.
3. Thank you for your generosity for the DSA and other collections in the Diocese and Parish, May the Good Lord continue to bless and strengthen you.
4. Volunteers are needed to work in the parking lot for the "Greening Up the Mountains" festival on April 22. Our parking lot will be available to the community as a fundraiser for St Mary. Sign up on the bulletin board.

Desde el Escritorio del Pastor

El Tiempo de Dios Siempre Es el Mejor

La primera lectura fue la profecía de Ezequiel al pueblo de Israel mientras estaban en el exilio en Babilonia. Se habían resignado a la desesperanza de que nunca serían libres y nunca regresarían a su tierra natal. Ezequiel fue uno de los profetas que Dios envió para dar esperanza al pueblo. Las imágenes que utilizó Ezequiel para describir la situación del pueblo, como vemos en la lectura, son muerte y sepultura. Ezequiel luego profetizó espíritu, vida y restauración. Ezequiel profetizó: "Abriré vuestros sepulcros y os haré levantar de ellos... Pondré mi espíritu en vosotros, y viviréis, y os estableceré en vuestra tierra..." Esta profecía se cumplió alrededor del año 597 a. C. cuando el rey Ciro de Persia liberó al pueblo de Israel para que regresara a su tierra (Esdras 1:1-11).



En el evangelio, Lázaro estaba muerto y estuvo cuatro días en la tumba. Fue devuelto a la vida por Jesús. Era un caso perdido antes de que llegara Jesús. Cuando le dijeron a Jesús que Lázaro estaba enfermo, no procedió inmediatamente a visitarlo. Le tomó cuatro días antes de llegar a la casa de María y Marta. Jesús ordenó: "Quitad la piedra". Él ordenó: "Lázaro, sal fuera". Lázaro salió con las manos y los pies atados con vendas y el rostro envuelto en un sudario. Finalmente, Jesús ordenó: "Desátenlo y déjenlo ir".

Los israelitas estuvieron setenta años en Babilonia antes de obtener su libertad. Lázaro estuvo cuatro días en la tumba antes de que Jesús lo devolviera a la vida. Esto significa que, a veces, los tiempos difíciles pueden durar un tiempo. A veces, según la voluntad divina de Dios, toma un tiempo antes de que recibamos lo que estamos pidiendo en oración. Por lo tanto, durante tiempos difíciles, y cuando no hemos recibido aquello por lo que oramos, se nos anima a mantenernos firmes en la fe y perseverar en la oración. Jesús promete en Mateo 24:13: "El que persevere hasta el fin, ése será salvo". Que nuestra fe y oración muevan 'montañas' y arranquen 'moreras'. Amén.

Durante el exilio en Babilonia, los israelitas nunca creyeron que hubiera esperanza de regresar a su tierra natal. Pero cuando llegó el tiempo de Dios, llegó muy rápido y con bendiciones inesperadas. El pueblo de Israel no luchó por su libertad y salió de Babilonia con mucho oro y plata para reconstruir el templo en Jerusalén. Siguiendo el decreto emitido por el rey Ciro, los babilonios proporcionaron a los israelitas plata y oro, bienes y ganado, y ofrendas voluntarias para el templo. En total, había 5.400 artículos de oro y plata (Esdras 1:6-11).

Además, en el evangelio, nadie podría haber imaginado que Lázaro volvería a vivir después de haber estado sepultado durante cuatro días, pero Jesús lo devolvió a la vida. "Para Dios todo es posible" (Mateo 19:6). Dios nos habla a través del profeta Ezequiel: "Abriré vuestros sepulcros y haré que os levantéis de ellos... lo he prometido y lo haré". Hermanos y hermanas, no importa cuán mal estén o se pongan las cosas, nunca abandonen a Dios. Su tiempo es siempre el mejor. Aunque no lo parezca en el momento, la alegría llega por la mañana.

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

Noticias

1. Estamos solicitando donaciones para comprar lirios de Pascua para decorar el altar de la Vigilia de Pascua y el domingo. Esperamos recaudar \$500. Deje su donación en la oficina o en el ofertorio en un sobre marcado con lirios de Pascua. También puede hacer la donación en línea e indicar para los lirios de Pascua.
2. Sea generoso con la Campaña de Apoyo Diocesano. Mientras miramos nuestras vidas y las muchas maneras en que Dios nos ha bendecido, devolvamos una donación proporcionada a la Campaña de Apoyo Diocesano como una forma de decir gracias al Señor. Dios nunca será superado en generosidad. Si aún tiene que entregar su sobre de compromiso, puede completar uno y devolverlo a la Oficina Parroquial o en el ofertorio, o visitar www.charlottediocese.org/dsa para hacer una donación en línea. 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 continuar la obra de salvación iniciada por Jesús.
3. Gracias por su generosidad para la DSA y otras colectas en la Diócesis y la Parroquia. Que el Buen Señor continúe bendiciéndolos y fortaleciéndolos..
4. Se necesitan voluntarios para trabajar en el estacionamiento para el festival "Greening Up the Mountains" el 22 de abril. Nuestro estacionamiento estará disponible para la comunidad para recaudar fondos para St Mary. Regístrate en el tablón de anuncios.

Religious Education

The next Faith Formation class day is March 29.

El próximo día de clases de Formación de Fe es el 29 de marzo.



FAITH
FORMATION

St. Mary Bookrack / Estante de Llibros

Check out the St Mary Bookrack for Lent items.

Beginning the week of March 20 there will be a few Easter items as well.

Echa un vistazo a St Mary Bookrack para artículos de Cuaresma.

A partir de la semana del 20 de marzo también habrá algunos artículos de Pascua.

Coming Soon – The Chosen

Donuts & Dogma will feature:

“The Chosen”

A multi-season dramatization of Jesus’ life, this series will take you deeper into gospel stories by retelling and expounding on the character and intentions of Jesus and those who knew Him.

Beginning

Sunday, April 9, 10:00 am



Corpus Christi Retreat: Source and Summit

“The Eucharist is ‘the source and summit’ of the Christian life. All ministries are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it” (CCC 1324). Come to this retreat and learn how to make the Eucharist the “source and summit” of your life and ministry. Renew your spirit with a mix of Adoration, contemplation, and prayer, plus be guided by several thoughtful reflections on the Mass. Make this year’s Feast of Corpus Christi one to remember.

June 9-11, 2023

***Catholic Conference Center
in Hickory, NC***

For more information:

Visit www.catholicconference.org/eucharist

Email info@catholicconference.org

Call 828-327-7441



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., 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, 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.*

Holy Week Schedule / Horario Semana Santa

Palm Sunday (Apr 2)	8:30 am 11:30 am	Mass Mass
Wednesday (Apr 5)	6:30 pm	Practice (servers, ushers)
Thursday (Apr 6)	6:30 pm 8:00 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper Adoration (until midnight)
Friday (Apr 7)	3:00 pm 5:00 pm	Living Stations of the Cross Veneration of the Cross
Saturday (Apr 8)	9:00 am 10:00 am	Office of Readings Decorate the Church
Easter Vigil (Apr 8)	8:30 pm	Vigil Mass
Easter Day (Apr 9)	8:30 am 11:30 am	Mass Mass

Sábado (1 abril)	7:00 pm	Misa (de ramos)
Miércoles (5 abril)	6:30 pm	Práctica (servidores, ujieres)
Jueves (6 abril)	6:30 pm 8:00 pm	Misa de la Cena del Señor Adoración (hasta medianoche)
Viernes (7 abril)	3:00 pm 5:00 pm	Vía Crucis Viva Veneración de la Cruz
Sábado (8 abril)	9:00 am 10:00 am	Oficina de Lecturas Decorar la Iglesia
Vigilia (8 abril)	8:30 pm	Misa de Vigilia Pascual
Pascua (9 abril)	8:30 am 11:30	Misa Misa

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.

Thus says the Lord God:



***O my people, I will open your graves
and have you rise from them.***

Ezekiel 37:12

Stewardship

Offertory last weekend: \$2,819 / Budget: \$3,292
February month to date: \$11,358 / Budget: \$13,168
DSA Actual: \$4,515 / Target: \$19,622

Ofertorio último fin de semana: \$2,819 / Meta: \$3,292
Mes de enero a la fecha: \$11,358 / Meta: \$13,168
DSA recaudado: \$4,515 / Meta: \$19,622

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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To contact any Commission with ideas or to volunteer, contact Brian Raming at pcchair@stmarymotherofgod.com

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.

Lenten Fish Fry

Last Chance!

March 31

Serving 5 pm to 7 pm

Adult \$12 Child \$7

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



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