



“Why do you seek the Living One among the dead?”

St. Mary, Mother of God, Catholic Church

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4/9/23 – Easter Sunday
Domingo de Pascua

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

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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

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

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Calendar - April 9th to 16th

Sunday	8:30 am	Easter Sunday Mass	Linda Tiller+
	10:00 am	Easter Egg Hunt	
	11:30 am	Easter Sunday Mass	William Newsome+
Monday:	9:00 am	<i>NO MASS</i>	
	6:30 pm	English Class / Clase de Inglés	
Tuesday:			
Wednesday:	5:30 pm	<i>NO MASS or Confessions</i>	
	6:45 pm	Faith Formation Classes	
Thursday:	9:00 am	<i>NO MASS</i>	
	6:00 pm	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	
Friday:	9:00 am	<i>NO MASS or Confessions</i>	
	6:30 pm	Game Night (Conference Center)	
Saturday:	9:00 am	<i>NO MASS or Confessions</i>	
	9:30 am	Knights of Columbus 4 th Degree Meeting	
	10:00 am	Lay Carmelites Community Meeting	
	7:30 pm	Misa en Español	Pro Populo
Sunday	8:30 am	Sunday Mass	Roger Grenier+ & Carole LeMay+
	10:00 am	Donuts & Dogma – Chosen Episode 1	
	11:30 am	Sunday Mass	Newsom Family
	3:00 pm	Chaplet of Divine Mercy	
	4:00 pm	Sunday Mass - WCU	

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
Sábado Apr 15 7:00pm	Familia Perez	Patricia Hernandez	
Sunday Apr 16 8:30am		Lucanne Rinke	Brian Raming Todd Wenberg
Sunday Apr 16 11:30am		Carla Haire	Alister, Gideon, Kristen, Maddie

From the Pastor's Desk

Happy Easter! Christ is Risen!

Every year the Easter Triduum comes and goes. What makes Easter a special celebration so that we have three days of daily liturgical ceremonies leading to it? First, Easter can be described as the confirmation of the power of our Lord Jesus Christ to rise from the dead, confirming his divinity as well as the hope of resurrection for all believers in Christ Jesus. Second, it confirms that death has no power over Jesus our Lord, who has become our Savior and our Salvation. Third, he is truly our Lord and King, in confirmation of the Palm Sunday event.

The Easter Triduum begins on Holy Thursday night with the Last Supper Mass. On Holy Thursday, Christians celebrate the institution of the Eucharist and the institution of the priesthood to be at the service of the Holy Eucharist, as the Lord did at the Last Supper, (cf. John 13:1-15). By extension, the Church continues the commissions and installations for ministries in the Church for various charitable works, which are also extensions of the washing of feet: "Love one another as I have loved you". It is our celebration of the Passover of the Lord, where Jesus of Nazareth becomes the Lamb of sacrifice for God's holy people, when he gave us his body and blood. It recalls for us the slaughtering of the lambs in Egypt that gave rise to the first Passover of God's people from bondage to freedom, captivity to liberation, slavery to free citizens, (cf. Exodus 12:1-14). Bread and wine were first offered by Melchizedek (cf. Genesis 14:18), and this offering was not continued until Christ the Lord offered it as a new and everlasting covenant in His blood (cf. Mark 14:22-24; Matthew 26:26-28; Luke. 22:19-20 & 1 Corinthians 11:23-26). We therefore celebrate the Lord as our new Lamb of sacrifice for everlasting memory. "His blood of the covenant both alludes to the ancient rite of Exodus 24:4-8 and indicates the new community that the sacrifice of Jesus will bring into being." (N.A. Bible Commentary on Mark14:22-24).

On Good Friday we participate in the ceremonies that re-enact the passion and death of the Lord. On this day Christians mourn for Christ Jesus who died to set us free. His death is seen as our ransom from death. One of our Eucharistic acclamations indicates: "Dying, you destroyed our death, rising, you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory." Good Friday proved the suffering and death of Christ as was predicted by the Old Testament prophets.

The Easter Vigil night is the resurrection night. It is a highly ritual commemoration also and probably the longest celebration of the Eucharist we have in the year. From the Service of Light to the Easter Proclamation (the Exsultet) and the scripture readings, we recall our salvation history. Isaiah 42:6 indicates that God's Servant would be "a light to the nations", and so did Simeon (cf. Luke 2:32). Christ, our Light, that brightens all our darkness, is risen from the dead. The words of the Exsultet of Easter Vigil are worth meditating upon. The Exsultet opens the door to Easter joys. On this night and on Easter Sunday we renew our baptismal promise to recall our re-birth and new life for all believers. The ritual celebrations of the Easter Triduum help us discover or re-discover who the Lord Jesus truly is. He prepared us for his passion, death and resurrection. Christ is risen indeed as he said. Happy Easter to you as you read this reflection! For the next fifty days we will celebrate Easter Season until the feast of Pentecost.

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

Housekeeping:

1. We ask for your generous response to the second collection which is taken in all churches of our diocese this Easter weekend. This collection will help meet the growing needs of our Seminarian program. We currently have 49 young men studying for the priesthood and your generosity and prayers are an investment in the lives and ministry of our future priests.
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 DSA as a way of saying thank you to the Lord. God will never be outdone in generosity. If you are yet to turn in your completed pledge envelope, you may complete a pledge envelope and return it to the Parish Office, 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. Please we are all invited to the Easter egg hunt taking place between the 8:30 am and 11:30 am Masses this Easter Sunday. Please bring your kids and let's have some Easter fun.
4. On behalf of the Clergy, Parish Pastoral Council and the staff, I wish everyone Happy Easter and blessings and joy of the Risen Jesus Christ.



Desde el Escritorio del Pastor

¡Felices Pascuas! ¡Cristo Ha Resucitado!

Cada año el Triduo Pascual va y viene. ¿Qué hace que la Pascua sea una celebración especial para que tengamos tres días de ceremonias litúrgicas diarias que conducen a ella? En primer lugar, la Pascua se puede describir como la confirmación del poder de nuestro Señor Jesucristo para resucitar de entre los muertos, lo que confirma su divinidad y la esperanza de resurrección para todos los creyentes en Cristo Jesús. Segundo, confirma que la muerte no tiene poder sobre Jesús nuestro Señor, quien se ha convertido en nuestro Salvador y nuestra Salvación. Tercero, él es verdaderamente nuestro Señor y Rey, en confirmación del evento del Domingo de Ramos.

El Triduo Pascual comienza la noche del Jueves Santo con la Misa de la Última Cena. El Jueves Santo los cristianos celebran la institución de la Eucaristía y la institución del sacerdocio para estar al servicio de la Sagrada Eucaristía, como lo hizo el Señor en la Última Cena, (cf. Juan 13:1-15). Por extensión, la Iglesia continúa los encargos e instalaciones para ministerios en la Iglesia para diversas obras de caridad, que son también prolongaciones del lavatorio de los pies: “Amaos como yo os he amado”. Es nuestra celebración de la Pascua del Señor, donde Jesús de Nazaret se convierte en el Cordero del sacrificio por el pueblo santo de Dios, cuando nos entrega su cuerpo y su sangre. Nos recuerda el sacrificio de los corderos en Egipto que dio lugar a la primera Pascua del pueblo de Dios de la servidumbre a la libertad, del cautiverio a la liberación, de la esclavitud a los ciudadanos libres (cf. Éxodo 12, 1-14). El pan y el vino fueron ofrecidos por primera vez por Melquisedec (cf. Génesis 14:18), y esta ofrenda no continuó hasta que Cristo el Señor la ofreció como un pacto nuevo y sempiterno en Su sangre (cf. Marcos 14:22-24; Mateo 26). :26-28; Lucas 22:19-20 y 1 Corintios 11:23-26). Por lo tanto, celebramos al Señor como nuestro nuevo Cordero de sacrificio para memoria eterna. “Su sangre del pacto alude al antiguo rito de Éxodo 24:4-8 e indica la nueva comunidad que el sacrificio de Jesús traerá a la existencia”. (N.A. Comentario Bíblico sobre Marcos 14:22-24).



El Viernes Santo participamos en las ceremonias que recrean la pasión y muerte del Señor. En este día los cristianos lloran por Cristo Jesús que murió para liberarnos. Su muerte es vista como nuestro rescate de la muerte. Una de nuestras aclamaciones eucarísticas indica: “Muriendo, destruiste nuestra muerte, resucitando, restauraste nuestra vida. Señor Jesús, ven en gloria”. El Viernes Santo demostró el sufrimiento y la muerte de Cristo como fue predicho por los profetas del Antiguo Testamento.

La noche de la Vigilia Pascual es la noche de la resurrección. Es una conmemoración altamente ritual también y probablemente la celebración más larga de la Eucaristía que tenemos en el año. Desde el Servicio de la Luz hasta el Pregón Pascual (el Exsultet) y las lecturas de las Escrituras, recordamos nuestra historia de salvación. Isaías 42:6 indica que el Siervo de Dios sería “una luz para las naciones”, y así lo hizo Simeón (cf. Lucas 2:32). Cristo, nuestra Luz, que ilumina todas nuestras tinieblas, ha resucitado de entre los muertos. Vale la pena meditar las palabras del Exsultet de la Vigilia Pascual. El Exsultet abre la puerta a las alegrías pascuales. En esta noche y el Domingo de Pascua renovamos nuestra promesa bautismal para recordar nuestro renacimiento y vida nueva para todos los creyentes. Las celebraciones rituales del Triduo Pascual nos ayudan a descubrir o redescubrir quién es verdaderamente el Señor Jesús. Él nos preparó para su pasión, muerte y resurrección. Cristo ha resucitado en verdad como dijo. ¡Feliz Pascua para ti mientras lees esta reflexión! Durante los próximos cincuenta días celebraremos el Tiempo Pascual hasta la fiesta de Pentecostés.

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

Noticias

1. Pedimos su generosa respuesta a la segunda colecta que se realiza en todas las iglesias de nuestra diócesis este fin de semana de Pascua. Esta colecta ayudará a satisfacer las crecientes necesidades de nuestro programa de seminaristas. Actualmente tenemos 49 jóvenes estudiando para el sacerdocio y su generosidad y oraciones son una inversión en la vida y el ministerio de nuestros futuros sacerdotes.
2. Sea generoso con la Campaña de Apoyo Diocesano. Mientras miramos nuestras vidas y las muchas maneras en que Dios nos ha bendecido, devolvamos un regalo proporcional a la DSA como una forma de agradecer al Señor. Dios nunca será superado en generosidad. Si aún tiene que entregar su sobre de compromiso completo, puede completar un sobre de compromiso y devolverlo a la Oficina Parroquial, 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. Por favor, todos estamos invitados a la búsqueda de huevos de Pascua que tendrá lugar entre las Misas de 8:30 am y 11:30 am este Domingo de Pascua. Por favor traiga a sus hijos y divirtámonos en Semana Santa.
4. En nombre del Clero, Consejo Pastoral Parroquial y personal, les deseo a todos Felices Pascuas y bendiciones y alegría de Jesucristo Resucitado.

Religious Education

The next Faith Formation class day is April 12.

El próximo día de clases es el 12 de abril.



Coming Soon – The Chosen

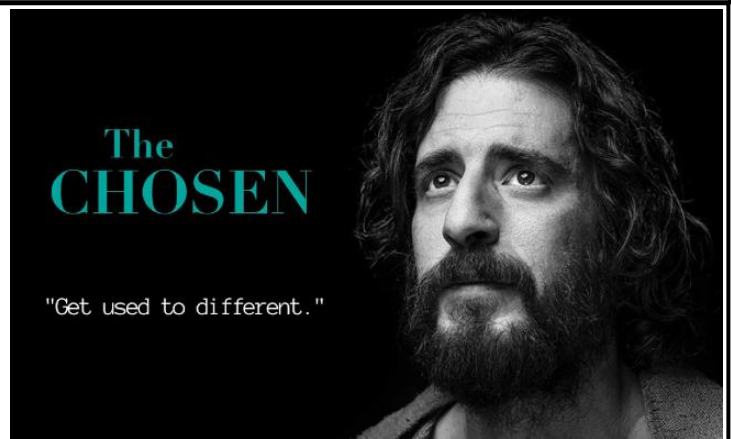
Donuts & Dogma will feature:

“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 16, 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.



The other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first.

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.

Divine Mercy Chaplet – April 16 – 3:00 pm

In Jesus' revelations to Saint Faustina on the Divine Mercy, *He asked that a feast day be dedicated to the Divine Mercy on the Sunday after Easter*. This Feast was granted to the Universal Church by Pope John Paul II on the occasion of the canonization of Sr. Faustina on April 30, 2000 as a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the trials that mankind will experience in the years to come. *This is the highest endorsement that the Church can give to a private revelation*, an act of papal infallibility proclaiming the certain sanctity of the mystic, and the granting of a universal feast.

Concerning the Feast of Mercy Jesus said: Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. (Diary 300).

A plenary indulgence can be gained by visiting a church on Divine Mercy Sunday, praying the Divine Mercy devotion, and the usual conditions of Confession, Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the Pope.

Divine Mercy Chaplet & Devotions
Sunday, April 16 – 3:00 pm



Stewardship

Offertory last weekend: \$3,699 / Budget: \$3,292

March month to date: \$3,699 / Budget: \$16,460

DSA Actual: \$6,752 / Actual + Pledged: \$8,452 = 43% of target of \$19,622

Ofertorio último fin de semana: \$3,699 / Presupuesto: \$3,292

Mes de marzo a la fecha: \$3,699 / Presupuesto: \$16,460

Real DSA: \$6,752 / Real + Prometido: \$8,452 = 43% del objetivo de \$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

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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.



EASTER EGG HUNT

EASTER SUNDAY (APRIL 9TH)

BETWEEN THE 8:30 AND 11:30 MASSES

**BRING YOUR BASKETS AND JOIN US FOR
SOME EASTER FUN!**

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS SERVED

