

“Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.”

St. Mary, Mother of God, Catholic Church

22 Bartlett Street, Sylva NC, 28779

Office: 828-586-9496 Fax: 828-586-2167

4/16/23 – Divine Mercy Sunday

Domingo de Misericordia

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)

DRE: 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

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 - April 16th to 23rd

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	
Monday:	9:00 am	<i>MO MASS</i>	
	6:30 pm	English Class / Clase de Inglés	
Tuesday:			
Wednesday:	5:30 pm	Daily Mass	Joannie Newsome
	6:45 pm	Faith Formation Classes	
Thursday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	Deacon Matthew Newsome
	7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting	
Friday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	Joan Conway+
	5:00 pm	Knights of Columbus 4 th Degree Fish Fry (until 7:00 pm)	
Saturday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	Kathy Starr
	10:00 am	Parking for Greening Up the Mountains festival	
	7:00 pm	Misa en Español	Pro Populo
Sunday	8:30 am	Sunday Mass	Bill Lyons
	10:00 am	Donuts & Dogma – Chosen Episode 2	
	11:30 am	Sunday Mass	Reiter Family
	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 22 7:00pm	Familia Perez	Juan Carlos Villegas	
Sunday Apr 23 8:30am		Sue Szarek	Brian Raming Todd Wenberg
Sunday Apr 23 11:30am		Sara Freeman	Alister, Gideon, Kristen, Maddie

From the Pastor's Desk

The Boundless Divine Mercy of Jesus Christ

In 2000, St. Pope John Paul II canonized St. Faustina, and made the second Sunday of Easter to be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. St. Faustina was a Polish nun gifted with mystical visions, messages and revelations from the Risen Jesus. This is a rare instance when a private revelation is authenticated to the degree that it becomes a Sunday celebration by the Universal Church. The feast situates well following Easter Sunday to show that the events of the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus for the redemption of humanity were out of God's gratuitous mercy. God's mercy is gratuitous because humanity did nothing to merit it.

The author of the Book of Revelation was commanded as we read in the second reading, "Write down what you see" (Revelation 1:11). That was St. Faustina's experience. She wrote down the revelations that she received. She writes in her diary, "Proclaim that mercy is the greatest attribute of God. All God's works are crowned with mercy" (Diary 301). God is so merciful and ever forgiving that he does not judge us according to our sins. Psalm 130:3 prays, "If you, Lord, keep account of sins, Lord, who can stand? But with you is forgiveness and so you are revered." God forgives no matter the depth of one's sin and guilt. The Parable of the Prodigal Son in Luke 15:11-32 gives us a good idea of the depth of God's forgiveness. His banner over us is love (Song of Solomon 2:4).

We proclaim God's mercy, not only in words but also in deeds. God's mercy continues in our world through us if we become instruments of his mercy by works of charity. Jesus says, "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers [and sisters] of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40). Yes, when we forgive others, feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, visit prisoners, bury the dead, and give alms to the poor, we are treating others as if they were Christ in disguise.

The image of the Divine Mercy of Jesus showing two rays, one reddish (symbolizing blood) and the other whitish (symbolizing water), with the inscription "Jesus, I trust in you" at the bottom, is one of St. Faustina's visions. The image takes us back to the passion, crucifixion and death of Jesus. When the soldier pierced the side of Jesus, "immediately blood and water flowed out" (John 19:34). Jesus said during the Last Supper, "This is my blood of the new covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins" (Matthew 26:28). St. Faustina writes in her diary, that the water makes souls righteous, and blood is the life of souls (Diary 299). This Sunday afternoon at 3:00 pm in the church we will conclude the Divine Mercy Novena at St. Mary's. Be merciful to us sinners, Jesus I trust in You!

For the sake of His Sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
(Divine Mercy Chaplet)

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



Housekeeping:

1. This Sunday (April 16) is Divine Mercy Sunday. There will be a bilingual celebration of Divine Mercy at 3:00 pm. Jesus promised St. Faustina that the very depths of His Mercy would be poured out on the Feast of Divine Mercy; this is our opportunity to approach the font of Mercy with humility and trust.
2. Donuts and Dogma resumes today with The Chosen episode 1: Thunder (Mary Magdalene and Nicodemus). Join us at 10:00 am in the Hall.

Desde el Escritorio del Pastor

La Divina Misericordia Infinita de Jesucristo

En 2000, el Papa San Juan Pablo II canonizó a Santa Faustina e hizo que el segundo domingo de Pascua se celebrara como el Domingo de la Divina Misericordia. Santa Faustina fue una monja polaca dotada de visiones místicas, mensajes y revelaciones de Jesús Resucitado. Este es un caso raro en el que una revelación privada se autentica en la medida en que se convierte en una celebración dominical por parte de la Iglesia Universal. La fiesta se ubica bien después del Domingo de Pascua para mostrar que los eventos de la pasión, muerte y resurrección de Jesús para la redención de la humanidad fueron por la misericordia gratuita de Dios. La misericordia de Dios es gratuita porque la humanidad no hizo nada para merecerla.

Al autor del Libro de Apocalipsis se le ordenó como leemos en la segunda lectura: “Escribe lo que ves” (Apocalipsis 1:11). Esa fue la experiencia de Santa Faustina. Ella escribió las revelaciones que recibió. Ella escribe en su diario: “Proclama que la misericordia es el mayor atributo de Dios. Todas las obras de Dios están coronadas de misericordia” (Diario 301). Dios es tan misericordioso y siempre perdonador que no nos juzga según nuestros pecados. El Salmo 130:3 ora: “Si tú, Señor, llevas cuenta de los pecados, Señor, ¿quién podrá sostenerse en pie? Pero contigo está el perdón y por eso eres reverenciado”. Dios perdona sin importar la profundidad del pecado y la culpa de uno. La parábola del hijo pródigo en Lucas 15:11-32 nos da una buena idea de la profundidad del perdón de Dios. Su estandarte sobre nosotros es el amor (Cantares 2:4).



Proclamamos la misericordia de Dios, no solo con palabras sino también con hechos. La misericordia de Dios continúa en nuestro mundo a través de nosotros si nos convertimos en instrumentos de su misericordia por obras de caridad. Jesús dice: “Todo lo que hicisteis por uno de estos mis hermanos [y hermanas] más pequeños, por mí lo hicisteis” (Mateo 25:40). Sí, cuando perdonamos a los demás, alimentamos al hambriento, damos de beber al sediento, albergamos a los desamparados, visitamos a los enfermos, visitamos a los presos, enterramos a los muertos y damos limosna a los pobres, estamos tratando a los demás como si fueran Cristo disfrazado.

La imagen de la Divina Misericordia de Jesús que muestra dos rayos, uno rojizo (que simboliza la sangre) y otro blanquecino (que simboliza el agua), con la inscripción “Jesús, en ti confío” en la parte inferior, es una de las visiones de Santa Faustina. La imagen nos remite a la pasión, crucifixión y muerte de Jesús. Cuando el soldado abrió el costado de Jesús, “al instante salió sangre y agua” (Juan 19:34). Jesús dijo durante la Última Cena: “Esto es mi sangre del nuevo pacto, que será derramada por muchos para el perdón de los pecados” (Mateo 26:28). Santa Faustina escribe en su diario que el agua hace justas las almas y la sangre es la vida de las almas (Diario 299). Este domingo por la tarde a las 3:00 pm en la iglesia concluiremos la Novena de la Divina Misericordia en Santa María. ¡Ten piedad de nosotros pecadores, Jesús, en Ti confío!

Por Su Dolorosa Pasión, ten piedad de nosotros y del mundo entero.

Santo Dios, Santo Fuerte, Santo Inmortal, ten piedad de nosotros y del mundo entero.

(Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia)

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

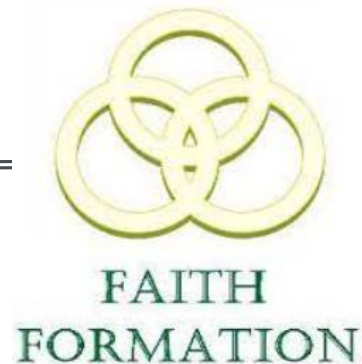
Noticias

1. Este domingo (16 de abril) es el Domingo de la Divina Misericordia. Habrá una celebración bilingüe de la Divina Misericordia a las 3:00 pm. Jesús prometió a Santa Faustina que las profundidades mismas de Su Misericordia serían derramadas en la Fiesta de la Divina Misericordia; esta es nuestra oportunidad de acercarnos a la fuente de la Misericordia con humildad y confianza.
2. Donuts and Dogma se reanuda hoy con el episodio 1 de The Chosen: Truenos (María Magdalena y Nicodemo). Únase a nosotros a las 10:00 am en el Salón.

Religious Education

*The next Faith Formation class day is April 19.
The end-of-year picnic will be May 3.*

*El próximo día de clases es el 19 de abril.
El picnic de fin de año será el 3 de mayo.*



Coming Soon – The Chosen

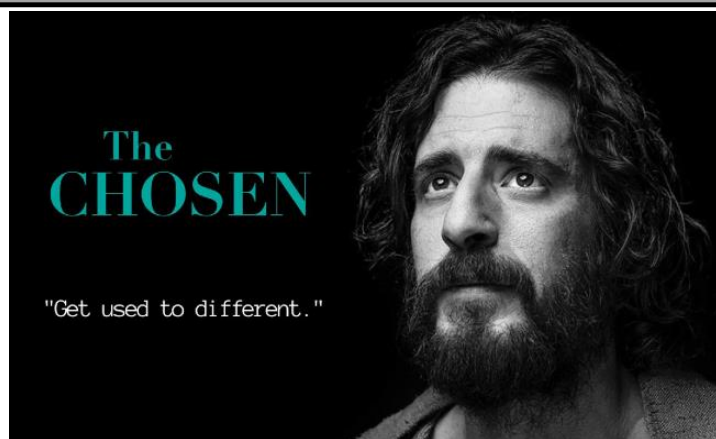
Donuts & Dogma will feature:

“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.



Protecting God's Children

There will be a "Protecting God's Children" (PGC) session **May 4, 2023 from 11-2 in the Conference Center.**

Anyone who volunteers with children and youth must attend a PGC session. If you have already attended a session, please stay active by reading the monthly bulletins at www.virtusonline.org.

Anyone who volunteers in the Parish ministries but does not work with minors must still complete a background check. You can do this through www.Virtusonline.org

For questions contact Sara Freeman.

Email: Sara.freeman1@gmail.com or (828)506-7074.

You can also learn more about Safe Environment guidelines at charlottediocese.org

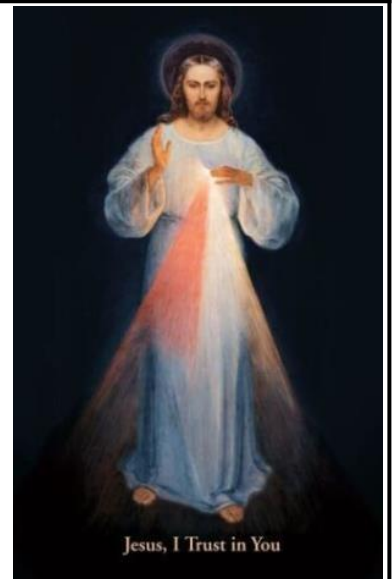
Divine Mercy Chaplet – April 16 – 3:00 pm

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

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.

Spirit of Hope

JOIN US!

Thursday, May 11, 2023

Doors Open at 5:30 p.m.

Drinks and Hors D'oeuvres from 5:30-6:15 p.m.

Dinner Stations Open at 6:15 p.m.

Event Program from 7:00-7:45 p.m.

Double Tree by Hilton Asheville - Biltmore
115 Hendersonville Road
Asheville, NC 28803

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At this complimentary event, you will hear impactful stories of participants being served by the Western Region Office of Catholic Charities and be invited to make a gift to help raise our goal of \$100,000 in support of our work.

We can't wait to see you there!

RSVP online at ccdoc.org/soh or call 828-820-5153.



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