

"Were not our hearts burning within us while He spoke to us on the way?"

St. Mary Mother of God, Catholic Church

22 Bartlett Street, Sylva NC, 28779

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

4/23/23 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

III Domingo de Pascua

Pastor: Rev. Paul Asoh, OSF (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

CONFESION

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 23rd to 30th

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	
Monday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	Kathy Starr
	6:30 pm	English Class / Clase de Inglés	
Tuesday:			
Wednesday:	5:30 pm	Daily Mass	Ernest Collins V
	6:30 pm	Faith Formation Adoration & Classes	
Thursday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	
	6:00 pm	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	
	6:30 pm	Misa en Español	
	6:30 pm	Catholic Moms Connect Meeting	
Friday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	April Karby+
	6:00 pm	Adoración Emaus	
Saturday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	
	7:00 pm	Misa en Español	Pro Populo
Sunday	8:30 am	Sunday Mass	Roger Grenier+ & Carole LeMay+
	10:00 am	Donuts & Dogma – Chosen Episode 3	
	11:30 am	Sunday Mass	
	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	Martha Espinoza	
Sunday Apr 23 8:30am		Brian Raming	Brian Raming Todd Wenberg
Sunday Apr 23 11:30am		Sue Cerniglia	Alister, Gideon, Kristen, Maddie

From the Pastor's Desk

Courage and Hospitality

After Jesus rose from the dead, he began to appear to his disciples. They experienced him and the transforming power of his resurrection. We pray that we, too, may have the same experience. We pray with St. Paul, “I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by being conformed to his death” (Philippians 3:10).

Before Jesus's appearances to his apostles, they locked themselves up in a room “for fear of the Jews” (John 20:19). We remember how Peter, crippled by fear, denied Jesus three times. Peter said in his third denial, “I do not know the man” (Matthew 26:74). But the first reading shows a new Peter who was transformed by the power of Jesus’ resurrection. He was delivered from his fear. He proclaimed the Risen Lord without fear. He accused the Jews, openly, of killing Jesus and cautioned them to repent from their sinful ways. The story of Peter is a story of hope. It is an encouraging story. We pray that as Easter people, we are transformed and overcome all that holds us down. Let us bring to Jesus all our fears.

The second reading reminds us that the blood of Christ has ransomed us from our futile conduct. Another translation calls futile conduct empty way of life. We are invited to examine ourselves and bring to Jesus our un-ransomed futile conduct (empty way of life). These are engagements and behaviors that lead to wrong ways instead of right ways. They are engagements and behaviors that are spiritually and worldly retrogressive instead of progressive. They are engagements and behaviors that lead us to sin instead of holiness. May Jesus deliver us from spiritual blindness and open the eyes of our minds so that we can discover the un-ransomed areas of our life and bring them to him. Jesus is waiting for you and for me. St. Peter reminds us, “The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard ‘delay,’ but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9).

We read in today’s gospel how two of Jesus’ disciples, in disappointment and in despair, were heading back to their village, Emmaus. They had concluded that to have left everything and followed Jesus for three years had ended up in futility. No wonder they were downcast. Then, Jesus met them on their way. Three major events took place. First, Jesus fed them with the word of God to burn their hearts. Second, Jesus had a Eucharistic meal with them. The Eucharist opened their eyes, and they recognized Jesus. (This is what we do during Mass; we receive God’s word, and we receive Christ’s Body.) Third, the men were empowered by their encounter with Jesus. “So, they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem...” Remember that the men had advised ‘the stranger’ not to continue his journey, but to stay with them because it was nearly evening, and the day almost over. In other words, it was not safe to continue the journey at that time. However, after encountering Jesus, they were empowered, and they walked back to Jerusalem, about seven miles (eleven kilometers), that night to join the apostles and the other disciples. They were no longer afraid of the dangers of the night. This incident tells us a lot about the power of the word of God and the power of the Eucharist.

Do we notice what happened at the meal? The ‘stranger,’ Jesus, took control. “While he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them” (Luke 24:30). He took control of the word. He took control of the meal! May Jesus take control of our celebration. One other lesson to learn from the two disciples is the essence of hospitality. Without being asked, the two men invited ‘the stranger’ to stay with them because it was getting late. They provided him accommodation and a meal. We read in Hebrews 13:2, “Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels.” This text reminds us of Genesis 18:1-15. God’s promise of giving Abraham a son came to pass when Abraham and his wife, Sarah, showed hospitality to three strangers whom they did not know were angels. Hospitality opens up doors and windows of blessings.

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

Housekeeping:

1. Dear Parishioners, Fr. James Cahill, who was a former Pastor of St. Mary Mother of God, died Wednesday night. The Funeral Mass for Father Cahill will be held at Saint Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church in Maggie Valley, where he has a niche in the Columbarium, on Tuesday, April 25, at 11:00 am followed immediately after by inturnment in the church columbarium. Let us continue to pray and book Masses for the repose of his soul.
2. We are all invited to our Hispanic celebration of Cinco De Mayo on Sunday, May 7th, at Bridge Park from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Please let us come and rejoice, celebrate with, and support each other. There will be a lot of food sale, music and dancing.
3. Donuts and Dogma continues with The Chosen episode 2: Shabbat (Mary Magdalene and Matthew). Join us at 10:00 am on Sunday.
4. There will be a second collection next Sunday for St. Vincent De Paul to aid the poor and needy in our community. This will also take place every fifth Sunday of the month, to help contribute to the means to help them care for the poor.



Desde el Escritorio del Pastor

Coraje y Hospitalidad

Después de que Jesús resucitó de entre los muertos, comenzó a aparecerse a sus discípulos. Lo experimentaron a él y al poder transformador de su resurrección. Oramos para que nosotros también podamos tener la misma experiencia. Oramos con San Pablo: “Quiero conocer a Cristo y el poder de su resurrección y la participación en sus sufrimientos al ser conformado a su muerte” (Filipenses 3:10).

Antes de las apariciones de Jesús a sus apóstoles, estos se encerraron en un cuarto “por temor a los judíos” (Juan 20:19). Recordamos cómo Pedro, paralizado por el miedo, negó a Jesús tres veces. Pedro dijo en su tercera negación: “No conozco al hombre” (Mateo 26:74). Pero la primera lectura muestra a un nuevo Pedro que fue transformado por el poder de la resurrección de Jesús. Fue liberado de su miedo. Proclamó al Señor Resucitado sin miedo. Acusó a los judíos, abiertamente, de matar a Jesús y les advirtió que se arrepintieran de sus caminos pecaminosos. La historia de Pedro es una historia de esperanza. Es una historia alentadora. Oramos para que, como personas de Pascua, seamos transformados y superemos todo lo que nos detiene. Llevemos a Jesús todos nuestros miedos.

La segunda lectura nos recuerda que la sangre de Cristo nos ha rescatado de nuestra conducta vana. Otra traducción llama conducta fútil forma de vida vacía. Estamos invitados a examinarnos a nosotros mismos y traer a Jesús nuestra conducta vana sin rescate (forma de vida vacía). Estos son compromisos y comportamientos que conducen a caminos equivocados en lugar de caminos correctos. Son compromisos y comportamientos que son espiritual y mundanamente regresivos en lugar de progresivos. Son compromisos y comportamientos que nos llevan al pecado en lugar de a la santidad. Que Jesús nos libra de la ceguera espiritual y abre los ojos de nuestra mente para que podamos descubrir las áreas no rescatadas de nuestra vida y traerlas a él. Jesús está esperando por ti y por mí. San Pedro nos recuerda: “El Señor no tarda en cumplir su promesa, como algunos la consideran 'tardanza', sino que tiene paciencia con vosotros, no queriendo que ninguno perezca, sino que todos procedan al arrepentimiento” (2 Pedro 3:9).

Leemos en el evangelio de hoy cómo dos de los discípulos de Jesús, decepcionados y desesperados, regresaban a su pueblo, Emaús. Habían llegado a la conclusión de que haber dejado todo y seguir a Jesús durante tres años había terminado en vano. No es de extrañar que estuvieran abatidos. Entonces, Jesús los encontró en su camino. Tuvieron lugar tres eventos importantes. Primero, Jesús los alimentó con la palabra de Dios para quemar sus corazones. Segundo, Jesús tuvo una comida eucarística con ellos. La Eucaristía les abrió los ojos y reconocieron a Jesús. (Esto es lo que hacemos durante la Misa; recibimos la palabra de Dios y recibimos el Cuerpo de Cristo). Tercero, los hombres se fortalecieron por su encuentro con Jesús. “Así que partieron de inmediato y regresaron a Jerusalén...” Recuerden que los hombres habían aconsejado al “forastero” que no continuara su viaje, sino que se quedara con ellos porque era casi tarde, y el día estaba por terminar. En otras palabras, no era seguro continuar el viaje en ese momento. Sin embargo, después de encontrarse con Jesús, recibieron poder y caminaron de regreso a Jerusalén, unas siete millas (once kilómetros), esa noche para unirse a los apóstoles y los demás discípulos. Ya no tenían miedo de los peligros de la noche. Este incidente nos dice mucho sobre el poder de la palabra de Dios y el poder de la Eucaristía.

¿Nos damos cuenta de lo que sucedió en la comida? El 'extraño', Jesús, tomó el control. “Mientras estaba con ellos a la mesa, tomó pan, pronunció la bendición, lo partió y se lo dio” (Lucas 24:30). Tomó el control de la palabra. ¡Él tomó el control de la comida! Que Jesús tome el control de nuestra celebración. Otra lección que aprender de los dos discípulos es la esencia de la hospitalidad. Sin que se lo pidieran, los dos hombres invitaron al “extraño” a quedarse con ellos porque se estaba haciendo tarde. Le proporcionaron alojamiento y comida. Leemos en Hebreos 13:2: “No descuidéis la hospitalidad, porque por ella algunos, sin saberlo, hospedaron ángeles”. Este texto nos recuerda Génesis 18:1-15. La promesa de Dios de darle un hijo a Abraham se cumplió cuando Abraham y su esposa, Sara, fueron hospitalarios con tres extraños que no sabían que eran ángeles. La hospitalidad abre puertas y ventanas de bendiciones.

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

Noticias

1. Queridos feligreses, padre James Cahill, quien fue pastor de St. Mary Mother of God, murió el miércoles por la noche. La misa fúnebre del padre Cahill se llevará a cabo en la iglesia católica Saint Margaret of Scotland en Maggie Valley, donde tiene un nicho en el columbario, el martes 25 de abril a las 11:00 am, seguida inmediatamente por el entierro en el columbario de la iglesia. Sigamos orando y reservando Misas por el descanso de su alma.
2. Estamos todos invitados a nuestra celebración hispana del Cinco de Mayo el domingo 7 de mayo en Bridge Park de 2:00 pm a 7:00 pm. Por favor, vengamos y regocijémonos, celebremos y apoyémonos unos a otros. Habrá mucha venta de comida, música y baile.
3. Donuts and Dogma continúa con el episodio 2 de The Chosen: Shabat (María Magdalena y Mateo). Únase a nosotros a las 10:00 am el domingo.
4. Habrá una segunda colecta el próximo domingo para San Vicente de Paúl para ayudar a los pobres y necesitados de nuestra comunidad. Esto también se llevará a cabo cada quinto domingo del mes, para ayudar a contribuir con los medios para ayudarlos a cuidar a los pobres.



Religious Education

The next Faith Formation Adoration & class day is April 26.

The end-of-year picnic will be May 3.

The Catechist Appreciation Dinner will be May 12 at 6:30 pm at the Mesquite Grill (RSVP to the office).

El próximo día de clase y adoración es el 26 de abril.

El picnic de fin de año será el 3 de mayo.

La Cena de Agradecimiento al Catequista será el 12 de mayo a las 6:30 pm en el Mesquite Grill (por favor confirme su asistencia a la oficina).

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

Scripture and Spirits

Join us for an informal evening of

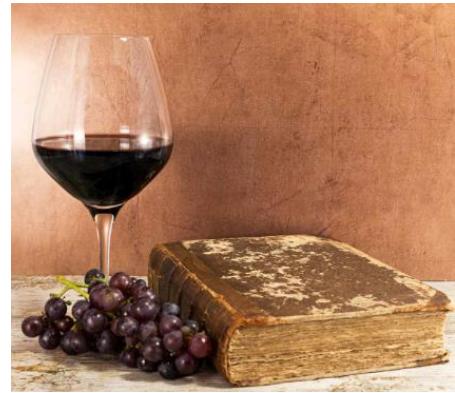
Faith and Fellowship

at 6:00 pm on Monday, May 8 at Colima Mexican Restaurant

62 E Sylva Shopping Center, Sylva

Our goal is to expose Catholics

- especially those who don't attend church or aren't active in our parish –
to the things that matter in a relaxed and down-to-earth way.



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 Jakielo, 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.*

Pilgrimage to Mexico / Peregrinación a México

JOIN A PILGRIMAGE TO MEXICO MARCH 2 to 7, 2024

You are invited to join Deacon Matt and the college students on a pilgrimage to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe and related historic sites and shrines in Mexico! This special pilgrimage is open to current college students as well as alumni, parents, university staff & faculty, and members of the parish. By traveling with us you are helping to make this pilgrimage a reality for our students.

COST: \$2,500 / SPECIAL STUDENT RATE: \$2,250

Covers airfare, lodging, entry fees to all locations, medical coverage, breakfast and dinner for the whole trip. A \$300 deposit is due at registration. Full payment is due by November 23. Find an itinerary and registration form at:

wcucatholic.org/alternative-spring-break-2024

ÚNETE A UNA PEREGRINACIÓN A MÉXICO DEL 2 AL 7 DE MARZO DE 2024

¡Estás invitado a unirte al Diácono Matt y los estudiantes universitarios en una peregrinación a la Basílica de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe y sitios históricos y santuarios relacionados en México! Esta peregrinación especial está abierta a estudiantes universitarios actuales, así como a ex alumnos, padres, personal y facultad de la universidad y miembros de la parroquia. Viajando con nosotros estás ayudando a que esta peregrinación sea una realidad para nuestros alumnos.

COSTO: \$2,500 / TARIFA ESPECIAL PARA ESTUDIANTES: \$2,250

El costo cubre pasaje aéreo, alojamiento, entradas a todos los lugares, cobertura médica, desayuno y cena durante todo el viaje. Un depósito de \$ 300 se debe en el momento de la inscripción. El pago completo vence el 23 de noviembre.



Stewardship

Offertory last weekend: \$2,534 / Budget: \$3,292

April month to date: \$6,233 / Budget: \$16,460

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

Ofertorio último fin de semana: \$2,534 / Presupuesto: \$3,292

Mes de abril a la fecha: \$6,233 / 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.

**Eight members baptized and received into the Church at the Easter Vigil
with some of their godparents and sponsors**



Missionary Society of St. Paul retreat in Houston last week (April 18th)

