



St. Mary, Mother of God, Catholic Church

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**08/20/23-Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Vigésima Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**

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)

Liturgical Music: Jonathan Fischer

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 9:30am-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 – August 20th–August 27th

Sunday	8:30 am	Sunday Mass	Colin Davenport
	10:00 am	Donuts & Dogma	
	11:30 am	Sunday Mass	Steven Motay & Diane Dodge
Monday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	+James c. Cahill
	6:30 pm	English Class / Clase de Inglés	
Tuesday:			
Wednesday:	5:30pm	Daily Mass	Vincent Asoh
Thursday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	Intention for Parishioners
Friday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	+ Joe Conway
Saturday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	
	7:00 pm	Misa en Español	Pro Populo
Sunday	8:30 am	Sunday Mass	Art & Nell Keener
	10:00 am	Donuts & Dogma	
	11:30 am	Sunday Mass	+Aurelia Faraoanu

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	Extraordinary Ministers Ministros extraordinarios	Readers/Lecturas	Servers/Monaguillos
Sábado, Agosto 26 th 7:00pm	Martha, Javier & Luci Castillo	Juan Carlos	
Sunday, August 27 th 8:30am	Kenneth & Kelly Wingard Briam Remming	Lucanne Rinke	Brian Raming Todd Wenberg
Sunday, August 27 th 11:30am	Sara Freeman & Sue Cerniglia	Carla Haire	Freemans & Newsome's

From the Pastor's Desk

The Canaanite woman in our gospel today was a gentile and pagan from the point of the Jews. But she possessed two crucial attributes that even the Jews and every Christian needs to always cultivate. These attributes are Faith and Perseverance. Attributes we need to bring to our prayers for them to be well made and efficacious. In the second reading, St. Paul, although a Jew, was an apostle to the Gentiles. In Galatians 3:28, St. Paul writes, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus." Salvation is not a prerogative to any special group of people, but for all peoples.



In the gospel, the Canaanite woman did not mind the enmity between the Canaanites and the Jews and the disparagement of the Canaanites by the Jews. She made her way to see Jesus to present her case. Her daughter was tormented by a demon. Jesus did not say a word when the woman prayed to him. Although Jesus tested the woman's faith, to find out how deep and long-lasting it was, but more importantly, Jesus wanted his encounter with the woman to be a teaching moment for his disciples, the Jews and each one of us. The disciples reacted, "Send her away, for she is calling after us." Jesus responded by repeating two Jewish despising sayings against the Gentiles. "I was sent only for the lost sheep of the house of Israel;" and "It is not right to take the food for children and throw it to the dogs." By these statements, Jesus reechoed the age-old Jewish belief that the Messiah was going to come to save only the Jews and the demeaning of the Gentiles as dogs by the Jews. For the Jews, the Gentiles were unclean. They neither knew nor kept the law.

Jesus's statements did not discourage the woman. Rather, she persisted. She did Jesus homage, saying, 'Lord, help me.' She said, "Please Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their master." Jesus was amazed and exclaimed, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. By attending to the woman, Jesus cancelled the erroneous Jewish belief that salvation is only for the Jews. Importantly, the gospel's narrative maintains the theme of the first reading and second reading, that God is the creator and father of all, and that Jesus came to save the whole world. Jesus came to break down dividing walls of enmity between races and destroy hostility of separation (Ephesians 2:14).

Is there someone calling after us for help whom we have neglected or dismissed? Is there someone we disrespect or disdain because he or she is different, or because he or she does not belong to us? Is there someone we want to be sent away or be displaced because we are envious or jealous, or we just do not like the person? Is there someone we don't want to forgive because of what they have done to us that we have labeled them undeserving of our forgiveness or any forgiveness? The Canaanite woman has a few lessons to teach us. The first is her unwavering faith in Jesus, although she was a non-Jew. She believed that Jesus would heal her daughter. Nothing could discourage her. The second is that she persisted in her prayer. She did not stop until her prayer was granted. The third is that she was not deterred by what people thought of or said about her. She remained focused on her goal. The fourth is that she displayed great humility.

Housekeeping:

1. The Parish is planning for two buses from the Cherokee Boys to convey pilgrims/ participants to this year's Diocese of Charlotte Eucharistic Congress for September 8th and 9th. The buses leave by 5 am on Saturday. September 9th, while check in is by 4:30 am at the parking lot. Intending participants can reserve a seat on the coaches for \$50 per person, \$150 Family of 3-4 Persons and \$40 per extra family member. Next year is the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, let us begin the preparation by attending the annual Eucharistic Congress of the Diocese.
2. We are appealing for volunteers to join the White Glove Ministry. Responsibilities will include keeping an inventory of paper products and cleaning supplies for the Parish and providing an order list of needed supplies to the office.
3. We are still looking for more Catechist volunteers for Faith Formation. Please get in touch with Luci Castillo our Parish DRE. Please sign up after Masses for Faith Formation for your child's registration.

Desde el Escritorio del Pastor

La mujer cananea en nuestro evangelio de hoy era gentil y pagana desde el punto de vista de los judíos. Pero ella poseía dos atributos cruciales que incluso los judíos y todos los cristianos necesitan cultivar siempre. Estos atributos son Fe y Perseverancia. Atributos que necesitamos llevar a nuestras oraciones para que sean bien hechas y eficaces. En la segunda lectura, San Pablo, aunque judío, era apóstol de los gentiles. En Gálatas 3:28, San Pablo escribe: “Ya no hay judío ni griego, no hay esclavo ni libre, no hay hombre ni mujer; porque todos vosotros sois uno en Cristo Jesús.” La salvación no es prerrogativa de ningún grupo especial de personas, sino de todos los pueblos.



En el evangelio, a la mujer cananea no le importaba la enemistad entre los cananeos y los judíos y el menosprecio de los cananeos por parte de los judíos. Ella se dirigió a ver a Jesús para presentar su caso. Su hija fue atormentada por un demonio. Jesús no dijo una palabra cuando la mujer le oró. Aunque Jesús probó la fe de la mujer, para saber cuán profunda y duradera era, pero más importante aún, Jesús quería que su encuentro con la mujer fuera un momento de enseñanza para sus discípulos, los judíos y cada uno de nosotros. Los discípulos reaccionaron: “Despídanla, porque nos está llamando”. Jesús respondió repitiendo dos dichos judíos de desprecio contra los gentiles. “Solo fui enviado por las ovejas perdidas de la casa de Israel;” y “No está bien quitarle la comida a los niños y echársela a los perros”. Con estas declaraciones, Jesús se hizo eco de la antigua creencia judía de que el Mesías vendría a salvar solo a los judíos y de la degradación de los gentiles como perros por parte de los judíos. Para los judíos, los gentiles eran impuros. No conocían ni guardaban la ley. Las declaraciones de Jesús no desanimaron a la mujer. Más bien, ella persistió. Ella “rindió homenaje a Jesús diciendo: 'Señor, ayúdame'”. “Ella dijo: 'Por favor, Señor, porque hasta los perros comen las sobras que caen de la mesa de su amo'”. ¡Mujer, grande es tu fe! Que se haga contigo como quieres.” “Y la hija de la mujer fue sanada desde aquella hora. Al atender a la mujer, Jesús canceló la creencia judía errónea de que la salvación es solo para los judíos. Es importante destacar que la narración del evangelio mantiene el tema de la primera lectura y la segunda lectura, que Dios es el creador y padre de todos, y que Jesús vino a salvar al mundo entero. Jesús vino a derribar los muros divisorios de enemistad entre las razas y destruir la hostilidad de la separación (Efesios 2:14).

¿Hay alguien que nos está pidiendo ayuda a quien hemos descuidado o despedido? ¿Hay alguien a quien despreciamos o despreciamos porque es diferente o porque no nos pertenece? ¿Hay alguien a quien queremos que nos envíen o desplacemos porque sentimos envidia o celos, o simplemente no nos agrada esa persona? ¿Hay alguien a quien no queremos perdonar por lo que nos ha hecho que lo hemos etiquetado como indigno de nuestro perdón o de cualquier perdón? La mujer cananea tiene algunas lecciones que enseñarnos. La primera es su fe inquebrantable en Jesús, aunque no era judía. Ella creía que Jesús sanaría a su hija. Nada podía desanimarla. La segunda es que persistió en su oración. Ella no se detuvo hasta que su oración fue concedida. La tercera es que no se dejó intimidar por lo que la gente pensaba o decía sobre ella. Permaneció enfocada en su objetivo. La cuarta es que mostró una gran humildad.

Limpieza interna:

1. La Parroquia está planeando dos autobuses de Cherokee Boys para transportar a los peregrinos/participantes al evento de este año. Congreso Eucarístico de la Diócesis de Charlotte para el 8 y 9 de septiembre. Los autobuses salen a las 5 am el sábado. 9 de septiembre, mientras que el registro es a las 4:30 am en el estacionamiento. Los participantes interesados pueden reservar un asiento en el entrenador por \$ 50 por persona, \$ 150 Familia de 3-4 personas y \$ 40 por miembro adicional de la familia. El próximo año es el Congreso Eucarístico Nacional en Indianápolis, comencemos la preparación asistiendo a la Eucaristía anual Congreso de la Diócesis.
2. Estamos solicitando voluntarios para el ministerio White Glove que mantendrán un inventario de papel y artículos de limpieza para la parroquia. Y el suministro de una lista de pedidos a la oficina.
3. Todavía estamos buscando más catequistas voluntarios para la formación en la fe. Por favor, póngase en contacto con Luci Castillo nuestra Parroquia DRE. Regístrese después de las Misas para la Formación en la Fe para el registro de su hijo.

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 Newsome, William Newsome, 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, Teresa Starr, Jay Thorne, Allen Thurston, Joshua Turner, Lewis Turner, Joe Waters, Pauline Watson, Bonnie Welch, Elaine Wilkes, Emilee Ashe Painschab and Caitlyn Basenese, Art Keener, Nell Keener, Johana Zarate, Johannes Widmar, Carmen Trevizo, Adela Treviso, Brian Siewert

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 2-7, 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:

wucatholic.org/alternative-spring-break-2024

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

¡Estás invitado a unirse 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.

Encuentre un itinerario y un formulario de registro en:

wucatholic.org/alternative-spring-break-2024





Seriously... We do!

St. Mary's Commissions and Committees are in need of your help!

The Church is much more than just "Sundays" and we would love your help to make our Parish a vibrant, lively place for all ages! We cannot, however, do that without parishioner help!

Bring your time and talents to any of our wonderful Commissions or Committees!

The list of Commissions and Committees (with contact person) can be found every week in the bulletin.

Reach out to any of the Commission or Committee Chairs to learn more about what they do!

Or feel free to reach out to me, Brian!

We are currently in particular need of people to join the Stewardship, Family Life and Outreach Commission, and the St. Vincent de Paul Society!

With you... We could do so much more for our community as well as grow closer as a Parish family.

Dr. Brian Raming

Parish Council and Stewardship Chair

pcchair@stmarymothergod.com

YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the September program beginning with a weekend on Sept. 8-10th, in the Charlotte area, contact Bill and Lyn Folsom at 727-343-6701 or email: 3062ac@helpourmarriage.org or visit

the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.org



Puedes ayudar a tu matrimonio: ¿te sientes solo? ¿Están frustrados o enojados el uno con el otro? ¿Discutís... os simplemente habéis dejado de hablaros? ¿Hablar de eso solo lo empeora? Retrouvaille (pronunciado retro-vi con una i larga) ayuda a las parejas en los momentos difíciles de su matrimonio. Este programa ha ayudado a decenas de miles de parejas que experimentan dificultades en su matrimonio. Para obtener información confidencial o registrarse para el programa de septiembre que comienza con un fin de semana del 8 al 10 de septiembre, en el área de Charlotte, comuníquese con Bill y Lyn Folsom al 727-343-6701 o envíe un correo electrónico a: 3062ac@helpourmarriage.org o visite el sitio web sitio en

www.HelpOurMarriage.org

Stewardship

Offertory last weekend: \$3,416/ Budget: \$3,292

August month to date: \$7,554/ Budget: \$16,460

DSA: \$ 14,899 Actual + \$3,824 Pledged = \$18,723 (95% of target of \$19,623)

Ofertorio último fin de semana: \$3,416/ Presupuesto: \$3,292

Mes de Agosto a la fecha: \$7,554/ Presupuesto: \$16,460

DSA: \$14,899 Real + Prometido: \$3,824 = \$18,723 (95% del objetivo de \$19,623)

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: Sara Freeman

DRE: Luci Castillo

- OCIA Coordinator: Mike Ensley
- Contact Luci for sacramental needs

Liturgy Commission

Chair: Jonathan Fischer

- Altar Guild: Sue Szarek

Hispanic Community Commission

Chair: Juan Carlos y Deisi Villegas

Parish Life Commission

Chair: Lucinda Rose & Victor O'Brien

- 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.

JOIN OUR ST. MARY'S CATECHIST TEAM

UNETE AL EQUIPO DE CATEQUISTAS



**Come to our Catechist
Recruitment night
Wednesday August
23rd at 6:30pm**

About religious ed

**Are you looking for a meaningful and fun way to
share our Faith?**

**We serve families and children in grades K-12th
weekly during the school year.**

Acerca de la educación religiosa

**¿Está buscando una forma significativa y divertida
de compartir nuestra fe?**

**Servimos a familias y niños en los grados K-12
semanalmente durante el año escolar.**

We need help with:

Group Leaders

Catechists

Assistants

For more information please see Luci

Necesitamos ayuda con:

Líderes de grupo

Catequistas

Asistentes

Para obtener más información, consulte con Luci

Call: (828) 586-9496

or email:

religiuseddirector@stmarymotherofgod.com

