

St. Mary, Mother of God, Catholic Church

22 Bartlett Street, Sylva NC, 28779

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**11/12/23-Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Trigésimo Segundo 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)

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul: (Ext. 104)

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 6:15 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 6:15 pm (Español)

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 5:30 pm, Friday at 9:30 am

and Saturday at 5:00 pm

Or by appointment

Tiempos de Confesiones

Domingo 10:45 am, Miércoles 5:30 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 – November 12th – November 19th

Sunday	8:30 am	Sunday Mass	Pro Populo
	10:00 am	Donuts & Dogma	
	11:30 am	Sunday Mass	+Roger Grenier & +Carol LeMay
Monday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	Deacon Elliot C. Suttle
	6:30 pm	English Class / Clase de Inglés	Carmen Trevizo
Tuesday:			
Wednesday:	6:15 pm	Misa en Espanol	+Walter Hmielewski
Thursday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	+Gerald Karcher
	6:00 pm	St. Vincent de Paul meeting	
Friday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	Michael Scanga
	6:00 pm	Family game night	
Saturday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	All Souls of Purgatory & Deceased
		Members 3 rd Order Carmelites	
	7:00 pm	Misa en Espanol	Living & Deceased of Hmielewski Family
Sunday	8:30 am	Sunday Mass	Danny Carr
	10:00 am	Donuts & Dogma	
	11:30 am	Sunday Mass	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	Extraordinary Ministers Ministros extraordinarios	Readers/Lecturas	Servers/Monaguillos
Sábado, Noviembre 18th 7:00pm	Martha, Javier, & Luci Castillo	Benita Bueno	
Sunday, November 19th 8:30am	Victor O'Brian, Kenneth & Kelly Wingard	Kenneth Wingard	Brian Raming Todd Wenberg
Sunday, November 19 th 11:30am	Sara Freeman Flor Widmar	Sara Freeman	Freemans & Newsomes

From the Pastor's Desk

The readings of this Sunday and next Sunday call our attention to reflect on the end of time, especially as we begin to approach the end of the Church's liturgical year.

Today's readings remind us of Psalm 90:12, "Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart." The readings teach us that we need God's wisdom to live our earthly life with integrity and be ready for eternal life.

We are like the wise and foolish virgins in today's gospel. We do not know the arrival time of Jesus, the bridegroom. Therefore, Jesus says, "Stay awake, for you do not know neither the day nor the hour." Stay awake means stay awake in prayer, stay vigilant, stay watchful and alert against the deceits of the Evil One and his agents. We need God's wisdom to stay awake and be ready for our personal end of time or collectively when God decides.



The parable of the ten virgins teaches us the need to think ahead and plan in a positive way. This rule of positively thinking ahead and planning ahead concerns not only for eternal life but every aspect of our existence. It is foolishness, and anyone's regret who disregards this rule. The parable, also, teaches us to remain firm on what is right and not sway to what is wrong. The foolish virgins' request represents those suggestions that put pressure on us to follow the path of sin. The request represents trials and temptations that come our way, capable of swaying us away from the right course of action to the wrong course of action. The parable encourages us to be wise and courageous enough to withstand such pressures and to decline such requests. It is an unhealthy attitude to be a pleaser ("a person who has an emotional need to please others often at the expense of his or her own needs or desires").

God's wisdom inspires, enlightens, and guides us. Wisdom 9:6 says, "For even if one is perfect among the sons of men, yet without the wisdom that comes from God, he will be regarded as nothing." The crises and chaos we experience in our lives and in our world is because men and women have abandoned the wisdom that comes from God. St. Paul writes, "The wisdom of this world is foolishness with God" (1 Corinthians 3:19). On the other hand, St. Paul exclaims, "Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!" (Romans 11:33). If only you and I, and everyone would draw from and rely on the wisdom and knowledge of God, our world would be a better place.

Proverbs 4:4-9 advises us, "Get wisdom, get understanding! ... Do not forsake her, and she will preserve you; love her, and she will safeguard you. ... she will bring you honors if you embrace her; she will put on your head a graceful diadem; a glorious crown will she bestow on you."

Housekeeping:

1. Please feel free to still book Masses this November and after for the souls of our departed loved ones and the souls in Purgatory. Find time this month to visit a Cemetery and pray for the dead.
2. St. John Paul II Foundation is partnering with the Diocese of Charlotte to offer the fifth annual Together in Holiness marriage enrichment conference to married and engaged couples in the diocese. The conference will be on Saturday, November 18 at St. Barnabas Catholic Church, 109 Crescent Hill Rd, Arden, NC 28704.
3. Our Parish Thanksgiving Dinner comes up on Sunday November 19, by 1:00 pm after the 11:30 am Mass. There are Potluck sign up sheets on the Notice Board in the Narthex. The Knights of Columbus will provide Turkeys and ham. There will also be a Mass on Thanksgiving Thursday by 10:00 am.
4. Thank you for your support during the Second Seminary Collection, and your presence and support during the MSP Savannah/ Charlotte Mission Area meeting last Monday to Wednesday. God bless you all for your prayers and generosity.

Desde el Escritorio del Pastor

Las lecturas de este domingo y el próximo domingo llaman nuestra atención a reflexionar sobre el fin de los tiempos, especialmente ahora que comenzamos a acercarnos al final del año litúrgico de la Iglesia.

Las lecturas de hoy nos recuerdan el Salmo 90:12: “Haznos conocer la brevedad de nuestra vida, para que adquiramos sabiduría de corazón”. Las lecturas nos enseñan que necesitamos la sabiduría de Dios para vivir nuestra vida terrenal con integridad y estar preparados para la vida eterna.

Somos como las vírgenes prudentes y insensatas del evangelio de hoy. No sabemos la hora de llegada de Jesús, el novio. Por eso Jesús dice: “Estad despiertos, porque no sabéis ni el día ni la hora”. Estar despiertos significa permanecer despiertos en oración, permanecer vigilantes, permanecer vigilantes y alertas contra los engaños del Maligno y sus agentes. Necesitamos la sabiduría de Dios para permanecer despiertos y estar listos para nuestro fin de los tiempos personal o colectivo cuando Dios lo decida.

La parábola de las diez vírgenes nos enseña la necesidad de pensar en el futuro y planificar de manera positiva. Esta regla de pensar positivamente y planificar con anticipación se refiere no sólo a la vida eterna sino a todos los aspectos de nuestra existencia. Es una tontería y el arrepentimiento de cualquiera que ignore esta regla. La parábola, además, nos enseña a permanecer firmes en lo que está bien y no dejarnos llevar por lo que está mal. La petición de las vírgenes insensatas representa aquellas sugerencias que nos presionan a seguir el camino del pecado. La petición representa pruebas y tentaciones que se nos presentan, capaces de desviarnos del curso de acción correcto hacia el curso de acción incorrecto. La parábola nos anima a ser lo suficientemente sabios y valientes para resistir tales presiones y rechazar tales solicitudes. Ser complaciente (“una persona que tiene una necesidad emocional de complacer a los demás, a menudo a expensas de sus propias necesidades o deseos”) es una actitud poco saludable.

La sabiduría de Dios nos inspira, ilumina y guía. Sabiduría 9:6 dice: “Porque aunque uno sea perfecto entre los hijos de los hombres, sin la sabiduría que viene de Dios, será tenido por nada”. Las crisis y el caos que vivimos en nuestras vidas y en nuestro mundo se deben a que hombres y mujeres han abandonado la sabiduría que viene de Dios. San Pablo escribe: “La sabiduría de este mundo es necedad para con Dios” (1 Corintios 3:19). Por otro lado, San Pablo exclama: “¡Oh profundidad de las riquezas, de la sabiduría y del conocimiento de Dios!” (Romanos 11:33). Si tan solo usted y yo, y todos, aprovecháramos y confiáramos en la sabiduría y el conocimiento de Dios, nuestro mundo sería un lugar mejor.

Proverbios 4:4-9 nos aconseja: “¡Adquiere sabiduría, adquiere inteligencia! ... No la abandonéis, y ella os guardará; ámala y ella te protegerá. ... ella te traerá honores si la abrazas; ella pondrá sobre tu cabeza una elegante diadema; ella te concederá una corona gloriosa”.

Limpieza interna:

1. Siéntase libre de reservar Misas este noviembre y después para las almas de nuestros seres queridos fallecidos y las almas del Purgatorio. Encuentre tiempo este mes para visitar un cementerio y orar por los muertos.
2. La Fundación San Juan Pablo II se está asociando con la Diócesis de Charlotte para ofrecer la quinta conferencia anual de enriquecimiento matrimonial Juntos en Santidad a parejas casadas y comprometidas de la diócesis. La conferencia será el sábado 18 de noviembre en la Iglesia Católica St. Barnabas, 109 Crescent Hill Rd, Arden, NC 28704.
3. Nuestra Cena Parroquial de Acción de Gracias tendrá lugar el domingo 19 de noviembre, a la 1:00 pm después de la Misa de las 11:30 am. Hay hojas de inscripción para la comida compartida en el tablón de anuncios en el Narthex. Los Caballeros de Colón proporcionarán pavos y jamón. También habrá una misa el jueves de Acción de Gracias a las 10:00 am.
4. Gracias por su apoyo durante la Colecta del Segundo Seminario y su presencia y apoyo durante la reunión del Área de Misión MSP Savannah/Charlotte del pasado lunes a miércoles. Dios los bendiga a todos por sus oraciones y generosidad.



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, Diane Dodge

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.*

ST. MARY'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



St. Mary's Christmas Pageant

"Stations of the Nativity"

December 13th, 2023

This year St. Mary's will offer a "Stations of the Nativity" Bilingual Youth Christmas Pageant with Youth Choir. Mark your calendars! **The event and reception will take place on Wednesday, December 13th from 6:30-8:00 p.m.** Sign-ups for acting parts and the youth choir will occur on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 11/12th following the Masses. This will be a full production, so volunteers are asked to sign up and help make St. Mary's Christmas Pageant a success! Contact Luci Castillo (828-586-9496 ext. 103) if you have any questions.

ST. MARY'S BOOKRACK

St. Mary's Bookrack now has Advent items and 2024 Sunday Missals.
New guides for Liturgy of the Hours and Christian Prayer are also available.
Stop by after Mass and check it out!

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Thank you for your generosity in giving to the Second Collection for our parish chapter of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. We received \$1,278.50 from the Fifth Sunday collection in October. All monies donated to St. Vincent de Paul go directly to helping our neighbors in need. One recent recipient of aid wanted to pass on their gratitude:

“Thank y’all... all of you. You were the only helping hand that cared at all.

You’re appreciated so much more than you know.”

Give to St. Vincent de Paul anytime by dropping cash or check into the box in the narthex, right before the confessional. Please make checks payable to Society of St. Vincent de Paul (*not St. Mary Mother of God*). We rely on your donations to help those who come to us for assistance. God Bless!

We also have need of the following:

We currently have a family searching for a refrigerator. *Do you have a used one you can donate?*

A disabled veteran is looking for housing for under \$700/mo. *Do you know of an apartment or room available to rent?*

We also have a carpenter who is looking for work. *Do you need any work done on your home?*

We are currently trying to assist a Spanish-speaking family, but need a bilingual member to help us communicate. *Do you speak English and Spanish and are willing to help us communicate via phone?*

Email stvincentdepaul@stmarymotherofgod.com if you can help with any of these needs!

The Diocese of Charlotte's Catholic Campus Ministry invites college students from St. Mary's to participate in the All Things New College Discipleship Retreat from November 17-19th at the Ridgecrest Conference Center in Black Mountain, NC. Registration is \$50, financial aid is available through Youth Ministry upon request. To register go to: <https://catholiconcampus.com/discipleship-retreat> or use the QR Code below.

Those intending to attend should register by Friday November 10th.

El Ministerio Universitario Católico de la Diócesis de Charlotte invita a estudiantes universitarios de St. Mary's a participar en el Retiro de Discipulado Universitario All Things New del 17 al 19 de noviembre en el Centro de Conferencias Ridgecrest en Black Mountain, Carolina del Norte. La inscripción cuesta \$50. La ayuda financiera está disponible a través del Ministerio Juvenil previa solicitud. Para registrarse, vaya a: <https://catholiconcampus.com/discipleship-retreat> o utilice el código QR a continuación. Aquellos que tengan la intención de asistir deben registrarse antes del viernes 10 de noviembre.



Stewardship

Offertory last weekend: \$4,661 / Budget: \$3,923
November month to date: \$4,661 / Budget: \$ 19,615
Year to Date: \$78,705 Actual; Budget \$70,614
DSA: \$17,141 Actual + \$2,564 Pledged = \$19,727 (100.5%)

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Mes de Noviembre a la fecha: \$4,661 / Presupuesto: \$19,615
Año hasta la fecha: \$78,705 reales; Presupuesto de \$70,614
DSA: \$17,141 Real + Prometido: \$2,564 = \$19,727 (100.5%)

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

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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.

NEXT SUNDAY

ST. MARY'S PARISH THANKSGIVING POTLUCK

Join us for our Thanksgiving Potluck in the Joe Conway Hall at 1:00PM on November 19th!

*¡Únase a nosotros para nuestra comida compartida de Acción de
Gracias en el Joe Conway Hall el 19 de noviembre!*

*Let's give thanks together as a parish and be grateful
for having a wonderful and devoted parish.*

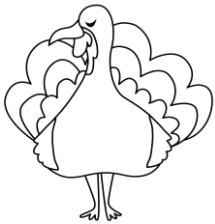
Demos gracias juntos como parroquia y seamos
agradecido por tener una parroquia maravillosa y devota.

Please sign up on the Potluck board at the church entrance.

Por favor, regístrese en el tablero de comida compartida en la entrada de la iglesia

Bring your family and friends!

Triga a su familia y amigos!



MSP Savannah/Charlotte Mission Meeting at St. Mary Mother of God, Sylva

