

St. Mary, Mother of God, Catholic Church

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11/19/23 Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Trigésimo Tercero 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)

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 5:30 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 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 viernes 7:00-8:00 pm

Main Line/Reception: 828-586-9496

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Calendar – November 19th –November 26th

Sunday	8:30 am	Sunday Mass	Danny Carr
	10:00 am	Donuts & Dogma	
	11:30 am	Sunday Mass	Pro Populo
	1:00 pm	Parish Thanksgiving Potluck	
Monday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	Woolbright Family
	6:30 pm	English Class / Clase de Inglés	
Tuesday:	5:00 pm	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal	
Wednesday:	6:15 pm	Misa en Espanol	+Iren & Samuel Asoh +Teresa Kaul
Thursday:	10:00 am	Daily Mass	+James Cahill
		Thanksgiving	
Friday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	+Aaron Karcher
	6:00 pm	Family game night	
Saturday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	Izzy Broman-Fulks
	7:00 pm	Misa en Espanol	
Sunday	8:30 am	Sunday Mass	Tiller Family
	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 25 th 7:00pm	Isis (I) & Cesar (D) Colex, Luci Castillo (Choir)	Juan Carlos Villegas	
Sunday, November 26 th 8:30am	Tom Coughlin (L), Patty Higgins (R) Debbie Keener (Choir)	Thomas Hart	Brian Raming
Sunday, November 26 th 11:30am	Wayne (L) & Carla (R) Haire	Carla Haire	Freemans & Newsomes

From the Pastor's Desk

Nowadays, when people use the word “talent”, they understand it to mean a special ability or gift that a person is endowed with. That meaning was derived from the parable in our gospel reading today. Originally, however, the word talent was a unit of weight or value among various ancient peoples including the Hebrews, the Romans and Greeks. A talent in today’s value would be worth more than \$1000. So if God gives us something worth more than that value, we should make good use of it and bear fruit or turn in a profit.



The first reading is a parable that speaks of our relationship with God. The husband represents God. The worthy wife represents us. The parable is an encouragement to us to embrace our duties and responsibilities with diligence and with fear of the Lord.

Further, the worthy wife who is hardworking, caring and God fearing reminds us of all hardworking, caring, and God-fearing women who are sustaining families, communities, parishes, institutions, countries, and the world. They make good use of the talents God has given to them. They deserve our prayers, love, recognition, respect, fairness, protection, appreciation, gratitude, and praise. On a lighter note, someone says, “The man who said it can’t be done should not interrupt the woman doing it.” The reading says, “Give her a reward for her labors” (Proverbs 31:31). Misogyny (“hatred of, contempt for, prejudice or discrimination against women or girls”) and violence against women are sinful. We pray for God’s intervention in the lives of all women living in such difficult conditions.

The virtuous woman is good, faithful, and knows what to do to keep her family together. In addition, “she holds out her hand to the needy.” Today, the virtuous woman is the symbol of the Holy Mother Church, who prepares us adequately to meet Christ our Head. She prepares us through her constant teachings and charitable works. Hence, this is call for us to emulate the qualities of the virtuous woman. We are to be as faithful and devoted as she is to our callings and to God’s mission.

In the gospel, Jesus uses the parable of the talent to equally remind us that we must be ready to render a good account of our talents. God has endowed each one of us with different talents. Each, according to our various capacities. So, as faithful servants, he expects to render a good account of the “talents” we have received.

Jesus challenges us to be prudent and productive with our talents. Most importantly, he admonishes us to live in anticipation of His inevitable return. We must not wait for this return in idleness. Rather, we must be active and industrious with the talents we have received. So, we must use our talents to the glory of God.

Housekeeping:

1. Our Parish Thanksgiving Dinner comes up this Sunday November 19, by 1:00 pm after the 11:30 am Mass. Thanks to all those who signed up for the Potluck and The Knights of Columbus who will provide Turkeys and ham. There will also be a Mass on Thanksgiving Thursday by 10:00 am.
2. We will be losing our wonderful Administrative assistant Flor, who will be leaving us to care for her mum mid next month. The Parish is looking for a new bilingual administrative assistant to the Pastor who is able to work 20 hours a week on part time basis and able to start as soon as possible or by the November 27th.
3. We will be having a second collection next weekend for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

Desde el Escritorio del Pastor

Hoy en día, cuando la gente utiliza la palabra “talento”, la entienden como una habilidad o don especial que posee una persona. Ese significado se deriva de la parábola de nuestra lectura del evangelio de hoy. Sin embargo, originalmente la palabra talento era una unidad de peso o valor entre varios pueblos antiguos, incluidos los hebreos, los romanos y los griegos. Un talento al valor actual valdría más de 1.000 dólares. Entonces, si Dios nos da algo que vale más que ese valor, debemos hacer un buen uso de ello y dar fruto o obtener ganancias.

La primera lectura es una parábola que habla de nuestra relación con Dios. El marido representa a Dios. La digna esposa nos representa. La parábola es un estímulo para que asumamos nuestros deberes y responsabilidades con diligencia y temor del Señor.



Además, la esposa digna que es trabajadora, atenta y temerosa de Dios nos recuerda a todas las mujeres trabajadoras, atentas y temerosas de Dios que sostienen a familias, comunidades, parroquias, instituciones, países y al mundo. Hacen buen uso de los talentos que Dios les ha dado. Merecen nuestras oraciones, amor, reconocimiento, respeto, justicia, protección, aprecio, gratitud y elogios. En un tono más ligero, alguien dice: “El hombre que dijo que no se puede hacer no debería interrumpir a la mujer que lo hace”. La lectura dice: “Dadle el galardón por su trabajo” (Proverbios 31:31). La misoginia (“odio, desprecio, prejuicio o discriminación contra las mujeres o las niñas”) y la violencia contra las mujeres son pecados. Oramos por la intervención de Dios en la vida de todas las mujeres que viven en condiciones tan difíciles.

La mujer virtuosa es buena, fiel y sabe qué hacer para mantener unida a su familia. Además, “extiende la mano al necesitado”. Hoy, la mujer virtuosa es el símbolo de la Santa Madre Iglesia, que nos prepara adecuadamente para encontrarnos con Cristo nuestra Cabeza. Ella nos prepara a través de sus constantes enseñanzas y obras de caridad. Por lo tanto, este es un llamado a emular las cualidades de la mujer virtuosa. Debemos ser tan fieles y devotos como ella lo es a nuestros llamamientos y a la misión de Dios.

En el evangelio, Jesús utiliza la parábola del talento para recordarnos igualmente que debemos estar dispuestos a dar buena cuenta de nuestros talentos. Dios nos ha dotado a cada uno de nosotros con diferentes talentos. Cada uno, según nuestras diversas capacidades. Por eso, como servidores fieles, espera dar buena cuenta de los “talentos” que hemos recibido.

Jesús nos desafía a ser prudentes y productivos con nuestros talentos. Lo más importante es que nos advierte que vivamos anticipando su inevitable regreso. No debemos esperar este regreso en la ociosidad. Más bien, debemos ser activos y diligentes con los talentos que hemos recibido. Entonces, debemos usar nuestros talentos para la gloria de Dios.

Limpieza interna:

1. Nuestra Cena Parroquial de Acción de Gracias comienza este domingo 19 de noviembre a la 1:00 pm después de la Misa de las 11:30 am. Gracias a todos los que se inscribieron para la comida compartida y a los Caballeros de Colón que proporcionarán pavos y jamón. También habrá una misa el jueves de Acción de Gracias a las 10:00 am.
2. Perderemos a nuestra maravillosa asistente administrativa Flor, quien nos dejará para cuidar a su mamá a mediados del próximo mes. La Parroquia está buscando un nuevo asistente administrativo bilingüe para el Pastor que pueda trabajar 20 horas a la semana a tiempo parcial y pueda comenzar lo antes posible o antes del 27 de noviembre.
3. Tendremos una segunda colecta el próximo fin de semana para la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano.

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, Woolbright Family

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



Reminder: The Next rehearsal for St. Mary's Bilingual Christmas Pageant, "The Stations of the Nativity," will be on **Tuesday, November 21st from 5-7 p.m.** at St. Mary's Parish. **Last Call!** Any youth/teens still interested in participating as an actor or reader/narrator is invited to join us for this rehearsal--we hope to see you all there! Thank you to all the families who are giving of their time and talents to make this production possible! 😊 If you have any questions, please text coordinator Rayanne Herrera at 910-354-5131.



Blood Drive
St Mary's Catholic Church
Sylva

Fellowship Hall
22 Bartlett Street
Sylva, NC 28779

Saturday, December 9, 2023
1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Please donate blood. Log on to RedCrossBlood.org keyword St. Mary to schedule your appointment today.



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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!

Stewardship

Offertory last weekend: \$4,606 / Budget: \$3,923
November month to date: \$9,267 / Budget: \$ 19,615
Year to Date: \$83,311 Actual; Budget \$70,614
DSA: \$17,173 Actual + \$2,564 Pledged = \$19,737 (100.5%)

Ofertorio último fin de semana: \$4,661 / Presupuesto: \$3,923
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

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.

THIS SUNDAY AFTER 11:30 MASS! 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.

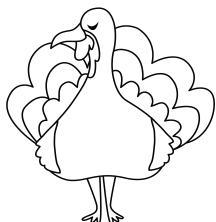


Please sign up on the Potluck board at the church entrance.

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!



ST. MARY'S IS HIRING – IMMEDIATE NEED

If you would like to give back and serve St. Mary Mother of God Church and use your gifts, there is an Opportunity to do so!

The Parish is looking for a bilingual administrative assistant to the Pastor who is able to work 20 hours a week on part time basis and able to start as soon as possible or by November 27th

Be a part of the team at St. Mary Mother of God.
If interested call the Office 828-586-9496
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