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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)

Stations of the Cross/ Estaciones de la Cruz

Friday/ Viernes 6:00 pm

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

Main Line/Reception: 828-586-9496

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St. Mary, Mother of God, Catholic Church

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3/03/24 Third Sunday in Lent
Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma

Pastor: Rev. Paul Asoh, MSP (Ext 102)

Deacons: Rev. Mr. Matthew Newsome
Rev. Mr. John Szarek (retired)
Rev. Mr. Daniel Pyles

Administrative Assistant: Salomon Salinas (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, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9 am – 2 pm
Lunes, Miércoles, Jueves y Viernes: 9 am – 2 pm

Appointments with the Pastor

Monday/Lunes: 10:30 to 12:30; Thursday/Jueves: 10 to 2

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
4th Thursday Spanish Adoration 7:00-8:00 pm
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
Cuarto Jueves Adoración en español 7:00-8:00 pm
Último viernes 7:00-8:00 pm

Sacrament Emergency: 828-631-0576

Calendar – March 3rd – March 10th

Sunday	8:30 am	Sunday Mass	+Roger Grenier & Caroe Lemay
	10:00 am	Donuts & Dogma	
	11:30 am	Sunday Mass	Pro Populo
	4:00 pm	WCU Mass	
Monday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	Michael Scanga
	6:30 pm	English Class / Clase de Inglés	
Tuesday:			
Wednesday:	5:30 pm	Confession	
	6:30 pm	Misa en Español	
Thursday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	Deacon Elliott C. Suttle
Friday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	Jeremy J. Smith
	6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross (bilingual)	
Saturday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	Matthew Strickenberger
	7:00 pm	Misa en Español	
Sunday	8:30 am	Sunday Mass	
	10:00 am	Donuts & Dogma	
	11:30 am	Sunday Mass	+Casimir Pilch
	4:00 pm	WCU Mass	

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, marzo 9 7:00pm		Patricia Hernandez	
Sunday, March 10 th 8:30am		Lucanne Rinke	
Sunday, March 10 th 11:30am		Carla Haire	

From the Pastor's Desk

In the first reading, from the Book of Exodus, the Israelites had left Egypt and were no longer under Pharaoh and the laws of Egypt. God did not leave them without guiding principles. The commandments (Exodus 20:1-17) were to guide the Israelites' relationship with God and with one another.

The first three commandments guide our relationships with God, while the other seven guide relationships with our fellow human beings. God's commandments are enough to guide every person, every institution, every organization, every nation, and our world. Our problem, as Jesus points out, is that human beings abandon God's commandments and cling to human traditions (Mark 7:8). While all human traditions (constitutions, laws, canons, ordinances, etc.) are imperfect, the psalmist testifies, "The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The decree of the Lord is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eye" (Psalm 19:8-9).



Wherever God's commandments are not kept, the opposite becomes the case: disturbance of soul, folly, conflict, and blindness. As we journey through the Lenten season, God draws our attention, again, to his commandments which are one of the Church's teachings given to us when we reach the age of reasoning to guide our spiritual and moral development. Today, God invites us to remember our very beginning that we may have forgotten, we may have neglected, and we may have fallen short. Is my life still guided by God's commandments? Which of them do I need to work on during this Lenten season?

Today's gospel tells us how the temple area, which was supposed to be a holy ground and serene place of prayer, was turned into a marketplace. Those who came for the feast of Passover were required to pay temple tax for the upkeep of the temple. Since the Roman and Greek coins had images of their gods and their emperors stamped on them and therefore were regarded as pagan coins which could not be used to pay the temple tax, money-changers stayed in the temple area and exchanged the pagan coins for Jewish coins. The money-changers cheated the people by offering them a very low exchange rate. Also, sacrificial animals were not to be brought from outside but must be bought from the sellers in the temple area. The sellers sold the animals at exorbitant prices. It was because of these corrupt practices in the name of God that Jesus "made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, 'Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace'" (John 2:15-16).

As followers of Jesus, St. Paul asks us, "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? (1 Corinthians 6:19). During this Lenten season, let us present our bodies to Jesus to cleanse us as he cleansed the temple area that we may be a renewed dwelling place of the Holy Spirit. May he cleanse us physically and spiritually.

Housekeeping:

1. DSA: On behalf of those who benefit from the Diocesan Support Appeal, thank you for your generosity. The theme of the 2024 Diocesan Support Appeal is "One Body in Christ." Inspired by 1 Corinthians 12:12, it reminds us that we are called to join together in Christ's love to serve one another with compassion. This aligns with our new pastoral priorities for the diocese calling the faithful to draw from our communion with Christ in the Eucharist to strengthen communion within families and within the Church.
2. There will be Lenten Confessions on March 7th, Thursday this week from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. There will be 3-4 Priests available for Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please let us endeavor to seize this opportunity to be cleansed of our sins and reconciled with God this Lenten Season.
3. Please pick up your Offertory packets and a copy of the Word Among Us for the Season of Lent in the Narthex.
4. Please consider becoming a member of the stewardship committee of the Parish. It meets once every fourth Monday of the Month.

Desde Escritorio del Pastor

En la primera lectura, del Libro del Éxodo, los israelitas habían abandonado Egipto y ya no estaban bajo el Faraón ni las leyes de Egipto. Dios no los dejó sin principios rectores. Los mandamientos (Éxodo 20:1-17) debían guiar la relación de los israelitas con Dios y entre sí.



Los primeros tres mandamientos guían nuestras relaciones con Dios, mientras que los otros siete guían las relaciones con nuestros semejantes. Los mandamientos de Dios son suficientes para guiar a cada persona, cada institución, cada organización, cada nación y nuestro mundo. Nuestro problema, como señala Jesús, es que los seres humanos abandonan los mandamientos de Dios y se aferran a las tradiciones humanas (Marcos 7:8). Si bien todas las tradiciones humanas (constituciones, leyes, cánones, ordenanzas, etc.) son imperfectas, el salmista testifica: “La ley del Señor es perfecta, reconfortante el alma. El decreto del Señor es confiable, da sabiduría a los simples. Los preceptos del Señor son rectos, alegran el corazón. El mandato del Señor es claro, que ilumina los ojos” (Salmo 19:8-9).

Dondequiera que no se guardan los mandamientos de Dios, ocurre lo contrario: perturbación del alma, necesidad, conflicto y ceguera. A medida que avanzamos en la temporada de Cuaresma, Dios llama nuestra atención, nuevamente, a sus mandamientos, que son una de las enseñanzas de la Iglesia que nos da cuando llegamos a la edad del razonamiento para guiar nuestro desarrollo espiritual y moral. Hoy, Dios nos invita a recordar nuestro principio que quizás hayamos olvidado, quizás hayamos descuidado y quizás nos hayamos quedado cortos. ¿Mi vida sigue guiada por los mandamientos de Dios? ¿En cuál de ellos necesito trabajar durante esta temporada de Cuaresma?

El evangelio de hoy nos cuenta cómo el área del templo, que se suponía era un terreno santo y un lugar sereno de oración, se convirtió en un mercado. Los que asistían a la fiesta de la Pascua debían pagar el impuesto del templo para el mantenimiento del templo. Dado que las monedas romanas y griegas tenían imágenes de sus dioses y emperadores estampadas en ellas y, por lo tanto, eran consideradas monedas paganas que no podían usarse para pagar el impuesto del templo, los cambistas permanecían en el área del templo e intercambiaban las monedas paganas por monedas judías. Los cambistas engañaron a la gente ofreciéndoles un tipo de cambio muy bajo. Además, los animales para el sacrificio no debían traerse del exterior, sino que debían comprarse a los vendedores del área del templo. Los vendedores vendieron los animales a precios exorbitantes. Fue a causa de estas prácticas corruptas en el nombre de Dios que Jesús “hizo un látigo con cuerdas y los echó a todos fuera del templo, con las ovejas y los bueyes, y derramó las monedas de los cambistas y volcó sus mesas. , y a los que vendían palomas les decía: 'Quitad éstas de aquí, y dejad de hacer de la casa de mi Padre una plaza de mercado'” (Juan 2:15-16).

Como seguidores de Jesús, San Pablo nos pregunta: “¿No sabéis que vuestro cuerpo es templo del Espíritu Santo que está dentro de vosotros, el cual tenéis de Dios, y que no sois vuestros? (1 Corintios 6:19). Durante esta temporada de Cuaresma, presentemos nuestros cuerpos a Jesús para que nos limpie como él limpió el área del templo para que podamos ser una morada renovada del Espíritu Santo. Que él nos limpie física y espiritualmente.

Limpieza interna:

1. DSA: En nombre de quienes se benefician de la Campaña de Apoyo Diocesano, gracias por su generosidad. El tema de la Campaña de Apoyo Diocesano de 2024 es “Un Cuerpo en Cristo”. Inspirado en 1 Corintios 12:12, nos recuerda que estamos llamados a unirnos en el amor de Cristo para servirnos unos a otros con compasión. Esto se alinea con nuestras nuevas prioridades pastorales para la diócesis que llaman a los fieles a aprovechar nuestra comunión con Cristo en la Eucaristía para fortalecer la comunión dentro de las familias y dentro de la Iglesia.
2. Habrá Confesiones de Cuaresma el jueves 7 de marzo de esta semana de 6:00 pm a 8:00 pm. Habrá 3-4 Sacerdotes disponibles para el Sacramento de la Reconciliación. Por favor, esforcémonos por aprovechar esta oportunidad para ser limpiados de nuestros pecados y reconciliados con Dios en esta temporada de Cuaresma.
3. Por favor recoja sus paquetes de Ofertorio y una copia de La Palabra entre nosotros para el Tiempo de Cuaresma en el Nártex.
4. Considere convertirse en miembro del comité de administración de la parroquia. Se reúne una vez cada cuarto lunes del mes.

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.*

DIOCESAN EVENTS

Retreat into the Passion of Jesus

One night, March 22-23, 2024

Just in time to fully make the most of the Palm Sunday reading of the Passion!

There may be no better way to prepare to enter the holiest week of the year than to spend a day away learning about the final hours of the life of Jesus – what they meant then, and what they mean in your own life today.

This retreat will be held at the Catholic Conference Center in Hickory, NC. It will be led by Deacon Scott. D. Gilfillan. Registration for the retreat includes one night, all retreat fees, and full-course meals from dinner Friday through Saturday lunch.

For more information and to register:

<https://catholicconference.org/passion/>

ST. MARY'S BOOKRACK

Stop by the St Mary's Bookrack for Lenten resources.

Books, devotionals, and family activity items are some of the things available.

Stewardship

Offertory last weekend: \$3,387/ Budget: \$3,923
February month to date: \$23,619/ Budget: \$15,692
Fiscal Year to Date: \$133,721 Actual; Budget \$134,691
DSA: \$1,891 of \$20,240 (9.3%)

Ofertorio último fin de semana: \$3,387/ Presupuesto: \$3,923
Mes de enero a la fecha: \$23,619/ Presupuesto: \$15,692
Año hasta la fecha: \$133,721 reales; Presupuesto de \$134,691
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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

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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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY

Our Lenten Fish Fry's are back this week! Save the following Friday on your calendar: March 15th. All monies raised go to our parish Knights of Columbus to distribute to charitable and parish needs. The food is good and the community is even better!

¡Nuestros Fish Fry's de Cuaresma están de regreso esta semana! Guarda los siguientes viernes en tu calendario:

15 de marzo. Todo el dinero recaudado se destina a los Caballeros de Colón de nuestra parroquia para distribuirlo a las necesidades caritativas y parroquiales. ¡La comida es buena y la comunidad es aún mejor!

★ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 9722 ★

FRIDAY FISH FRY



March 15, 2024

5:00 - 7:00 P.M.

Meal includes: fried fish, mac 'n cheese,
hushpuppies, and dessert

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Indoor dining and take away this year!

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\$7 / KIDS
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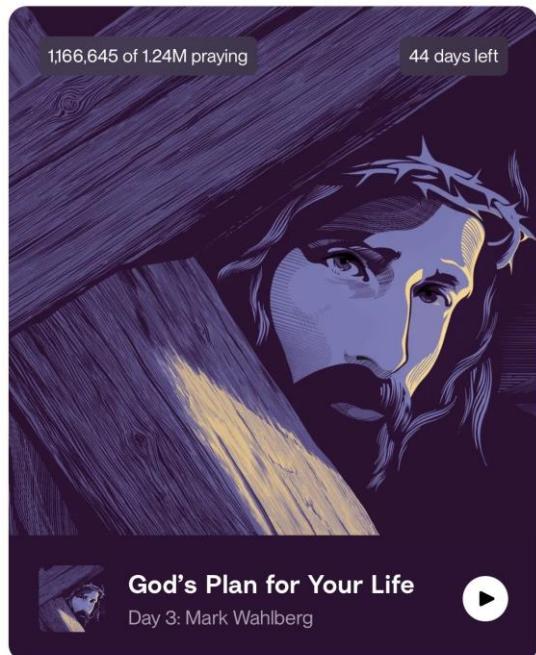
PARISH PRAYER INITIATIVE

St. Mary Mother of God has partnered with Hallow this Season to provide every parishioner access to all of Hallow's prayer content – including the Lent #Pray40 Challenge – for \$1 from now through Pentecost Sunday.

Hallow is the #1 Catholic app worldwide and includes over 5,000 audio-guided sessions designed to help you grow closer to God and develop a daily habit of prayer. Hallow includes prayers for kids and families, resources for mental health, meditations for sleep, seasonal music, multiple languages (including Spanish, Portuguese, and Polish!) daily trivia, podcast-style courses to learn more about faith, and more!

Register today by selecting our parish here: Hallow.com/holyday

Join the Challenge



Lent Prayers



Examinations

Prepare for Confession

5 sessions



Divine Mercy

Jonathan Roumie

11 min

Lent Music



Traditional Chant

St. Michael's Abbey

27 sessions



Lent Chant Night P...

Source and Summit

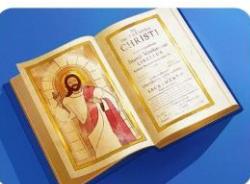
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Featured



Morning Psalms

Bishop Barron



Daily Imitation

Jim Caviezel