



St. Mary, Mother of God, Catholic Church

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3/31/24 Easter Sunday

Domingo de Pascua

*Scimus Christum surrexisse a
mortuis vere: tu nobis, victor
Rex, miserere.*

*That Christ is truly risen from
the dead we know. Victorious
King, Thy mercy show!*

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)

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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

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

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

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

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From the Pastor's Desk

Why did Jesus have to suffer gruesomely to accomplish our salvation? Could not our salvation be achieved by some other way? Jesus' passion, crucifixion, and death is God's plan for humanity's salvation. God's plan for humanity's salvation is a mystery beyond human's full comprehension and clear explanation. The psalmist says, "Our God is in heaven and does whatever he wills" (Psalm 113:3). Jesus, in his humanity, did not, even, fully grasp the meaning of what he was going through. After instituting the Eucharist and the Priesthood on Holy Thursday, He went with His Apostles and prayed in the garden Gethsemane, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will" (Matthew 26:39). And cried out while hanging on the Cross, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46). But later, in his divinity, he cautioned the two men on their way to Emmaus, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" (Luke 24:25-26).



When we do not understand our cross and we ask, "Why me?" Let us remember that Jesus went through such an experience and worse. May be, we will understand someday. May be, we will never understand. All is in God's hands! There is power and freedom in trusting all things in God's hand. Jeremiah 17:7-8 says, "Blessed are those who trust in the Lord; the Lord will be their trust. They are like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream: It does not fear heat when it comes, its leaves stay green; in the year of drought, it shows no distress, but still produces fruit."

One of the lessons of Jesus' passion, crucifixion, death, and resurrection is that our difficulties and sufferings may be God's plan for something good and great to come our way. We hear it often said that stumbling blocks are , which we may not understand yet, steppingstones to success. Let us view our stumbling blocks with the eyes of faith so that we may see God's hand. The goodness of Good Friday is that the death and burial of Jesus are not the end of the story. His resurrection is. The Pascal Mystery of Jesus Christ or Tridium ends with the Great Easter story. He is Risen! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Therefore, let us pray and look forward to our own resurrection story.

We identify with the Passion of Christ as we all carry our various crosses. But our crosses are never the end of the story. Some of us have fallen several times under the weight of our crosses. Some of us are praying that our crosses be removed. Some of us are feeling as if we are hanging and abandoned on the cross. Some of us are feeling like being offered vinegar to drink for our thirst. As we venerate the crucifix, we pray with Jesus, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit" (Luke 23:46). We then look forward to the victory of the Risen Christ over our lives, over our situations. The empty Tomb invites us to trust in Faith. He is Risen! Alleluia!

Housekeeping:

1. The first of two Seminarian Education Collections takes place this Easter weekend. This is to help in the training and welfare of the future Priests of our Diocese. A Priest never forgets his benefactors and benefactresses, and remembers them in his prayers and Mass.
2. We have introduced back the Chalice for the reception of the Blood of Christ starting this last Holy Thursday.
3. The Novena to the Divine Mercy started on Good Friday and ends on Divine Mercy Sunday. There will be a bilingual Divine Mercy prayer in the Church next week by 3:00 pm.
4. I will be away throughout this week for the Missionary Society of St. Paul annual Regional Meeting in Houston. There will no Mass or Confessions Monday through Saturday morning. There will be First Friday Adorations and Confessions Saturday evening before the Weekend Masses and morning Mass Monday week.

Desde Escritorio del Pastor

¿Por qué Jesús tuvo que sufrir terriblemente para lograr nuestra salvación? ¿No podría lograrse nuestra salvación de alguna otra manera? La pasión, crucifixión y muerte de Jesús es el plan de Dios para la salvación de la humanidad. El plan de Dios para la salvación de la humanidad es un misterio más allá de la plena comprensión y explicación clara del ser humano. El salmista dice: “Nuestro Dios está en los cielos y hace todo lo que quiere” (Salmo 113:3). Jesús, en su humanidad, ni siquiera comprendió plenamente el significado de lo que estaba pasando. Después de instituir la Eucaristía y el Sacerdocio el Jueves Santo, fue con Sus Apóstoles y oró en el huerto de Getsemaní: “Padre mío, si es posible, pase de mí este cáliz; pero no como yo quiero, sino como tú” (Mateo 26:39). Y gritó mientras estaba colgado en la Cruz: “Dios mío, Dios mío, ¿por qué me has desamparado?” (Mateo 27:46). Pero más tarde, en su divinidad, advirtió a los dos hombres que iban camino a Emaús: “¡Oh, qué tontos sois! ¡Qué lentitud de corazón para creer todo lo que dijeron los profetas! ¿No era necesario que el Mesías padeciera estas cosas y entrara en su gloria?” (Lucas 24:25-26).



Cuando no entendemos nuestra cruz y preguntamos: "¿Por qué a mí?" Recordemos que Jesús pasó por tal experiencia y peores. Quizás lo entenderemos algún día. Quizás nunca lo entenderemos. ¡Todo está en manos de Dios! Hay poder y libertad al confiar todas las cosas en las manos de Dios. Jeremías 17:7-8 dice: “Bienaventurados los que confían en el Señor; el Señor será su confianza. Son como árbol plantado junto a las aguas, que extiende sus raíces hacia el arroyo: No teme el calor cuando viene, sus hojas permanecen verdes; en el año de sequía no muestra angustia, pero aun así produce fruto”.

Una de las lecciones de la pasión, crucifixión, muerte y resurrección de Jesús es que nuestras dificultades y sufrimientos pueden ser el plan de Dios para que algo bueno y grandioso se presente en nuestro camino. A menudo oímos decir que los obstáculos son peldaños hacia el éxito. Miremos nuestros tropiezos con los ojos de la fe para que podamos ver la mano de Dios. Lo bueno del Viernes Santo es que la muerte y el entierro de Jesús no son el final de la historia. Su resurrección es. El Misterio Pascual de Jesucristo o Triduo finaliza con la Gran Historia Pascual. ¡Él ha resucitado! ¡Aleluya, Aleluya, Aleluya! Por lo tanto, oremos y esperemos nuestra propia historia de resurrección.

Nos identificamos con la Pasión de Cristo mientras todos cargamos nuestras diversas cruces. Pero nuestras cruces nunca son el final de la historia. Algunos de nosotros hemos caído varias veces bajo el peso de nuestras cruces. Algunos de nosotros estamos orando para que nuestras cruces sean removidas. Algunos de nosotros nos sentimos colgados y abandonados en la cruz. Algunos de nosotros tenemos ganas de que nos ofrezcan vinagre para beber para calmar nuestra sed. Mientras veneramos el crucifijo, oramos con Jesús: “Padre, en tus manos encomiendo mi espíritu” (Lucas 23:46). Esperamos entonces la victoria de Cristo resucitado sobre nuestras vidas, sobre nuestras situaciones. La Tumba vacía nos invita a confiar en la Fe. ¡Él ha resucitado! ¡Aleluya!

Limpieza interna:

1. La primera de dos Colecciones de Educación para Seminaristas se llevará a cabo este fin de semana de Pascua. Esto es para ayudar en la formación y bienestar de los futuros Sacerdotes de nuestra Diócesis. Un Sacerdote nunca olvida a sus benefactores y benefactoras, y los recuerda en sus oraciones y Misa.
2. Hemos vuelto a introducir el Cáliz para la recepción de la Sangre de Cristo a partir de este último Jueves Santo.
3. La Novena a la Divina Misericordia comenzó el Viernes Santo y finaliza el Domingo de la Divina Misericordia. Habrá una oración bilingüe de la Divina Misericordia en la Iglesia la próxima semana a las 3:00 pm.
4. Estaré fuera durante esta semana para asistir a la Reunión Regional anual de la Sociedad Misionera de San Pablo en Houston. No habrá misa ni confesiones de lunes a sábado por la mañana. Habrá Adoraciones y Confesiones el primer viernes el sábado por la noche antes de las Misas del fin de semana y la Misa de la mañana el lunes de la semana.

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)

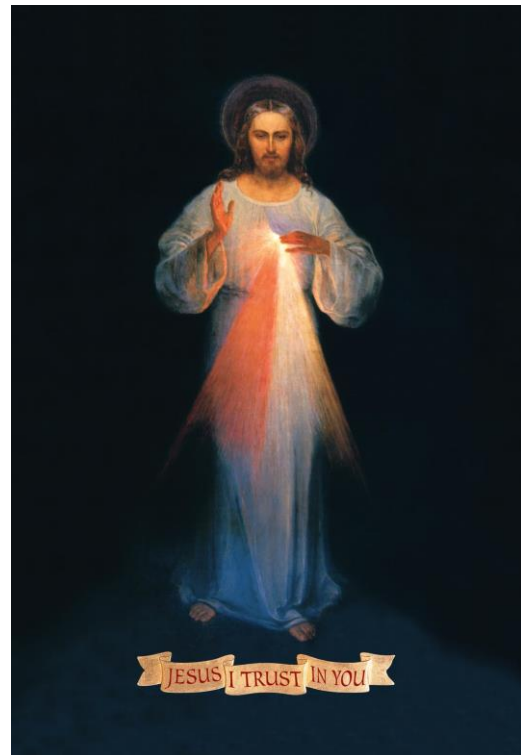
and for all the prayers written in our parish book of prayers.

*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.*

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

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ST. MARY'S BOOKRACK

Easter items are now available!

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

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

Stewardship

Offertory last weekend: \$3,392/ Budget: \$3,923
March month to date: \$12,529 / Budget: \$15,692
Fiscal Year to Date: \$141,853 Actual; Budget \$152,997
DSA: \$5,270 of \$20,240 (26.04%) Pledges \$3,065

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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.

Looking for a way to spiritually and physically perform "**WORKS OF CHARITY?**"

The harvest is great, and the workers are few. Come join the **Society of Saint Vincent de Paul!** Nothing is more soul-satisfying than working directly with local Friends in Need (FINs).

Since our local conference's incorporation in February 2023, we have assisted 25 friends with rent, utility payments, transportation costs, food, and other necessities totaling over \$9,500. Our Society is built on prayer and donations from St. Mary Mother of God parishioners. We are extremely blessed to have such generous supporters and we are grateful for all your contributions.

You can continue to support our mission by:

- Donating through the **Poor Box** located in the narthex outside the confessional entrance door (*Please make checks payable to "Society of St. Vincent de Paul"*);
- Contributing to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul fifth Sunday collections, held approximately four times a year;
- Participating in our fundraisers;
- Becoming an active member of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Mary Mother of God Conference.

Meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 5:30PM in the parish conference center. **All are welcome!** We are particularly in need of Spanish-speaking members.

Thank you for your support of our great parish and enabling our Society to extend our Catholic faith to the community.

HAPPY EASTER!



On behalf of the Clergy, Parish Pastoral Council, & Staff of St. Mary, Mother of God, we wish everyone a Happy Easter and the Blessings of our Lord Jesus Christ!

En nombre del Clero, el Consejo Pastoral Parroquial y el personal de Santa María, Madre de Dios, ¡les deseamos a todos una Feliz Pascua y las Bendiciones de nuestro Señor Jesucristo!