

Mass Intentions & Events

Sunday, July 19, 2020, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Important updates

Sunday Mass by Reservation Only

Sunday Masses are at 9:00 am in [English](#) and 4:00 pm in [Spanish](#) - for Parishioners only. Seating is limited.

Parishioners may request a reservation on the home page of the parish website. All other Mass Intentions listed below are being covered by our Priests through privately celebrated Masses.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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Daily & Sunday Masses

SUNDAY, JULY 19 - *The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00pm *Vigil* † Elizabeth Moderno by Fr. Arnsperger
9:00am † Regina & Harry Deas by Brian Deas & Larry McCallen
12:00pm *Noon* † Lettie Polite
5:00pm *Español* Pro Populo

MONDAY, JULY 20 - *St Apollinaris*

7:30am † Anthony Lorenzetti by Emily Wimberly
12:10pm Priest's Intention

TUESDAY, JULY 21 - *St Lawrence of Brindisi*

7:30am Lorena Rodriquez by Maria Rodriquez
12:10pm Luke Richardson by Clair Jerge

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22 - *St Mary Magdalene*

7:30am † Armida Weissman by Dan & Pat Lepore
12:10pm † Gracie Wong by Gwen & Julian Hobson

THURSDAY, JULY 23 - *St Bridget*

7:30am † Armida Weissman by Fr. Arnsperger
12:10pm † Joe Stahmer by Billie Stahmer

FRIDAY, JULY 24 - *St Sharbel Makhlūf*

7:30am † Jim Laffan by Mark Hawley
12:10pm † Joe Stahmer

Adoration, 11:30am - 12:30pm, Basilica
Confession, 12:45pm - 1:30pm, Breezeway

SATURDAY, JULY 25 - *St James, Apostle*

7:30am † Garner Hagedwood by Ralph Hagedwood
5:00pm *Vigil* Billie Stahmer

Confession, 8:30am - 10:00am, Breezeway

SUNDAY, JULY 26 - *The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:00am † Armida Weissman by Cindy DeLoach
12:00pm *Noon* Michael Matos by Rutherford family
5:00pm *Español* Pro Populo

Week Day Readings for Mass

July 19: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30(106) Pss IV
July 20: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Mt 12:38-42 (395)
July 21: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Mt 12:46-50 (396)
July 22: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18 (603) Pss Prop
July 23: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Mt 13:10-17 (398)
July 24: Jer 3:14-17/Mt 13:18-23 (399)
July 25: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28 (605) Pss Prop

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From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Fr. McCanless and I continue to be blessed to be able to offer Holy Masses both at the Church and at home at times. I am grateful for Fr. McCanless' work at recording and posting the Masses He offers on our web site and those he posts from other priests.

As you know the Governor has extended Phase II protocols of this pandemic time until August 7. That being the case, we will continue with the protocols in place at St. Lawrence as noted elsewhere in the bulletin and at the Church outside bulletin board. So, we will continue to have 25 households per Sunday at the 9 am Mass in English and at the now 4 pm Mass in Spanish. We will continue to have Adoration but now on Friday at 11:30 am – 12:30 pm. We will then clear the church and set up for Confessions on the Breezeway for 12:45 – 1:30 pm. And we will continue to offer Confessions on Saturday from 8:30 am – 10:00 am.

Be sure to call fellow parishioners and offer information and assistance. Thanks for reaching out to each other and to our staff.

Today's first reading is from the book of Wisdom. This is another of the "wisdom" writings which is so helpful to practical Godly living. Written shortly before our Lord's birth, this book is replete with advice for us that we might understand where true wisdom has its source. God cares for each of us with infinite love and mercy.

Our second reading is from St. Paul's highly developed explanation of Christianity which he writes to the Jewish and Gentile converts of Rome. He had planned to visit them and prepare for an apostolic journey to Spain. He calls us to deeper prayer and trust in the Holy Spirit Who will assist us in making our prayer. Of course, the Holy Mass is the highest of prayer.

The parables of the Gospel today remind us of the universal and effective nature of the Church. The first part explains the presence of evil in our lives. God has sown good seed; you and I cooperate in sowing good seed by our lives of virtue. But the Devil sows weeds to destroy the good of God's work; it was a common war tactic in Gospel days to destroy peoples' economy by ruining their crops. Everyone would have understood this part of the parable. Why does God allow the weeds to grow? To tear out the weeds could injure the good plants. There is a benefit in struggling in life as we become stronger by fighting against the errors of the weeds of the world. If the weeds (other people) can be converted, we have a chance for that good work; if not, their evil will be evident in the end. In any case, this parable is a good reflection for us to struggle to live the Gospel message faithfully even in the midst of a culture which live by a world view at odds with the Wisdom of God. God's mercy gives us great chances to come home to him.

May our Lord grant you blessings and our Lady keep you in her care. With my prayers, Father Arnsperger

Catechism Corner – 16th Sunday A

1. Finish this verse from Wisdom: "...You taught your people by these deeds..."
2. In the reading from Wisdom, God gave His children grounds to hope because He permitted what?
3. The Responsorial Psalm today says that all the nations God created will do what?
4. St. Paul tells the Romans that we do not know how to pray as we ought? How then are we able to pray? Who helps us?
5. What are the "weeds" in your life?
6. How is the Kingdom like a mustard seed? Like yeast?
7. CCC nos.: 2630, 2634; 2615, 2652, 2559, 2629-2630, 2672, 2736, 2766; 827,386-387; 309-311.

Parish Announcements for Sunday, July 19, 2020

For more information contact the parish office at 828.252.6042 or visit saintlawrencebasilica.org

UPDATE FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

The weekly bulletin is being published in digital format only while the Basilica and Parish Office are closed. The staff is primarily working from their homes.

- ◆ Please visit the parish website frequently for [Prayer Resources](#) and [Covid-19 Updates](#) to our schedule.
- ◆ Parishioners may leave voicemails for parish staff who will respond as time permits.
- ◆ No one, other than staff, is permitted to enter any of the buildings on the Basilica campus — even those non-staff parishioners who have keys or access to them — without the express permission of Fr. Arnsparger. We are bound to follow sanitary precautions mandated by Federal, State, Local, & Diocesan agencies. These measures are to ensure safety for all to the best of our ability.

THE DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL

To date, 185 family households have given to the DSA. If you have already contributed toward our parish DSA goal of \$85,257.00, thank you very much. **We are short of our goal by \$3,107** — If you have not pledged yet, you can donate online at: <http://www.charlottediocese.org/dsa> and credit the parish of St. Lawrence for your pledge / gift.

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Brothers and sisters: The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will.

~ Romans 8

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Your continued support of the parish is greatly appreciated!

St. Lawrence Parish Guidance for Phase II in the danger of Covid-19 Parish for Monday, June 8 through August 7, 2020 (unless adjustment required)

1. Bishop Jugis has dispensed everyone from the obligation of assisting at Sunday Mass in these days. Watch Holy Mass and other devotions on Television or on the internet.
2. In North Carolina, there is still a real risk in gathering in groups; please do not put other people or yourself at risk for the pandemic disease.
3. Because of our physical location and limitations, our events will be very limited in Phase II. We will have to clean the Church after each activity in the Church.
4. **Please follow all CDC guidelines including:**
 - a. Stay home if 65 or older, if sick, or in a high risk group
 - b. Wear a mask
 - c. Sit 6+ feet from other households
 - d. Wash hands before and after Holy Mass
5. Please check the home page of our web site, the current bulletin on the website and signage at the Church for regular updates of activities at the Parish. If you do not have internet capability, please call a friend who does or call the office and ask for Barclay Roberts who is our communication person.

Our schedule will be:

- a. **Confessions:** Will continue at the breezeway by the Marian Chapel door to the Church. The times will change to our **new schedule:** Fridays: 12:45—1:30pm and Saturdays: 8:30 to 10:00am (No Saturday afternoon confessions)
- b. **Daily Mass: Private: Monday—Friday**—Will be recorded and placed on our website.
- c. **Sunday Mass:** one in English and one in Spanish for only 25 households at each Mass for St. Lawrence Parishioners.

Please complete an online form on our website homepage or call Barclay Roberts at the Office (828.252.6042) to be placed on the waiting list for a reservation. Only ONE request is needed. Parishioners will be placed on a rotating list for Mass attendance until we return to a normal schedule.

Community Announcements

Catholic Charities is still working to serve households in need during this difficult time. For more information about services, visit ccd.org. We are accepting donations at 50 Orange Street on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00 – 4:00 p.m. If you have questions or need to make alternate drop-off arrangements, contact us at 255-0146.

Items Most in Need: Food: Canned Veggies, Dried Beans, Rice, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Flour, Cooking Oil, Sugar, Canned Tuna, Kid-Friendly Snacks and Easy-to-Prepare/Dried Meals. Non-Food: Bar Soap, Toothpaste, Laundry Detergent, Personal Hygiene Products, Toilet Paper. We are assisting households with non-perishable food as well as meat, produce, baby diapers, and more via our drive-thru food distribution services. If you or someone you know are in need, please contact us at 255-0146 to learn more or schedule a visit.

Faith Formation Activities & Announcements - Sunday, July 19, 2020

Contact the parish office at 828-252-6042

Dear Students, Catechists, and Parents,

I pray that you are all staying well during these challenging days.

Faith Formation classes will resume in the Fall.

First Communion - September 26 at 10 am

Confirmation - Fall 2020

Thanks again for all of your work and dedication, and be assured of my prayers.

God Bless, Fr David McCanless

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2020 - Year of Saint Joseph

Bishop Jugis has announced the Diocese of Charlotte will celebrate 2020 as the "Year of St. Joseph," commemorating the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph being solemnly declared Patron of the Catholic Church by Pope Pius IX. We want to honor St. Joseph, the guardian and protector of the Church, and learn from his example of faith, perseverance, and holy fatherhood. The Year of St. Joseph will begin January 1st and conclude December 31st, 2020. Many special events are being planned across the diocese. Visit the Year of St. Joseph website throughout 2020 for a list of activities, pilgrimages, devotions, prayers, and more: www.YearofStJoseph.org.

El Obispo Jugis ha anunciado que la Diócesis de Charlotte celebrará el año 2020 como el "Año de San José", en conmemoración del 150 aniversario de la declaración solemne de San José Patrono de la Iglesia Católica por el Papa Pío IX. Queremos honrar a San José, el guardián y protector de la Iglesia, y aprender de su ejemplo de fe, perseverancia y santa paternidad. El Año de San José comenzará el 1 de enero y finalizará el 31 de diciembre de 2020. Se están organizando muchos eventos especiales en toda la diócesis. Visite la página web del Año de San José a lo largo de 2020 para obtener una lista de actividades, peregrinaciones, devociones, oraciones y más: www.YearofStJoseph.org.

People to Pray for . . .

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Eden Weaver, Patricia Streeto, Sophia Brooks, Dick & Lauraine Berlage, Robert Aucremanne, Richard & Rosemary Barcelou, Mary Booth family, Richard & Anna Bruder, Nancy Dixon, Martina Duckett, Ralph & Mary Keil, Paul Nealon, Philip Pritchard, William Reilly, Albert & Rosemarie Czarnecki, Linda Godcharles, Sharon Manogin, Carmela Mandala, Benita Esposito, Tom Girton, Richard B. Meehan, Jr., Joshua Townsend, Mary Fanslow, Larry Moderno, Perry Coe, Jr., Joanne Coates, Margaret Malone, Rosemary Franklin, David Wellmon, Pat Lepore, Ginny Dack, Barney Raffield, Veronica Sartor, Jim Peacock, Thomas Zichy, Rupert Muana, John & Kristy Ledford, Matthew Bodosky, Lucille Lamy

• HOMEBOUND:

Emily Aiken, Marian Bogdanowicz, Dolores Kane, Bob Niedzwicki, Phillip Organ, James & Vel Pauls, John Wenta, Annie Wilson, Betty Zalewski

• NON-PARISHIONERS:

Swede Oppermann, Robert Walther, Dori Barrett, Donald Pickeral, John Bergman, Cecile Pearsall, Martha Gunn, Gary Bunzer, Katie Searles & family, Bill Ribell, Tony Case, Jank & Susie Ellege, Cheryl Ocaly, Annie & Nicolas Gullet, Elizabeth Pitts-Madonna, Shirley Bryant, April Moore, Wilma Blackmon, Stacey Folwell, John Lewis, Alex Johnson, Janet Frye, Gilbert Pride, Jean & Mel Thomason, Scott Price, Ramona Edwards, Ron St. Clair, Jack Casteen, Pat Edwards, Joan Burke, Linda Fanslow, Douglas McElreath, Elaine Gaines & Family, Ute & Tom Reczek, Kerith Boyette, Nathaniel Dickson, Duane Chapman, Margie Marshall, Randy Sheppard, Dawn Glass, Malanie Ford, Warren Quinn, Gary Wilson, Jim & Cathy Healy, Eddie Smith, Rick Riddle, Jerry Lunsford, Ron Turner, Evelyn Sweet, Bill Stancovitch

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Continuation from Pastor

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Estimados feligreses,

El p. McCanless y yo seguimos siendo bendecidos al poder ofrecer las Santas Misas tanto en la Iglesia como en el hogares. Estoy agradecido por el trabajo del padre McCanless para grabar y publicar las Misas que ofrece en nuestro sitio web y las que publican de otros sacerdotes.

Como saben, el Gobernador ha extendido los protocolos de la Fase II de esta pandemia hasta el 7 de agosto. Siendo ese el caso, continuaremos con los protocolos vigentes en San Lorenzo como se indica en otra parte del boletín y en el tablero de anuncios de la Iglesia. Entonces, continuaremos teniendo 25 hogares por domingo en la misa de las 9 am en inglés y en la misa de las 4 pm en español. Continuaremos teniendo adoración, por ahora el viernes a las 11:30 am - 12:30 pm. Luego despejaremos la iglesia y prepararemos las confesiones en el corredor a las 12:45 - 1:30 pm. Y continuaremos ofreciendo confesiones el sábado de 8:30 a.m. a 10:00 a.m.

Asegúrese de llamar a otros feligreses y ofrecer información y asistencia. Gracias por comunicarse entre nosotros y con nuestro personal.

La primera lectura de hoy es del libro de la Sabiduría. Este es otro de los escritos de "sabiduría" que es tan útil para la vida práctica de Dios. Escrito poco antes del nacimiento de nuestro Señor, este libro está repleto de consejos para que entendamos de dónde proviene la verdadera sabiduría. Dios se preocupa por cada uno de nosotros con infinito amor y misericordia.

Nuestra segunda lectura es de la explicación altamente desarrollada de San Pablo del cristianismo que escribe a los conversos judíos y gentiles de Roma. Había planeado visitarlos y prepararse para un viaje apostólico a España. Nos llama a una oración más profunda y a confiar en el Espíritu Santo, que nos ayudará a hacer nuestra oración. Por supuesto, la Santa Misa es la más alta de la oración.

Las parábolas del Evangelio de hoy nos recuerdan la naturaleza universal y efectiva de la Iglesia. La primera parte explica la presencia del mal en nuestras vidas. Dios ha sembrado buena semilla; usted y yo cooperamos en sembrar buena semilla por nuestras vidas virtuosas. Pero el diablo siembra malas hierbas para destruir el bien de la obra de Dios; Era una táctica de guerra común en los días del Evangelio destruir la economía de las personas arruinando sus cultivos. Todos habrían entendido esta parte de la parábola. ¿Por qué Dios permite que crezcan las malas hierbas? Arrancar las malas hierbas podría dañar las buenas plantas. Hay un beneficio en luchar en la vida a medida que nos fortalecemos luchando contra los errores de las malas hierbas del mundo. Si las malezas (otras personas) se pueden convertir, tenemos una oportunidad para ese buen trabajo; si no, su maldad será evidente al final. En cualquier caso, esta parábola es un buen reflejo para que luchemos por vivir fielmente el mensaje del Evangelio, incluso en medio de una cultura que vive de acuerdo con una visión del mundo en desacuerdo con la Sabiduría de Dios. La misericordia de Dios nos da grandes oportunidades de volver a casa con él.

Que nuestro Señor te conceda bendiciones y que Nuestra Señora te mantenga bajo su cuidado. Con mis oraciones, padre Arnsperger

Rincón del Catecismo - 16º domingo A

1. Termine este verso de Sabiduría: "... Enseñaste a tu pueblo con estos hechos ..."
2. En la lectura de Sabiduría, Dios dio a sus hijos motivos para esperar porque permitió ¿qué?
3. ¿El Salmo Responsorial de hoy dice que todas las naciones que Dios creó harán qué?
4. ¿San Pablo les dice a los romanos que no sabemos orar cómo debemos? ¿Cómo entonces podemos orar? ¿Quién nos ayuda?
5. ¿Cuáles son las "malezas" en tu vida?
6. ¿Cómo es el Reino como una semilla de mostaza? ¿Como la levadura?
7. Números de CCC: 2630, 2634; 2615, 2652, 2559, 2629-2630, 2672, 2736, 2766; 827.386-387; 309-311.

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