

Mass Intentions & Events

Sunday, July 26, 2020, Seventeenth 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 26 - The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

MONDAY, JULY 27

7:30am Priest's Intention
12:10pm Priest's Intention

TUESDAY, JULY 28

7:30am Souls in Purgatory by Verne & Terry Franks
12:10pm Gabi Jerge by Darden Brock

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29 - St Martha

7:30am Mark Roberts by Barclay Roberts
12:10pm † Thomas Magee by Bud & Andrea Hansbury

THURSDAY, JULY 30 - St Peter Chrysologus

7:30am Rachel Karr by Sandra Townsend
12:10pm † Rebecca Ellis Gardner by Her loving family

FRIDAY, JULY 31 - St Ignatius of Loyola

7:30am Jeffrey Mirus Family by Darden Brock
12:10pm † Diane Sharp by Fr. Arnsperger

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1 - First Saturday - St Alphonsus Liguori

7:30am † Mary Hawley by Mark Hawley
5:00pm *Vigil* † Earl Sunderhaus by Gwen & Julian Hobson
Confession, 8:30am - 10:00am, Breezeway

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2 - The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am † Barbara Johnson by Jack & Diana McCarthy
12:00pm *Noon* Priest's Intention
5:00pm *Español* Pro Populo

Week Day Readings for Mass

July 26:1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or
13:44-46(109)Pss I
July 27:Jer 13:1-11/Mt 13:31-35 (401)
July 28:Jer 14:17-22/Mt 13:36-43 (402)
July 29:Jer 15:10, 16-21 (403)/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42 (607)
July 30:Jer 18:1-6/Mt 13:47-53 (404)
July 31:Jer 26:1-9/Mt 13:54-58 (405)
Aug 1:Jer 26:11-16, 24/Mt 14:1-12 (406)

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From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

As I write this, the news is reporting that there is an increase in the transmission of the Covid-19 in Buncombe County. Let us help in the mitigation of the transfer of this disease by being very careful to make the sacrifices of following the medical advice of distancing, masks, frequent washing of hands and so forth. Let us pray for all our parishioners to follow the prudent guidelines offered and to stay safe from the disease. These are acts of great charity and trust in God's graces. Those graces are being given in abundance in these days. Be sure you have a regular, planned, sustained, and focused schedule of prayer, Bible and Catechism study and staying in touch with fellow parishioners.

You may find the words of St. Francis de Sales helpful in these days in which you cannot be at Church for Mass, adoration, and prayer. *"4. If any imperative hindrance prevents your presence at this sovereign sacrifice of Christ's most true Presence, at least be sure to take part in it spiritually. If you cannot go to Church, choose some morning hour in which to unite your intention to that of the whole Christian world, and make the same interior acts of devotion wherever you are that you would make if you were really present at the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist in Church."* St. Francis de Sales "Introduction to the Devout Life", part 2.

Our Scripture readings today help us focus on our spiritual life and what prudent decisions we should make in these days. Let's look at the first reading and Gospel.

Like Solomon in our first reading, we want to make sure that we ask God for what is most important. God said to Solomon: *"Ask something of me and I will give it to you."* Solomon answered: *Rather than ask for riches, a long life or anything else, Solomon asked: "O LORD, my God, ... I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act. I serve you in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a people so vast that it cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong ..."* How wise of Solomon, how charitable, how focused on his responsibility as King. This is a request that each Christian should ask of God as each of us takes up our particular responsibility at each moment such as now in this pandemic.

In the Gospel, we continue to hear Christ's instruction about the Kingdom in these wonderful parables. Today we hear Him call us to focus on what is most important as Solomon desired. So we learn that the Kingdom of Heaven is like a buried treasure that we sacrifice to purchase. It is like the pearl of great price for which we will sell everything to purchase. The Kingdom of Heaven is a call to all people to God's net of graces. Nothing is more important than living in the Kingdom, which is the Church on its way to Heaven where all will be fulfilled. How encouraging.

July 18 was the 190th anniversary of the first apparition of Our Blessed Mother to St. Catherine Laboure, a visitation nun at the Convent on the Rue de Bac in Paris, France. The convent chapel is a great place of peace in a busy city. As you remember, our Lady instructed St. Catherine to have the Miraculous Medal struck and ask people to wear it and trust in God's Mercy and in the intercession of the Blessed mother. The medal gave great hope to so many people in the 1832 plague which traveled from Russia to Poland and then to Paris. *"O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee."*

Fr. McCanless and I continue to be blessed to be able to offer Holy Masses both at the Church and at home at times for your intentions. I am grateful for Fr. McCanless' work at recording and posting his Masses on our web site and those he posts from other priests. Let us pray for each other in the hopes of a cure soon and let us make wise decisions to guide us in these pandemic days. God bless.

May our Lord bless you and our Lady keep you in her tender care. Fr. Arnsperger

Parish Announcements for Sunday, July 26, 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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We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined he also called; and those he called he also justified; and those he justified he also glorified.

~ 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 ccdoc.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 26, 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 . . .

• PARISHIONERS:

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

• MILITARY PERSONNEL:

Christopher Balot, Vincent Camarata, Joseph Houston, Steffan Pixler

Continuation from Pastor

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Estimados feligreses,

Mientras escribo esto, la noticia informa que hay un aumento en la transmisión del Covid-19 en el condado de Buncombe. Ayudemos a mitigar la transferencia de esta enfermedad teniendo mucho cuidado de hacer los sacrificios de seguir los consejos médicos de distanciamiento, máscaras, lavado frecuente de manos, etc. Oremos para que todos nuestros feligreses sigan las pautas con prudencia las pautas dadas y se mantengan a salvo de la enfermedad. Estos son actos de gran caridad y confianza en la gracia de Dios. Esas gracias se están dando en abundancia en estos días. Asegúrese de tener un horario regular, planificado, sostenido y enfocado de oración, estudio de la Biblia y el Catecismo y mantenerse en contacto con los feligreses.

Puede encontrar útiles las palabras de San Francisco de Sales en estos días en los que no puede estar en la Iglesia para misa, adoración y oración. "4. Si algún obstáculo imperativo impide su presencia en este sacrificio soberano de la Presencia más verdadera de Cristo, al menos asegúrese de participar espiritualmente. Si no puede ir a la Iglesia, elija una hora de la mañana para unir su intención con la de todo el mundo cristiano, y realice los mismos actos internos de devoción donde quiera que esté si estuviera realmente presente en la Celebración de la Iglesia. Santa Eucaristía en la Iglesia". San Francisco de Sales "Introducción a la vida devota", parte 2.

Nuestras lecturas de las Escrituras de hoy nos ayudan a centrarnos en nuestra vida espiritual y en las decisiones prudentes que debemos tomar en estos días. Veamos la primera lectura y el Evangelio.

Al igual que Salomón en nuestra primera lectura, queremos asegurarnos de pedirle a Dios lo que es más importante. Dios le dijo a Salomón: "Pídemelo algo y te lo daré". Salomón respondió: En lugar de pedir riquezas, una larga vida o cualquier otra cosa, Salomón preguntó: "Oh Señor, Dios mío ... Soy un mero joven, sin saber nada de cómo actuar. Te sirvo en medio de las personas que has elegido, un pueblo tan vasto que no se puede ni contar. Dale a tu siervo, por lo tanto, un corazón comprensivo para juzgar a tu pueblo y distinguir lo correcto de lo incorrecto ... "Qué sabio de Salomón, cuán caritativo, cuán enfocado en su responsabilidad como Rey. Esta es una solicitud que cada cristiano debe pedirle a Dios, ya que cada uno de nosotros asume nuestra responsabilidad particular en cada momento, como ahora en esta pandemia.

En el Evangelio, continuamos escuchando las instrucciones de Cristo sobre el Reino en estas maravillosas parábolas. Hoy lo escuchamos llamarnos para centrarnos en lo más importante que Salomón deseaba. Entonces aprendemos que el Reino de los Cielos es como un tesoro enterrado que sacrificamos para comprar. Es como la perla de gran precio por la que venderemos todo para comprar. El Reino de los Cielos es un llamado a todas las personas a la red de gracias de Dios. Nada es más importante que vivir en el Reino, que es la Iglesia en su camino al Cielo, donde todo se cumplirá. Que alentador.

El 18 de julio fue el 190 aniversario de la primera aparición de Nuestra Santísima Madre a Santa Catalina Laboure, una monja de visita en el Convento de la Rue de Bac en París, Francia. La capilla del convento es un gran lugar de paz en una ciudad ocupada. Como recordarán, nuestra Señora instruyó a Santa Catalina para que golpeará la Medalla Milagrosa y pidiera a las personas que la usaran y confiaran en la Misericordia de Dios y en la intercesión de la Madre Bendita. La medalla dio grandes esperanzas a tanta gente en la plaga de 1832 que viajó de Rusia a Polonia y luego a París. "Oh María, concebida sin pecado, ruega por nosotros que recurrimos a ti".

El p. McCanless y yo seguimos siendo bendecidos para poder ofrecer misas sagradas tanto en la Iglesia como en casa por sus intenciones. Estoy agradecido por el p. El trabajo del padre McCanless para grabar y publicar sus misas en nuestro sitio web y las que publica de otros sacerdotes. Oremos el uno por el otro con la esperanza de una cura pronto y tomemos decisiones sabias para guiarnos en estos días de pandemia. Dios les bendiga.

Que nuestro Señor los bendiga y nuestra Señora los mantenga en su tierno cuidado.

El p. Arnsparger

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