

Mass Intentions & Events

Sunday, August 2, 2020, Eighteenth 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, AUGUST 2 - The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm *Vigil* † Earl Sunderhaus by Gwen & Julian Hobson

9:00am † Barbara Johnson by Jack & Diana McCarthy

12:00pm *Noon* Priest's Intention

5:00pm *Español* Pro Populo

MONDAY, AUGUST 3

7:30am † Rebecca Ellis Gardner by her loving family

12:10pm Priest's Intention

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4 - St John Vianney

7:30am † Patricia Joslin by Clifford Joslin

12:10pm † Herb Hawley by Mark Hawley

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5 - Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major

7:30am Ellen & Chris Tywon by Sue & Jim Donato

12:10pm Covid-19 Healthcare Workers by Abbi Strickland

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6 - The Transfiguration of the Lord

7:30am Covid-19 Healthcare Workers by Abbi Strickland

12:10pm

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7 - Pope St Sixtus II & Companions, Martyrs; St Cajetan

7:30am

12:10pm † Herb Hawley by Mark Hawley

Adoration, 11:30am - 12:30pm, Basilica

Confession, 12:45pm - 1:30pm, Breezeway, (Weather Permitting)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8 - St Dominic

7:30am Catherine Roberts by Barclay Roberts

5:00pm *Vigil*

Confession, 8:30am - 10:00am, Breezeway, (Weather Permitting)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9 - The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Renee Courage

12:00pm *Noon* † Robert Dettlebach by Gerri Dettlebach

5:00pm *Español* Pro Populo

Week Day Readings for Mass

Aug 2: Is 55:1-3/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21 (112) Pss II

Aug 3: Jer 28:1-17 (407)/Mt 14:22-36 (408)

Aug 4: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14 (408)

Aug 5: Jer 31:1-7/Mt 15:21-28 (409)

Aug 6: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9 (614) Pss Prop

Aug 7: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Mt 16:24-28 (411)

Aug 8: Hb 1:12—2:4/Mt 17:14-20 (412)

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From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

In Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours on Monday of Week I we have this prayer:

“Father, may everything we do begin with your inspiration and continue with your saving help. Let our work always find its origin in you and through you reach completion. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.”

This is such a profound prayer and even more so in these days of Covid-19. It helps us focus on complete trust in God and our complete dedication to the work He gives us daily. We do all things for Him and by His grace.

The Second Reading today from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans fits us well in these days. Nothing, not even pandemics, will separate us from Christ's love. We redouble our efforts to serve the King of Kings and take great encouragement from our union with Christ and each other. St. Paul wrote: *“What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”* (Romans 8: 35, 37, 38)

In the First Reading today the prophet Isaiah assures Israel that the LORD will provide all we need: *“Heed Me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare. Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life. I will renew with you the everlasting covenant...”*

In the Gospel of St. Matthew Christ fulfills that prophecy. The miracle of the loaves and fishes in the Gospel today can focus us on the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The words from today's Gospel foreshadow the words of the Holy Mass with these four gestures: *“...and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples,”* (see Mt. 13: 13- 21) Here He gives bread but later He will offer the “Living Bread” – His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in Holy Communion. At each Mass the Priest repeats these gestures as he consecrates the bread and then distributes the multiplied Body and Blood of the Lord for us in Holy Communion. Each day a Catholic priest has this privilege to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and to distribute this precious gift of our Lord's Presence.

Jesus said that the apostles should feed the people. The Apostles did their part and brought the five loaves and two fish – they obeyed the Lord. Because of this obedience, there was more than enough food for the crowd of over 5,000. Here the Lord provided just bread, but in every Holy Mass He provides the “Living Bread” which feeds us for eternal life. St. Jose Escriva asks: “What if this Communion was your only Communion in your entire life?” How do we prepare for this great meeting with the Lord, our King, His Majesty?

Are we growing in our appreciation for the Real Presence of Jesus so that nothing will separate us from the love of Christ as St. Paul writes to the Romans in today's second reading? Are we spending quality time with Him at Mass and in Adoration so that we can be like St. John at the last Supper, leaning our heads on His chest? Are we aware of the importance of the Most Holy Eucharist and does that awareness lead us to “amazement?”

Let's reflect on the miracle of the multiplication of the Holy Eucharist and the privilege we have to grow ever closer to our Eucharistic Lord. Let us share what God has given us by sharing our faith with others.

God bless and may our Lady keep you in her tender care. With my prayers, Father Arnsparger

Parish Announcements for Sunday, August 2, 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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~ 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, August 2, 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:

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• 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,

En la oración de la mañana de la liturgia de las horas el lunes de la semana I tenemos esta oración:

"Padre, que todo lo que hagamos comience con tu inspiración y continúe con tu ayuda para salvar. Deje que nuestro trabajo siempre encuentre su origen en ti y a través de ti llegue a su finalización. Te lo pedimos por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu Hijo que vive y reina contigo y el Espíritu Santo, un solo Dios por los siglos de los siglos. Amén."

Esta es una oración tan profunda y aún más en estos días de Covid-19. Nos ayuda a centrarnos en la total confianza en Dios y en nuestra completa dedicación al trabajo que nos da a diario. Hacemos todas las cosas por él y por su gracia.

La segunda lectura de hoy de la carta de San Pablo a los romanos nos queda bien en estos días. Nada, ni siquiera las pandemias, nos separará del amor de Cristo. Redoblamos nuestros esfuerzos para servir al Rey de Reyes y alentamos mucho nuestra unión con Cristo y entre nosotros. San Pablo escribió: "¿Qué nos separará del amor de Cristo? ¿Angustia, persecución, hambre, desnudez, peligro o espada? No, en todas estas cosas conquistamos abrumadoramente a través de aquel que nos amó. Porque estoy convencido de que ni la muerte, ni la vida, ni los ángeles, ni los principados, ni las cosas presentes, ni las cosas futuras, ni los poderes, ni la altura, ni la profundidad, ni ninguna otra criatura podrán separarnos del amor de Dios en Cristo Jesús, nuestro Señor". (Romanos 8: 35, 37, 38)

En la primera lectura de hoy, el profeta Isaías le asegura a Israel que el SEÑOR proveerá todo lo que necesitamos: "Presta atención, y comerás bien, te deleitarás con comida rica. Ven a mí atentamente, escucha, para que tengas vida. Renovaré contigo el pacto eterno ..."

En el Evangelio de San Mateo, Cristo cumple esa profecía. El milagro de los panes y los peces en el Evangelio de hoy puede enfocarnos en el Santo Sacrificio de la Misa. Las palabras del Evangelio de hoy presagian las palabras de la Santa Misa con estos cuatro gestos: "... y mirando al cielo, dijo el bendición, partió los panes y se los dio a los discípulos" (ver Mt. 13: 13-21) Aquí Él da pan pero luego ofrecerá el "Pan Viviente" - Su Cuerpo, Sangre, Alma y Divinidad en la Sagrada Comunión. En cada Misa, el Sacerdote repite estos gestos mientras consagra el pan y luego distribuye el Cuerpo multiplicado y la Sangre del Señor para nosotros en la Sagrada Comunión. Cada día, un sacerdote católico tiene el privilegio de ofrecer el Santo Sacrificio de la Misa y distribuir este precioso regalo de la Presencia de nuestro Señor.

Jesús dijo que los apóstoles deberían alimentar al pueblo. Los apóstoles hicieron su parte y trajeron los cinco panes y los dos peces; obedecieron al Señor. Debido a esta obediencia, había más que suficiente comida para la multitud de más de 5,000. Aquí el Señor proporcionó solo pan, pero en cada Santa Misa proporciona el "Pan vivo" que nos alimenta para la vida eterna. San José Escrivá pregunta: "¿Y si esta comunión fuera tu única comunión en toda tu vida?" ¿Cómo nos preparamos para este gran encuentro con el Señor, nuestro Rey, Su Majestad?

¿Estamos creciendo en nuestra apreciación por la Presencia Real de Jesús para que nada nos separe del amor de Cristo como San Pablo escribe a los romanos en la segunda lectura de hoy? ¿Estamos pasando tiempo de calidad con Él en la Misa y en la Adoración para que podamos ser como San Juan en la última Cena, apoyando nuestras cabezas en Su pecho? ¿Somos conscientes de la importancia de la Santísima Eucaristía y esa conciencia nos lleva al "asombro"?

Reflexionemos sobre el milagro de la multiplicación de la Sagrada Eucaristía y el privilegio que tenemos de acercarnos cada vez más a nuestro Señor Eucarístico. Compartamos lo que Dios nos ha dado al compartir nuestra fe con los demás.

Dios los bendiga y que Nuestra Señora los mantenga en su tierno cuidado.

Con mis oraciones, padre Arnsparger

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