

Mass Intentions & Events

Sunday, August 9, 2020, Nineteenth 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 9 - The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm *Vigil* + Louise Liberatori

9:00am Renee Courage

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

4:00pm *Español* Pro Populo

MONDAY, AUGUST 10 - St Lawrence

7:30am Thomas & Elsie Coonan

12:10pm Special Intention

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11 - St Clair

7:30am † Riley Sluder by Sandra Townsend

12:10pm Paul & Mallory Brock by Darden Brock

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12 - St Jane Frances de Chantal

7:30am † Jim Laffan by Mark Hawley

12:10pm Pablo & Ninfa Flores by Andrew Davis

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13 - Pope St Pontian & St Hippolytus

7:30am Luke Richardson by Clair Jerge

12:10pm Vincent Cinquemani by Dan & Pat Lepore

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14 - St Maximilian Kolbe

7:30am Jane & Kerney McNeil by a grateful friend

12:10pm † Scott Witty by David Jeckovich

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15 - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30am William H. & Mary Coonan

5:00pm *Vigil* Pro Populo

Confession, 8:30am - 10:00am, Breezeway (weather permitting)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16 - The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am † Marilyn Cumiskey by Suzanne Harter

12:00pm *Noon* Chancy & Kathline Liner

4:00pm *Español* Pro Populo

Week Day Readings for Mass

Aug 9:1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33 (115) Pss III

Aug 10:2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26 (618) Pss Prop

Aug 11:Ez 2:8—3:4/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14 (414)

Aug 12:Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Mt 18:15-20 (415)

Aug 13:Ez 12:1-12/Mt 18:21—19:1 (416)

Aug 14:Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Mt 19:3-12 (417)

Aug 15:Vigil:1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 (621)

Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56 (622) Pss Prop

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From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for keeping up with your spiritual lives of prayer, Bible and Catechism study, and reaching out to each other and our parishioners. Each week we have a letter to the parishioners through the bulletin posted at the exterior Church sign and on our website. Thanks to all who are helping with the reservations and ushering at the Sunday 9:00 am English Mass and the 4:00 pm Spanish Mass; to those who help Fr. McCannless with recording most of the daily Masses in the Church; to those who help welcome people for our Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction on Fridays; and for those who help welcome people for Confessions on Fridays and Saturdays. And thanks to all of you for your regular tithe through the mail to our Post Office Box or through electronic giving. Your financial sacrifice to support our parish and its necessary expenses is greatly appreciated. Our visitor donations and event parking income are extremely low in these days, of course, so whatever help you can give by your donations will be of great assistance to our mission and much appreciated. Thank you.

As you know, we are subscribers to the “Formed.org” program so please use the great resources available. You have free access to many Catholic Study programs, films, books, talks and music at the site. On our website and, in our bulletin, there is information on how to use this program. There are many resources there; one is a good program reviewing our Catholic Faith called “Symbolon”. These days might be a good time to plan a weekly study session to grow in your faith.

In the Liturgy today, we see God reveal Himself to Elijah in the “tiny whispering sound.” The world needs silence to be able to hear that “tiny whispering sound” of God’s presence. We achieve that by our discipline of regular, daily, planned, and sustained prayer. Set appointments with the Lord at specific times during each day. Read the Bible, Catechism or a spiritual reading book of the saints and take that to prayer. God leads us to still our soul and be open to His personal conversation with us.

St. Paul reminds all of us of the great gifts He has given to us, His People: “*They are Israelites; theirs the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; theirs the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.*” How blessed we are!

In the Gospel, Our Lord tells St. Peter to come to Him over the water. We must remember that St. Peter actually did walk on water. He did something which was physically impossible; it was possible only when he was focused on our Lord and His directions. We sometimes just look at the fact that St. Peter sank in the water. He did this, of course, only when he misdirected his gaze from Jesus. When the winds around him occupied his attention and he let his eyes wander from those strong, encouraging eyes of the Lord, St. Peter sank. But we must remember that when St. Peter kept his gaze on our Lord with focus and intent, he actually did something extraordinary; he walked on water.

“Do not be afraid” of the many winds of confusion, disorientation, and rebelliousness in our world. We have only to look to Jesus through His Church and make sure that we are fortified by the Sacraments and our daily prayer life. Let us keep ourselves focused on our Lord’s gaze which calls us to something higher and more noble – to holiness. We will mount the heights of holiness by our disciplining of our wills, by keeping ourselves focused on the Lord’s gaze, following His direction. “Do not be afraid” to accept Christ and His Holy Church completely in all the splendor of truth – this is the only thing which will set us free.

God bless and may our Lady keep you in her care.

With my prayers, Fr. Arnsparger

Parish Announcements for Sunday, August 9, 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, 187 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 \$2,057** — 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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Then the LORD said to Elijah, "Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD; the LORD will be passing by." A strong and heavy wind was rending the mountains and crushing rocks before the LORD — but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake — but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake there was fire — but the LORD was not in the fire. After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound.

~ 1 Kgs 19

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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 September 11, 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 9, 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,

Gracias por mantenerse al día con sus vidas espirituales de oración, estudio de la Biblia y el Catecismo, y por llegar a los demás y a nuestros feligreses. Cada semana tenemos una carta a los feligreses a través del boletín publicado en el letrero exterior de la Iglesia y en nuestro sitio web. Gracias a todos los que están ayudando con las reservaciones y ayudando el domingo a las 9:00 a.m. En inglés y las 4:00 p.m. En español; a los que ayudan al padre McCanless con la grabación de la mayoría de las misas diarias en la Iglesia; a aquellos que ayudan a dar la bienvenida a las personas para nuestra Hora Santa de Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento y Bendición los viernes; y para aquellos que ayudan a dar la bienvenida a personas para confesiones los viernes y sábados. Y gracias a todos por su diezmo regular a través del correo a nuestro apartado de correos o mediante donaciones electrónicas. Su sacrificio financiero para apoyar a nuestra parroquia y sus gastos necesarios son muy apreciados. Nuestras donaciones de visitantes y los ingresos por estacionamiento de eventos son extremadamente bajos en estos días, por supuesto, por lo que cualquier ayuda que pueda brindar con sus donaciones será de gran ayuda para nuestra misión y muy apreciada. Gracias.

Como saben, estamos suscritos al programa "Formed.org", por lo tanto, utilicen los excelentes recursos disponibles. Usted tiene acceso gratuito a muchos programas de estudios católicos, películas, libros, charlas y música en el sitio. En nuestro sitio web y, en nuestro boletín, hay información sobre cómo usar este programa. Hay muchos recursos allí; uno es un buen programa que revisa nuestra fe católica llamada "Symbolon". Estos días pueden ser un buen momento para planificar una sesión de estudio semanal para crecer en su fe.

En la liturgia de hoy, vemos que Dios se revela a Elias en el "pequeño susurro". El mundo necesita silencio para poder escuchar ese "pequeño susurro" de la presencia de Dios. Lo logramos mediante nuestra disciplina de oración regular, diaria, planificada y sostenida. Establezca citas con el Señor en momentos específicos durante cada día. Lea la Biblia, el Catecismo o un libro de lectura espiritual de los santos y llévelo a la oración. Dios nos lleva a calmar nuestra alma y a estar abiertos a su conversación personal con nosotros.

San Pablo nos recuerda a todos los grandes regalos que nos ha dado, su pueblo: "Son israelitas; de ellos la adopción, la gloria, los convenios, la entrega de la ley, el culto y las promesas; de ellos los patriarcas, y de ellos, según la carne, es el Cristo, que está sobre todo, Dios bendito para siempre. Amén." ¡Qué bendecidos somos!

En el Evangelio, Nuestro Señor le dice a San Pedro que venga a Él sobre el agua. Debemos recordar que San Pedro realmente caminó sobre el agua. Hizo algo que era físicamente imposible; solo fue posible cuando estaba enfocado en nuestro Señor y sus instrucciones. A veces solo miramos el hecho de que San Pedro se hundió en el agua. Hizo esto, por supuesto, solo cuando desvió la mirada de Jesús. Cuando los vientos a su alrededor ocuparon su atención y dejó que sus ojos se alejaran de aquellos ojos fuertes y alentadores del Señor, San Pedro se hundió. Pero debemos recordar que cuando San Pedro mantuvo su mirada en nuestro Señor con concentración e intención, en realidad hizo algo extraordinario; él caminó sobre el agua.

"No tengas miedo" de los muchos vientos de confusión, desorientación y rebeldía en nuestro mundo. Solo tenemos que mirar a Jesús a través de su Iglesia y asegurarnos de que nos fortalezcan los sacramentos y nuestra vida diaria de oración. Mantengámonos enfocados en la mirada de nuestro Señor que nos llama a algo más alto y más noble: a la santidad. Subiremos a las alturas de la santidad al disciplinar nuestras voluntades, al mantenernos enfocados en la mirada del Señor, siguiendo su dirección. "No tengas miedo" de aceptar a Cristo y a Su Santa Iglesia por completo en todo el esplendor de la verdad: esto es lo único que nos hará libres.

Dios los bendiga y que Nuestra Señora los mantenga bajo su cuidado. Con mis oraciones, el padre Arnsparger

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