

Basilica Activities

We are sorry that we cannot offer tours or visits during Covid-19

Dear Visitors: Unfortunately, we are unable to provide Masses, tours, or visits at this time. We look forward to welcoming you in the future.

Dear Parishioners: Sunday Mass may be attended by registered, active parishioners on a very limited and rotating basis. Reservations are required: [English](#).

NEW: Daily Mass at 7:30am on Monday & Tuesday and 8:00am on Thursday & Friday—Masks & social distancing protocols required. No reservation necessary.

CONFESSIONS in the Church Vestibule as directed by Greeters
As shown below.

HOLY HOUR—EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION
As shown below.

*All on campus meetings are cancelled; many are being presented over the internet.
Please check the website and bulletin for more information.*

Mass Intentions

** denotes Live Streaming*

SATURDAY, APRIL 24 -

*5:00pm *Vigil* † William Holland by Fr. Arnsparger

SUNDAY, APRIL 25 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

*9:00am Pro Populo
12:00pm Special Intention
*4:00pm *Español* Special Intention

MONDAY, APRIL 26 -

*7:30am † Beat Weissman by John & Becky Ellis

TUESDAY, APRIL 27 -

*7:30am Fr. Lawrence Carney by Elizabeth Harris

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28 - St Peter Chanel; St Louis Grignion de Montfort

No Mass

THURSDAY, APRIL 29 - St Catherine of Siena

8:00am † James Marinkovich by Judy Marinkovich

FRIDAY, APRIL 30 - Pope St Pius V

8:00am † Ellen Martin by Robert Martin
Adoration & Benediction, 11:30am - 12:30pm, Basilica
Confession, 12:45pm - 1:30pm, Basilica

SATURDAY, MAY 1 - St Joseph the Worker

*5:00pm *Vigil* Pro Populo
Confession, 8:30am - 9:30am, Basilica

SUNDAY, MAY 2 - The Fifth Sunday of Easter

*9:00am † Katie Mountin Wolfe by Maureen Quinn
12:00pm Special Intention
*4:00pm *Español* Special Intention

Week Day Readings for Mass

Apr 25: Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18 (50) Pss IV
Apr 26: Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10 (279)
Apr 27: Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30 (280)
Apr 28: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Jn 12:44-50 (281)
Apr 29: Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20 (282)
Apr 30: Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6 (283)
MAY 1: Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14 (284) or, Gn 1:26—2:3
or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Mt 13:54-58 (559)

From the Pastor

Sunday, April 25, 2021, The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! Alleluia! Already, we are at the Fourth Sunday of Easter celebrating the glorious resurrection of our Lord. In these Easter days as we move toward Pentecost, the whole Church rejoices in the triumph of Christ over sin and death. This is a triumph in which we participate personally. Christianity is about our personal triumph, with God's grace, over sin so that we can live in grace and reach our promised gift of the glory of Heaven.

Today is "Good Shepherd" Sunday as we hear our Lord use the image that He is the Good Shepherd, and we are His sheep. It is a good time to pray for our Priests and seminarians who tend to us by being ministers of Christ's Word and Sacrament. The privilege of being a Catholic and living according to the revealed Word of God in the family of the Church calls us to loyalty to the family. This loyalty is seen in our personal desire to listen to the Good Shepherd so that we can grow in holiness and witness to the truths which the Church has been given.

St. Peter reminds us in today's second reading that there is no other Redeemer than Christ. It is Christ Who is the Good Shepherd, and He tends to the good of our salvation. We hear in the Gospel today: "I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." Indeed, our Lord knows us, and we desire to know Him. The image of Shepherd and sheep is a great one for imagining our relation to our Lord, Who is the One Who loves us most. Fr. Kevin Sullivan once reflected on this:

"The image of Christ as our Good Shepherd has always appealed to human nature. One of the earliest paintings of Christ in the Roman catacombs represents him as carrying an injured sheep on his shoulders. This is a manifestation of love which touches our innermost feelings. We do not mind being likened to sheep in this context. There is something innocent about a sheep, and at the same time a lot of foolishness. Does not this describe the vast majority of men, even many of those who openly oppose Christ? Is there not something very sheep like about the man who, because God gave him a limited intellect, thinks he knows all things and needs no further help from God? The sheep who thinks it knows as much, and even more, than the shepherd and sets out to fend for itself, is no more foolish than the man who thinks he can live without God's revelation and God's Church.

"Indeed we all act like sheep on many occasions, when it comes to the things that concern our spiritual welfare. We often ramble off from the flock to nibble at little bits of forbidden pasture. However, we have a Shepherd who understands us, one whose patience and love are infinite. He is always ready to go after us when we stray too far; his voice is constantly reaching out to us---in missions, retreats, sicknesses, crosses and other various ways. How many times have we already felt his loving grace calling and helping us back to the safety of his fold? ..."

How good it is that we are given the sure guidance of our Good Shepherd? To live in His Church is to be in the pasture which He has prepared for us. Let us always be thankful for those who have helped us to listen to the Shepherd so that we can enjoy the graces He so generously offers us.

May our Lord grant you abundant Easter blessings and may our Lady keep you in her tender care. With my prayers, Fr. Arnsparger

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Parish Announcements for Sunday, April 25, 2021

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

2021 Diocesan Support Appeal Update

This year's DSA campaign is underway. Our assessment is \$80,665. At present 93 households have pledged a total of \$37,737. We still have a balance of \$42,928 to meet our assessment. Please give prayerful consideration to your contribution for this year and respond to one of the mailings you will receive from the Diocese of Charlotte. Online donations may also be made at charlottediocese.org/dsa on behalf of the Basilica. Thank you to all who have already pledged.



We are using **SignUpGenius** to schedule reservations for the Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Vigil, Sunday, 9:00 a.m. and Noon Masses. To be added to our Mass Reservation List please see bullet item #4 under "From the Parish Office" in the adjacent column.

Community Announcements

EASTER 2021

Sunday, May 16 - The Solemnity of the Ascension
Sunday, May 23 - Pentecost

FEEDING THE HUNGRY

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 nonperishable 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.

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. ...Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ~ 1 John 3

OFFERTORY CONSIDERATIONS—U.S. MAIL

Basilica of Saint Lawrence
PO Box 1850, Asheville, NC 28802
(please do not mail to street address)

ONLINE - <https://saintlawrencebasilica.org/online-giving>

Choose: Offertory, Special, & Payments
Your continued support of the parish is greatly appreciated!

ONLINE GIVING

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WHAT ST. LAWRENCE IS DOING TO

ADDRESS MITIGATION OF COVID-19 TRANSMISSION

- Sign placement to encourage masks, 6-foot social distancing, and frequent hand sanitization.
- Sanitization of the entire Church after Sunday Masses, Friday Holy Hour and Confessions.
- Limit of 40 parishioner households per Sunday Mass by Reservation only; rotating schedule used to ensure all parishioners get an opportunity to attend.
- Marked Pews; every other pew is used to promote social distancing.
- All hymnals and missalettes have been removed.
- No singing at Masses except by the cantor.
- Offertory baskets are available as you enter and leave the church - not passed down the pews.
- Communion offered under one species - consecrated host.
- The Sign of Peace, which is an optional rite, is suspended.
- Touchless Holy Water Fonts.
- Masks are required inside the Church. Limited supplies of disposable masks are available for those who forget to bring their own.
- Parishioners are asked to bring their own hand sanitizer; an extra supply is on hand if needed.
- Continued monitoring of Diocesan, Federal, State, and Local Covid-19 recommendations and apply as needed.

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

The weekly bulletin is being published in digital format while the Basilica and Parish Office are closed during Covid-19. The staff is primarily working from their homes.

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.

- Please visit the parish website frequently for **Prayer Resources**, **Covid-19 Updates**, and for the weekly bulletin.
- 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 without the pastor's permission.
- **To attend a Saturday, 5pm Vigil Mass or Sunday, 9am or Noon Mass**, parishioners who have not already done so, should complete a reservation form located on the homepage of the parish website, or leave a message for Barclay Roberts at 828.252.6042, to be placed on the **Mass Reservation List**. This form should only be completed one time.

*Subsequently, you will receive an Email Invite through the scheduling service—**SignUpGenius**—for the next available list of Mass dates. The current rotation is once every 8 weeks.

*Parishioners who do not use email can be signed up by Basilica Staff and notified with a phone call.

- Seat assignments will be given upon arrival by a greeter.
- The use of Masks is required inside the Basilica.
- Please follow all CDC guidelines including:

If sick or in a high risk group, please stay home

Wear a mask

Sit 6+ feet from other households

Wash hands before and after Holy Mass

We are praying for you! We miss you!

Faith Formation & Additional Parish Announcements - April 25, 2012

Important Faith Formation Dates:

First Communion - For students in our English Faith Formation classes, the Mass of First Holy Communion will be next Sunday, **May 2, 2021 at 9:00 am** (Masses for students in our Spanish Faith Formation program will be celebrated throughout the month of May).

Confirmation - Bishop Jugis will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Basilica on **Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 6:00 pm**. We will be providing more information to students registered in our confirmation program, so please continue to follow our weekly announcements.

Faith Formation Opportunities for All:

Please remember to take advantage of the great resources that are available in both English and Spanish through the website *Formed.org*. All of our parishioners are able to access it for free (more information in the Faith Formation section of our website), and I encourage you to use this learning and inspirational resource. Here are two of Fr. McCannless' recommendations:

Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession will explain the beauty and significance of this sacrament. If you are looking for a way to grow in faith and knowledge, I suggest participating in one of the Bible Studies on Formed.org.

The Bible and the Virgin Mary: Journey Through Scripture is a 12 episode series that aids us in understanding more deeply both Sacred Scripture and Mary of Nazareth.

2021 DSA & Community Announcements

Your pledge to the Diocesan Support Appeal is shared with the educational, multicultural, vocational, housing, and social service ministries of the diocese. Thousands of people depend on your generosity. You may complete a pledge envelope and return it to the Parish Office or make a gift online at charlottediocese.org/dsa, text "DSA" to 704-389-2096, or scan the QR code:



John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte Western Regional Office in Asheville is pleased to provide bilingual professional mental health counseling for couples and adults in English or Spanish. During COVID-19, all counseling sessions are being held remotely through a safe, confidential, and virtual platform. Appointments are required. If we can help, please call us at 828-820-5148. Peace is just a phone call away.

Catholic Charities Spirit of Hope Virtual Event

Join Catholic Charities staff and volunteers, Bishop Jugis, clergy, friends, and fellow parishioners from across the Western NC Region on Thursday, May 6th at 6:30 p.m. for the 2021 Spirit of Hope to help our local neighbors who continue to struggle during this very difficult and uncertain time. Out of continued concern for the safety of everyone, this will be an online event. To register, visit ccspiritofohope.org.

Be Catholic Campus Ministry (CCM) supporter. Your gift helps provide the support and guidance college students need to grow in their faith. Because the DSA does not totally fund CCM, we must raise an additional \$153,450 this year for programs serving more than 1,700 students. Scan the QR code with your smartphone or go online to catholicconcampus.com/support. Thank you!



Give Now!

People to Pray for . . .

• PARISHIONERS:

Otis McIntosh, Linda & Michael LaFlamme, Carmella Ortiz-Immel, John Kabel, Johnny Moss, Alexander Adams, 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, Joshua Townsend, Mary Fanslow, Larry Moderno, Perry Coe, Jr., Joanne Coates, Margaret Malone, Rosemary Franklin, David Wellmon, Pat Lepore, Ginny Dack, Veronica Sartor, Jim Peacock, Thomas Zichy, Rupert Muana, John & Kristy Ledford, Matthew Bodosky

• HOMEBOUND:

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

• NON-PARISHIONERS:

David Jones, Adam Powers, Tony Sellers, Ron Thompson, Bernie Thompson, Trent Johnson, Martha Johnson, Noah James Maynard, Alexandra Livezey Maynard, Jennifer Martin, Swede Oppermann, Robert Walther, Dori Barrett, Donald Pickeral, 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, 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, Ron Turner, Evelyn Sweet, Bill Stancovitch

• MILITARY PERSONNEL:

Christopher Balot, Vincent Camarata, Joseph Houston, Steffan Pixler

Continuation from Pastor
Sunday, April 25, 2021, The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Estimados feligreses,

¡Alabado sea Jesucristo! ¡Aleluya! Ya estamos en el cuarto domingo de Pascua celebrando la gloriosa resurrección de nuestro Señor. En estos días de Pascua, mientras avanzamos hacia Pentecostés, toda la Iglesia se regocija en el triunfo de Cristo sobre el pecado y la muerte. Este es un triunfo en el que participamos personalmente. El cristianismo se trata de nuestro triunfo personal, con la gracia de Dios, sobre el pecado para que podamos vivir en gracia y alcanzar nuestro don prometido de la gloria del cielo.

Hoy es el domingo del "Buen Pastor" cuando escuchamos a nuestro Señor usar la imagen de que Él es el Buen Pastor, y nosotros somos Sus ovejas. Es un buen momento para orar por nuestros sacerdotes y seminaristas que nos atienden siendo ministros de la Palabra y el Sacramento de Cristo. El privilegio de ser católicos y vivir según la Palabra de Dios revelada en la familia de la Iglesia nos llama a la lealtad a la familia. Esta lealtad se manifiesta en nuestro deseo personal de escuchar al Buen Pastor para crecer en santidad y dar testimonio de las verdades que la Iglesia ha recibido.

San Pedro nos recuerda en la segunda lectura de hoy que no hay otro Redentor que Cristo. Cristo es el Buen Pastor y tiende al bien de nuestra salvación. Hoy escuchamos en el Evangelio: *"Yo soy el buen pastor, y conozco a los míos y los míos me conocen, así como el Padre me conoce y yo conozco al Padre; y daré mi vida por las ovejas "*. De hecho, nuestro Señor nos conoce y deseamos conocerlo. La imagen del Pastor y la oveja es genial para imaginar nuestra relación con nuestro Señor, Quien es el que más nos ama. El Padre Kevin Sullivan una vez reflexionó sobre esto:

"La imagen de Cristo como nuestro Buen Pastor siempre ha apelado a la naturaleza humana. Una de las primeras pinturas de Cristo en las catacumbas romanas lo representa cargando una oveja herida sobre sus hombros. Esta es una manifestación de amor que toca nuestros sentimientos más íntimos. No nos importa ser comparados con ovejas en este contexto. Hay algo de inocente en una oveja y, al mismo tiempo, mucha tontería. ¿No describe esto a la gran mayoría de los hombres, incluso a muchos de los que se oponen abiertamente a Cristo? ¿No hay algo muy carnal en el hombre que, debido a que Dios le dio un intelecto limitado, cree que sabe todas las cosas y no necesita más ayuda de Dios? La oveja que piensa que sabe tanto, e incluso más, que el pastor y se propone valerse por sí misma, no es más tonta que el hombre que cree que puede vivir sin la revelación de Dios y sin la Iglesia de Dios.

"De hecho, todos actuamos como ovejas en muchas ocasiones, cuando se trata de las cosas que conciernen a nuestro bienestar espiritual. A menudo nos alejamos del rebaño para mordisquear pequeños trozos de pastos prohibidos. Sin embargo, tenemos un Pastor que nos comprende, uno cuya paciencia y amor son infinitos. Él siempre está listo para perseguirnos cuando nos alejamos demasiado; su voz nos llega constantemente, en misiones, retiros, enfermedades, cruces y otras formas diversas. ¿Cuántas veces ya hemos sentido su amorosa gracia llamándonos y ayudándonos a regresar a la seguridad de su redil? ..."

¿Qué tan bueno es que se nos dé la guía segura de nuestro Buen Pastor? Vivir en Su Iglesia es estar en el prado que Él nos ha preparado. Estemos siempre agradecidos por quienes nos han ayudado a escuchar al Pastor para que podamos disfrutar de las gracias que tan generosamente nos ofrece.

Que nuestro Señor te conceda abundantes bendiciones pascuales y que la Virgen te guarde en su tierno cuidado.

Con mis oraciones, el P. Arnsparger

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