

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, MAY 1 -

*5:00pm Vigil Pro Populo

SUNDAY, MAY 2 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

*9:00am † Katie Mountin Wolfe by Maureen Quinn

12:00pm Special Intention

*4:00pm *Español* Special Intention

MONDAY, MAY 3 - Sts Philip and James, Apostles

*7:30am Kentrell Timothy Leidig by Elizabeth Harris

TUESDAY, MAY 4 -

*7:30am † Patricia Joslin by Clifford Joslin

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5 -

No Mass

THURSDAY, MAY 6 -

8:00am Grant Hobson by Gwen & Julian Hobson

FRIDAY, MAY 7 -

8:00am Imogen Clemons by Mike & Bev Knoop

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

SATURDAY, MAY 8 -

*5:00pm Vigil Pro Populo

Confession, 8:30am - 9:30am, Basilica

SUNDAY, MAY 9 - The Sixth Sunday of Easter

*9:00am † Dorothy Aileen Rider by Rider family

12:00pm Special Intention

*4:00pm *Español* Special Intention

Week Day Readings for Mass

MAY 2: Acts 9:26-31 / Jn 3:18-24 / Jn 15:1-8 (53) Pss

MAY 3: 1 Cor 15:1-8 / Jn 14:6-14 (561) Pss Prop

MAY 4: Acts 14:19-28 / Jn 14:27-31a (286)

MAY 5: Acts 15:1-6 / Jn 15:1-8 (287)

MAY 6: Acts 15:7-21 / Jn 15:9-11 (288)

MAY 7: Acts 15:22-31 / Jn 15:12-17 (289)

MAY 8: Acts 16:1-10 / Jn 15:18-21 (290)

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From the Pastor

Sunday, May 2, 2021, The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and Forever! Alleluia!

There seems to be a light in the “Covid Tunnel” with some adjustments to our safety practices in the not too distant future. Let’s pray that we keep on a safe course and are able to gather more frequently soon. Thank you for your care for our protocols and your appreciation of the Sunday and daily Masses we have available. I am happy also with our Holy Hour of Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Benediction from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm each Friday; this has been a great consolation to a lot of people.

In these Easter days of joy we continue reading from the Acts of the Apostles and the growth of the Church. St. Paul has joined the “Way” of the Christians and is sharing his faith so profoundly. His experience of meeting the Risen Lord Jesus on the road to Damascus changed his life and opened up a time of great evangelization. We read: *“The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.”* St. Paul and the early Christians echoed the words of the Old Testament Psalmist we read today: *“I will fulfill my vows before those who fear the LORD. The lowly shall eat their fill; they who seek the LORD shall praise him: “May your hearts live forever!””* Our response is the same today.

Today we read from the first letter of St. John in the New Testament. As you know, there are three little letters of St. John there which can be read in less than 10 minutes. Imagine, if you read those three letters you have finished three of the 27 books of the New Testament! We hear from St. John today an exhortation to the Christian way of life: *“Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth... because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him...”* Our daily goal is “to remain in Him.” Let us stay ever close to the One Who loves us most.

In the Gospel Jesus give us that image of the vine and the branches. It is an exhortation for us to stay close to Him, “to remain in Him.” He cultivates our souls with His abundant graces. Let us dispose ourselves to cooperate with Him in our Spiritual growth in the heart of the Church.

Remember that May is the month of our Blessed Mother. I hope you have your May altars prepared and that you pray the Rosary daily and her Litany often. Next week is Mother’s Day. Let us thank our Lord for the Blessed Mother and for our own dear mothers.

Let us continue our prayer for all the sick and those caring for them. Again, thank you for your abundant charity in these days of the pandemic. May God bless you and may our Lady keep you in her tender care.

With my prayer, Fr. Arnsparger

Parish Announcements for Sunday, May 2, 2021

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



Prayers & Condolences

are extended to the family and friends of
Lauraine Berlage

who entered eternal life on **April 24, 2021**

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May their souls
and
the souls of all the faithful departed Rest in Peace.*

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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 \$40,497. We still have a balance of \$40,168 to meet our assessment. Online donations may be made at charlottediocese.org/dsa on behalf of the Basilica.



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.

I am the vine, you are the branches.

*Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit,
because without me you can do nothing.*

~ John 15

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!

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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 - May 2, 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. McCanless' 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.

The Anointing of the Sick

By the sacred anointing of the sick and the prayer of the priests the whole Church commends those who are ill to the suffering and glorified Lord, that he may raise them up and save them and indeed she exhorts them to contribute to the good of the People of God by freely uniting themselves to the Passion and death of Christ. [Catechism of the Catholic Church 1499](#)

Active Parishioners should make an appointment to schedule the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick before going to the hospital or a care facility. The Anointing of the Sick is normally celebrated before or after a Sunday or daily Mass. Please call the office at 828-254-6042 or request an appointment for an Anointing by completing the online form located in the side bar to the left.

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:



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 13th 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 ccspiritofhope.org.

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.

People to Pray for . . .

• PARISHIONERS:

Otis McIntosh, Linda & Michael LaFlamme, John Kabel, Johnny Moss, Alexander Adams, Patricia Streeto, Sophia Brooks, Dick 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 Wenta, 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, May 2, 2021, The Fifth Sunday of Easter

¡Alabado sea Jesucristo! ¡Ahora y siempre! ¡Aleluya!

Parece haber una luz en el "Túnel de Covid" con algunos ajustes a nuestras prácticas de seguridad en un futuro no muy lejano. Oremos para que sigamos un rumbo seguro y podamos reunirnos pronto con más frecuencia. Gracias por su cuidado con nuestros protocolos y su agradecimiento por las misas dominicales y diarias que tenemos disponibles. Estoy feliz también con nuestra Hora Santa de Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento y Bendición de 11:30 am a 12:30 pm todos los viernes; esto ha sido un gran consuelo para mucha gente.

En estos días de alegría pascual seguimos leyendo los Hechos de los Apóstoles y el crecimiento de la Iglesia. San Pablo se ha unido al "Camino" de los cristianos y comparte su fe de manera tan profunda. Su experiencia de encontrarse con el Señor Jesús resucitado en el camino a Damasco cambió su vida y abrió un tiempo de gran evangelización. Leemos: *"La iglesia de toda Judea, Galilea y Samaria estaba en paz. Fue edificado y caminado en el temor del Señor, y con el consuelo del Espíritu Santo creció en número". San Pablo y los primeros cristianos se hicieron eco de las palabras del salmista del Antiguo Testamento que leemos hoy: "Cumpliré mis votos ante los que temen al Señor. Los humildes comerán hasta saciarse; los que buscan al SEÑOR lo alabarán: "¡Viva vuestro corazón para siempre!". Nuestra respuesta es la misma hoy.*

Hoy leemos de la primera carta de San Juan en el Nuevo Testamento. Como saben, hay tres pequeñas cartas de San Juan que se pueden leer en menos de 10 minutos. Imagínese, si lee esas tres cartas, ¡habrá terminado tres de los 27 libros del Nuevo Testamento! Hoy escuchamos de San Juan una exhortación al estilo de vida cristiano: "Hijos, no amemos de palabra, sino de hecho y en verdad. Así es como sabremos que pertenecemos a la verdad ... porque guardamos sus mandamientos y hacemos lo que le agrada. Y su mandamiento es este: debemos creer en el nombre de su Hijo, Jesucristo, y amarnos unos a otros tal como él nos mandó. Aquellos que guardan sus mandamientos permanecen en él,... "Nuestro objetivo diario es" permanecer en él ". Permanezcamos siempre cerca de Aquel que más nos ama.

En el Evangelio, Jesús nos da esa imagen de la vid y los sarmientos. Es una exhortación para que nos mantengamos cerca de Él, "para permanecer en Él". Él cultiva nuestras almas con sus abundantes gracias. Dispongámonos a cooperar con Él en nuestro crecimiento espiritual en el corazón de la Iglesia.

Recuerda que mayo es el mes de nuestra Santísima Madre. Espero que tengan sus altares de mayo preparados y que recen el Rosario todos los días y su Letanía a menudo. La semana que viene es el Día de la Madre. Demos gracias a nuestro Señor por la Santísima Madre y por nuestras queridas madres.

Continuemos nuestra oración por todos los enfermos y quienes los cuidan. Nuevamente, gracias por su abundante caridad en estos días de pandemia. Que Dios los bendiga y la Virgen los guarde en su tierno cuidado.

Con mi oración, el Padre Arnsparger

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