

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. You can view recordings of Holy Masses at our [YouTube](#) channel.

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 8 -

*5:00pm Vigil Pro Populo

SUNDAY, MAY 9 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

*9:00am † Robert & Aileen Rider by Rider family

12:00pm Special Intention

*4:00pm *Español* Special Intention

MONDAY, MAY 10 - St Damien de Veuster

*7:30am Sue & Jim Donato

TUESDAY, MAY 11 -

*7:30am † Patience Seigler by Frank Bradshaw

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12 - Sts Nereus and Achilleus; St Pancras

No Mass

THURSDAY, MAY 13 - Our Lady of Fatima

8:00am † Patience Seigler by Frank Bradshaw

FRIDAY, MAY 14 - St Matthias

8:00am † Marian Bogdanowicz by Michael Nash

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

SATURDAY, MAY 15 - St Isidore

*5:00pm Vigil Pro Populo

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

SUNDAY, MAY 16 - Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

*9:00am Jenny Salvado and Family by LuWinn Rutherford

12:00pm Special Intention

*4:00pm *Español* Special Intention

Week Day Readings for Mass

MAY 9: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17(56)Pss II

MAY 10: Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26—16:4a (291)

MAY 11: Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11 (292)

MAY 12: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Jn 16:12-15 (293)

MAY 13: Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20 (294)

MAY 14: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17 (564) Pss Prop

MAY 15: Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28 (296)

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From the Pastor

Sunday, May 9, 2021, The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Dear Parishioners,

These Easter days are bringing so many blessings even in these difficult times. Thankfully, we have been able to increase the number of households attending Sunday Masses and people are able to register for nearly every Sunday. Because people have been careful in safety protocols, we have seen a decrease in the spread of the Covid-19 Virus in these days. Let's pray that soon the pandemic will subside. Thank you for your care for each other.

As I have mentioned, the Friday Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament has been a great blessing during this last year. I hope you can join us for that precious time with our Lord. We begin with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the monstrance at 11:30 am and have Benediction at 12:20 pm. As we go forward, we will probably be extending that Adoration time to earlier in the morning to give you more time for Adoration.

In our first reading from Sacred Scripture this Sunday, we hear of St. Peter recognizing the call to all people to come to our Lord and be Baptized. God shows no partiality; He calls all to believe His Revelation, follow His Commandments and love as He (God) loves.

In the Gospel today we hear Christ's call for us to grow in the perfection of Charity, love. True love leads one to be ready to sacrifice our interests and all for the good of the salvation of every soul. Obedient to God's commands we become free to love fully as His friends. So we learn from the Gospel today:

- We are loved with Divine love: *"As the Father loves me, so I also love you."*
- We remain in Christ's love by keeping the commandments: *"Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love."*
- Christ desires that we experience not just natural joy but Divine, infinite joy: *"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete."*
- Love means an intentional decision to give all for the good of another; it is not just an emotional sentimental feeling: *"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."*
- Christ says we are actually His friends if we do what He commands: *You are my friends if you do what I command you.*
- Christ has revealed to us the truth of Who He is and who we are and how we ought to live: *I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father.*
- He has given us a profound command to love in truth and in deed: *"It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."*

Let us examine ourselves on the privilege to love as Christ loves us and the dedication we give to this project. Love is practical. Love is in the details. Love is in a million intentional decisions to do that which reverences God and His people in our lives. Whatever your state in life, whatever your job, whatever your situation – do everything with the joy of Christ by tending to the details in practical things.

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

With my prayers, Father Arnsparger

Parish Announcements for Sunday, May 9, 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 \$37,737.00. We still have a balance of \$42,928.00 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. Watch for more updates in the weekly bulletin.



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.

*Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God;
everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.
Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love.
In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only
Son into the world so that we might have life through him.*

~ 1 John 4

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 9, 2012

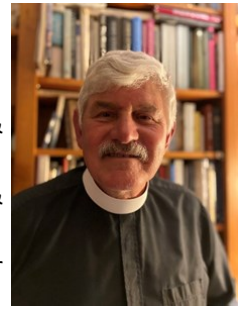
Pentecost Mission: Fri May 21- Sun May 23

“The Holy Spirit and the Sacraments: The Charismatic Dimensions of Grace”

May 21, 6:30 pm: Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration and talk: “**Baptized in the Holy Spirit** (Baptism & Confirmation)” Confessions will be heard following talk. Benediction at Closing.

May 22, 6:30 pm: Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction, Confessions and talk: “**Healed & Forgiven** (Unction & Confession).”

May 23: 3:30 pm: Closing Sunday Mass with Homily: “**The Real Presence** (Holy Eucharist)” Confessions prior to Mass: 2:30pm.



*Mission led by Fr. Jurgen Liias, a priest of the Ordinariate from Boston, MA.
Hear his story on EWTN's Journey Home*

Mission will be held at Immaculate Conception Parish, Hendersonville.

We hope this will be a blessing to the wider Catholic community, so spread the word & invite your friends!

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:



 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.

North Carolina COVID-19 Update

Given the sustained improvement in our COVID-19 metrics, today Gov. Cooper announced that we will ease but not lift restrictions in several areas. We know that new, more contagious strains of the virus are here in North Carolina. <https://governor.nc.gov/news/gov-cooper-issues-executive-order-relax-state%E2%80%99s-outdoor-mask-mandate-and-ease-mass-gathering>

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 9, 2021, The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Estimados feligreses,

Estos días de Pascua están trayendo muchas bendiciones incluso en estos tiempos difíciles. Afortunadamente, hemos podido aumentar el número de hogares que asisten a las misas dominicales y las personas pueden registrarse casi todos los domingos. Debido a que la gente ha sido cuidadosa con los protocolos de seguridad, hemos visto una disminución en la propagación del virus Covid-19 en estos días. Oremos para que la pandemia desaparezca pronto. Gracias por el cuidado mutuo.

Como he mencionado, la Hora Santa del viernes de Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento ha sido una gran bendición durante este último año. Espero que pueda acompañarnos por ese precioso tiempo con nuestro Señor. Comenzamos con la exposición del Santísimo Sacramento en la custodia a las 11:30 am y tenemos la Bendición a las 12:20 pm. A medida que avanzamos, probablemente extenderemos ese tiempo de Adoración más temprano en la mañana para darle más tiempo para la Adoración.

En nuestra primera lectura de la Sagrada Escritura de este domingo, escuchamos que San Pedro reconoce el llamado a todas las personas a venir a nuestro Señor y ser bautizadas. Dios no muestra parcialidad; Él llama a todos a creer en Su Revelación, seguir Sus Mandamientos y amar como Él (Dios) ama.

En el Evangelio de hoy escuchamos el llamado de Cristo para que crezcamos en la perfección de la Caridad, el amor. El amor verdadero lleva a uno a estar dispuesto a sacrificar nuestros intereses y todo por el bien de la salvación de cada alma. Obedeciendo los mandamientos de Dios, nos volvemos libres para amar plenamente como sus amigos. Entonces aprendemos del Evangelio de hoy:

- Somos amados con amor Divino: "Como el Padre me ama, así también yo los amo a ustedes"
- Permanecemos en el amor de Cristo al guardar los mandamientos: "Permanece en mi amor. Si guardan mis mandamientos, permanecerán en mi amor, así como yo he guardado los mandamientos de mi Padre y permanezco en su amor."
- Cristo desea que experimentemos no solo el gozo natural, sino también el gozo divino e infinito: "Les he dicho esto para que mi gozo esté en ustedes y su gozo sea completo".
- Amor significa una decisión intencional de dar todo por el bien de otro; no es solo un sentimiento emocional sentimental: "Nadie tiene mayor amor que este, dar la vida por los amigos".
- Cristo dice que en realidad somos Sus amigos si hacemos lo que Él manda: Ustedes son mis amigos si hacen lo que les mando.
- Cristo nos ha revelado la verdad de Quién es y quiénes somos nosotros y cómo debemos vivir: ya no los llamo esclavos, porque un esclavo no sabe lo que hace su amo. Los he llamado amigos, porque les he dicho todo lo que he oído de mi Padre.
- Nos ha dado un mandato profundo de amar de verdad y de hecho: "No fuiste tú quien me escogió a mí, sino yo quien te escogí y te designé para que vayas y lleves fruto que quedará, para que todo lo que pidas al Padre en mi nombre puede darte. Esto les mando: que se amen los unos a los otros".

Examinemos el privilegio de amar como Cristo nos ama y la dedicación que le damos a este proyecto. El amor es práctico. El amor está en los detalles. El amor está en un millón de decisiones intencionales para hacer aquello que reverencia a Dios y a su pueblo en nuestras vidas. Cualquiera que sea su estado en la vida, sea cual sea su trabajo, cualquiera que sea su situación, haga todo con el gozo de Cristo atendiendo los detalles en las cosas prácticas.

Que nuestro Señor los bendiga y la Virgen los guarde en su tierno cuidado.

Con mis oraciones, padre Arnsparger

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