

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; Thursday at 8:00am; and Friday at 8:00am and 12:10pm—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 15 -

*5:00pm *Vigil* Pro Populo

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

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

12:00pm Special Intention

4:00pm *Español* Special Intention

MONDAY, MAY 17 -

*7:30am † Gary Desmond by Phil Murphy

TUESDAY, MAY 18 - Pope St John I

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19 -

No Mass

THURSDAY, MAY 20 - St Bernardine of Siena

8:00am † James Marinkovich by Judy Marinkovich

FRIDAY, MAY 21 - St Christopher Magallanes & Companions

8:00am † Brent Holland by Abbi Strickland

12:10pm Special Intention

Adoration & Benediction, 11:00am - 11:45am, Basilica
Confession, 12:45pm - 1:30pm, Basilica

SATURDAY, MAY 22 - St Rita of Cascia

*5:00pm *Vigil* Dr. Ben Greene by Susan Leffe

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

SUNDAY, MAY 23 - Solemnity of Pentecost

*9:00am Pro Populo

12:00pm Special Intention

4:00pm *Español* Special Intention

Week Day Readings for Mass

MAY 16: Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13
Mk 16:15-20 (58) Pss Prop

MAY 17: Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33 (297)

MAY 18: Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a (298)

MAY 19: Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19 (299)

MAY 20: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26 (300)

MAY 21: Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19 (301)

MAY 22: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25 (302)

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From the Pastor

Sunday, May 16, 2021, The Ascension of the Lord

Dear Parishioners,

I pray all is well as we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord today and prepare for Pentecost next Sunday! This week we celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima and have crowned our beautiful statue of our Lady.

I think it is prudent to add a Holy Mass on Fridays at 12:10 pm. **So beginning Friday, May 21, 2021 we will adjust the schedule for Adoration and add a Friday 12:10 pm Mass:**

11:00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

11:35 am Litany of St. Joseph and Divine Mercy Chaplet

11:45 am Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

12:10 pm Holy Mass

12:45 pm Confessions

Hopefully, in the next phase of our opening we can have the Church open for several hours a day for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle and personal visits. For welcoming visitors and for safety reasons we will have to have dedicated parishioners in the Church whenever it is open. Let's thank our Lord for the good work everyone is doing to reduce the spread of the Virus.

As we continue the Easter Season, these 50 days of celebrating the resurrection of our Lord and our redemption, today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. We began our Novena of the Holy Spirit this past Friday as we are in that time of preparation for Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, the Spirit of Truth. Today we watch our Lord ascend to Heaven where He goes to prepare a "place" for us. His bodily ascension is for us to see and to know that we are called to follow Him. St. Luke gives us the account of the ascension of the Lord in his first work, the Gospel and in his second work, the Acts of the Apostles.

We hear the words of the angels: "Do not stand idle all the day. This Jesus has been raised to Heaven." Fr. Francis Fernandez writes in *Conversations with God: "The angels told the Apostles that it was now time for them to begin the task before them, that there was not a minute to be wasted. With the Ascension Christ's earthly mission comes to a close, and ours, as his disciples, begins. It is good that today in our prayers, we hear the words with which Jesus intercedes for us before His Father: "I do not pray that Thou shouldst take them out of the world," out of our proper place in society, out of our job or family, "but that Thou shouldst keep them from the evil one." Jesus wishes each of us to remain in His place, sanctifying the world from within, improving it and placing it at the feet of God. Only thus will the world be a place where human dignity is valued and respected, a place where men live in peace, in true peace, the peace which is so closely linked to God."*

And then he quotes St. Jose Maria Escriva: "Today's feast reminds us that our concern for souls is a response to a command of love given to us by our Lord. As He goes up to Heaven, Jesus sends us out as His witnesses throughout the whole world. Our responsibility is great, because to be Christ's witness implies first of all that we should try to behave according to His doctrine, that we should struggle to make our actions remind others of Jesus and His most lovable personality." (Christ is Passing By, 122)

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

With my prayers, Father Arnsparger

Parish Announcements for Sunday, May 16, 2021


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

INTERNATIONAL / NATIONAL COLLECTION—MAY 16, 2021

The second collection this weekend combines five collections into one. This International/National Combined Collection contributes toward the Catholic Relief Services Collection, the Collection for the Holy Land, the Collection for the Works of the Holy Father, the Catholic Communications Campaign, and the Catholic University of America. Please be generous to these programs.

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.** Online donations may 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.

 **SignUpGenius** 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 urge you to live in a manner worthy of the calling you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

~ Eph 4

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!

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!

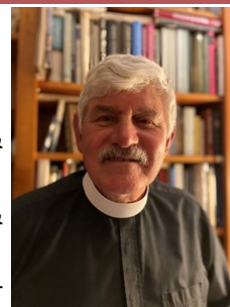
Pentecost Mission: Fri May 21- Sun May 23

“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 828-252-6042 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. And carelessness could lead to a backslide. We're far from the end of this pandemic. <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 Streeet, 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 Eposito, 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 Leford, 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

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Christopher Balot, Vincent Camarata, Joseph Houston, Steffan Pixler

Continuation from Pastor

Sunday, May 16, 2021, The Ascension of the Lord

Estimados feligreses,

¡Oro que todo esté bien mientras celebramos la Ascensión del Señor hoy y nos preparamos para Pentecostés el próximo domingo! Esta semana celebramos la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Fátima y hemos coronado nuestra hermosa estatua de Nuestra Señora.

Creo que es prudente agregar una Santa Misa los viernes a las 12:10 pm. Entonces, a partir de este viernes 21 de mayo de 2021, ajustaremos el horario de Adoración y agregaremos una misa el viernes a las 12:10 pm:

- 11:00 am Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento
- 11:35 am Letanía de San José y Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia
- 11:45 am Bendición del Santísimo Sacramento
- 12:10 pm Santa Misa
- 12:45 pm Confesiones

Con la esperanza de que en la próxima fase de nuestra apertura podemos tener la Iglesia abierta durante varias horas al día para la oración ante el Santísimo Sacramento en el Tabernáculo y visitas personales. Para dar la bienvenida a los visitantes y por razones de seguridad, deberemos tener feligreses en la Iglesia siempre que esté abierta. Agradecemos a nuestro Señor por el buen trabajo que todos están haciendo para reducir la propagación del virus.

Mientras continuamos la temporada de Pascua, estos 50 días de celebración de la resurrección de nuestro Señor y nuestra redención, hoy celebramos la Solemnidad de la Ascensión del Señor. Comenzamos nuestra Novena del Espíritu Santo el viernes pasado ya que estamos en ese tiempo de preparación para Pentecostés, la venida del Espíritu Santo, el Abogado, el Espíritu de la Verdad. Hoy vemos a nuestro Señor ascender al cielo donde va a preparar un "lugar" para nosotros. Su ascensión corporal es para que veamos y sepamos que estamos llamados a seguirlo. San Lucas nos da el relato de la ascensión del Señor en su primera obra, el Evangelio y en su segunda obra, los Hechos de los Apóstoles.

Escuchamos las palabras de los ángeles: "No permanezcas inactivo todo el día. Este Jesús ha sido elevado al cielo ". P. Francis Fernández escribe en Conversaciones con Dios: "Los ángeles les dijeron a los Apóstoles que ya era hora de que comenzaran la tarea que tenían ante ellos, que no había ni un minuto que perder. Con la Ascensión llega a su fin la misión terrena de Cristo y comienza la nuestra, como discípulos suyos. Es bueno que hoy en nuestras oraciones, escuchemos las palabras con las que Jesús intercede por nosotros ante su Padre: "No ruego que los quites del mundo", de nuestro lugar apropiado en la sociedad, de nuestro trabajo o familia, "pero que los guardes del maligno". Jesús desea que cada uno de nosotros permanezcamos en su lugar, santificando el mundo desde adentro, mejorándolo y poniéndolo a los pies de Dios. Sólo así el mundo será un lugar donde se valore y respete la dignidad humana, un lugar donde los hombres vivan en paz, en la verdadera paz, la paz que está tan estrechamente ligada a Dios".

Y luego cita a San José María Escrivá: "La fiesta de hoy nos recuerda que nuestra preocupación por las almas es una respuesta a un mandato de amor que nos ha dado nuestro Señor. Mientras sube al cielo, Jesús nos envía como testigos a todo el mundo. Nuestra responsabilidad es grande, porque ser testigos de Cristo implica, ante todo, que debemos tratar de comportarnos de acuerdo con Su doctrina, que debemos luchar para que nuestras acciones recuerden a los demás a Jesús y Su personalidad más adorable ". (Es Cristo que pasa, 122)

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

Con mis oraciones, padre Arnsparger

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