

## Basilica Activities

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

**DEAR VISITORS:** Visitors are now able and welcome to attend Mass at the Basilica. However, we are unable to provide tours or walk-in visits at this time. We look forward to adding these opportunities back in the near future as we implement our re-opening phase.

**LIVE STREAMING:** Masses that are being live streamed and/or recorded for upload to our [YouTube](#) channel are notated with an "\*" in the schedule below.

**DAILY MASS UPDATE:** Monday—Friday at 7:30am; and Friday at 12:10pm

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

**HOLY HOUR—EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION**  
*As shown below.*

## Mass Intentions

*\* denotes Live Streaming*

### **SATURDAY, MAY 22** -

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

### **SUNDAY, MAY 23- Solemnity of Pentecost**

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

### **MONDAY, MAY 24** - *The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church*

7:30am † Daniel Tuttle by Dorothy & Edward Tuttle

### **TUESDAY, MAY 25** - *St Bede; Pope St Gregory VII; St Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi*

\*7:30am † Royce Nelson Gillespie by John & Becky Ellis

### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 26** - *St Philip Neri*

7:30am Hayes Family by Elizabeth Harris

### **THURSDAY, MAY 27** - *St Augustine of Canterbury*

\*7:30am † Bryne Heninger by Constance Fazio

### **FRIDAY, MAY 28** -

7:30am † Paul Tatone by Candace & William Fenn  
12:10am † Virginia Stuhrenberg by Fr. Arnsperger

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

### **SATURDAY, MAY 29** - *Pope St Paul VI; BVM*

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

### **SUNDAY, MAY 30- Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**

\*9:00am Julian & Gwen Hobson (53<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary)  
12:00pm Special Intention  
4:00pm *Español* Special Intention

## Week Day Readings for Mass

MAY 23: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15(63) Pss Prop

MAY 24: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Jn 19:25-34 Pss IV

MAY 25: Sir 35:1-12/Mk 10:28-31 (348)

MAY 26: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Mk 10:32-45 (349)

MAY 27: Sir 42:15-25/Mk 10:46-52 (350)

MAY 28: Sir 44:1, 9-13/Mk 11:11-26 (351)

MAY 29: Sir 51:12cd-20/Mk 11:27-33 (352)

## From the Pastor

*Sunday, May 23, 2021, The Solemnity of Pentecost*

Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and Forever! Today is Pentecost! The Easter Season is complete, and we have been blessed with the Renewal of our Baptismal Promises and the graces of Easter. Let us allow the Holy Spirit to impel us to use the seven fold gifts: Isaiah (11:2-3), where the [prophet](#) sees and describes them in the Messiah: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord. Doing so will help us enjoy the fruits of the Spirit which give evidence of our Catholic lives of joyful service to the Lord. ([Galatians 5:22-23](#)): "But the fruit of the Spirit is, charity, [joy](#), peace, patience, benignity, [goodness](#), longanimity, mildness, [faith](#), modesty, continency, [chastity](#)."

May the Lord bless you and may our Lady keep you in her tender care. With prayers, Father Arnsperger

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As you know, we have changed our Protocols for assisting at our Holy Masses in relation to the pandemic. Here is a letter which I and Fr. McCanless have written to help you make your decisions for attending Mass in regard to your own conditions and:

"Dear Parishioners,

This has been a long and difficult year for all of us. Thank you for the great and charitable sacrifices you have made over this last year in caring for and protecting each other. Let us pray for those who are ill and those caring for them and, of course, for the end of the pandemic entirely. Let us look forward to seeing each other at Mass soon. As you know, the CDC and the Governor of North Carolina have removed certain restrictions which have been used over the last year to prevent the spread of the Covid-19 Virus.

We are already having our regular (Pre-covid) Sunday Mass schedule. Beginning Pentecost May 22, 2021, we will welcome parishioners and visitors to all of our Holy Masses without reservations or alternating pews. We ask that those attending Mass make their own decisions on wearing face coverings, but "anyone who is vulnerable or not vaccinated is encouraged to continue wearing a face covering and to follow social distancing norms" [see DOC [General Executory Decree](#)] or, attend Mass virtually. Please watch the online bulletin for further information about our schedule.

The Diocese of Charlotte has issued new protocols for the Parishes including:

#### Liturgical Services:

1. Religious services no longer require social distancing or face coverings.
2. Those who remain vulnerable are advised to continue wearing face coverings or attend Mass virtually.
3. The options of receiving Communion from the chalice and extending the Sign of Peace are to remain omitted until further notice...

#### Mass Obligation:

*Beginning Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2021, the general dispensation from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation will be narrowed to include only those who remain vulnerable to the coronavirus.*

**Who is still exempted (dispensed) from attending Mass?** *People who are ill or vulnerable to infection are still encouraged to stay at home and attend Mass virtually, on TV or online. If you live in the diocese (or are visiting within the diocese), you are not required to attend Mass on Sundays or holy days of obligation if:*

- You are ill or your health would be significantly compromised if you were to contract a communicable illness (i.e., you have underlying conditions or are in a high-risk category).
- You exhibit flu-like symptoms.
- You have good reason to think you might be asymptomatic of a contagious illness (such as being in recent contact with someone who tested positive for a contagious illness such as COVID-19 or influenza).
- You care for the sick, homebound or infirm.
- You are pregnant, or caring for small children.
- You are 65 years of age or older (per the CDC's recommendation of high-risk individuals).
- You cannot attend Mass through no fault of your own (such as no Mass is offered, you are infirm, or you are prevented for some reason you cannot control).
- These categories will be reviewed and revised as needed.

May our Lord bless you and may our Lady keep you in her tender care. Be sure of our prayers,

Fr. Arnsperger

Fr. McCanless

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# Parish Announcements for Sunday, May 23, 2021

For more information contact the parish office at 828.252.6042 or visit [saintlawrencebasilica.org](http://saintlawrencebasilica.org)

## 2021 Diocesan Support Appeal Update

This year's DSA campaign is underway. Our assessment is \$80,665. At present 114 households have pledged a total of \$50,754.08. We are gaining ground! ***We still have a balance to be pledged of \$29,910.92 to meet our assessment.***

Online donations may be made at [charlottediocese.org/dsa](http://charlottediocese.org/dsa) on behalf of the Basilica. Thank you to all who have already pledged. Watch for more updates in the weekly bulletin. (Due to the Memorial Day Holiday, Monday May 31st, there will not be another update until June 6th.)

## Community Announcements

### 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](http://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.

*There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. ~ 1 Cor 12*

*...The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. ~ Gal 5*

### 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**

**Scan to Give**



### 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, if necessary.
- Sanitization of the entire Church after Sunday Masses, Friday Holy Hour and Confessions.
- All hymnals and missalettes have been removed.
- 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.
- Limited supplies of disposable masks are available for those who need one and forgot 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 Basilica Staff is diligently working to use a phased plan for the re-opening of the Basilica for Mass, additional activities, and the parish office. As we begin to implement these phases, below are some things to keep in mind:

- **Office Hours:** The Parish Office remains closed. However, appointments may be scheduled with office staff Tuesday—Friday between 9:00am and 12:00 Noon. To request an appointment, please complete the online appointment form at: <https://saintlawrencebasilica.org/appointments> or call the office at 828-252-6042.
- **Phone Calls to Office:** If your call is not answered, please leave a detailed voicemail with your full name and reason for calling. Staff will return your call at their earliest convenience.
- **Bulletin:** The weekly bulletin continues to be published in digital format only. It is typically uploaded to the parish website on Friday afternoon.
- **Covid-19 Updates:** Please visit the parish website for any Covid-19 Updates we may need to post.
- **Mass Reservations No Longer Required:** While reservations are no longer required to attend Mass, we ask that everyone please follow all current CDC guidelines. We ask that those attending Mass make their own decisions on wearing face coverings, but anyone who is vulnerable or not vaccinated is encouraged to continue wearing a face covering and to follow social distancing norms.
- **Mass Intentions:** To schedule Mass Intentions, please use our online form: <https://saintlawrencebasilica.org/schedule-a-mass> This is the most efficient way for office staff to handle your request.

## Faith Formation & Additional Parish Announcements - May 23, 2012

Congratulations to our students who recently celebrated their First Holy Communion:

Jefferson Armando Martinez Rodriguez  
Kevin Fabian Rojas Avila  
Hannah Yarethzy Alcantara Salas  
Scarlett Galvan Salas  
Brayden Hura  
Diego Gonzalez Garcia  
Jeronimo Hinojosa Salazar  
Melany Mendez Gonzales  
Kristan Pina



Kimberly Moguel Hernandez  
Leslie Moguel Hernandez  
Jesus Alexander Herrera Vazquez  
Elian Aaron Herrera Vazquez  
Diana Mairem Lopez  
Fredy Lopez Jr.  
Nu Ai Dihn Tran  
Josue Alexander Ramirez Salas

### 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](http://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.

### 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 23, 2021, The Solemnity of Pentecost

¡Alabado sea Jesucristo! ¡Ahora y siempre! ¡Hoy es Pentecostés! La temporada de Pascua ha terminado y hemos sido bendecidos con la Renovación de nuestras promesas bautismales y las gracias de la Pascua. Dejemos que el Espíritu Santo nos impulse a usar los siete dones: Isaías (11: 2-3), donde el profeta los ve y los describe en el Mesías: Sabiduría, Entendimiento, Consejo, Fortaleza, Conocimiento, Piedad y Temor del Señor. Hacerlo nos ayudará a disfrutar de los frutos del Espíritu que dan evidencia de nuestra vida católica de servicio gozoso al Señor. (Gálatas 5: 22-23): "Pero el fruto del Espíritu es caridad, gozo, paz, paciencia, benignidad, bondad, longanimidad, apacibilidad, fe, modestia, continencia, castidad".

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

Con oraciones, padre Arnsparger

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Como saben, hemos cambiado nuestros Protocolos para asistir en nuestras Santas Misas en relación con la pandemia. Aquí hay una carta que yo y el P. McCanless ha escrito para ayudarlo a tomar sus decisiones para asistir a misa con respecto a sus propias condiciones y:

"Estimados feligreses,

Este ha sido un año largo y difícil para todos nosotros. Gracias por los grandes y caritativos sacrificios que han hecho durante este último año para cuidarse y protegerse unos a otros. Recemos por los enfermos y los que los cuidan y, por supuesto, por el fin completo de la pandemia. Esperemos vernos pronto en la Misa. Como saben, la CDC y el gobernador de Carolina del Norte han eliminado ciertas restricciones que se han utilizado durante el último año para prevenir la propagación del virus Covid-19.

Ya estamos teniendo nuestro horario regular (Pre-covid) de la misa dominical. A partir de Pentecostés el 22 de mayo de 2021, daremos la bienvenida a feligreses y visitantes a todas nuestras Santas Misas sin reservaciones ni bancas alternas. Pedimos a los asistentes a la misa que tomen sus propias decisiones sobre el uso de cubiertas para el rostro, pero "se alienta a cualquier persona vulnerable o no vacunada a que continúe usando una cubierta para la cara y siga las normas de distanciamiento social" [ver Decreto Ejecutivo General de la DOC] o que asista a misa virtualmente. Consulte el boletín en línea para obtener más información sobre nuestro programa. La Diócesis de Charlotte ha emitido nuevos protocolos para las parroquias que incluyen:

### Servicios litúrgicos:

1. Los servicios religiosos ya no requieren distanciamiento social ni cubrirse el rostro.
2. A los que permanecen vulnerables se les aconseja que continúen cubriéndose la cara o que asistan a misa virtualmente.
3. Las opciones de recibir la Comunión del cáliz y extender el Signo de la Paz permanecerán omitidas hasta nuevo aviso ...

### Obligación de participar en Misa

A partir del domingo de Pentecostés, 23 de mayo de 2021, la dispensa general de asistir a misa los domingos y los días santos de obligación se reducirá para incluir solo a aquellos que siguen siendo vulnerables al coronavirus.

¿Quién está todavía exento (dispensado) de asistir a misa? A las personas enfermas o vulnerables a la infección se les sigue animando a que se queden en casa y asistan a misa de forma virtual, por televisión o en línea. Si vive en la diócesis (o está de visita dentro de la diócesis), no está obligado a asistir a misa los domingos o días festivos de obligación si:

- Está enfermo o su salud se vería significativamente comprometida si contrajera una enfermedad contagiosa (es decir, tiene afecciones subyacentes o se encuentra en una categoría de alto riesgo).
- Presenta síntomas similares a los de la gripe.
- Tiene buenas razones para pensar que podría ser asintomático de una enfermedad contagiosa (como haber estado en contacto reciente con alguien que dio positivo en una prueba de una enfermedad contagiosa como COVID-19 o influenza).
- Cuida a los enfermos, confinados en el hogar o enfermos.
- Está embarazada o cuida a niños pequeños.
- Tiene 65 años de edad o más (según la recomendación de los CDC para personas de alto riesgo).
- No puede asistir a Misa por causas ajenas a su voluntad (por ejemplo, si no se ofrece Misa, está enfermo o se le impide por alguna razón que no puede controlar).
- Estas categorías se revisarán y modificarán según sea necesario.

Que nuestro Señor te bendiga y que la Virgen te guarde en su tierno cuidado. Esté seguro de nuestras oraciones,

Padre Arnsparger  
P. McCanless

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