

Basilica Activities

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

DEAR VISITORS: Visitors are 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—EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION
As shown below.

Mass Intentions

* denotes Live Streaming

SATURDAY, JUNE 5 -

*5:00pm *Vigil* Br. Gerry Brereton by Gwen & Julian Hobson

SUNDAY, JUNE 6 - Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

*9:00am Pro Populo

12:00pm Special Intention

4:00pm *Español* Special Intention

MONDAY, JUNE 7 -

7:30am Pamela Caruthers by Gwen & Julian Hobson

TUESDAY, JUNE 8 -

*7:30am † Joyce Champion

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9 - St Ephrem

7:30am † Tom Troop

THURSDAY, JUNE 10 -

*7:30am † Debra James by Michael Nash

Choir Practice, 7:00pm, LCR

FRIDAY, JUNE 11 - THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

7:30am † Katherine Mountin Wolfe by Fr. Arnsperger

12:10pm † John Conroy by Emily Wimberly

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 12 - Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*5:00pm *Vigil* Pro Populo

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 13 - The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

*9:00am † Mary Janiczek by Hansbury Family

12:00pm Special Intention

4:00pm *Español* Special Intention

Choir Warm Up, 8:15am, LCR

Week Day Readings for Mass

JUNE 6: Ex 24:3-8/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26 (168) Pss Prop

JUNE 7: 2 Cor 1:1-7/Mt 5:1-12 (359) Pss II

JUNE 8: 2 Cor 1:18-22/Mt 5:13-16 (360)

JUNE 9: 2 Cor 3:4-11/Mt 5:17-19 (361)

JUNE 10: 2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6/Mt 5:20-26 (362)

JUNE 11: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9/Eph 3:8-12, 14-19/Jn 19:31-37 (171)
Pss Prop

JUNE 12: 2 Cor 5:14-21 (364)/Lk 2:41-51 (573)

From the Pastor

Sunday, June 6, 2021, The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of our Lord: Corpus Christi. We celebrate this Feast to honor the Real Presence of the Risen, Glorified Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. This miracle is the profound center of our Holy Catholic Faith. In every tabernacle in every Catholic Church Christ stays with us to comfort us, to feed us, to gather us in unity. On every Altar where a Catholic priest offers the Holy Mass, the true Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of the Risen, Glorified Jesus is made present for us to Adore and to Receive.

At Mass we "Behold, the Lamb of God Who takes away the sins of the world." We are amazed that the Lord has come to us to enter under our roof and that He says but the "word" and our souls are healed. God has come to us! At each Mass and Holy Communion let us express the amazement of the Lord's Presence: "Who are we that the Lord should come to us?"

Of course, our preparation for such a great miracle is filled with devotion:

- ◆ we examine our consciences and go to Confession regularly;
- ◆ we fast for one hour from all foods and liquids other than water;
- ◆ we dress in our Sunday best to show honor and respect to the Real Presence of our Lord;
- ◆ we arrive early for Holy Mass, and we remain afterwards to make our thanksgiving;
- ◆ we participate fully in the parts of the Holy Mass;
- ◆ we walk with reverence and amazement toward the reception of Holy Communion;
- ◆ we look adoringly at the Sacred Host as Jesus comes to us in Holy Communion and we adore Jesus, our God;
- ◆ we bow our heads and return to our pews reflecting on the Presence of Jesus in our Body;
- ◆ we remember that we are brought into Communion with the Holy Trinity and each other;
- ◆ we grow in awareness that the more deeply we prepare and participate in Communion we grow in greater our communion with God and each other;
- ◆ we kneel in thanksgiving and love when we return to our pew, speaking heart to heart with Jesus.

Catechism of the Catholic Church - The Eucharist §§ 1322 - 1419

"1324 The Eucharist is "source and summit of the Christian life." "The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch."

1325 "The Eucharist is the efficacious sign and sublime cause of that communion in the divine life and that unity of the People of God by which the Church is kept in being. It is the culmination both of God's action sanctifying the world in Christ and of the worship men offer to Christ and through him to the Father in the Holy Spirit."

1326 Finally, by the Eucharistic Celebration we already unite ourselves with the heavenly liturgy and anticipate eternal life, when God will be all in all.

1327 In brief, the Eucharist is the sum and summary of our faith: "Our way of thinking is attuned to the Eucharist, and the Eucharist in turn confirms our way of thinking."

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

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Parish Announcements for Sunday, June 6, 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 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 on behalf of the Basilica. Thank you to all who have already pledged. Watch for more updates in the weekly bulletin. *(There will be an update next week.)*

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH IS A SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Our Diocese and Parish have been blessed for over 20 years of having a very good program for education on making our parishes safe for all who participate and visit. To continue with that goal, we require all volunteers at St. Lawrence Parish to participate in our "Safe Environment Program" to protect all members of our Parish Family, in particular children and vulnerable adults. This program consists of each volunteer:

Completing a Volunteer Profile Form (to be kept at the Parish Office)

Having a Background Check run and renewed every 5 years (paid for by the Parish)

Reading the Diocesan Safe Environment Polices and signing electronically that you have read: "The Diocese of Charlotte Code of Ethics/ Conduct" and "The Policy of the Diocese of Charlotte Concerning Ministry-Related Sexual Misconduct by Church Personnel."

Attending one VIRTUS program of "Protecting God's Children Workshop" (online or in person)

Reading and staying current with the online Monthly VIRTUS training bulletins

After the Volunteer Profile Form (#1) is complete, the other elements of our Safe Environment Program (#2-#5) are now done online through Virtusonline.org. If you do not have a VIRTUS account, please call the Office so that we can help you set it up and arrange for the background check. Thank you for helping us keep St. Lawrence Parish a safe and welcoming parish!

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!

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

~ John 6

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.
- **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.

ONLINE GIVING
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Congratulations to all our Graduates!

Enjoy the Summer!

Registration for 2021-2022

Faith Formation Classes begins in August

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

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.



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.

2021 DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL

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:



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:

Ashley V. Paxton, Kayce Edwards, 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, June 6, 2021, The Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Estimados feligreses,

Hoy es la Solemnidad del Cuerpo y Sangre de nuestro Señor: Corpus Christi. Celebramos esta Fiesta para honrar la Presencia Real del Cuerpo y Sangre Resucitados, Glorificados, Alma y Divinidad de Jesucristo. Este milagro es el centro profundo de nuestra Santa Fe Católica. En cada tabernáculo de cada Iglesia Católica, Cristo permanece con nosotros para consolarnos, alimentarnos, reunirnos en la unidad. En cada Altar donde un sacerdote católico ofrece la Santa Misa, el verdadero Cuerpo y Sangre, Alma y Divinidad del Resucitado y Glorificado Jesús se hace presente para que lo Adoremos y Recibamos.

En la Misa, "He aquí el Cordero de Dios que quita los pecados del mundo". Nos asombra que el Señor haya venido a nosotros para entrar bajo nuestro techo y que Él diga sólo la "palabra" y nuestras almas sean sanadas. ¡Dios ha venido a nosotros! En cada Misa y Santa Comunión expresemos el asombro de la Presencia del Señor: "¿Quiénes somos para que el Señor venga a nosotros?"

Por supuesto, nuestra preparación para un milagro tan grande está llena de devoción:

- ♦ examinamos nuestras conciencias y nos confesamos con regularidad.
- ♦ ayunamos durante una hora de todos los alimentos y líquidos que no sean agua;
- ♦ nos vestimos mejor los domingos para mostrar honor y respeto a la Presencia Real de nuestro Señor;
- ♦ llegamos temprano para la Santa Misa y nos quedamos después para dar gracias;
- ♦ participamos plenamente en las partes de la Santa Misa;
- ♦ caminamos con reverencia y asombro hacia la recepción de la Sagrada Comunión;
- ♦ miramos con adoración la Sagrada Hostia cuando Jesús viene a nosotros en la Sagrada Comunión y adoramos a Jesús, nuestro Dios;
- ♦ inclinamos nuestros rostros y regresamos a nuestras bancas reflexionando sobre la Presencia de Jesús en nuestro Cuerpo;
- ♦ recordamos que estamos en comunión con la Santísima Trinidad y entre nosotros;
- ♦ crecemos en la conciencia de que cuanto más profundamente nos preparamos y participamos en la Comunión, crecemos en mayor comunión con Dios y con los demás;
- ♦ nos arrodillamos en acción de gracias y amor cuando regresamos a nuestro banco, hablando de corazón a corazón con Jesús.

Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica - La Eucaristía §§ 1322-1419

"1324 La Eucaristía es" fuente y cumbre de la vida cristiana ". "Los demás sacramentos, y de hecho todos los ministerios eclesiales y las obras de apostolado, están ligados a la Eucaristía y están orientados hacia ella. Porque en la Santísima Eucaristía está contenido todo el bien espiritual de la Iglesia, es decir, Cristo mismo, nuestra Pascua. "

1325 "La Eucaristía es signo eficaz y causa sublime de esa comunión en la vida divina y de esa unidad del Pueblo de Dios por la que se mantiene la Iglesia. Es la culminación tanto de la acción de Dios santificando el mundo en Cristo como del culto que los hombres ofrecen a Cristo y, por medio de él, al Padre en el Espíritu Santo ".

1326 Finalmente, con la celebración eucarística nos unimos ya a la liturgia celestial y anticipamos la vida eterna, cuando Dios será todo en todos.

1327 En resumen, la Eucaristía es la suma y el resumen de nuestra fe: "Nuestro modo de pensar está en sintonía con la Eucaristía, y la Eucaristía a su vez confirma nuestro modo de pensar".

Que nuestro Señor te bendiga y que la Virgen te guarde en su tierno cuidado. Con mis oraciones, el Padre Arnsperger

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