

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 12 -

*5:00pm *Vigil* Pro Populo

SUNDAY, JUNE 13 - The Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

*9:00am † Mary Janiczek by Hansbury Family

12:00pm Special Intention

4:00pm *Español* Special Intention

Choir Warm Up, 8:15am, LCR

MONDAY, JUNE 14 -

7:30am † Gary Desmond by Phil Murphy

TUESDAY, JUNE 15 -

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16 -

7:30am † David Wright by John Vesel

THURSDAY, JUNE 17 -

*7:30am † Norman Mello by Fr. Arnsparger

Choir Practice, 7:00pm, LCR

FRIDAY, JUNE 18 -

7:30am † Anthony & Eva Lorenzetti by Emily Wimberly

12:10pm † Lee Cumby by Adam Melton

Adoration & Benediction, 11:00am - 11:45am, Basilica

Confession, 12:45pm - 1:30pm, Basilica

SATURDAY, JUNE 19 - St Romuald; BVM

*5:00pm *Vigil* Jeanette Harbison by Catholic Daughters

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

Megan Torres-Argueta Baptism, 10:30am, Basilica

Christian Thomas King Baptism, 11:15am, Basilica

SUNDAY, JUNE 20 - The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*9:00am Pro Populo

12:00pm Special Intention

4:00pm *Español* Special Intention

Choir Warm Up, 8:15am, LCR

Week Day Readings for Mass

JUNE 13: Ez 17:22-24/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34 (92) Pss III

JUNE 14: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Mt 5:38-42 (365)

JUNE 15: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Mt 5:43-48 (366)

JUNE 16: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 (367)

JUNE 17: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Mt 6:7-15 (368)

JUNE 18: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Mt 6:19-23 (369)

JUNE 19: 2 Cor 12:1-10/Mt 6:24-34 (370)

From the Pastor

Sunday, June 13, 2021, The Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners,

We hear from the Prophet Ezekiel: *"Thus says the Lord GOD: I, too, will take from the crest of the cedar, from its topmost branches tear off a tender shoot, and plant it on a high and lofty mountain; on the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it. It shall put forth branches and bear fruit and become a majestic cedar." From a little shoot a great tree grows in which all can come to live.*" God's family, the Church, is that tree.

The Psalmist reminds us that: *"The just one shall flourish like the palm tree, like a cedar of Lebanon shall he grow."*

In the Gospel, our Lord teaches us: *"To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade."* Reminiscent of Ezekiel, our Lord teaches that it is from little things that great things develop. From a tiny mustard seed to a great tree invite all to live. Again, it is the Church.

In our lives we do many "little" things which all matter and give witness for Christ Who is inviting all to come to the Lord in His family, the Church. Let us continue to strive to give that great witness as the early Christians did. Let us thank the Lord for the privilege of being in the Church and inviting others to join us.

Last Sunday we celebrated 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. We reflected on the Lord coming to us and our response of Amazement, Awe, and Reverence.

The little things of reverence for the Eucharist witness to the Faith: appreciating the privilege of participating in the Divine Service (Liturgy) of worshiping our Lord and giving Him glory; the care we give to the upkeep of our Church, our preparation for Holy Mass, our respectful dress for entering our Sacred Church, God's Temple at all times; coming early for Holy Mass, reverence and quiet in the Church, our reverence, awe and amazement at being in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. How grand that we "Behold, the Lamb of God Who takes away the sins of the world." Thank you for your care of giving honor and glory to the One Who loves us most. Inviting people to encounter the Lord in our Church where they can experience quiet, reverence, awe and amazement at the Divine Presence is a little thing but has great effects.

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

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Parish Announcements for Sunday, June 13, 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 122 households have pledged a total of \$55,317.08. We are gaining ground! ***We still have a balance to be pledged of \$25,347.92 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!



Prayers & Condolences

are extended to
the family and friends of
Thomas Zichy
who entered eternal life
on **June 5, 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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R. Alleluia, alleluia.

**The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower.
All who come to him will live forever.**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

~ MK 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, 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, 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 13, 2021, The Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

Estimados feligreses,

Oímos del profeta Ezequiel: "Así dice el Señor DIOS: Yo también tomaré de la cresta del cedro, de sus ramas superiores arrancaré un brote tierno y lo plantaré en un monte alto y sublime; en las alturas de los montes de Israel la plantaré. Echará ramas y dará fruto y se convertirá en un cedro majestuoso ". De un pequeño brote crece un gran árbol en el que todos pueden vivir". La familia de Dios, la Iglesia, es ese árbol.

El salmista nos recuerda que: "El justo florecerá como la palmera, como cedro del Líbano crecerá".

En el Evangelio, nuestro Señor nos enseña: "¿A qué compararemos el reino de Dios, o qué parábola podemos usar para él? Es como una semilla de mostaza que, cuando se siembra en la tierra, es la más pequeña de todas las semillas de la tierra. Pero una vez que se siembra, brota y se convierte en la más grande de las plantas y produce grandes ramas, para que las aves del cielo puedan habitar a su sombra". Recordando a Ezequiel, nuestro Señor enseña que de las pequeñas cosas se desarrollan las grandes cosas. Desde una pequeña semilla de mostaza hasta un gran árbol, invitan a todos a vivir. Nuevamente, es la Iglesia.

En nuestra vida hacemos muchas "pequeñas" cosas que importan y damos testimonio de Cristo, quien invita a todos a venir al Señor en Su familia, la Iglesia. Continuemos esforzándonos por dar ese gran testimonio como lo hicieron los primeros cristianos. Demos gracias al Señor por el privilegio de estar en la Iglesia e invitar a otros a unirse a nosotros.

El pasado domingo celebramos 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 de los Resucitados, Jesús Glorificado se hace presente para que lo Adoremos y Recibamos. Reflexionamos sobre la llegada del Señor a nosotros y nuestra respuesta de asombro, asombro y reverencia.

Las pequeñas cosas de reverencia por la Eucaristía dan testimonio de la Fe: apreciar el privilegio de participar en el Servicio Divino (Liturgia) de adorar a nuestro Señor y darle gloria; el cuidado que le damos al mantenimiento de nuestra Iglesia, nuestra preparación para la Santa Misa, nuestra vestimenta respetuosa para entrar en nuestra Sagrada Iglesia, el Templo de Dios en todo momento; viniendo temprano para la Santa Misa, reverencia y tranquilidad en la Iglesia, nuestra reverencia, y asombro de estar en la presencia del Santísimo Sacramento. Cuán grandioso que nosotros "He aquí el Cordero de Dios que quita los pecados del mundo". Gracias por su cuidado de dar honor y gloria a Aquel que más nos ama. Invitar a las personas a encontrarse con el Señor en nuestra Iglesia donde puedan experimentar tranquilidad, reverencia y asombro ante la Presencia Divina es una cosa pequeña pero tiene grandes efectos.

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

Con mis oraciones, el Padre Arnsparger

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