

A Word to Our Visitors

DEAR VISITORS: All are welcome to attend Mass at the Basilica and visit during our new visiting hours as shown below in our Schedule of Activities and Fr. Arnsparger's weekly article.

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.

CONFESSIONS—Church Vestibule as directed by Greeters—*shown below.*

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

Mass Intentions & Schedule of Activities

* denotes Live Streaming

SATURDAY, JULY 3 -

*5:00pm *Vigil* Tyler Leeb by Ruthie Rieder

Reception for Fr. McCanless, 6:00p, CY

SUNDAY, JULY 4 - *The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*9:00am Pro Populo

12:00pm Special Intention

4:00pm *Español* Special Intention

Choir Warm Up, 8:15am, LCR

Reception for Fr. McCanless, 10:00am, 1:00pm and 5:00pm, CY

MONDAY, JULY 5 - *St Anthony Zaccaria; St Elizabeth of Portugal*

12:10pm † Herminia Maginit by MaryAnn Palacio

Visiting Hours, 11:00am-12:00pm, Basilica

TUESDAY, JULY 6 - *St Maria Goretti*

*7:30am † Patricia Joslin by Clifford Joslin

Visiting Hours, 11:00am-1:00pm and 3:00pm-5:00pm, Basilica

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7 -

7:30am Patty Crompton by Teresa Gore

Visiting Hours, 11:00am-1:00pm and 3:00pm-5:00pm, Basilica

THURSDAY, JULY 8 -

*7:30am Legion of Mary by Elizabeth Harris

Visiting Hours, 11:00am-1:00pm and 3:00pm-5:00pm, Basilica

Choir Practice, 7:00pm, LCR

FRIDAY, JULY 9 - *St Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions*

12:10pm † Richard Martin by Robert Martin

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

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

Burke-Gatto Wedding Rehearsal, 3:30pm, Basilica

SATURDAY, JULY 10 - *BVM*

*5:00pm *Vigil* Pro Populo

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

Burke-Gatto Wedding, 2:00pm, Basilica

SUNDAY, JULY 11 - *The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*9:00am † Jin Hine & Susie Ho by Gwen & Julian Hobson

12:00pm Special Intention

4:00pm *Español* Special Intention

Choir Warm Up, 8:15am, LCR

Week Day Readings for Mass

JULY 4: Ez 2:2-5/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a (101)

JULY 5: Gn 28:10-22a/Mt 9:18-26 (383)

JULY 6: Gn 32:23-33/Mt 9:32-38 (384)

JULY 7: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Mt 10:1-7 (385)

JULY 8: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Mt 10:7-15 (386)

JULY 9: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Mt 10:16-23 (387)

JULY 10: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Mt 10:24-33 (388)

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From the Pastor

Sunday, July 4, 2021, *The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Dear Parishioners,

We have our new schedule for Masses and Visits to the Parish Church in our Opening from the Covid Pandemic restrictions. I am very grateful for the good work of Fr. McCanless, the Staff and Volunteers who have been and now are providing for being present in the Church whenever it is open. Please continue to thank them for their generosity and dedication. It is essential that we monitor the Church to provide a safe place for everyone. Several safety measures have been introduced on our campus so that soon we will be able to offer space in Laurentine Hall and the Office Conference Room for Parish Meetings; we hope to do this by mid-July.

The new schedule for Masses and Visits to the Basilica **beginning Monday, July 5th:**

SUNDAY MASS

5:00pm *Vigil* (Saturday)

9:00am, 12:00pm, 4:00pm Spanish

DAILY MASS

Monday, Friday 12:10pm

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 7:30am

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Friday 11:00am TO 11:45am

VISITING HOURS

Monday 11:00am-12:00pm

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 11:00am-1:00pm

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 3:00pm-5:00pm

In today's Liturgy, we are encouraged that even though we may at times be "rebellious" God's infinite love is given as He calls us back into union with His truth and Divine Plan for us. He always sends prophets to speak for Him and reminds us of who we are and how we ought to act. He sent Ezekiel to Israel in the past and today in the first reading for us: *"As the LORD spoke to me, the spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me: Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have revolted against me to this very day... you shall say to them: Thus says the LORD GOD! And whether they heed or resist—for they are a rebellious house— they shall know that a prophet has been among them."*

The Gospel reminds us that even our Lord's hometown people rejected him as a prophet. They said, "We know his family and they are just ordinary people. We can only hope that they later came to faith. We read: *"... When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? (Remember these are cousins) And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." ... He was amazed at their lack of faith. Let us receive Christ in His Church and her teachings so that we might live fully the prophetic truths of God's Divine Plan.*

Finally, and again, I, and I know you also, want to thank Fr. McCanless for his extraordinary, dedicated, and generous ministry with us at St. Lawrence Parish. We will all miss him and hope that he visits us often. Father will begin his new ministry as the Pastor of Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Winston-Salem. Please keep him in your good prayers as the Lord shares him with his new parishioners. God bless and keep you, Fr. McCanless!

May God bless you all and may our Lady keep you in her tender care.
Fr. Arnsparger

Parish Announcements for Sunday, July 4, 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 124 households have pledged a total of \$55,817.08. We are gaining ground! ***We still have a balance to be pledged of \$24,847.92 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.)*



Prayers & Condolences

are extended to
the family and friends of
Thomas Hansen
who entered eternal life
on June 25, 2021

AND

Elizabeth "Betty" Albury Zistler

(mother of parishioner Tricha Diaz)

who entered eternal life

on June 23, 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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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.



*R. Alleluia, alleluia.
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
for he sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.*

~ Luke 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.
- 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

Beginning Tuesday, July 6, 2021, the Parish Office will reopen on Tuesday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon.

- **Appointments:** To request an appointment, please complete the online 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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FAITH FORMATION UPDATE

Registration for 2021-2022
Faith Formation Classes begins in August

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:



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.

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.

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:

1. Completing a Volunteer Profile Form (to be kept at the Parish Office)
2. Having a Background Check run and renewed every 5 years (paid for by the Parish)
3. Reading the Diocesan Safe Environment Policies 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."
4. Attending one VIRTUS program of "Protecting God's Children Workshop" (online or in person)
5. 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!

People to Pray for . . .

• PARISHIONERS:

Fanny Forteza, 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:

Lauren & Patty Crompton, Ashley V. Paxton, Kayce Edwards, David Jones, Adam Powers, Tony Sellers, Ron Thompson, Bernie Thompson, Trent Johnson, Martha Johnson, 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, July 4, 2021, The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Estimados feligreses,

Tenemos nuestro nuevo horario para Misas y Visitas a la Iglesia Parroquial en nuestras restricciones de Apertura de la Pandemia de Covid. Estoy muy agradecido por el buen trabajo del Padre McCanless, el personal y los voluntarios que han estado y están ayudando a estar presentes en la Iglesia siempre que esté abierta. Continúe agradeciéndoles su generosidad y dedicación. Es esencial que supervisemos la Iglesia para brindar un lugar seguro para todos. Se han introducido varias medidas de seguridad en nuestro campus para que pronto podamos ofrecer espacio en Laurentine Hall y la sala de conferencias de la oficina para reuniones parroquiales; esperamos hacerlo a mediados de julio.

El nuevo horario de Misas y Visitas a la Basílica a **partir del lunes 5 de julio**:

MISA DOMINGO

5:00 pm Vigilia (sábado)

9:00 am, 12:00 pm, 4:00 pm Español

MISA DIARIA

Lunes, Viernes 12:10 pm

Martes, miércoles, jueves 7:30 am

ADORACIÓN Y BENEDICCIÓN

Viernes 11:00 am a 11:45 am

HORAS DE VISITA

Lunes 11:00 am-12:00pm

Martes-jueves 11:00 am-1:00pm

Martes a jueves de 3:00 pm a 5:00 pm

En la liturgia de hoy, se nos anima a que, aunque a veces seamos "rebeldes", el amor infinito de Dios se da cuando nos llama de nuevo a la unión con su verdad y su plan divino para nosotros. Siempre envía profetas para hablar en su nombre y nos recuerda quiénes somos y cómo debemos actuar. Él envió a Ezequiel a Israel en el pasado y hoy en la primera lectura para nosotros: *"Mientras el SEÑOR me hablaba, el espíritu entró en mí y me puso de pie, y oí al que hablaba que me decía: Hijo de hombre, te envío a los israelitas, rebeldes que se han rebelado contra mí; ellos y sus antepasados se han rebelado contra mí hasta el día de hoy... les dirás: ¡Así dice el SEÑOR DIOS! Y escuchen o resistan, porque son una casa rebelde, sabrán que un profeta ha estado entre ellos".*

El Evangelio nos recuerda que incluso la gente de la ciudad natal de nuestro Señor lo rechazó como profeta. Dijeron: "Conocemos a su familia y son personas comunes y corrientes. Solo podemos esperar que más tarde llegaran a la fe. Leemos: "... Cuando llegó el día de reposo, comenzó a enseñar en la sinagoga, y muchos de los que lo oyeron quedaron asombrados. Dijeron: "¿De dónde sacó este hombre todo esto? ... ¿No es él el carpintero, el hijo de María, y el hermano de Jacobo, José, Judas y Simón? (Recuerde que estos son primos) ¿Y no están sus hermanas aquí con nosotros?" Y se sintieron ofendidos por él. Jesús les dijo: "Un profeta no carece de honra excepto en su lugar natal y entre los suyos y en su propia casa". ... Estaba asombrado por su falta de fe. Recibamos a Cristo en Su Iglesia y sus enseñanzas para que podamos vivir plenamente las verdades proféticas del Plan Divino de Dios.

Finalmente, una y otra vez, yo, y sé que tú también, agradecemos Padre McCanless por su ministerio extraordinario, dedicado y generoso con nosotros en la parroquia de San Lorenzo. Todos lo extrañaremos y esperamos que nos visite a menudo. El padre comenzará su nuevo ministerio como párroco de la parroquia Nuestra Señora de la Misericordia en Winston-Salem. Por favor manténgalo en sus buenas oraciones mientras el Señor lo comparte con sus nuevos feligreses. Dios lo bendiga y guarde al Padre McCanless!

Que Dios los bendiga a todos y que la Virgen los guarde en su tierno cuidado. P. Arnsparger

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