

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 10 -

*5:00pm *Vigil* Pro Populo

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

MONDAY, JULY 12 - *St Anthony Zaccaria; St Elizabeth of Portugal*

12:10pm +Claudio & Maricoy Bonnefoy

Private Prayer & Visits, 11:00am-12:00pm, B

TUESDAY, JULY 13 - *St Maria Goretti*

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

Private Prayer & Visits, 11:00am-1:00pm and 3:00pm-5:00pm, B

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14 -

7:30am † Thomas Zichy by Fr. Arnsparger

Private Prayer & Visits, 11:00am-1:00pm and 3:00pm-5:00pm, B

THURSDAY, JULY 15 -

*7:30am † Joanne Jeckovich by David Jeckovich

Private Prayer & Visits, 11:00am-1:00pm and 3:00pm-5:00pm, B

Choir Practice, 7:00pm, LCR

FRIDAY, JULY 16 - *St Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions*

12:10pm Souls in Purgatory by Hector Onate Perez

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

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

SATURDAY, JULY 17 - *BVM*

*5:00pm *Vigil* † Rev. Mr. Richard Voegelé by Abbi Strickland

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

Altar Society Meeting, 10:00am, LH

Enzo Gunselman Baptism, 10:30am, Basilica

SUNDAY, JULY 18 - *The Sixteenth 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

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)

From the Pastor

Sunday, July 11, 2021, The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ!

Today in the Divine Liturgy Amos is calling the people back to fidelity to God's Will, to live His law. To live the law was to honor God and to bring true peace to the soul. Amos did not take this vocation on himself, but rather he was sent by the Lord. Of course, the call to holiness, of behaving like a son of God (following God's law) did not sit well with the people to whom Amos was sent; he is told to go back home. Faithful to his vocation, however, he stayed in Israel and continued to call the people back to the Lord.

Each of us, St. Paul reminds us, is called; we are chosen to come to holiness of being and of action. Our redemption is dependent upon our answering our universal call to holiness and our particular vocation in life as service to the Church. We exist, St. Paul tells us to "praise His glory" as we have heard the word of truth, the gospel of our salvation. So, whether we are called to the single life consecrated to the Lord, to the Holy Sacrament of Marriage, the consecrated Religious Life, or to the Sacred Priesthood, we all exist to "praise" God's glory by living our vocations faithfully.

The Holy Gospel today focuses us on the call of the Twelve and their successors, the Priests of the Church. Here we see the mission of the Priests of the Church in total trust that God will provide all things as they carry out their priestly ministry. From the "priesthood of the faithful" our Lord calls men to the "ministerial priesthood." These priests are other Christs who continue the redeeming work of the Savior by their ministry of the Sacraments, their shepherding of the faithful and their teaching the truths Christ has entrusted to His Church so that people know the way of life: the law of God for man.

"God takes possession of the man He calls to the priesthood and consecrates him to the service of his fellow men; God bestows upon him a new personality. And once he has been chosen and consecrated to the service of God and others, he is not just a priest at certain moments only, for example while he is carrying out sacred functions." (Fr. Francis Fernandez)

"He is a priest always and at every moment, whether he is performing the highest and most sublime office or the most ... humble action of his ordinary life. Just as a Christian cannot leave aside the fact that he is a new man, that Baptism has given him a particular character, and act 'as if' he were just a man purely and simply, neither can the priest leave aside his priestly character Whatever he does, whatever attitude he adopts, whether he likes it or not, it will always be the action or the attitude of a priest, because he is a priest always, and at all times down to the very depths of his being, whatever he may do or whatever he may think." (F. Suarez, About Being a priest, p. 8 as quoted in Conversations With God)

Let us pray for our priests and encourage them. And let us pray for our young men that they will listen to God's call to the Holy Priesthood. I pray that many young men here at St. Lawrence will join with me in this great gift of the Priesthood. To be able to offer the Holy Mass and the Sacraments and to be a part of so many people's lives as they endeavor to "praise" God's glory and live according to His law is such a privilege and a joy.

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

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Parish Announcements for Sunday, July 11, 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
Rev. Mr. Richard "Rich" Voegelé

[Permanent deacon previously assigned at the Basilica]

who entered eternal life
on July 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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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.

*May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes
of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope
that belongs to our call..*

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

~ Eph 1

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.
- 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 Parish Office is open 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.

FEAST OF ST LAWRENCE CELEBRATION—AUG 8TH

Watch the bulletin, website, and SignUpGenius for upcoming details on our Celebration for the Feast of St Lawrence.

Plans are underway for a special event to celebrate our Patron Saint—save the date!

Sunday, August 8, 2021

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:

Kathy McGuire, 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 11, 2021, The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Estimados feligreses,

¡Alabado sea Jesucristo!

Hoy, en la Divina Liturgia, Amós está llamando al pueblo a volver a la fidelidad a la Voluntad de Dios, a vivir su ley. Vivir la ley era honrar a Dios y traer verdadera paz al alma. Amós no asumió esta vocación, sino que fue enviado por el Señor. Por supuesto, el llamado a la santidad, a comportarse como un hijo de Dios (siguiendo la ley de Dios) no le cayó bien a la gente a la que fue enviado Amós; se le dice que vuelva a casa. Sin embargo, fiel a su vocación, permaneció en Israel y continuó llamando al pueblo de regreso al Señor.

Cada uno de nosotros, nos recuerda San Pablo, está llamado; somos elegidos para llegar a la santidad del ser y de la acción. Nuestra redención depende de nuestra respuesta a nuestro llamado universal a la santidad y nuestra vocación particular en la vida como servicio a la Iglesia. Existimos, nos dice San Pablo que "alabemos su gloria" porque hemos escuchado la palabra de verdad, el evangelio de nuestra salvación. Entonces, ya sea que estemos llamados a la vida de soltería consagrada al Señor, al Santo Sacramento del Matrimonio, a la Vida Religiosa consagrada o al Sagrado Sacerdocio, todos existimos para "alabar" la gloria de Dios viviendo fielmente nuestras vocaciones.

El Santo Evangelio de hoy nos centra en la llamada de los Doce y sus sucesores, los Sacerdotes de la Iglesia. Aquí vemos la misión de los sacerdotes de la Iglesia con total confianza en que Dios proveerá todas las cosas mientras llevan a cabo su ministerio sacerdotal. Desde el "sacerdocio de los fieles", nuestro Señor llama a los hombres al "sacerdocio ministerial". Estos sacerdotes son otros Cristos que continúan la obra redentora del Salvador mediante su ministerio de los sacramentos, su pastoreo de los fieles y su enseñanza de las verdades que Cristo ha confiado a su Iglesia para que la gente conozca el camino de la vida: la ley de Dios para hombre.

"Dios toma posesión del hombre a quien llama al sacerdocio y lo consagra al servicio de sus semejantes; Dios le otorga una nueva personalidad. Y una vez elegido y consagrado al servicio de Dios y de los demás, no es solo sacerdote en determinados momentos, por ejemplo, mientras realiza funciones sagradas". (P. Francis Fernandez)

"Es sacerdote siempre y en todo momento, ya sea que esté desempeñando el oficio más alto y sublime o la acción más... humilde de su vida ordinaria. Así como un cristiano no puede dejar de lado el hecho de que es un hombre nuevo, que el bautismo le ha dado un carácter particular, y actuar 'como si' fuera pura y simplemente un hombre, tampoco el sacerdote puede dejar de lado su carácter sacerdotal Haga lo que haga, cualquier actitud que adopte, le guste o no, será siempre la acción o la actitud de un sacerdote, porque es sacerdote siempre, y en todo momento hasta lo más profundo de su ser, sea lo que sea. que pueda hacer o lo que sea que piense ". (F. Suárez, Acerca de ser sacerdote, p. 8 citado en Conversaciones con Dios)

Oremos por nuestros sacerdotes y animémoslos. Y oremos por nuestros jóvenes para que escuchen el llamado de Dios al Santo Sacerdocio. Oro para que muchos jóvenes aquí en San Lorenzo se unan a mí en este gran don del sacerdocio. Poder ofrecer la Santa Misa y los Sacramentos y ser parte de la vida de tantas personas que se esfuerzan por "alabar" la gloria de Dios y vivir de acuerdo con Su ley es un privilegio y un gozo.

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

Con mis oraciones, padre Arnsparger

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