

Basilica Activities

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

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

* denotes Live Streaming

SATURDAY, JULY 17 -

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

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

Fr. Torres welcome, 5:00pm, Laurentine Hall

MONDAY, JULY 19 -

12:10pm All of my former students by Verne Franks

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

Coro Prayer Group, 6:30pm, Basilica

TUESDAY, JULY 20 - St Apollinaris

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

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21 - St Lawrence of Brindisi

7:30am † Gary Desmond by Phil Murphy

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

THURSDAY, JULY 22 - St Mary Magdalene

*7:30am † Betty Zistler by Fr. Arnsparger

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

Choir Practice, 7:00pm, LCR

FRIDAY, JULY 23 - St Bridget

12:10pm † Rev. Mr. Richard Voegelé by Fr. Arnsparger

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

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

SATURDAY, JULY 24 - St Sharbel Makhlūf; BVM

*5:00pm *Vigil* Pro Populo

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

SUNDAY, JULY 25 - The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*9:00am † Ryan McKenna by Sally Gabrielson

12:00pm Special Intention

4:00pm *Español* Special Intention

Choir Warm Up, 8:15am, LCR

Week Day Readings for Mass

JULY 18: Jer 23:1-6/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34 (107)

JULY 19: Ex 14:5-18/Mt 12:38-42 (395)

JULY 20: Ex 14:21—15:1/Mt 12:46-50 (396)

JULY 21: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Mt 13:1-9 (397)

JULY 22: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18 (603) Pss Prop

JULY 23: Ex 20:1-17/Mt 13:18-23 (399)

JULY 24: Ex 24:3-8/Mt 13:24-30 (400)

From the Pastor

Sunday, July 18, 2021, The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and Forever!

Sunday, August 8, 2021, is the date for our celebration of the Feast of St. Lawrence! While the actual date of the Feast is August 10, Bishop Jugis has given us permission to transfer the Feast to the Sunday before. So, mark your calendars and plan to be with us for the celebration. The schedule for Sunday, August 8th is:

- 9:00 am Solemn Sacrifice of the Mass with Choir
Fr. Arnsparger, Celebrant
- 12:00 pm Solemn Sacrifice of the Mass with Choir
Bishop Peter Jugis, Celebrant; Fr. Arnsparger concelebrant
- 1:30 pm Outdoor Picnic with food trucks or bring your lunch & drinks
Welcome, Visiting, Music,
- 4:00 pm Solemn Sacrifice of the Mass with Choir (Spanish)
Welcome by Bishop Jugis
Fr. Torres, Celebrant

Let's plan to spend some good quality time together on our Patronal Feast. More information will be forthcoming. See you there!

In today's Gospel, our Lord emphasizes again the priests' place in the building of the Kingdom. They are to be his icons, his coworkers in the Church. The scattered flock needs to have a visible sign of that unity of which St. Paul writes to the Ephesians today. The priests are those visible signs of unity. We are told by St. Paul that those who were once far off are made one in Christ Jesus by their incorporation in the fold, the Church. This is done by parish life centered on the Holy Mass and the Sacraments. At Mass we participate in the holy sacrifice of the Cross, we are uniting ourselves to Christ in giving, sacrificing our lives and so are in real union with Him.

It is Jesus the Good Shepherd (Psalm 23) who indeed tends to the flock as he sends his priests to gather them together. The labors which the apostles perform are tiring and so the Lord calls them to rest. But this rest is not just a cessation of work, nor is it a diversion into useless activity. It is a rest "in" the Lord. This is what our Sunday rest is about. We need the time to reflect on the worship we gave the Lord on Sunday Holy Mass and all the service we gave to the Lord during the week. The Christian would never just "rest" from the work of the activities of the day, but rather look for ways to enhance the spiritual and physical life to serve the Gospel.

Let us pray for three things today: First, let us pray that our Catholic people will be eager to learn the Faith, not just to see the Church as a charitable organization which may do good things and is good to have, but to be eager to know the Catholic Faith and live it at every moment. Second, let us focus on our real participation in the sacrifice of the Cross, to worship our Lord with deep devotion. And finally, let us pray for vocations to the Priesthood from our families, parish, and diocese.

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

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Parish Announcements for Sunday, July 18, 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 \$61,467.08. We are gaining ground! ***We still have a balance to be pledged of \$19,187.92 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.)*

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. **Our biggest needs right now are diapers, wipes, toiletries, and feminine hygiene products.**

If you or someone you know are in need, please contact us at 255-0146 to learn more or schedule a visit.

The Catholic Charities Food Pantry at 50 Orange Street in Asheville has been one day a week on Wednesdays from 11-1 during COVID-19, but we're expanding to add Thursdays from 10:00 a.m.-Noon starting this week.

Catholic Charities is in need of volunteers throughout western North Carolina. Volunteers are needed to help in our office, with our Food Pantry, and with special projects at 50 Orange Street in Asheville, but we're also looking for volunteers to help with events and food distributions throughout the 12 westernmost counties of North Carolina. We're in need of volunteers to coordinate efforts at your church and to lead donation and supply drives.

Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock of my pasture, says the LORD. Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, I am against the shepherds who shepherd my people: You have scattered my sheep and driven them away.

~ Jer. 23

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;

I know them, and they follow me.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

~ John 10

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!

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.

ONLINE GIVING

Scan to Give



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:



DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO NEEDS HELP?

If you or someone you know is experiencing financial difficulties, please remember that the Society of St. Vincent de Paul wants to help. Over the past 23 years we have helped with rent, utility bills, auto repairs, bus passes, emergency food and other needs. You may leave a message for the St Vincent de Paul volunteer team at 828-775-1933 on Monday mornings.. State your phone number very clearly and a Vincentian will return your call. Be assured, all calls are held in strict confidence.

¿CONOCES A ALGUIEN QUE NECESITE AYUDA?

Si usted o alguien que usted conoce tiene dificultades económicas, recuerde que la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl desea ayudarle. Por los últimos 23 años hemos ayudado con renta, servicios de utilidades, reparaciones de carro, pases de autobús, comida y otras necesidades. Por favor llámenos al 828-775-1933. Deje su número de teléfono bien claro y una persona que hable español le retornara su llamada. Le aseguramos que todas las llamadas son confidenciales.



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

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

• MILITARY PERSONNEL:

Christopher Balot, Vincent Camarata, Joseph Houston, Steffan Pixler

Continuation from Pastor
Sunday, July 18, 2021, The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Estimados feligreses,

¡Alabado sea Jesucristo! ¡Ahora y siempre!

¡El domingo 8 de agosto de 2021 es la fecha de nuestra celebración de la Fiesta de San Lorenzo! Si bien la fecha real de la fiesta es el 10 de agosto, el obispo Jugis nos ha dado permiso para transferir la fiesta al domingo anterior. Por lo tanto, marquen sus calendarios y planeen estar con nosotros para la celebración. El horario para el domingo 8 de agosto es:

- 9:00 am Sacrificio solemne de la misa con coro P. Arnsparger, celebrante
- 12:00 pm Sacrificio solemne de la misa con coro El obispo Peter Jugis, celebrante; P. Concelebrante de Arnsparger
- 1:30 pm Picnic al aire libre con camiones de comida o traiga su almuerzo y bebidas, Bienvenida, Visitante, Música,
- 4:00 pm Sacrificio solemne de la misa con coro (español) Bienvenida del obispo Jugis P. Torres, celebrante

Hagamos planes para pasar un buen rato juntos en nuestra Fiesta Patronal. Próximamente habrá más información. ¡Te veo allí!

En el Evangelio de hoy, nuestro Señor enfatiza nuevamente el lugar de los sacerdotes en la construcción del Reino. Deben ser sus iconos, sus compañeros de trabajo en la Iglesia. El rebaño esparcido necesita tener un signo visible de esa unidad de la que San Pablo escribe a los Efesios hoy. Los sacerdotes son esos signos visibles de unidad. San Pablo nos dice que aquellos que alguna vez estuvieron lejos son hechos uno en Cristo Jesús por su incorporación al redil, la Iglesia. Esto se hace mediante la vida parroquial centrada en la Santa Misa y los Sacramentos. En la Misa participamos del santo sacrificio de la Cruz, nos unimos a Cristo dando, sacrificando nuestras vidas y así estamos en unión real con Él.

Es Jesús el Buen Pastor (Salmo 23) quien en verdad cuida del rebaño mientras envía a sus sacerdotes a reunirlos. Las labores que realizan los apóstoles son fatigosas y por eso el Señor los llama al descanso. Pero este descanso no es solo una cesación del trabajo, ni una desviación hacia una actividad inútil. Es un reposo "en" el Señor. De esto se trata nuestro descanso dominical. Necesitamos tiempo para reflexionar sobre el culto que le dimos al Señor el domingo en la Santa Misa y todo el servicio que le dimos al Señor durante la semana. El cristiano nunca simplemente "descansaría" del trabajo de las actividades del día, sino que buscaría formas de mejorar la vida espiritual y física para servir al Evangelio.

Oremos por tres cosas hoy: Primero, oremos para que nuestro pueblo católico esté ansioso por aprender la fe, no solo para ver a la Iglesia como una organización caritativa que puede hacer cosas buenas y es bueno tenerla, sino también para estar ansiosos por conocer la Fe Católica y vivirla en todo momento. En segundo lugar, centrémonos en nuestra participación real en el sacrificio de la Cruz, para adorar a nuestro Señor con profunda devoción. Y finalmente, oremos por las vocaciones al sacerdocio de nuestras familias, parroquia y diócesis.

Que nuestro Señor los bendiga y la Virgen los guarde en su tierno cuidado. Con mis oraciones, padre Arnsparger

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