

Basilica Activities

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.

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—EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION—shown below.

Mass Intentions

* denotes Live Streaming

SATURDAY, JULY 24 -

*5:00pm *Vigil* Pro Populo

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

MONDAY, JULY 26 - Sts Joachim and Anne

12:10pm Michael Matos by Rutherford Family

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

Spanish Prayer Group, 6:30pm, Basilica

TUESDAY, JULY 27 -

*7:30am Laura Crompton by Teresa Gore

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28 -

7:30am † Thomas Hansen by Fr. Arnsperger

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

THURSDAY, JULY 29 - St Martha

*7:30am † Betty Zistler by Ted & Denise Vish

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

Choir Practice, 7:00pm, LCR

FRIDAY, JULY 30 - St Peter Chrysolagus

12:10pm † Scott Witty by David Jeckovich

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

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

SATURDAY, JULY 31 - St Ignatius of Loyola

*5:00pm *Vigil* All my former teachers by Verne Franks

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1 - The Eighteenth 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 25:2 Kgs 4:42-44/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15 (110) Pss 1

JULY 26:Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Mt 13:31-35 (401)

JULY 27:Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Mt 13:36-43 (402)

JULY 28:Ex 34:29-35/Mt 13:44-46 (403)

JULY 29:Ex 40:16-21, 34-38 (404)/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42 (607)

JULY 30:Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Mt 13:54-58 (405)

JULY 31:Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-12 (406)

From the Pastor

Sunday, July 25, 2021, The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners,

Today we begin five weeks of reflecting on the 6th chapter of St. John's Gospel. Today we have the Miracle of the multiplication of the loaves, we will skip the Miracle of Jesus walking on the water and then next Sunday we begin reading the section of the Gospel called "The Bread of Life Discourse" for four Sundays.

We begin at Mass today by praying in the opening prayer (the "collect"): "God our Father and protector, without You nothing is holy, nothing has value." From this foundational statement we can emphasize our total dependence on the Lord and understand that He is the One Who gives purpose and value because He alone is the Creator. Without Him there really is no point to life, no purpose. With Him everything makes sense, and we can understand life and see its deep meaning. God provides everything as we sing in the Responsorial Psalm.

Today you can visit Tabgha in the Holy Land at the place where the miracle of the loaves and fishes occurred. There is a 4th century mosaic with a basket with the loaves and two fish. The Gospel today presents the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes with great detail. The Navarre Bible comments: "The profusion of detail shows how accurate this narrative is – the names of the Apostles who address our Lord, the fact that they were barley loaves, the boy who provided the wherewithal and, finally, Jesus telling them to gather up the leftovers." A great teaching is about to be given as a merciful Jesus tends to the physical needs of the people. The Eucharistic overtones are clearly seen.

Our first reading reminds us of the provision God made for His people through the person of the prophet Elisha. The Barley loaves and grain fed everyone present as Elisha said they would. In the Gospel we see that God Himself will provide directly through the words and deeds of Jesus in the miracle of the loaves and fishes. Both incidents prefigure the Eucharist. The commentary of the Navarre Bible gives us this: "The account of the miracle begins with almost the very same words as those which the Synoptics [Matthew, Mark, and Luke] and St. Paul use to describe the institution of the Eucharist (cf. Mt. 26:26; Mk 14:22; Lk 22:19; 1 Cor 11:25). This indicates that the miracle, in addition to being an expression of Jesus' mercy towards the needy, is a symbol of the Blessed Eucharist, about which our Lord will speak a little later. (cf. Jn 6: 26-29)."

So, God provides in abundance. We are the recipients of His profuse love, His abundant providence. Because of this we tend to care for those gifts of our Lord – great and small. Notice the attention our Lord gives to the leftovers, the little pieces. He doesn't want anything to go to waste. Even a bit of the providence of God is astounding. The little things of God are really great things to the world. How much we must care for the little things in our lives. We must care diligently for all the "little" things that God provides. Let us pray for each other to care for the "little" things in our lives which produce so much for us.

Again, just a reminder to invite you to our St. Lawrence Feast celebration on Sunday, August 8. Bishop Jugis will be with us for the 12:00 noon Sunday Mass; we will have a picnic, visiting with fellow parishioners, music, and celebration at 1:30 pm. I look forward to seeing you there.

May our Lord bless you and our Lady keep you in her tender care.

With my prayers, Father Arnsperger

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Parish Announcements for Sunday, July 25, 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 126 households have pledged a total of \$61,717.08. We are gaining ground! ***We still have a balance to be pledged of \$18,937.92 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.

I urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, ...one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

~ Eph 4

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
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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.



Catholic Charities
Diocese of Charlotte

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 Wentta, 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 25, 2021, The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Estimados feligreses,

Hoy comenzamos cinco semanas de reflexión sobre el capítulo 6 del Evangelio de San Juan. Hoy tenemos el Milagro de la multiplicación de los panes y luego leeremos la sección del Evangelio llamada "El Discurso del Pan de Vida".

Comenzamos hoy en la Misa rezando en la oración de apertura (la "colecta"): "Dios, nuestro Padre y protector, sin ti nada es santo, nada tiene valor". A partir de esta declaración fundamental podemos enfatizar nuestra dependencia total del Señor y entender que Él es quien da propósito y valor porque solo Él es el Creador. Sin Él, la vida no tiene sentido, no tiene propósito. Con Él todo tiene sentido y podemos entender la vida y ver su significado profundo. Dios provee todo mientras cantamos en el Salmo Responsorial.

Hoy puedes visitar Tabgha en Tierra Santa en el lugar donde ocurrió el milagro de los panes y los peces. Hay un mosaico del siglo IV con una canasta con los panes y dos peces. El Evangelio de hoy presenta con gran detalle el milagro de la multiplicación de los panes y los peces. La Biblia de Navarra comenta: "La profusión de detalles muestra cuán precisa es esta narración: los nombres de los Apóstoles que se dirigen a nuestro Señor, el hecho de que eran panes de cebada, el niño que les proporcionó los medios y, finalmente, Jesús les dijo que se reunieran. recoja las sobras ". Una gran enseñanza está a punto de ser dada a medida que un Jesús misericordioso atiende las necesidades físicas de la gente. Los matices eucarísticos se ven claramente.

Nuestra primera lectura nos recuerda la provisión que Dios hizo para su pueblo a través de la persona del profeta Eliseo. Los panes de cebada y el grano alimentaron a todos los presentes como Eliseo dijo que lo harían. En el Evangelio vemos que Dios mismo proveerá directamente a través de las palabras y hechos de Jesús en el milagro de los panes y los peces. Ambos incidentes prefiguran la Eucaristía. El comentario de la Biblia de Navarra nos da esto: "El relato del milagro comienza casi con las mismas palabras que los Sinópticos [Mateo, Marcos y Lucas] y San Pablo usan para describir la institución de la Eucaristía (cf. (Mt 26,26; Mc 14,22; Lc 22,19; 1 Cor 11,25). Esto indica que el milagro, además de ser una expresión de la misericordia de Jesús hacia los necesitados, es un símbolo de la Santísima Eucaristía, de la que nuestro Señor hablará un poco más tarde. (cf. Jn 6, 26-29) ".

Entonces, Dios provee en abundancia. Somos los destinatarios de Su profuso amor, Su abundante providencia. Debido a esto, tendemos a cuidar los dones de nuestro Señor, grandes y pequeños. Note la atención que nuestro Señor le da a las sobras, los pedacitos. No quiere que nada se desperdicie. Incluso un poco de la providencia de Dios es asombroso. Las pequeñas cosas de Dios son realmente grandes para el mundo. Cuánto debemos preocuparnos por las pequeñas cosas de nuestra vida. Debemos cuidar diligentemente todas las "pequeñas" cosas que Dios provee. Oremos los unos por los otros para cuidar de las "pequeñas" cosas de nuestra vida que tanto nos producen.

Una vez más, solo un recordatorio para invitarlo a nuestra celebración de la Fiesta de San Lorenzo el domingo 8 de agosto. El obispo Jugis estará con nosotros para la misa dominical a las 12:00 del mediodía; tendremos un picnic, visitando a otros feligreses, música y celebración a la 1:30 pm. Espero verlos allí.

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

Con mis oraciones, padre Arnsparger

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