

## 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 and Fr. Arnsperger'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—EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION**—shown below.

## Mass Intentions & Scheduled Events

\* denotes Live Streaming

### SATURDAY, JULY 31 -

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

### 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

### MONDAY, AUGUST 2 - *St Eusebius of Vercelli; St Peter Julian Eymard*

*Basilica Day / Assisi Pardon*

12:10pm Special Intention

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

Coro Prayer Group, 6:30pm, Basilica

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 3 -

\*7:30am † Patricia Joslin by Clifford Joslin

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

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4 - *St John Vianney*

7:30am † Garner Hagedwood by Ralph Hagedwood

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

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 5 - *Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major*

\*7:30am All my former classmates by Verne Franks

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

Choir Practice, 7:00pm, LCR

### FIRST FRIDAY, AUGUST 6 - *The Transfiguration of the Lord*

12:10pm † Thomas Zichy by Beatrice Szele

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

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

### FIRST SATURDAY, AUGUST 7 - *St Sixtus II & Companions; St Cajetan; BVM*

\*5:00pm *Vigil* Frank & Bev Kirkland by Julian & Gwen Hobson

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

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 8 - *The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

\*9:00am Catherine Roberts by Roberts Family

12:00pm Pro Populo

4:00pm *Español* Special Intention

Choir Warm Up, 8:15am, LCR

Feast of St. Lawrence Celebration, 1:45 - 4pm, Side Parking Lot

## Week Day Readings for Mass

AUG 1: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35 (113) Pss II

AUG 2: Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:13-21 (407)

AUG 3: Nm 12:1-13/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14 (408)

AUG 4: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Mt 15:21-28 (409)

AUG 5: Nm 20:1-13/Mt 16:13-23 (410)

AUG 6: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10 (614) Pss Prop

AUG 7: Dt 6:4-13/Mt 17:14-20 (412)

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## From the Pastor

Sunday, August 1, 2021, The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and Forever! I pray you are well. I wanted to let you know of a couple of parish life matters:

### Covid pandemic and the Delta Variant:

- I pray you are well and keeping safe and healthy in this continuing Covid time. As you know, there is a spread in some places of a variant of the Virus. Please be sure to take precautions for yourselves, your loved ones, our parishioners, and our visitors. Even though there is a relaxation of safety protocols, we must be vigilant to insure everyone's safety from the disease.
- The Covid Vaccine can be a tool for protecting people from contracting the disease and from spreading it to others. Making sacrifices to prevent catching and spreading the disease is a good tool for safety and is an act of love.
- We ask those attending Holy Mass, other liturgical services, and programs at St. Lawrence to honor a **good-faith** social contract, by monitoring their health and participate accordingly. Please stay home if you are sick. We encourage those who are vulnerable or not vaccinated to continue wearing a face covering and to follow social distancing norms.

### Feast of St. Lawrence, Sunday, August 8:

- All Sunday Masses will be the Feast of St. Lawrence.
- 12:00 pm Sunday Mass: Bishop Jugis will be the Celebrant.
- 1:45 pm: Picnic – **We have had a donation of 450 boxed lunches with sandwich, chips, fruit cup and cookie for parishioners to celebrate our Feast! You may bring your own lunch also.** The parish will provide bottled water. Please fill out your name tag when you arrive and take time to enjoy meeting with fellow parishioners. See you there!
- 4:00 pm Sunday Spanish Mass: Bishop Jugis will greet the parishioners at the Spanish Mass
- Please see the Saint Lawrence Feast Day Celebration flyer in this week's bulletin for more information.

Last Sunday the Liturgy presented us with the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fishes at Tabgha. Christ told us to gather that which was left over so that nothing would go to waste. We reflected on the "little" things of life that matter and which we offer to each other as we assist one another on the road to salvation. In today's Gospel we have arrived at Capernaum and Jesus begins the "Bread of Life" discourse teaching us about the Eucharist.

In our first reading we hear that God provided Manna, which is a prefiguring of the Holy Eucharist, and quail for the people as they traveled to the Promised Land. In the responsorial Psalm, 78, we hear the words of the beautiful hymn, Panis Angelicus: "Panis Angelicus, fit panis hominum." This means that the bread of Angels was made the bread of man. Again, a prefiguring of the Holy Eucharist.

St. Paul reminds the Ephesians: "... you should put away the old self of your former way of life, corrupted through deceitful desires, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth." The "new self" can recognize not just a physical feeding in the miracle of the loaves and fishes, but the deeper meaning of real communion with God.

Our Lord begins his "Bread of Life" discourse in today's Gospel with verses 24-35. These are powerful words. What do we learn from them? Christ teaches the people to seek Him for more than being fed physically; He tells them to work for the good that endures for eternal life, and He identifies Himself as the Son of Man which means the Son of God and has the seal of the Father. Christ powerfully explains that the true work of life is to believe that Jesus is the one the Father has sent. The people had already seen the sign of the loaves and fishes, but they ask for more than just food, they want to believe. The True Bread from Heaven is Christ, and it is He Who gives life to the world. Our Lord's teaching is working. The people intentionally ask for the bread of God which gives life to the world. They want this; they are increasing in faith. Christ identifies Himself as the "bread of life" and assures them that they will never hunger if they come to Him. This is the true bread from Heaven!

Let us intentionally go to Christ that we might truly believe and never hunger. In the Eucharist Christ feeds us in His abundance. Let us study to understand and pray to draw close to the Lord. Let us make a daily act of faith that indeed Christ and He alone is the Bread of Life Who comes to us at Holy Mass, lives in our Tabernacles and feeds us in Holy Communion.

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

# Parish Announcements for Sunday, August 1, 2021

For more information contact the parish office at 828.252.6042 or visit [saintlawrencebasilica.org](http://saintlawrencebasilica.org)

## 2021 DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL UPDATE

This year's DSA campaign is underway. Our assessment is \$80,665. At present 128 households have pledged a total of \$63,695.08. We are gaining ground! ***We still have a balance to be pledged of \$16,969.92 to meet our assessment.*** Online donations may be made at [charlottediocese.org/dsa](http://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](http://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.

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.

Catholic Charities wishes to provide **school supplies to children in need** this year, and we are accepting school supply donations at the Western Region Office at 50 Orange Street in Asheville. A collection container is outside the front entrance of the building for safe and easy drop off Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please call 828-820-5153 with questions or to schedule a drop off outside of normal business hours. If you know of children in need of school supplies in your church or community, please contact Catholic Charities Western Region Director Jesse Boeckermann at [jdboeckermann@rcdoc.org](mailto:jdboeckermann@rcdoc.org) or 828-820-5153 to see how Catholic Charities can help those in need.

*Jesus said to them, "It was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." So they said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."*

~ John 6

## 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](http://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 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](http://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, August 1, 2021, The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Estimados feligreses,

¡Alabado sea Jesucristo! ¡Ahora y siempre! Rezo para que estés bien. Quería hacerle saber un par de asuntos de la vida parroquial:

### La pandemia de Covid y la variante Delta:

- Oro para que esté bien y se mantenga seguro y saludable en este tiempo continuo de Covid. Como saben, existe una propagación en algunos lugares de una variante del virus. Por favor, asegúrese de tomar precauciones para ustedes, sus seres queridos, nuestros feligreses y nuestros visitantes. Aunque hay una relajación de los protocolos de seguridad, debemos estar atentos para asegurar la seguridad de todos contra la enfermedad.
- La vacuna Covid puede ser una herramienta para proteger a las personas de contraer la enfermedad y de contagiarla a otros. Hacer sacrificios para prevenir contraer y propagar la enfermedad es una buena herramienta para la seguridad y es un acto de amor.
- Pedimos a los asistentes a la Santa Misa, otros servicios litúrgicos y programas en San Lorenzo que cumplan un contrato social de buena fe, controlen su salud y participen en consecuencia. Quédese en casa si está enfermo. Alentamos a las personas vulnerables o no vacunadas a que continúen cubriéndose la cara y sigan las normas de distanciamiento social.

### Fiesta de San Lorenzo, domingo 8 de agosto:

- Todas las misas dominicales será la fiesta de San Lorenzo.
- 12:00 pm Misa dominical: el obispo Jugis será el celebrante.
- 1:45 pm: Picnic - ***iHemos recibido una donación de 450 almuerzos en caja con sándwich, papas fritas, taza de fruta y galleta para que los feligreses celebren nuestra Fiesta!*** También puede traer su propio almuerzo. La parroquia proporcionará agua embotellada. Por favor complete su etiqueta con su nombre cuando llegue y tómese el tiempo para disfrutar reunirse con otros feligreses. ¡Te veo allí!
- 4:00 pm Misa dominical en español: el obispo Jugis saludará a los feligreses en la Misa en español
- Consulte el volante de celebración del día de la fiesta de San Lorenzo en el boletín de esta semana para obtener más información.

El domingo pasado la liturgia nos presentó la multiplicación de los panes y los peces en Tabgha. Cristo nos dijo que recogiéramos lo que sobró para que nada se desperdiciara. Reflexionamos sobre las "pequeñas" cosas de la vida que importan y que nos ofrecemos unos a otros mientras nos ayudamos unos a otros en el camino de la salvación. En el evangelio de hoy llegamos a Cafarnaum y Jesús inicia el discurso del "Pan de vida" enseñándonos sobre la Eucaristía.

En nuestra primera lectura, escuchamos que Dios proporcionó el maná, que es una prefiguración de la Sagrada Eucaristía, y que la gente se acobarda mientras viajaba a la Tierra Prometida. En el Salmo responsorial, 78, escuchamos las palabras del hermoso himno Panis Angelicus: "Panis Angelicus, fit panis hominum". Esto significa que el pan de los ángeles se hizo pan del hombre. De nuevo, una prefiguración de la Sagrada Eucaristía.

San Pablo recuerda a los efesios: "... deben abandonar el viejo yo de su antigua forma de vida, corrompido por los deseos engañosos, y renovarse en el espíritu de sus mentes, y vestirse con el nuevo yo, creado a la manera de Dios en justicia y santidad ". El "nuevo yo" puede reconocer no sólo una alimentación física en el milagro de los panes y los peces, sino el significado más profundo de la verdadera comunión con Dios.

Nuestro Señor comienza su discurso "Pan de vida" en el Evangelio de hoy con los versículos 24-35. Estas son palabras poderosas. ¿Qué aprendemos de ellos? Cristo enseña a la gente a buscarlo por algo más que alimentarse físicamente; Les dice que trabajen por el bien que perdura para la vida eterna, y se identifica a sí mismo como el Hijo del Hombre, que significa el Hijo de Dios y tiene el sello del Padre. Cristo explica poderosamente que la verdadera obra de la vida es creer que Jesús es el enviado del Padre. La gente ya había visto la señal de los panes y los peces, pero piden algo más que comida, quieren creer. El verdadero pan del cielo es Cristo, y es él quien da vida al mundo. La enseñanza de nuestro Señor está funcionando. La gente pide intencionalmente el pan de Dios que da vida al mundo. Quieren esto; están aumentando en fe. Cristo se identifica a sí mismo como el "pan de vida" y les asegura que nunca tendrán hambre si vienen a él. ¡Este es el verdadero pan del cielo!

Vayamos intencionalmente a Cristo para que realmente creamos y nunca tengamos hambre. En la Eucaristía, Cristo nos alimenta en su abundancia. Estudiemos para comprender y oremos para acercarnos al Señor. Hagamos un acto diario de fe en que en verdad Cristo y solo Él es el Pan de Vida que viene a nosotros en la Santa Misa, vive en nuestros Sagrarios y nos alimenta en la Sagrada Comunión.

Que nuestro Señor te bendiga y que la Virgen te guarde en su tierno cuidado. Con mis oraciones, el P. Arnsparger

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# Saint Lawrence Feast Day Celebration

**Sunday, August 8, 2021**

## **Schedule:**

**9:00am Mass**

**12:00pm Mass Bishop Jugis,  
Celebrant**

**1:45pm Parish Picnic**

**4:00pm Bishop's Greeting at  
the Spanish Mass**

## **Featuring:**

- ◆ **Blessing from Bishop Jugis,  
Fr. Arnsperger, & Fr. Torres**
- ◆ **Docent Led Tours in Basilica**
  - ◆ **Catered Box Lunches**
  - ◆ **Large Commercial Tent**
  - ◆ **Tables & Seating for 400**
  - ◆ **Special Music**



**Welcome Back Parishioners**  
*Join the celebration of our Patron Saint!*