

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, AUGUST 7 -

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

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, 1:45pm - 4:00pm, SPL

MONDAY, AUGUST 9 - St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

12:10pm Taylor & Cara Payne by Adam & Savanna Melton

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

Payne Baptisms, 1:00pm, Basilica

Spanish Prayer Group, 6:30pm, Basilica

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10 - St. Lawrence

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

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11 - St Clare

7:30am † Gary Desmond by Phil Murphy

Street Meals Team, 10:00am, Laurentine Hall

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12 - St Jane Frances de Chantal

*7:30am † Rev. Mr. Richard Voegelé by Julian & Gwen Hobson

Secular Franciscans, 10:00am, Laurentine Hall

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

Choir Practice, 7:00pm, LCR

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13 - Sts Pontian & Hippolytus

12:10pm † Betty Zistler by Fr. Arnsparger

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

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

Martinez-Gonzalez-Benites-Francisco Rehearsal, 3:30pm, Basilica

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14 - St Maximilian Kolbe

*5:00pm *Vigil* Weissman Family

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

Martinez-Gonzalez-Benites-Francisco Wedding, 2:00pm, Basilica

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*9:00am Pro Populo

12:00pm Special Intention

4:00pm *Español* † Sergio Martinez by Angelica Aranjó

Choir Warm Up, 8:15am, LCR

Week Day Readings for Mass

AUG 8:1 Kgs 19:4-8/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51 (116) Pss III

AUG 9:Dt 10:12-22/Mt 17:22-27 (413)

AUG 10:2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26 (618) Pss Prop

AUG 11:Dt 34:1-12/Mt 18:15-20 (415)

AUG 12:Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Mt 18:21—19:1 (416)

AUG 13:Jos 24:1-13/Mt 19:3-12 (417)

AUG 14:Jos 24:14-29/Mt 19:13-15 (418)

From the Pastor

Sunday, August 8, 2021, The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners,

Today we are celebrating the Feast of our Patron, St Lawrence! Happy Feast Day. We are blessed to have Bishop Jugis with us for the 12:00 noon Holy Mass and for our Parish Picnic; thank you, Bishop Jugis. Let us thank our Lord for the many blessings we have and are receiving. Let us continue to pray for St. Lawrence's intercession for our parish.

We are monitoring the Covid-19 and variant developments to continue to decide on our protocols here at the parish. Please be careful to stay safe and healthy and care for the good of those at the Parish and in your homes.

Today, we continue reading from the 6th Chapter of St. John's Gospel in the "Bread of Life Discourse." St. John's Gospel is often divided by commentators into the Book of the Signs and the Book of Glory. Seven signs (miracles) are worked to show Jesus as the promised Messiah.

There are 71 verses in the 6th chapter of the Gospel, although we don't read all of them in this series. You can study the very good, related commentary on the Holy Eucharist in the Catechism of the Catholic Church paragraphs 1322 -1419 and in the Compendium of the Catechism in Section Two in questions 271 -294.

Let us remember that all of this has the overtones of the Passover meal which Christ is preparing to celebrate with his Apostles. The Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes (the 5th sign) which we read two weeks ago begins to open the people to the Miracle of the multiplication and the provision for Holy Communion throughout the ages and everywhere in the world. We omit the reading but not the relation of the 6th sign (miracle) of Jesus walking on water; but that sign sets us in the context of the Exodus and therefore the Passover, as Jesus crosses the water amid providing food for the people. Today we hear of the prophet Elijah being miraculously given provisions to travel from Carmel to the place of the covenant of the Law: Mt. Horeb, Mt. Sinai. God provides food for this journey just as He provided Manna for the Hebrews in the desert on their way to the Promised Land and just as He provides nourishment in the Eucharist for us traveling to the New Covenant Jesus makes at the Passover and in which we participate at every Holy Mass. We are set in the context of the sacrifice of Calvary.

How are we to act if this is truly the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ? What are the requirements for receiving the Holy Eucharist? How should we prepare for the celebration, reception, and the adoration of the Holy Eucharist? What are the fruits of receiving the Holy Eucharist?

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

Father Arnsparger

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Welcome

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST PARISHIONERS:

**Lindsay Barrasse
Caitlin & George Bowra
David Corigliano
Kevin Cotten
Jennifer & Jack Crowley
Madison Dancer
Courtney Dunham
Cristina Francescon
Nicholas Graw
Teresa Hartford
Jane Jaskevich
Matt & Emily, Evan, and Reagan Juengel
Janina Kaniewski
Eugene Kirschbaum
Jeffrey & Irina Leczkowski
Judy Marinkovich
James Marquard
Lindsay Murray
Margarita & Fernando Ocasio
David & Kattie, Kristina, Aspen, and Carmelo Runion
JoCarol Rutherford
Kathryn Schultz
Caroline & Chase Simpson
Olivia Terrell
John Thompson
John Brian Vesel
Christopher & Susan Wilson
Brian Yanik**

We're So Glad You Are Here!

Parish Announcements for Sunday, August 8, 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 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 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.**

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 or 828-820-5153 to see how Catholic Charities can help those in need.

FERIA COMUNITARIA RURAL

The WNC Rural Immigrant Services Collective is hosting the region's first community resource fair fully in Spanish. Feria Comunitaria Rural will take place on Sunday afternoon, August 15 from 12:00-4:00 p.m. at Bridge Park (76 Railroad Avenue) in Sylva. The goal of this event will be to provide access to much needed health and education resources before the new school year. The event will be set up much like a cultural festival, where local nonprofit organizations will have tables to provide information about services and resources available to the community. Backpacks and school supplies will be available. There will also be a mobile clinic on site to administer the COVID-19 vaccine. For more information, email collectivewnc@gmail.com or check out the event on Facebook at www.facebook.com/alianzaWNC.

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.

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were sealed for the day of redemption. All bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling must be removed from you, along with all malice. And be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ. ~ Eph 4

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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:

Amy Treverton, 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, August 8, 2021, The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Estimados feligreses,

¡Hoy celebramos la fiesta de nuestro Patrón, San Lorenzo! Feliz día de fiesta. Tenemos la suerte de tener al Obispo Jugis con nosotros para la Santa Misa de las 12:00 del mediodía y para nuestro Picnic Parroquial; gracias, obispo Jugis. Demos gracias a nuestro Señor por las muchas bendiciones que tenemos y estamos recibiendo. Continuemos orando por la intercesión de San Lorenzo por nuestra parroquia.

Estamos monitoreando el Covid-19 y los desarrollos de la variante para continuar decidiendo sobre nuestros protocolos aquí en la parroquia. Por favor, tenga cuidado de mantenerse seguro y saludable y cuide el bien de los que están en la parroquia y en sus hogares.

Hoy, continuamos leyendo el Capítulo 6 del Evangelio de San Juan en el "Discurso del Pan de Vida". Los comentaristas suelen dividir el Evangelio de San Juan en el Libro de los signos y el Libro de la gloria. Se realizan siete señales (milagros) para mostrar a Jesús como el Mesías prometido.

Hay 71 versículos en el sexto capítulo del Evangelio, aunque no los leemos todos en esta serie. Puede estudiar el muy buen comentario relacionado sobre la Sagrada Eucaristía en el Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, párrafos 1322-1419 y en el Compendio del Catecismo en la Sección Dos en las preguntas 271-294.

Recordemos que todo esto tiene los matices de la cena pascual que Cristo se prepara para celebrar con sus Apóstoles. El Milagro de los Panes y los Peces (el quinto signo) que leímos hace dos semanas comienza a abrir a la gente al Milagro de la multiplicación y la provisión de la Sagrada Comunión a lo largo de los siglos y en todo el mundo. Omitimos la lectura, pero no la relación, de la sexta señal (milagro) de Jesús caminando sobre el agua; pero esa señal nos sitúa en el contexto del Éxodo y, por tanto, de la Pascua, cuando Jesús cruza el agua en medio de la provisión de alimento para la gente. Hoy escuchamos que al profeta Elías se le dieron provisiones milagrosas para viajar desde el Carmelo al lugar del pacto de la Ley: Monte Horeb, monte Sinaí. Dios provee alimento para este viaje así como proveyó maná a los hebreos en el desierto en su camino a la Tierra Prometida y así como provee alimento en la Eucaristía para nosotros que viajamos hacia la Nueva Alianza que Jesús hace en la Pascua y en la que participamos. en cada Santa Misa. Estamos en el contexto del sacrificio del Calvario.

¿Cómo actuar si este es verdaderamente el Cuerpo, la Sangre, el Alma y la Divinidad de Cristo? ¿Cuáles son los requisitos para recibir la Sagrada Eucaristía? ¿Cómo debemos prepararnos para la celebración, recepción y adoración de la Sagrada Eucaristía? ¿Cuáles son los frutos de recibir la Sagrada Eucaristía?

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

Padre Arnsperger

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