

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. Arnsparger's weekly article. **Masks are required.**

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 21 -

*5:00pm *Vigil* Pro Populo

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22 - The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

*9:00am † Charles Dickson by Suzanne Harter

12:00pm Special Intention

4:00pm *Español* Special Intention

Choir Warm Up, 8:15am, LCR

Raphael Elijah Garcia-Forero Baptism, 5:00pm, Basilica

MONDAY, AUGUST 23 - St Rose of Lima

12:10pm † Cecile Pearsall by Brad Pearsall

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

Coro Prayer Group, 6:30pm, Basilica

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24 - St Bartholomew

*7:30am Bernice Leanza by Gwen & Julian Hobson

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25 - St Louis; St Joseph Calasanz

7:30am Josefa Anaya Soto by Cardona-Gomez Family

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26 -

*7:30am Grant & Delores Hobson by Gwen & Julian Hobson

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

Choir Practice, 7:00pm, LCR

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27 - St Monica

12:10pm † Bertito Moralez by Brad Pearsall & Sarah Duran

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

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

Bennett-Minor Wedding Rehearsal, 3:30pm, Basilica

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28 - St Augustine

*5:00pm *Vigil* James & Bernadette Pack (50th Wedding Anniversary)

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

Bennett-Minor Wedding, 2:00pm, Basilica

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29 - The Twenty-Second 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

AUG 22: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69 (122) Pss I

AUG 23:1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Mt 23:13-22 (425)

AUG 24: Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51 (629) Pss Prop

AUG 25:1 Thes 2:9-13/Mt 23:27-32 (427)

AUG 26:1 Thes 3:7-13/Mt 24:42-51 (428)

AUG 27:1 Thes 4:1-8/Mt 25:1-13 (429)

AUG 28:1 Thes 4:9-11/Mt 25:14-30 (430)

From the Pastor

Sunday, August 22, 2021, The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners,

Today we complete the "Bread of Life Discourse" reflections from the 6th Chapter of St. John's Gospel. We are studying the Church's reflections on the Real Presence of our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament and the reality of the Sacrifice of Calvary at each Holy Mass. For our study we look to the Sacred Liturgy, the Sacred Scriptures, and the Sacred Magisterium all of which are presented in the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

As the Hebrew people prepare to enter the Holy Land, Joshua calls to them to profess their faith in the true God: "If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve... As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Remembering all that God had done, they say: "Therefore we also will serve the Lord." We must decide daily whom we will worship: the true God or those false gods of our lives. Will we serve God by believing fully what He has revealed?

Many of those who were following Jesus found the teaching on the Real Presence of Christ in Holy Communion to be too hard to believe. Instead of trusting in His truthfulness, they walked away. Jesus did not say: "Come back, I was only speaking figuratively." He let them walk away. We can only pray that later they came back to the true Faith. Throughout history the Church would be divided over the question of the Real Presence.

Jesus asks St. Peter: "Do you want to leave me too?" St. Peter believed the true teaching of Christ on the Holy Eucharist and he responded: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe; we are convinced that You are God's Holy One." The Church teaches us the true Faith concerning the Holy Eucharist. We believe what our Lord says about the Bread of Life, His teaching about the Real Presence. He, and He alone, has the words of eternal life. And those words have been entrusted to the Catholic Church which has guarded them and taught them through the last 2,000 years since Christ spoke them. You and I can be assured that we have "the words of eternal life."

The way to Heaven is through the Holy Sacrifice of Calvary in which we participate at each Holy Mass. Let us thank God for that gift. Love the Eucharist by loving the Holy Mass. Let us resolve to never miss on Sundays and Holy Days and to attend daily when possible. At Mass we participate in the Heavenly Banquet of the Bread of Life.

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

Father Arnsparger

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Parish Announcements for Sunday, August 22, 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 \$67,550.08. We are gaining ground! **We still have a balance to be pledged of \$13,114.92 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.)*



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed Rest in Peace.

Prayers & Condolences

are extended to
the family and friends of
Ruth Sugg Coward
who entered eternal life
on August 11, 2021

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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. **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 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.

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.

WHAT ST. LAWRENCE IS DOING TO

ADDRESS MITIGATION OF COVID-19 TRANSMISSION

- Out of an abundance of caution and due to the Coronavirus Delta Variant, masks are required at Mass, parish meetings and activities.
- 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. Also, Masks are once again required for Mass attendance as well as following 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

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

*Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life;
you have the words of everlasting life.*

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

~ John 6

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:

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:

Chuck Durand, 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 22, 2021, The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Estimados feligreses,

Hoy completamos las reflexiones del "Discurso del Pan de Vida" del Capítulo VI del Evangelio de San Juan. Estamos estudiando las reflexiones de la Iglesia sobre la Presencia Real de Nuestro Señor en el Santísimo Sacramento y la realidad del Sacrificio del Calvario en cada Santa Misa. Para nuestro estudio, buscamos en la Sagrada Liturgia, las Sagradas Escrituras y el Sagrado Magisterio de los cuales se presentan en el Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica.

Mientras el pueblo hebreo se prepara para entrar en Tierra Santa, Jesús los llama a profesar su fe en el Dios verdadero: "Si no les agrada servir al Señor, decidan hoy a quién servirán... En cuanto a mí y mi casa, serviremos al Señor". Recordando todo lo que Dios había hecho, dicen: "Por tanto, también nosotros serviremos al Señor". Debemos decidir diariamente a quién adoraremos: el Dios verdadero o esos dioses falsos de nuestras vidas. ¿Serviremos a Dios creyendo plenamente en lo que Él ha revelado?

Muchos de los que seguían a Jesús encontraron que la enseñanza sobre la presencia real de Cristo en la Sagrada Comunión era demasiado difícil de creer. En lugar de confiar en su veracidad, se alejaron. Jesús no dijo: "Regresa, solo estaba hablando en sentido figurado". Dejó que se fueran. Solo podemos orar para que luego regresen a la verdadera Fe. A lo largo de la historia, la Iglesia estaría dividida sobre la cuestión de la Presencia Real.

Jesús le pregunta a San Pedro: "¿Tú también quieres dejarme?" San Pedro creyó en la verdadera enseñanza de Cristo sobre la Sagrada Eucaristía y respondió: "Señor, ¿a quién iremos? Tu tienes las palabras de la vida eterna. Hemos llegado a creer; estamos convencidos de que eres el Santo de Dios ". La Iglesia nos enseña la verdadera Fe con respecto a la Sagrada Eucaristía. Creemos lo que dice nuestro Señor sobre el Pan de Vida, Su enseñanza sobre la Presencia Real. Él, y solo Él, tiene palabras de vida eterna y esas palabras han sido confiadas a la Iglesia Católica que las ha guardado y enseñado durante los últimos 2000 años desde que Cristo las pronunció. Usted y yo podemos estar seguros de que tenemos "palabras de vida eterna".

El camino al cielo es a través del Santo Sacrificio del Calvario en el que participamos en cada Santa Misa. Demos gracias a Dios por ese don. Ame la Eucaristía amando la Santa Misa. Resolvamos no faltar nunca los Domingos y Días Santos y asistir todos los días cuando sea posible. En la Misa participamos del Banquete Celestial del Pan de Vida.

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

Padre Arnsparger

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