

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.

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.

MASKS ARE REQUIRED.

Mass Intentions

* denotes Live Streaming

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 - FIRST SATURDAY

*5:00pm *Vigil* Pro Populo

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 - *The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*9:00am Julian Hobson by Hobson Family

12:00pm Special Intention

4:00pm *Español* Special Intention

Choir Warm Up, 8:15am, LCR

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 -

12:10pm † Rebecca Ellis Gardner by her loving family

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

Spanish Prayer Group, 6:30pm, Basilica

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 -

*7:30am † Patricia Joslin by Clifford Joslin

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 - *The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

7:30am † Tom & Mary Zichy by Bernadette Pack

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 - *St Peter Claver*

*7:30am † Anne Stephens by Joseph Stephens

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

Knights of Columbus, 6:00pm, Laurentine Hall

Choir Practice, 7:00pm, LCR

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 -

12:10pm † Marlene Grasberger by Gwen & Julian Hobson

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

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

Doyle - Martin Wedding Rehearsal, 3:30pm, Basilica

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 - *BVM*

*5:00pm *Vigil* Pro Populo

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

Doyle - Martin Wedding, 2:00pm, Basilica

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 - *The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*9:00am † Doris Barron by Kara Turner

12:00pm Special Intention

4:00pm *Español* Special Intention

Choir Warm Up, 8:15am, LCR

Week Day Readings for Mass

SEPT 5: Is 35:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37 (128) Pss III

SEPT 6: Col 1:24—2:3/Lk 6:6-11 (437)

SEPT 7: Col 2:6-15/Lk 6:12-19 (438)

SEPT 8: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23 (636) Pss Prop

SEPT 9: Col 3:12-17/Lk 6:27-38 (440)

SEPT 10: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Lk 6:39-42 (441)

SEPT 11: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Lk 6:43-49 (442)

From the Pastor

Sunday, September 5, 2021, The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners,

Today and for the next few Sundays we continue reading the instruction of St. James on how to practically live our Christian Faith. And we continue reading St. Mark's Gospel as our Lord preaches and heals. In today's Gospel, our Lord fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah: He heals the deaf and the mute. This is called "*Ephphatha*" which means "be open." We include this ritual in the baptism of our infants as the priest blesses the ears to hear God's words and lips to proclaim the faith.

For the message of the Good News to be proclaimed it requires that we understand the revelation entrusted to the Church and we must be generous in living and sharing that revelation. At times we need to be healed of our own "deafness" to the Word and yes, even our own "muteness" seen at times in our silence about the Word.

Today's deaf man with a speech impediment can be us. How often are our ears closed to the teachings of Christ from His Church because we have already made up our own minds that we know better or have closed our ears to the truth? God desires us to accept His teaching and submit to it. I heard someone once say he did not like organized religion. I asked: "Well, what kind do you want – disorganized?" We are made for order. Organized religion is God's will so that we can receive the consistent true message He has revealed. We cannot just make up truth as we go, rather we must strive to apprehend it.

Order and discipline of the intellect and will are essential for peace of mind and joy in the soul. Where there is disorder about what the Son of God has said, there is always trouble. Truth always unites, error always divides. Therefore, it is so important to study our Faith. We cannot make ourselves Lords of our own Churches. The Church is the guardian of the Faith and hands it on to us in the Sacred Scripture, Sacred Tradition, and the Sacred Magisterium. How blessed we are not to be at the whim of a given age, philosophy, or person.

How often might we be shy about witnessing to our Faith. We might shy away from explaining the truths of the faith for a variety of reasons. This weakness is an area of needed character development. If we believe that this is the true Faith, then we want others to have the same advantage we do. We want to share this gift with them so they can experience the true liberation of the Messiah, Who is the Son of God. Christ acts through the Church and her Sacraments as His means of encountering us today. Let us pray that we will not be taken by the weakness of "human respect", that is the desire to be liked so much that we hold back our faith. Let us not shy away from proclaiming the Church's teachings, with charity, clarity, and grace, because someone may disagree or think less of us. In the end, they will appreciate our charity in sharing our Faith with them. When we share our Faith in its fullness we are respected as people of authenticity and integrity.

How fortunate we are to have the 2,000 years of reflection and teaching of the Church: this is our gift. Let us open our ears and loosen our tongues to speak of the order, discipline, peace, and joy which is Catholicism.

As we begin the academic year, I pray that you will take advantage of our Faith Formation programs. They are limited due to the Covid Virus and our limited spaces for meetings. I am not sure of the specifics of what we will be able to offer but should know in a couple of weeks. We want to move to a Family Based/Parent led catechetical model. St. Gabriel in Charlotte has such a program this year and you can read about it at their parish website. We hope to begin some in person catechetical meetings in October. We will also have a list of the resources parents can use for teaching the Faith to their Children. There are good resources on "Formed.org" to which all parishioners have access. We will also have a weekly program of suggested catechesis through Virtue Education, Faith and Life Catechetical texts, and Formed.org resources for adults. Please keep checking the bulletin online for developments. Thanks to all who have offered to assist.

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

With my prayers, Father Arnsparger

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Parish Announcements for Sunday, September 5, 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 134 households have pledged a total of \$67,972.78. We are gaining ground! *We still have a balance to be pledged of \$12,692.22 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 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.

My brothers and sisters, show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. For if a man with gold rings and fine clothes comes into your assembly, and a poor person in shabby clothes also comes in, and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Sit here, please," while you say to the poor one, "Stand there," or "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil designs? ~ Jas 2



Celebrate

the work of our hands

Labor Day



PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO THE BASILICA SCHEDULE DURING THE DIOCESE OF CHARLOTTE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS:
On Friday, September 17, 2021, there will be no Adoration, 12:10pm Mass, or Confessions
On Saturday, September 18, 2021, there will be no Confessions or 5:00pm Vigil Mass

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

- **Office Hours:** 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 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:

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:

Lin Choo, 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, 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, September 5, 2021, The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Estimados feligreses,

Hoy y durante los próximos domingos continuamos leyendo las instrucciones de Santiago sobre cómo vivir prácticamente nuestra fe cristiana. Además, seguimos leyendo el Evangelio de San Marcos mientras nuestro Señor predica y sana. En el evangelio de hoy, nuestro Señor cumple la profecía de Isaías: Él sana al sordo y al mudo. Esto se llama "Ephphatha", que significa "estar abierto". Incluimos este ritual en el bautismo de nuestros niños mientras el sacerdote bendice los oídos para escuchar las palabras de Dios y los labios para proclamar la fe.

Para que el mensaje de la Buena Nueva sea proclamado es necesario que entendamos la revelación confiada a la Iglesia y debemos ser generosos en vivir y compartir esa revelación. A veces necesitamos ser sanados de nuestra propia "sordera" a la Palabra y sí, incluso nuestro propio "silencio" visto a veces en nuestro silencio sobre la Palabra.

El sordo de hoy con dificultad para hablar podemos ser nosotros. ¿Con qué frecuencia estamos nuestros oídos cerrados a las enseñanzas de Cristo de Su Iglesia porque ya hemos tomado la decisión de que sabemos mejor o hemos cerrado nuestros oídos a la verdad? Dios desea que aceptemos Su enseñanza y nos sometamos a ella. Una vez escuché a alguien decir que no le gustaba la religión organizada. Le pregunté: "Bueno, ¿de qué tipo quieres, desorganizado?" Estamos hechos por encargo. La religión organizada es la voluntad de Dios para que podamos recibir el verdadero mensaje coherente que Él ha revelado. No podemos simplemente inventar la verdad sobre la marcha, sino que debemos esforzarnos por comprenderla.

El orden y la disciplina del intelecto y la voluntad son esenciales para la paz mental y el gozo del alma. Donde hay desorden sobre lo que ha dicho el Hijo de Dios, siempre hay problemas. La verdad siempre une, el error siempre divide. Por lo tanto, es muy importante estudiar nuestra fe. No podemos hacernos señores de nuestras propias Iglesias. La Iglesia es la guardiana de la Fe y nos la transmite en la Sagrada Escritura, la Sagrada Tradición y el Sagrado Magisterio. Cuán bendecidos somos de no estar a los caprichos de una época, filosofía o persona determinadas.

¿Con qué frecuencia podemos sentir vergüenza de dar testimonio de nuestra fe? Podríamos evitar explicar las verdades de la fe por diversas razones. Esta debilidad es un área de desarrollo de carácter necesario. Si creemos que esta es la fe verdadera, entonces queremos que otros tengan la misma ventaja que nosotros. Queremos compartir este don con ellos para que experimenten la verdadera liberación del Mesías, que es el Hijo de Dios. Cristo actúa a través de la Iglesia y sus sacramentos como medio para encontrarnos hoy. Oremos para que no seamos tomados por la debilidad del "respeto humano", que es el deseo de agradar tanto que reprimamos nuestra fe. No evitemos proclamar las enseñanzas de la Iglesia, con caridad, claridad y gracia, porque alguien puede estar en desacuerdo o pensar menos en nosotros. Al final, apreciarán nuestra caridad al compartir nuestra Fe con ellos. Cuando compartimos nuestra fe en su plenitud, somos respetados como personas de autenticidad e integridad.

Qué afortunados somos de tener los 2,000 años de reflexión y enseñanza de la Iglesia: este es nuestro don. Abramos los oídos y soltemos la lengua para hablar del orden, la disciplina, la paz y la alegría que es el catolicismo.

Al comenzar el año académico, oro para que aproveche nuestros programas de formación en la fe. Están limitados debido al virus Covid y nuestros espacios limitados para reuniones. No estoy seguro de los detalles de lo que podremos ofrecer, pero debería saberlo en un par de semanas. Queremos pasar a un modelo catequético basado en la familia dirigido por los padres. San Gabriel en Charlotte tiene un programa de este tipo este año y puede leerlo en el sitio web de su parroquia. Esperamos comenzar algunas reuniones de catequesis en persona en octubre. También tendremos una lista de los recursos que los padres pueden usar para enseñar la fe a sus hijos. Hay buenos recursos en "Formed.org" a los que todos los feligreses tienen acceso. También tendremos un programa semanal de catequesis sugerida a través de la educación de virtudes, textos de catequesis de fe y vida y recursos de Formed.org para adultos. Síga revisando el boletín en línea para conocer los desarrollos. Gracias a todos los que se han ofrecido a ayudar.

Dios los bendiga y la Virgen los guarde en su tierno cuidado. Con mis oraciones,
Padre Arnsparger

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