

## 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—EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION**—shown below.

**MASKS ARE REQUIRED.**

### Mass Intentions

\* denotes Live Streaming

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11** - 20th Anniversary of U.S. terror attack

\*5:00pm Vigil Pro Populo

**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**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13** - St John Chrysostom

12:10pm † John Duran by Brad Pearsall & Sarah Duran

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

**Spanish Prayer Group, 6:30pm, Basilica**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14** - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

\*7:30am † Gary Desmond by Phil Murphy

**Ruth Sugg Coward Funeral, 10:00am, Basilica**

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

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15** - Our Lady of Sorrows

7:30am † Tom & Mary Zichy by Beatrixe Szele

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

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16** - Pope St Cornelius; St Cyprian

\*7:30am † Joan Mullins by Carol Traynor

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

**Choir Practice, 7:00pm, LCR**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17** - St Robert Bellarmine

12:10pm † Anthony & Eva Lorenzetti by Emily Wimberly

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

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

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18** - BVM

\*5:00pm Vigil Pro Populo

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

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19** - The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

\*9:00am † Daniel Tuttle by Dorothy & Edward Tuttle

12:00pm Special Intention

4:00pm *Español* Special Intention

**Choir Warm Up, 8:15am, LCR**

**Benediction, 10:00am, Basilica**

### Week Day Readings for Mass

SEPT 12:1s 50:4c-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35 (131) Pss IV

SEPT 13:1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 7:1-10 (443)

SEPT 14:Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17 (638) Pss Prop

SEPT 15:1 Tm 3:14-16 (445)/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35 (639) Pss Prop

SEPT 16:1 Tm 4:12-16/Lk 7:36-50 (446)

SEPT 17:1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3 (447)

SEPT 18:1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15 (448)

## From the Pastor

*Sunday, September 12, 2021, The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Dear Parishioners,

"Who do you say that I am?" This is the stinging question which Christ has asked each Christian through the ages. It is a personal question to each of us today. We answer it, of course, in our minds by accepting the truth that Jesus is the promised Messiah Who fulfills all the Old Testament prophecies. While we can intellectually answer the question of accepting Jesus as the "suffering servant" of Isaiah's prophecies, accepting Him as the Son of God with a divine nature and human nature, accepting Him as God Himself and making all the theological distinctions that He is not just another prophet or moral leader, we must also show that we show in our bodily actions what we accept in our minds. So, we accept the true Jesus intellectually. In the Gospel today many got it wrong about who He was: John the Baptist, Elijah, one of the Prophets. No, He was not one of these; He was and is the Messiah, the Son of God and God Himself. But how does that knowledge affect our lives?

We are doers of the word, not just 'hearers.' Our Lord tells us that we must 'deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow Him.' The way to the resurrection of our lives here and for eternity is through the Cross. There is no freedom in this life nor in the next without the Cross. It is the primary symbol of our salvation. So important is the Cross that a priest is directed to have a cross at or on the Altar each time he celebrates the sacred mysteries of the Mass. So, St. James tells us we must be 'doers'. This is what our Lord means by His instruction to 'deny ourselves, pick up our cross and follow Him.' To 'do' Christianity, to 'practice' Christianity is to be doers of this Word.

'Deny yourself': This is regular, planned mortification as well as the readiness to accept the providential opportunities which come to us, either positive or negative.

'Take up your Cross': Each of us will face specific crosses each day. If we recognize them as such and accept them readily without complaint, we will have all the strength we need to carry them.

'Follow me': This is more than geography. To 'follow' Christ is to be one in heart and mind with Him. To think His thoughts, to feel His feelings, to have His will in all our decisions: this is the heart of being a Christian and it comes by the spiritual development in the heart of the Church which forms us by her liturgy and her doctrinal teaching. Let us strive to be 'doers of the word' by accepting the Word and His 'way' to Easter, to the new life which we can experience in part even now. Here is the point of all our Catholic life.

Please remember to pray for all those killed in the September 11, 2001, tragedy and those affected in so many ways over the last 20 years and even now. May we continue to live our Faith and strive to build a culture of life and respect as we work to live the Gospel of truth and life.

As you know, the Diocese of Charlotte has cancelled the in-person Eucharistic Congress again this year due to the Covid virus. It was scheduled for September 17 and 18. We are blessed that the Catholic News Herald has provided an "At-Home" Guide for the Eucharistic Congress and that we will post recorded talks by the planned speakers at the Eucharistic Congress Web site: [www.goeucharist.com](http://www.goeucharist.com). You will also receive a copy of the "At-Home Guide" in the mail with your copy of the September 20 Catholic News Herald. I hope you will take advantage of the resources we are providing and enjoy the 17<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Eucharistic Congress at home with family and friends as you are able. My thanks to all who have worked on this project for the past year. Next year's Eucharistic Congress is scheduled for September 23 and 24, 2022 at the Charlotte Convention Center.

Perhaps you can join us for our Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration on Friday, September 17, at 11:00 am as a part of your Eucharistic Congress "at-Home" participation. We will also have Benediction after the 9 am Mass on Sunday, September 19, to accent our Eucharistic devotion.

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

With my prayers, Father Arnsparger

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## Parish Announcements for Sunday, September 12, 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 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](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.)



*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  
**Betty Rowland**  
who entered eternal life  
on **September 8, 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](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.**

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](mailto:jdboeckermann@rcdoc.org) or 828-820-5153 to see how Catholic Charities can help those in need.

*If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well," but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead... Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works.*

~ Jas 2

### 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](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.



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](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:

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 12, 2021, The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Estimados feligreses,

"¿Quién dices que soy?" Ésta es la pregunta punzante que Cristo le ha hecho a cada cristiano a través de los siglos. Es una pregunta personal para cada uno de nosotros hoy. Respondemos, por supuesto, en nuestras mentes aceptando la verdad de que Jesús es el Mesías prometido que cumple todas las profecías del Antiguo Testamento. Si bien podemos responder intelectualmente a la pregunta de aceptar a Jesús como el "siervo sufriente" de las profecías de Isaías, aceptarlo como el Hijo de Dios con una naturaleza divina y humana, aceptarlo como Dios mismo y hacer todas las distinciones teológicas que Él no es simplemente otro profeta o líder moral, también debemos mostrar que mostramos en nuestras acciones corporales lo que aceptamos en nuestra mente. Entonces, aceptamos intelectualmente al verdadero Jesús. En el Evangelio de hoy, muchos se equivocaron acerca de quién era Él: Juan el Bautista, Elías, uno de los profetas. No, no era uno de ellos; Él era y es el Mesías, el Hijo de Dios y Dios mismo. Pero ¿cómo afecta ese conocimiento a nuestras vidas?

Somos hacedores de la palabra, no solo "oyentes". Nuestro Señor nos dice que debemos "negarnos a nosotros mismos, tomar nuestra cruz y seguirlo". El camino a la resurrección de nuestras vidas aquí y por la eternidad es a través de la Cruz. No hay libertad en esta vida ni en la próxima sin la Cruz. Es el símbolo principal de nuestra salvación. Tan importante es la Cruz que un sacerdote debe tener una cruz en el Altar cada vez que celebra los sagrados misterios de la Misa. Por eso, Santiago nos dice que debemos ser "hacedores". Esto es lo que nuestro Señor quiere decir con Su instrucción de "negarnos a nosotros mismos, tomar nuestra cruz y seguirlo". "Hacer" el cristianismo, "practicar" el cristianismo es ser hacedores de esta Palabra.

"Negarse a sí mismo": se trata de una mortificación regular y planificada, así como la disposición a aceptar las oportunidades providenciales que se nos presentan, ya sean positivas o negativas.

"Toma tu cruz": cada uno de nosotros se enfrentará a cruces específicas cada día. Si los reconocemos como tales y los aceptamos de buena gana sin quejarnos, tendremos toda la fuerza necesaria para llevarlos a cabo.

"Sígueme": esto es más que geografía. "Seguir" a Cristo es ser uno en corazón y mente con Él. Pensar sus pensamientos, sentir sus sentimientos, tener su voluntad en todas nuestras decisiones: este es el corazón del ser cristiano y viene del desarrollo espiritual en el corazón de la Iglesia que nos forma con su liturgia y su enseñanza doctrinal. Esforcémonos por ser "hacedores de la palabra" aceptando la Palabra y su "camino" a la Pascua, a la nueva vida que podemos experimentar en parte incluso ahora. Aquí está el punto de toda nuestra vida católica.

Por favor recuerde orar por todos los que murieron en la tragedia del 11 de septiembre de 2001 y los afectados de tantas formas durante los últimos 20 años e incluso ahora. Que podamos continuar viviendo nuestra Fe y esforzarnos por construir una cultura de vida y respeto mientras trabajamos para vivir el Evangelio de la verdad y la vida.

Como saben, la Diócesis de Charlotte ha cancelado el Congreso Eucarístico en persona nuevamente este año debido al virus Covid. Estaba programado para el 17 y 18 de septiembre. Tenemos la bendición de que el Catholic News Herald haya proporcionado una guía "en casa" para el Congreso Eucarístico y que publicaremos las charlas grabadas por los oradores previstos en el sitio web del Congreso Eucarístico: [www.goeucharist.com](http://www.goeucharist.com). También recibirá una copia de la "Guía en el hogar" por correo con su copia del Catholic News Herald del 20 de septiembre. Espero que aproveche los recursos que estamos brindando y disfrute del 17º Congreso Eucarístico Diocesano en casa con familiares y amigos tanto como pueda. Mi agradecimiento a todos los que han trabajado en este proyecto durante el año pasado. El Congreso Eucarístico del próximo año está programado para el 23 y 24 de septiembre de 2022 en el Centro de Convenciones de Charlotte.

Quizás pueda unirse a nosotros para nuestra Hora Santa de Adoración Eucarística el viernes 17 de septiembre a las 11:00 am como parte de su participación en el Congreso Eucarístico "en casa". También tendremos la Bendición después de la Misa de las 9 am el domingo 19 de septiembre para acentuar nuestra devoción eucarística.

Que nuestro Señor los bendiga y la Virgen los guarde en su tierno cuidado. Con mis oraciones, padre Arnsparger

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**As I have loved you.**

~John 13:34

## **17th Diocese of Charlotte Eucharistic Congress**

**September 17—18, 2021, <https://goeucharist.com>**

The 2021 Eucharistic Congress will be an online/parish-based event, in light of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and rising rates of infection across the Diocese of Charlotte. Families will receive a special “At-Home Guide” in the mail with their copy of the Sept. 10 *Catholic News Herald*. You may also download the [At-Home Guide PDF](#).

This guide provides the schedule of Bishop Jugis’ Masses and links to all of the special speaker presentations. In addition to participating virtually in this year’s Congress, all are invited to participate locally:

- **Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration—Friday, September 17, at 11:00am, Basilica**
- **Benediction after the 9:00am Mass on Sunday, September 19, Basilica**
- **Watch *Presence of the Eucharist* on FORMED.ORG, at home; use code NT732K to access this parish subscription for excellent Catholic Content**