

## 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 18 -**

\*5:00pm *Vigil* † Betty Rowland

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

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

12:00pm Pro Populo

4:00pm *Español* Special Intention

**Choir Warm Up, 8:15am, LCR  
Adoration & Benediction, 10:00am, Basilica**

#### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 - Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon; Paul Chong Ha-sang & Comp.**

12:10pm Gibson Family by Suzanne Harter

**Mary Healy Funeral, 10:00am, Basilica  
Private Prayer & Visits, 11:00am-12:00pm, B  
Spanish Prayer Group, 6:30pm, Basilica**

#### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 - St Matthew**

\*7:30am † Melissa Gregory by Shirley Gregory

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

#### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 -**

**7:30am † Jeremy Ruger by Carol Traynor**

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

#### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 - St Pius of Pietrelcina**

\*7:30am † Terry Vesel by John Vesel

**Private Prayer & Visits, 11:00am-1:00pm and 3:00pm-5:00pm, B  
Choir Practice, 7:00pm, LCR**

#### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 - St Robert Bellarmine**

12:10pm † Gil Rieder by Ruthie Rieder

**Adoration & Benediction, 11:00am - 11:45am, Basilica  
Confession, 12:45pm - 1:30pm, Basilica  
Downes - Dry Wedding Rehearsal, 3:30pm, Basilica**

#### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 - BVM**

\*5:00pm *Vigil* Robert & Donna Smyth by Sharon Kaye

**Confession, 8:30am - 9:30am, Basilica  
Downes - Dry Wedding, 2:00pm, Basilica**

#### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 - The Twenty-Sixth 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

SEPT 19: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37 (134) Pss 1

SEPT 20: Ezr 1:1-6/Lk 8:16-18 (449)

SEPT 21: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13 (643) Pss Prop

SEPT 22: Ezr 9:5-9/Lk 9:1-6 (451)

SEPT 23: Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9 (452)

SEPT 24: Hg 2:1-9/Lk 9:18-22 (453)

SEPT 25: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Lk 9:43b-45 (454)

## From the Pastor

*Sunday, September 19, 2021, The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Dear Parishioners,

It must have been an embarrassing moment for the Apostles. The Messiah has been instructing them on the Christian life as one of self-less giving. "Deny yourself, pick up your cross and follow me" our Lord instructed them in our Gospel last week. Today we hear His Apostles speaking of who was the greatest among them.

The "righteous" man mentioned in the book of Wisdom today is the man who lives the message of humility of denying self, picking up crosses and following the Lord. To be "righteous" is not of course, to be "self-righteous." The word means to stand straight before God: it is to be "upright", not swaying from one side to another – not fickle.

To be "righteous" one must be "self-less". St. James reminds us that it is a violation of the Christian code to concentrate on ourselves, this preoccupation excludes others. If our first thought is of ourselves, we are moved by an unchristian selfish ambition which leads us to devalue and even despise others. The "righteous" man is moved to think of the other in his first thoughts. This will be seen in the appreciation of the common good, authority and obedience. These elements are essential to Christian life. Humility leads us to accept legitimate authority with love and to love being obedient to that authority, all for the common good, the salvation of each soul. Humility also leads those in authority to use their authority for the good of those in their charge. It is not a matter of this one or that one being "in charge"; it is a matter of God's plan to lead us to work together for the common good in an orderly, systematic way which leads to real human freedom and therefore to salvation. Sometimes, we reject authority in our lives because we really are selfish; we really are "self-righteous." And sometimes, those in authority abdicate their role to lead in a desire for "peace at any price" or a weakness of true love. This too is really "selfish" and "self-righteous."

St. Jose Maria Escriva wrote: "There is a great love of comfort, and at times a great irresponsibility, hidden behind the attitude of those in authority who flees from the sorrow of correcting, making the excuse that they want to avoid the suffering of others. They may perhaps save themselves some discomfort in this life. But they are gambling with eternal happiness – the eternal happiness of others as well as their own – by these omissions of theirs. These omissions are real sins." All of us must use our authority well in service to others. This is "righteous." Our "authority" is for service. "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." Sometimes, we find this uncomfortable as it means we must correct others and be ready to be corrected by others. No one is served by ignoring truth. We serve each other by leading those in our care and humbly following those into whose care we have been entrusted. Our "service" should come from the humble heart of being "child – like," but never "childish." There is here a huge difference, isn't there? God has placed "children", not "childish" men in our midst, and when we receive our "children" in our Lord's name, we are receiving Him. Let us pray that we will grow in the love of authority, obedience, and humility

Thank you to all who helped and participated in the 17<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Eucharistic Congress in our "at home" and "in the parish" events. Your love for our Eucharistic Lord will bring great blessings. God was praised and we were blessed even if we could not gather physically at the Convention Center in Charlotte. The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Diocesan Eucharistic Congress is planned for September 23 and 24, 2022. Let's plan to be there.

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 19, 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 \$68,070.08. We are gaining ground! **We still have a balance to be pledged of \$12,594.92 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.)*



*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  
**Gillermo Calles**  
who entered eternal life  
on **September 15, 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.

*Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice. But the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without inconstancy or insincerity. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.*

~ Jas 3

### 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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### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

IS THIS YOUR YEAR? Couples married 25 or 50 years last year or this year will be honored at an Anniversary Mass held on Sunday, November 7, 2021 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Charlotte. Mass begins at 2:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Simply call our church office to be included.

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Phone: 704.536.6520

**THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF NAMES IS October 15, 2021.**

## 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:

Melanie Ford, 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 Frey

### • MILITARY PERSONNEL:

Christopher Balot, Vincent Camarata, Joseph Houston, Steffan Pixler

## Continuation from Pastor

Sunday, September 19, 2021, The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Estimados feligreses,

Debe haber sido un momento vergonzoso para los Apóstoles. El Mesías les ha estado instruyendo sobre la vida cristiana como una generosidad desinteresada. "Niégate a ti mismo, toma tu cruz y sígueme", les instruyó nuestro Señor en nuestro Evangelio la semana pasada. Hoy escuchamos a Sus Apóstoles hablar de quién era el más grande entre ellos.

El hombre "justo" mencionado en el libro de la Sabiduría hoy es el hombre que vive el mensaje de humildad de negarse a sí mismo, tomar la Cruz y seguir al Señor. Ser "justo" no es, por supuesto, ser "moralista". La palabra significa estar derecho ante Dios: es ser "recto", no balancearse de un lado a otro, no ser inconstante.

Para ser "justo" uno debe ser "desinteresado". Santiago nos recuerda que es una violación del código cristiano concentrarse en nosotros mismos, esta preocupación excluye a los demás. Si nuestro primer pensamiento es en nosotros mismos, nos mueve una ambición egoísta no cristiana que nos lleva a devaluar e incluso despreciar a los demás. El hombre "justo" se siente movido a pensar en el otro en sus primeros pensamientos. Esto se verá en la apreciación del bien común, la autoridad y la obediencia. Estos elementos son esenciales para la vida cristiana. La humildad nos lleva a aceptar la autoridad legítima con amor y amar siendo obedientes a esa autoridad, todo por el bien común, la salvación de cada alma. La humildad también lleva a los que tienen autoridad a usar su autoridad para el bien de los que están a su cargo. No se trata de que éste o aquél esté "a cargo"; se trata del plan de Dios para llevarnos a trabajar juntos por el bien común de una manera ordenada y sistemática que conduzca a la verdadera libertad humana y, por tanto, a la salvación. A veces, rechazamos la autoridad en nuestras vidas porque realmente somos egoístas; realmente somos "santurrónes". Y a veces, los que tienen autoridad se apoderan de su papel para liderar en un deseo de "paz a cualquier precio" o una debilidad del amor verdadero. Esto también es realmente "egoísta" y "santurrón".

San José María Escrivá escribió: "Hay un gran amor a la comodidad, y a veces una gran irresponsabilidad, escondida detrás de la actitud de los gobernantes que huyen del dolor de corregir, con la excusa de que quieren evitar el sufrimiento de otros. Quizás se ahorren algunas molestias en esta vida. Pero están jugando con la felicidad eterna, la felicidad eterna de los demás y la suya propia, con estas omisiones de los suyos. Estas omisiones son pecados reales". Todos debemos usar bien nuestra autoridad al servicio de los demás. Esto es "justo". Nuestra "autoridad" es para el servicio. "Si alguien quiere ser el primero, debe ser el último de todos y el servidor de todos". A veces, esto nos resulta incómodo, ya que significa que debemos corregir a otros y estar preparados para ser corregidos por otros. Nadie se beneficia ignorando la verdad. Nos servimos los unos a los otros guiando a los que están a nuestro cuidado y siguiendo humildemente a aquellos a cuyo cuidado se nos ha confiado. Nuestro "servicio" debe provenir del corazón humilde de ser "como un niño", pero nunca "infantil". Aquí hay una gran diferencia, ¿no es así? Dios ha puesto "niños", no hombres "infantiles" entre nosotros, y cuando recibimos a nuestros "hijos" en el nombre de nuestro Señor, lo estamos recibiendo. Oremos para que crezcamos en el amor a la autoridad, la obediencia y la humildad.

Gracias a todos los que ayudaron y participaron en el XVII Congreso Eucarístico Diocesano en nuestros eventos "en casa" y "en la parroquia". Su amor por nuestro Señor Eucarístico traerá grandes bendiciones. Dios fue alabado y fuimos bendecidos incluso si no pudimos reunirnos físicamente en el Centro de Convenciones en Charlotte. El 18º Congreso Eucarístico Diocesano Anual está previsto para el 23 y 24 de septiembre de 2022. Planifiquemos estar allí.

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

Con mis oraciones, padre Arnsparger

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