

Basilica Activities

We are sorry that we cannot offer tours or visits during Covid-19

DEAR VISITORS: Visitors are now able and welcome to attend Mass at the Basilica. We are unable, however, to provide tours or walk-in visits at this time. We look forward to adding these opportunities back in the near future as we implement our re-opening phase.

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.

DAILY MASSES: Monday—Friday at 7:30am; and Friday at 12:10pm

CONFESSIONS in the Church Vestibule as directed by Greeters
As shown below.

HOLY HOUR—EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION

As shown below.

Mass Intentions

* denotes Live Streaming

SATURDAY, MAY 29 -

*5:00pm Vigil Pro Populo

SUNDAY, MAY 30 - Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity

*9:00am Julian & Gwen Hobson (53rd wedding anniversary)

12:00pm Special Intention

4:00pm *Español* Special Intention

MONDAY, MAY 31 - The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30am † Beat Weismann by John & Becky Ellis

TUESDAY, JUNE 1 - St Justin

*7:30am † Patricia Joslin by Clifford Joslin

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2 - Sts Marcellinus & Peter

7:30am Scheiderich Family by Elizabeth Harris

THURSDAY, JUNE 3 - St Charles Lwanga & Companions

*7:30am † Timothy Ryan Berlage by Fr. Arnsparger

FRIDAY, JUNE 4 -

7:30am Fr. Timothy Reid VE by Gwen & Julian Hobson

12:10pm Catholic Daughters by Madeleine Pflaumbaum

Adoration & Benediction, 11:00am - 11:45am, Basilica
Confession, 12:45pm - 1:30pm, Basilica

SATURDAY, JUNE 5 - St Boniface

*5:00pm Vigil Br. Gerry Brereton by Gwen & Julian Hobson

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 6 - Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

*9:00am Pro Populo

12:00pm Special Intention

4:00pm *Español* Special Intention

Week Day Readings for Mass

MAY 30: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20 (165) Pss Prop

MAY 31: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Lk 1:39-56 (572) Pss Prop

JUNE 1: Tb 2:9-14/Mk 12:13-17 (354) Pss I

JUNE 2: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Mk 12:18-27 (355)

JUNE 3: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Mk 12:28-34 (356)

JUNE 4: Tb 11:5-17/Mk 12:35-37 (357)

JUNE 5: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Mk 12:38-44 (358)

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From the Pastor

Sunday, May 30, 2021, The Most Holy Trinity

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity and we reflect on the fundamental doctrine of our Catholic Faith. I want to share with you one of Pope Benedict XVI's reflections on the Most Holy Trinity:

"How often have we made the sign of the cross, invoking without really adverting to it, the name of the triune God? In its original meaning the sign of the Cross was, each time it was made, a renewal of our baptism, a repetition of the words by which we became Christians, and an assimilation into our personal life of what was given us in baptism without our cooperation or reflection. Water was poured over us, and, at the same time, the words were spoken: "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." The Church makes us Christians by calling on the name of the Trinitarian God. From her beginning, she has expressed in this way what she regards as the truly definitive mark of our Christianity: faith in the triune God... It seems so remote from our life. It seems so useless and so hard to understand. If there must be short formulas for expressing the tenets of our faith, then they should at least be attractive, exciting, something whose importance for men and for our lives is immediately apparent. Yet, in the last analysis, this is what we are saying here: Christianity is not primarily concerned with the Church or with men, but with God. Its proper orientation is not to our hopes, our fears, or our wishes, but to God, to His majesty and His power. The first article of Christian faith, the basic orientation of Christian conversion, is that God exists. We must, therefore, learn again to understand from God's perspective what being a Christian really means – that is, believing that He is Father, son, and Holy Spirit. If He is that in Himself, He must be (both) "I" and "You" and so He must be one God in three Persons."

The Mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is a foundational doctrine of our Catholic Faith. God has revealed Himself as: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Today let us pray over the inner life of the Holy Trinity and how blessed we are to be able to experience that communal love of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Grace of our adoption through Baptism and the Sacraments enables us to enter into this love and to be able to share that true love.

Next Sunday, June 6, is the Feast of Corpus Christi. To celebrate the feast we will add two extra activities:

Corpus Christi Procession: At the 9:00 am Corpus Christi Mass I will process with the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Monstrance through the Church; I will go to the front doors of the Basilica and give a Eucharistic Blessing to the City. Please remain kneeling in the pews until I return to the Altar and give the Eucharistic Benediction to all of you kneeling in the Church. We will then say the Divine Praises and have the closing hymn and Recessional.

We will pray the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress Prayer before each Mass to begin our specific preparation for the 17th Annual Diocesan Eucharistic Congress to be held on September 17 and 18, 2021 at the Charlotte Convention Center. Please pray that prayer often as we prepare to gather for our Diocesan Family Eucharistic Congress. The prayer is at the website: goeucharist.com.

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

With my prayers, Father Arnsparger

Parish Announcements for Sunday, May 30, 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 114 households have pledged a total of \$50,754.08. We are gaining ground! ***We still have a balance to be pledged of \$29,910.92 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. (Due to the Memorial Day Holiday there will not be another update until June 6th.)



Community Announcements

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. If you or someone you know are in need, please contact us at 255-0146 to learn more or schedule a visit.

For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry, "Abba, Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ... ~ Rom. 8

OFFERTORY CONSIDERATIONS—U.S. MAIL

Basilica of Saint Lawrence
PO Box 1850, Asheville, NC 28802
(please do not mail to street address)

ONLINE - <https://saintlawrencebasilica.org/online-giving>

Choose: Offertory, Special, & Payments

Your continued support of the parish is greatly appreciated!

ONLINE GIVING

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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.
- Sanitization of the entire Church after Sunday Masses, Friday Holy Hour and Confessions.
- 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 Basilica Staff is diligently working to use a phased plan for the re-opening of the Basilica for Mass, additional activities, and the parish office. As we begin to implement these phases, below are some things to keep in mind:

- **Office Hours:** The Parish Office remains closed. However, appointments may be scheduled with office staff Tuesday — Friday between 9:00am and 12:00 Noon. To request an appointment, please complete the online appointment 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 at their earliest convenience.
- **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.

Faith Formation & Additional Parish Announcements - May 30, 2012

Congratulations to our students who recently celebrated their First Holy Communion:

Jefferson Armando Martinez Rodriguez

Kevin Fabian Rojas Avila

Hannah Yarethzy Alcantara Salas

Scarlett Galvan Salas

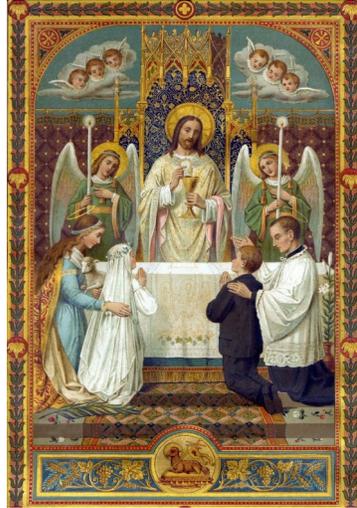
Brayden Hura

Diego Gonzalez Garcia

Jeronimo Hinojosa Salazar

Melany Mendez Gonzales

Kristan Pina



Kimberly Moguel Hernandez

Leslie Moguel Hernandez

Jesus Alexander Herrera Vazquez

Elian Aaron Herrera Vazquez

Diana Mairem Lopez

Fredy Lopez Jr.

Nu Ai Dihn Tran

Josue Alexander Ramirez Salas

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.

2021 DSA & Community Announcements

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:



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.

People to Pray for . . .

• PARISHIONERS:

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, Thomas Zichy, 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:

Ashley V. Paxton, Kayce Edwards, David Jones, Adam Powers, Tony Sellers, Ron Thompson, Bernie Thompson, Trent Johnson, Martha Johnson, Noah James Maynard, Alexandra Livezey Maynard, 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, Gilbert Pride, Jean & Mel Thomason, Scott Price, Ramona Edwards, Ron St. Clair, Jack Casteen, Pat Edwards, Joan Burke, Linda Fanslow, Douglas McElreath, Elaine Gaines & Family, Ute & Tom Reczek, Kerith Boyette, Nathaniel Dickson, Duane Chapman, Margie Marshall, Randy Sheppard, Dawn Glass, Malanie Ford, Warren Quinn, Gary Wilson, Jim & Cathy Healy, Eddie Smith, Rick Riddle, Ron Turner, Evelyn Sweet, Bill Stancovitch

• MILITARY PERSONNEL:

Christopher Balot, Vincent Camarata, Joseph Houston, Steffan Pixler

Continuation from Pastor

Sunday, May 30, 2021, The Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity

Estimados feligreses,

Hoy es la solemnidad de la Santísima Trinidad y reflexionamos sobre la doctrina fundamental de nuestra Fe Católica. Quiero compartir con ustedes una de las reflexiones del Papa Benedicto XVI sobre la Santísima Trinidad:

“¿Cuántas veces hemos hecho la señal de la cruz, invocando sin advertirlo realmente, el nombre del Dios trino? En su sentido original, la señal de la Cruz era, cada vez que se hacía, una renovación de nuestro bautismo, una repetición de las palabras con las que nos convertimos en cristianos y una asimilación en nuestra vida personal de lo que nos fue dado en el bautismo sin nuestra cooperación o reflexión. Se derramó agua sobre nosotros y, al mismo tiempo, se pronunciaron las palabras: “Yo os bautizo en el nombre del Padre, y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo”. La Iglesia nos hace cristianos invocando el nombre del Dios trinitario. Desde sus inicios, ha expresado así lo que ella considera como la marca verdaderamente definitiva de nuestro cristianismo: la fe en el Dios trino ... Parece tan alejada de nuestra vida. Parece tan inútil y difícil de entender. Si debe haber fórmulas breves para expresar los principios de nuestra fe, entonces al menos deben ser atractivas, emocionantes, algo cuya importancia para los hombres y para nuestras vidas se haga evidente de inmediato. Sin embargo, en último análisis, esto es lo que estamos diciendo aquí: el cristianismo no se preocupa principalmente por la Iglesia o por los hombres, sino por Dios. Su orientación adecuada no es hacia nuestras esperanzas, nuestros temores o nuestros deseos, sino hacia Dios, Su majestad y Su poder. El primer artículo de la fe cristiana, la orientación básica de la conversión cristiana es que Dios existe. Por lo tanto, debemos aprender de nuevo a comprender desde la perspectiva de Dios lo que realmente significa ser cristiano, es decir, creer que Él es Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo. Si Él es eso en Sí mismo, debe ser (ambos) “Yo” y “Tú” y, por lo tanto, debe ser un Dios en tres Personas”.

El Misterio de la Santísima Trinidad es una doctrina fundamental de nuestra Fe Católica. Dios se ha revelado a Sí mismo como: Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo. Hoy oremos por la vida interior de la Santísima Trinidad y cuán bendecidos somos de poder experimentar ese amor comunitario del Padre, del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo. La Gracia de nuestra adopción mediante el Bautismo y los Sacramentos nos permite entrar en este amor y poder compartir ese amor verdadero.

El próximo domingo 6 de junio es la fiesta del Corpus Christi. Para celebrar la fiesta añadiremos dos actividades:

1. Procesión del Corpus Christi: En la Misa del Corpus Christi de las 9:00 am procesaremos con el Santísimo Sacramento en la Custodia a través de la Iglesia; Iré a las puertas de entrada de la Basílica y daré una Bendición Eucarística a la Ciudad. Por favor, permanezcan arrodillados en los bancos hasta que vuelva al Altar y les dé la Bendición Eucarística a todos arrodillados en la Iglesia. Luego recitaremos las Alabanzas Divinas y tendremos el himno de clausura y la Recesión.

2. Rezaremos la Oración del Congreso Eucarístico Diocesano antes de cada Misa para comenzar nuestra preparación específica para el 17º Congreso Eucarístico Diocesano que se celebra anualmente y que se llevará a cabo el 17 y 18 de septiembre de 2021 en el Centro de Convenciones de Charlotte. Ore esa oración a menudo mientras nos preparamos para reunirnos en el Congreso Eucarístico de la Familia Diocesana. La oración está en el sitio web: goeucharist.com.

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

Con mis oraciones, Padre Arnsparger

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