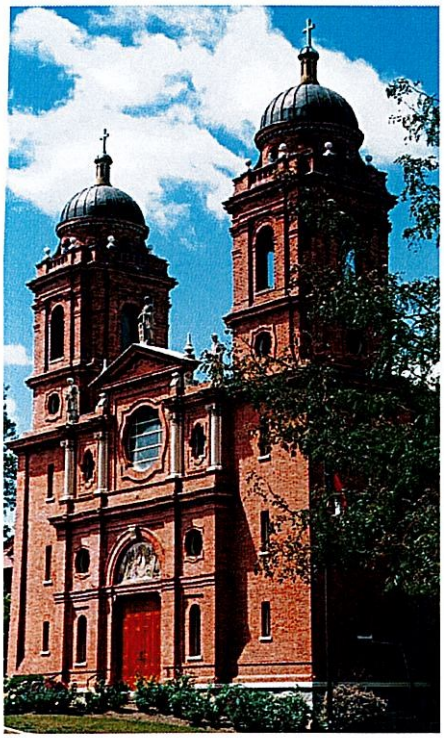
Basilica
Saint Lawrence
Deacon & Martyr



Welcome!

Our Parish is blessed to provide for the worship of the Blessed Trinity and the distribution of the graces of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and the Sacraments for our parishioners and visitors.

¡Bienvenido!

Nuestra parroquia tiene la bendición de proveer para la adoración de la Santísima Trinidad y la distribución de las gracias del Santo Sacrificio de la Misa y los Sacramentos para nuestros feligreses y visitantes.

Sunday Masses
Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm
Sunday: 9:00 am, 12:00 Noon (English)
4:00pm (en Español)

Daily Masses
Monday and Friday: 12:10 pm
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 7:30 am

Sacraments
Reconciliation
Friday: 12:45 – 1:30 pm
Saturday: 8:30 to 9:30 am
Baptisms
Saintlawrencebasilica.org/baptism
Marriage
saintlawrencebasilica.org/marriage
(Inquire at least one year prior to a proposed wedding date)
Anointing of the Sick
Call to make an appointment before surgery or entering a hospital. This is offered before or after a scheduled Mass.

Devotions
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
Friday: 11:00 am – 11:45 am
Angelus
Friday: 12:00 noon
Rosary
Sunday: 8:20 am
Eucharistic Adoration before the Tabernacle, prayer, and visits
Mon: 11:00 am – 12:00 noon
Tues: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Wed: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Thur: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Most Reverend Peter J. Jugis
Bishop of the Diocese of Charlotte

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Father Roger K. Arnsparger, V.E.
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Deacon Philip Miles
Deacon

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Rafael Guastavino, Architect
Built 1905—1909
Dedication
October 17, 1909
Consecrated
October 13, 1920
Designated a Minor Basilica
April 6, 1993
National Parks Service Designations
National Register of Historic Places, 1978
National Significance, 2010

Basilica Activities

DEAR VISITORS: All are welcome to attend Mass at the Basilica and visit during 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—In the Confessional as directed by Greeters—shown below.
HOLY HOUR—EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION—shown below.

Mass Intentions & Activities
** denotes Live Streaming*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7 -
*5:00pm *Vigil* Pro Populo
Confession, 8:30am - 9:30am, Basilica

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 - ***Epiphany of the Lord***
*9:00am † Sharon Allison by Suzanne Harter
12:00pm Special Intention
4:00pm *Español* Special Intention
Rosary, 8:30 am, Basilica
Catechism & Questions, 10:15am, Basilica
Rosary, 11:30am, Basilica
Catecismo y Preguntas, 2:15pm, Basilica

MONDAY, JANUARY 9 - ***The Baptism of the Lord***
12:10pm † Richard Allen by Susan Rinaldi
Private Prayer & Visits, 11:00am-1:00pm and 3:00pm-5:00pm, B
La Platica - Baptismal Talk, 6:00pm, Laurentine Hall

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10 - ***(Begin First Week in Ordinary Time)***
7:30am † Cynthia Willis by Mark Willis
Private Prayer & Visits, 11:00am-1:00pm and 3:00pm-5:00pm, B

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11 -
7:30am Austin Morioka by Jacqueline Delaneau
Street Meals Team, 10:00am, Laurentine Hall
Private Prayer & Visits, 11:00am-1:00pm and 3:00pm-5:00pm, B
Parish Finance Council, 3:00pm, Conference Room

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12 -
7:30am † Mary Janiczek by Dennis & Beth Saddleson
Private Prayer & Visits, 11:00am-1:00pm and 3:00pm-5:00pm, B

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13 - ***St Hilary***
12:10pm † Eddie Streeto by Patricia Streeto
Adoration, 11:00-11:35am, Basilica
Benediction, 11:35, Basilica
Confession, 12:45pm—1:30pm, Basilica
Davidson College Chorale Concert, 7:30pm, Basilica

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14 - ***BVM***
*5:00pm *Vigil* † Fred Broncato by Patricia Streeto
Confession, 8:30am - 9:30am, Basilica

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15 - ***Second Sunday in Ordinary Time***
*9:00am Pro Populo
12:00pm † Daniel Lepore by Fr. Arnsparger
4:00pm *Español* Special Intention
Rosary, 8:30 am, Basilica
Rosary, 11:30am, Basilica
Spanish RCIA, 2:00pm, Basilica
Spanish Confirmation, 2:00pm, Laurentine

From the Pastor
Sunday, January 8, 2023

Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. This is the "second" manifestation of the Lord: the first epiphany or manifestation was Christmas and the third is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord with which we will close the Christmas season and take down our decorations.

The Wise Men or Magi leave their homes to search for wisdom, they follow the star. They are humble in their journey; they are seekers. The period of the so called "Enlightenment" saw man consider himself the source of wisdom; it really was not an enlightenment at all. Real wisdom is outside of ourselves and only from God. What star will we follow, from where comes our direction? Where do we go to look for knowledge and wisdom? The wise men brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Blessed Jose Escriva gives us this reflection on the gifts:

"We offer Him the precious gold we receive when in spirit we are detached from money and material goods. Let us not forget that these things are good, for they come from God. But the Lord has laid down that we should use them, without allowing our hearts to become attached to them, by putting them to good use for the benefit of all mankind...

"We offer Him incense...our desire to live a noble life which gives off the 'aroma of Christ'. To impregnate our words and actions with His aroma is to sow understanding and friendship...The pleasant smell of incense comes from some small, hidden grains of aromatic material placed upon the burning charcoal. Likewise, is the sweet fragrance of Christ noticed among men - not in a sudden burst of flame, but in the constant red-hot embers of virtues such as justice, loyalty, faithfulness, understanding and cheerfulness...

"...We also offer myrrh...the spirit of sacrifice that can never be lacking in a Christian life. Myrrh reminds us of the Passion of Our Lord... Mortification does not usually consist of great renunciations, for situations requiring great self-denial seldom occur. Mortification is made up of small conquests, such as smiling at those who annoy us, denying the body some superfluous fancy, getting accustomed to listening to others, making full use of the time God allots us...and so many other details. We find them in the apparently trifling problems, difficulties and worries which arise without our looking for them in the course of each day."

The Christmas Season will end tomorrow, Monday, January 9, 2023, with the celebration of the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord. Let us prepare to "Manifest" the graces God has given us in this Holy Days of Christmas as we live out our Baptismal Commitment. We really become the "Epiphany" of the Lord as we let His Grace shine from our souls. We do this as we bring our gifts of holiness and service to Him, His Church and all His people. All the little things we do each day really are the gifts we bring to the Crib of the One Who loves us most. Let us be generous in bringing them.

Thank you for your prayers for the happy repose of the soul of Pope Benedict XVIII. What a gift God gave to us in those many years of Benedict's faithful and faith filled service to us on our journey to the Father's House. May he rest in peace.

God bless you. May our Lady keep you in her care and may St. Joseph intercede for you. -Fr. Arnsparger

P.S. Thanks to all of you for making your pledges to the "Preserving Our Heritage" Capital Campaign to restore and preserve our beautiful church. If you have not yet made a pledge, please find a pledge card on our website. Consider $5 or more extra a week for the five years of the Campaign. Many thanks.

Parish Announcements for Sunday, January 8, 2023

For more information contact the parish office at 828.252.6042 or visit saintlawrencebasilica.org

Prayers & Condolences

are extended to
the family and friends of
Antonio Fraga
who entered eternal life
on January 1, 2023

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed Rest in Peace.
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Free Concert
Davidson College Chorale
Friday, January 13, 2023 ~ 7:30 p.m.

The Davidson College Chorale is coming to Asheville on tour and we are THRILLED to be performing at the Basilica of St. Lawrence on Friday, January 13th. This concert is free and no tickets are required. Please join us from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. for an evening of ravishing music, including gems from the Baltics, traditional and contemporary pieces for the holiday season, and more. The choir is comprised of 50 undergraduate students, under the direction of Renata Berlin and organist, Dr. Tomasz Robak.

Diocese of Charlotte ~ Second Collection

Combined Mission Collection

Church in Latin America, Church in Central and Eastern Europe, United States Mission Appeal (Black & Indian Missions), Catholic Home Missions, and Church in Africa

January 15, 2023

Week Day Readings for Mass

YEAR A – WEEKDAYS I

Jan 8:Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12 (20) Pss Prop
Jan 9:Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17 (21) Pss Prop
Jan 10: *[Begin First Week in Ordinary Time]* **Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28 (306)or Heb 1:1-6 (305) and 2:5-12 (306)/Mk 1:14-20 (305) and 1:21-28 (306) Pss I**
Jan 11:Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39 (307)
Jan 12:Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45 (308)
Jan 13:Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12 (309)
Jan 14:Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17 (310)

ACS HIRING TEACHERS

Asheville Catholic School is currently hiring substitute teachers. If interested, please see page 8 of this bulletin for further information and requirements.

Understand Your Catholic Faith with
***The Catechism in a Year* Podcast**
with Fr. Mike Schmitz!
[See page 9 of this bulletin]
Starting January 1, 2023

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

~ Mt. 2

Parish & Community Announcements - January 8, 2023

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

The Anointing of the Sick is normally celebrated before or after a Sunday or daily Mass.

Active Parishioners should make an appointment to schedule the Sacrament of the Sick before going to the hospital or a care facility.

Please call the office at 828-252-6042 to request an appointment for an Anointing or by completing the online form on our website at: https://saintlawrencebasilica.org/anointing-of-the-sick. The form is located on the left side bar.

In the event of inclement winter weather go to WLOS.com to find information on delays and closings.

Saint Lawrence Altar Society

Would you like to serve as a member of the Altar Society? Please contact Andrew Davis for more information about this parish ministry at: 828-779-9371, or email: basilicamusic@aol.com.

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 economicas, 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 obnibús, 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.

Feeding the Hungry

Catholic Charities works to serve people in need in western North Carolina through food, diaper, and toiletry distributions. For more information about our services, visit ccdoc.org. We are accepting food, diaper, or toiletry donations at 50 Orange Street in Asheville from 10:00am-4:00pm Monday-Thursday. If you have questions, please contact us at 828-255-0146.

If you would like to donate via Amazon, please use the link below to see our top needed items. Please write "Food Pantry" in the comment section.

https://a.co/fQLvt00

Items most in need:

Food: canned chicken, canned tuna, coffee, tea bags

Toiletries: toilet paper, shampoo/conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, laundry detergent

Diapers: Size 5, Size 6, baby wipes

Bilingual Professional Mental Health Counseling

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. We have a hybrid in-person or telehealth/remote option to ensure safety and personal preference. We provide this at a sliding scale fee. 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:

Donna Smith, Amy Treverton, Otis McIntosh, Linda & Michael LaFlamme, 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, Joanne Coates, Margaret Malone, Rosemary Franklin, David Wellmon, Pat Lepore, 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, , John Wenta, Betty Zalewski

• Non-Parishioners:

Kathleen Kirkland, Scott Ossewaarde & family, Houck Family, Margaret & Bobby Thompson, Carolina Gutierrez, Marley Bateaux, Ginger Bish, Wayne Litz, Carolyn Sartor, Louise Carver, Gale McGuirk O'Neal, Linda Adams, Maxwell James Rodgers, Yanelis Delacruz, Raphael Winters, Emma Mullen, Wes Westmoreland, Alexandra & Luke Maynard, Melanie Ford, Lin Choo, 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, April Moore, Wilma Blackmon, Stacey Folwell, John Lewis, Janet Frye, Gabe Focaracci

• Military Personnel:

Christopher Balot, Vincent Camarata, Steffan Pixler

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 Polices 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!

Safe Environment Training

Did you know that every Church worker must go through abuse prevention and education training? Find more information about the Diocese of Charlotte's Safe Environment program, sign up for Protecting God's Children training and more: https://charlottediocese.org/human-resources/safe-environment.

For more information or questions, please contact the diocese's Human Resources Office at https://charlottediocese.org/human-resources or 704-370-6299.

Online Giving

Scan to Give

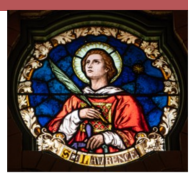
What St. Lawrence is Doing to Address Mitigation of Covid-19 Transmission

- Sign placement to encourage 6-foot social distancing, and frequent hand sanitization, if necessary.
- All hymnals and missalettes have been removed.
- 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 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 Announcements - January 8, 2023



January Faith Formation

Sunday, 1/8/2023	**Catechism & Questions, 10:15am, Laurentine Hall**
	Catecismo y Preguntas, 2:15pm, Laurentine Hall
Sunday, 1/15/2023	**Preparacion de Confirmacion, 2:15pm, Laurentine Hall**
Sunday, 1/22/2023	**First Holy Communion Preparation, 10:15am, Basilica**
	Preparacion de Primera Comunion, 2:15pm, Basilica

Catechism and Questions

All parishioners (Adults, College, High School, Grade school and all children) are invited to join us in Laurentine Hall for our next "Catechism and Questions" class. We hope to see you there.

Next Class: Sunday, January 8, at 10:15 am, Catechism & Questions
Sunday, January 8, at 2:15pm, Catecismo Y Preguntas

Reborn: You, Your Child and The Heart of Baptism

All parishioners are invited to participate in a home study of the Sacrament of Baptism by watching the Reborn Program on Formed.org. Reborn explores the deeply personal power of Baptism, bringing to light the spiritual reality for parents and godparents and, most importantly, the child being baptized. Rendered with a cinematic beauty that's become the hallmark of the Augustine Institute's film productions, Reborn presents the foundation of the Church's teaching on Baptism, with a step-by-step explanation of the rite itself, including its profound place in Scripture and Tradition.

Beloved: Finding Happiness in Marriage

All parishioners are invited to participate in a home study of the Sacrament of Marriage by watching the Beloved Program on Formed.org. In 12 stunning sessions, Beloved uncovers the mystery and the meaning of the sacrament of marriage. Beloved is comprised of two parts: The Mystery and Meaning of Marriage has 6 sessions and Living Marriage has 6 sessions.

Formed.org

Our parish has a subscription to Formed.org, so all the material there is available to you at no charge; all you need to do is set up your personal account for Basilica of St. Lawrence. **FORMED.org: Use Code—NT732K**

Ascension's Catechism in a Year Podcast

The Basilica of St. Lawrence is excited to invite our parishioners and friends to join us in reading the entire Catechism of the Catholic Church together using "The Catechism in a Year" podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz beginning January 1, 2023.
By listening to this podcast, we will:

- Read the entire Catechism in 365 days
- Understand the essentials of the Catholic Faith and why they matter
- Transform our relationship with the Church that Christ founded

Each of the daily episodes will be about 15-20 minutes long, making it easy to listen for your own personal listening, with your family, or with a small group.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to finally understand what it means to be Catholic and allow those truths to shape your life! Please click this link to learn more and join us on this journey through the Catechism:
www.ascensionpress.com/pages/ciy-registration-parish

Openlight Media Plus

We are pleased to announce a parish subscription to Openlight Media: Bringing the Light of Christ into the World. The Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist are passionate about sharing the truth, beauty, and goodness of God—leading others into an encounter with Christ. Openlight Media is an accessible and trustworthy portal providing relevant informational resources helping educators, young families, and individuals.
To begin your subscription go to: https://openlightmedia.com/openlight-media-plus-coupon-code-redemption/
Follow the *OPENLIGHT MEDIA PLUS COUPON CODE REDEMPTION INSTRUCTIONS.*
The Basilica Coupon Code is: **oplparishbasilicaofstlawrencecharlotteaqa**

We hope you enjoy Openlight Media Plus and the Dominican Sisters of Mary.

Manners Monday with the Sisters

As you know, we have a parish subscription to OpenLight Media of the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist. Their program has great resources for helping your children grow in virtue and therefore success and happiness in "practicing the Faith". A part of that program is "Manners Monday with the Sisters". Here is a link to the videos the Sisters have produced. Enjoy!
https://openlightmedia.com/manners-monday

Continuation from Pastor

Sunday, January 8, 2023, The Epiphany of the Lord

Estimados feligreses,

Hoy celebramos la Fiesta de la Epifanía. Esta es la "segunda" manifestación del Señor: la primera epifanía o manifestación fue la Navidad y la tercera es la Fiesta del Bautismo del Señor con la que cerraremos el tiempo navideño y retiraremos nuestros adornos.

Los Reyes Magos salen de sus casas en busca de la sabiduría, siguen la estrella. Son humildes en su camino; son buscadores. El período de la llamada "Ilustración" vio al hombre considerarse a sí mismo como fuente de sabiduría; realmente no fue una iluminación en absoluto. La verdadera sabiduría está fuera de nosotros y sólo de Dios. ¿Qué estrella seguiremos, de dónde viene nuestra dirección? ¿Adónde vamos a buscar conocimiento y sabiduría? Los magos trajeron regalos de oro, incienso y mirra. El Beato José Escrivá nos regala esta reflexión sobre los dones:

"Le ofrecemos el oro precioso que recibimos cuando en espíritu estamos desprendidos del dinero y de los bienes materiales. No olvidemos que estas cosas son buenas, porque vienen de Dios. Pero el Señor ha dispuesto que los usemos, sin dejar que nuestro corazón se apegue a ellos, aplicándolos bien para el beneficio de toda la humanidad...

"Le ofrecemos incienso... nuestro deseo de vivir una vida noble que desprende el 'aroma de Cristo'. Impregnar nuestras palabras y acciones con Su aroma es sembrar comprensión y amistad... El agradable olor del incienso proviene de unos pequeños granos escondidos de materia aromática colocados sobre el carbón encendido. Del mismo modo, la dulce fragancia de Cristo se nota entre los hombres, no en un repentino estallido de llama, sino en las constantes brasas al rojo vivo de virtudes como la justicia, la lealtad, la fidelidad, la comprensión y la alegría...

"...ofrecemos también la mirra...el espíritu de sacrificio que nunca puede faltar en la vida cristiana. La mirra nos recuerda la Pasión de Nuestro Señor... La mortificación no suele consistir en grandes renuncias, pues rara vez se dan situaciones que requieran una gran abnegación. La mortificación se compone de pequeñas conquistas, como sonreír a los que nos molestan, negar al cuerpo algún capricho superfluo, acostumbrarse a escuchar a los demás, aprovechar al máximo el tiempo que Dios nos concede... y tantos otros detalles. Los encontramos en los problemas, dificultades y preocupaciones aparentemente insignificantes que surgen sin que los busquemos en el transcurso de cada día".

El Tiempo Navideño finalizará mañana lunes 9 de enero de 2023 con la celebración de la Fiesta del Bautismo de Nuestro Señor. Preparémonos para "Manifestar" las gracias que Dios nos ha dado en estos Días Santos de Navidad mientras vivimos nuestro Compromiso Bautismal. Realmente nos convertimos en la "Epifanía" del Señor cuando permitimos que Su Gracia brille en nuestras almas. Hacemos esto al traer nuestros dones de santidad y servicio a Él, a Su Iglesia ya todo Su pueblo. Todas las pequeñas cosas que hacemos cada día son realmente los regalos que traemos a la Cuna de Aquel que más nos ama. Seamos generosos en traerlos.

Gracias por sus oraciones por el feliz descanso del alma del Papa Benedicto XVIII. Qué regalo nos dio Dios en esos muchos años de servicio fiel y lleno de fe de Benedicto XVI en nuestro viaje a la Casa del Padre. Puede él descansar en paz.

Dios te bendiga. Que Nuestra Señora os tenga bajo su cuidado y que San José interceda por vosotros.

-Fr. Arnsparger

PD Gracias a todos ustedes por hacer sus promesas a la Campaña Capital "Preservando Nuestro Patrimonio" para restaurar y preservar nuestra hermosa iglesia. Si aún no ha hecho un compromiso, busque una tarjeta de compromiso en nuestro siΘo web. Considere $5 o más adicionales por semana durante los cinco años de la Campaña. Muchas gracias.

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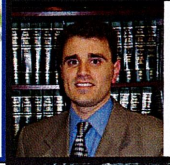

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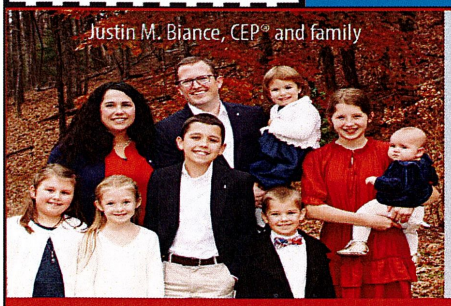

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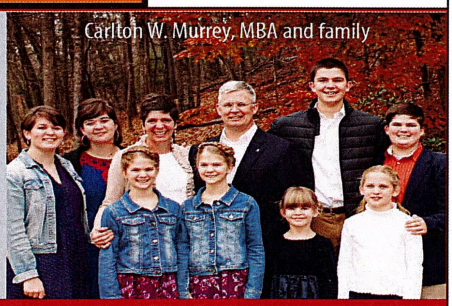

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