

Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

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April 13, 2025
Palm Sunday

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Weekend Masses

Saturday, 5:00pm
Sunday, 9:00am, 11:30am, and 3:00pm(Español)

Weekday Masses

Monday, 9:00am (Chapel)
Wednesday, 7:00pm (Church)
Thursday, 12:10pm (Chapel)
Friday, 12:10pm (Chapel)

Rosary and Benediction

Thursday, 7:00pm (Chapel)

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, 12:30pm-8:00pm (Chapel)
Friday, 12:30pm-1:30pm (Chapel)
Saturday, 4:00pm-5:00pm (Church)
Sunday, 8:00am-9:00am (Church)
Sunday, 10:30am-11:30am (Church)
Sunday, 2:30pm-3:00pm (Church)
4th Thursday 12:30pm-Friday 12:00pm (Chapel)

Nocturnal Adoration

Second Saturday of the Month,
10:00pm—6:00am (Chapel)

Confession

Saturday, 4:15pm-4:45pm
Wednesday, 6:30pm-7:00pm

Welcome to our Parish!

We welcome all visitors and newcomers to our parish family. If you need any information regarding Baptism, First Communion or

Matrimony, please contact

Deacon Andrew Cilone at 828-245-6219.

For information regarding instructions in the Catholic faith through the RCIA program, please contact Deacon David Faunce at 828-429-1469.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR for April 12-20, 2025

Sat 12	Saint Julius	5:00pm	Mass for ROS Hilry Gilbert
Sun 13	Palm Sunday	9:00am 11:30am 7:30pm	Mass for the Parish Mass for ROS Krantz & Poleti Family Members by the Krantz Family AA Meeting, call Floyd Kunkle at 289-6336 for information
Mon 14	Saint Lydwina	9:00am	Mass for ROS Charles Hill, Sr. by Chuck & Janet Hill
Wed 16	Saint Bernadette Soubirous	7:00pm	Mass for the Grandchildren of the Cilone Family by Andy & JoAnn Cilone
Thurs 17	Thursday of the Lord's Supper	7:00pm 7:30pm	Mass for ROS Louise Jerlinski by Claire Feldmeth AA Meeting, call Floyd Kunkle at 289-6336 for information
Fri 18	Good Friday	2:30pm 3:00pm	Stations of the Cross Good Friday Liturgy
Sat 19	Holy Saturday-Easter Vigil	5:00pm	Mass for ROS Charles Beam by Jackie Beam
Sun 20	Easter Sunday	9:00am 11:30am 7:30pm	Mass for Living & Deceased Members of the Cilone & Ricci Family by John & Roseanne Staab Mass for the Parish AA Meeting, call Floyd Kunkle at 289-6336 for information

Save the Date

4/16, & 5/7, 21: Prayer Group, 10:30am, Parish Hall; All parishioners welcome.

April 14: Ladies Guild Meeting, 10:00am in the Parish Hall; all women of the parish are welcome.

April 24-25: 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration; starts after the 12:10pm Mass on the 27th and ends before the 12:10pm Mass on the 28th.

April 27: Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner

May 4: Knights of Columbus Meeting; 7:00pm; Adoration in the Chapel at 6:30pm

May 17: March for Life, Raleigh Bus Trip; more info on following pages.

May 18: First Communion, at the 9:00am Mass. More information to come.

May 31: Confirmation, at the 5:00pm Mass. More information to come.

June 7: Diaconate Ordination; 9:00am Mass, Saint Mark's Church (Michael Lugo has received his Call to Orders, and will be ordained as Deacon at this Mass)

June 14: Priests Ordinations; 9:00am Mass, Saint Mark's Church

June 15-20: Totus Tuus; See information on the next page.

June 21: March for Life, Stearns Park, Columbus, sponsored by K of C of St. John the Evangelist Church, Tryon, 10am-Noon; Water will be provided and food trucks will be present. Join us. Questions? 828 980 3182

DON'T FORGET... Annual Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner- April 27, 2025, from 10am-3pm in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$5.00 per plate. Widows as well as children 6 and under eat free!

Hope Quotes

"For through the Spirit, by faith, we await the hope of righteousness. For in Christ Jesus, neither counts for anything, but only faith working through love."

~ Galatians 5: 5-6 ~

"If we truly pray for what is necessary for salvation, our hope is that we shall never be lost."

~ Father Lawrence Daniel Carney III ~

COLLECTION INFORMATION

Collection for April 7, 2025

Regular Offering: \$7,249.25

March Online Giving

Regular Offering: \$8,587.90

Building Repair Loan: \$300.00

Seminarian Education: \$15.00

You can make online donations through the following link:

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/immaculateconceforestcity>

For Annulment Information Contact:

Rachel Harrill 1-828-447-1908 or

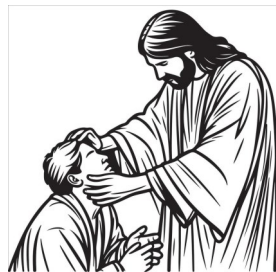
Email: reharrill@rcdoc.org.

On Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, Father Burke will be giving out blessed Miraculous Medals to all who want one.

REMEMBER... Our Lady promised that all who wore a blessed Miraculous Medal would receive great graces.

Prayers for the Sick

Mary Absher, Cynthia Beam, Emily Bailey, Alisha Benfield, Iris Borras, Wade Boswell, Father Burke, Melissa Chandler, Frank Colini, Joanne Colini, Julie Colini, Sabrina & Kevin Collier, Julie Collins, Michelle Contreras, Michelle Daigle, Danya Davis, Claudia Dodrill, Robert DuCharme, Danya Evans, Carol Faunce, Emanuel Garcia, Rebekah Giltner, Gloria Gimpaya, Silvestre Gonzalez, Nancy Goulet, Ellie Graves, Jim Haueisen, David Hernandez, Julian Hernandez, Sherlin Hernandez, Janet Hill, Clare Jablonski, Betsy Jackson, Father Jenkins, Kate Johnson, Gabriel Jones, Bishop Jugis, Ronnie Kennedy, Jim & Joan King, Jared Krantz, Ed Long, Stephannie Longo, Patricia Lucas, Jeff Lugo, Monica Martin, Elias Martinez, Nathan I. McCain, Jennifer McDonald, Darlene McPeters, Joan Meade, Geri Melton, Esther Mendoza, Teresa Mendoza, Gloria Millette, Kevin Millette, Benny Montanez, Scott Moore, Lucas Cade Motter, Alan Murfitt, Keith Oliver, Luis Parra, Maria Parra, Carmen Perez, David Picquet, Ken Pierson, Bonnie Rackley, Richard Ranc, Rick Rorey, Deborah Rowlands, John Rowlands, Camille Russo, Nathan Ryback, Linda Samarotto, Linda & Keith See, Samantha Smith, Sister Mary Olivia, Larry St. Clair, Nancy St. Clair, Beth Ann Stamper, Cole Suhy, Doug Suhy, Sarah Suhy, Mark Tavernia, Richard Thelen, Federico Trejo, Patty Wansor, Arwin Watts, Sammy White, Bernice Williams, Marshall Williams, Mary Wright



(Please pray for the repose of the souls of Cassie Schmanski and Wilson Mancipe)
Please let us know when you are ready to be taken off our "Prayers for the Sick" list; email pjwlmg@gmail.com



ESPECIALLY FOR....

E2 Private First Class Jayden Mills, USMC, Stationed at Camp Hansen, Okinawa, Japan;
CDR Stuart Whitaker; John Escalera, also in the Navy;

CDR Jeffrey Gerring of the US Navy.

Please consider adding the name of someone you love to our prayer list for our Troops. Email to pjwlmg@gmail.com

Please Pray for Our First Responders, especially for:

Officer Max DeLauter, Shelby Police Department and

Officer Nathan Shomette, Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH

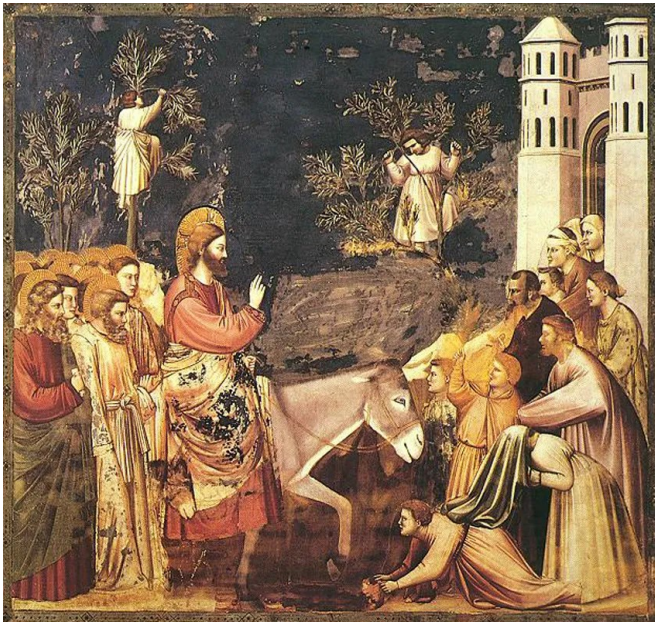
1st Sunday (April 6)	Yokefellow Sunday	Saltine Crackers
2nd Sunday (April 13)	Hospice Sunday	Ensure, any flavor
3rd Sunday (April 20)	Hands of Hope Sunday	Children's diapers, SIZE LARGE
4th Sunday (April 27)	Backpack Sunday	Individual-serving size of Mac & cheese, ravioli, beanie-weenies, etc

Totus Tuus 2025

Totus Tuus will be from June 15th-20th. We are looking for people who can volunteer their home to lodge the missionaries and also for people who can provide breakfast, lunch, and dinner for them during their stay here. Please contact Maria Teresa Llanos at (347)485-1237.



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THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

By Venerable Fulton J. Sheen

It was the month of Nisan. The Book of Exodus ordered that in this month the Paschal Lamb was to be selected, and four days later was to be taken to the place where it was to be sacrificed. On Palm Sunday, the Lamb was chosen by popular acclaim, and on Good Friday He was sacrificed.

His last Sabbath Our Lord spent in Bethany with Lazarus and his sisters. News was now circulated that Our Lord was coming into Jerusalem. In preparation for His entrance, He sent two of His disciples into the village, where they were told they would find a colt tethered, on which no man had ridden. They were to untie it and bring it to Him.

"And if anybody asks you, Why you are untying it, this must be your answer, the Lord hath need of it." (Luke 19:31)

As He approached the city, a great multitude came to meet Him; among them were not only the citizens but also those who had come up for the feast and, of course the Pharisees. The Roman authorities also were on the alert during great feasts lest there be an insurrection. On all previous occasions, Our Lord rejected the false enthusiasm of the people, fled the spotlight of publicity, and avoided anything that savored of display. He withdrew,...His hour had not yet come. BUT the entrance into Jerusalem was so public, that even the Pharisees said: *"Look, the whole world has turned aside to follow Him."* (John 12:19)

All this was in opposition to His usual manner. Before He dampened all their enthusiasms; now He kindled them. Why?

Because His "Hour had come. It was time now for Him to make the last public affirmation of His claims. He knew it would lead to Calvary, and His Ascension and the establishment of His Kingdom on earth. Once He acknowledged their praise, then there were only two courses open to the city: confess Him as did Peter, or else crucify. Either He was their King, or else they would have no king but Caesar. No Galilean seacoast or mountaintop, but the royal city on the Passover was the best time to make His last proclamation.

He drew attention to His Kingship in two ways, first by the fulfillment of a prophecy familiar to the people, and second by the tributes of Divinity which He accepted as His own.

Matthew explicitly states that the solemn procession was to fulfill the prophecy made by Zacharias years before:

"Tell the daughter of Sion, Behold Thy King is coming to Thee, Humbly riding on an ass." (Matthew 21:5)

The prophecy came from God through a prophet, and now God Himself was bringing it to fulfillment. The prophecy of Zacharias was meant to contrast the majesty and humility of the Savior. As one looks at the ancient murals of Egypt, one is struck by the majesty of the kings riding in triumph on horses or in chariots. In contrast to this, here is the One Who comes triumphant upon an ass. How Pilate, if he was looking out of his fortress that Sunday, must have been amused by the ridiculous spectacle of a man being proclaimed as King, and yet seated on the beast that was the symbol of the outcast-a fitting vehicle for one riding into the jaws of death! But the circumstances He chose validated His claim that His Kingdom was not of this world. There is no suggestion that this pauper King was a rival of Caesar.

The acclaim of the people was another acknowledgement of His Divinity. Many took off their garments and spread them before Him; others cut down boughs from the olive trees and palm branches and strewed them on the way. A new chant was taken up as they cried for Him: *"Hosanna for the Son of David; Hosanna in heaven above."*

He was the promised Prince of David's line; the One Who came with a Divine Mission. Hosanna, which was originally a prayer, was now a triumphant welcome to a Savior King.

Tears were in His eyes, not because of the Cross which awaited Him, but because of the woes impending over those whom He came to save and would have none of Him. He looked beyond His own suffering and fixed His eyes on the city that rejected Love. To see evil, and to be unable to remedy it because of human perversity, is the greatest anguish of all. What prompted His tears were the eyes that would not see, and the ears that would not hear.

His tears over the city showed Him as the Lord of History, giving men grace, and yet never destroying their freedom to reject it. But in disobeying His will, men destroy themselves; in stabbing Him, it is their own hearts they slay; in denying Him, it is their city and their nation they bring to ruin.

Such was the message of His tears as the King goes to the Cross.