

# Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

**Father Herbert T. Burke, Pastor**

Reverend Mr. Andy Cilone, Permanent Deacon  
Reverend Mr. Dave Faunce, Permanent Deacon,

Sharon Date, Parish Secretary  
Parish Office Hours: Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri  
9:00am-4:00pm; (828) 245-4017

## **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)

## **Nocturnal Adoration**

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

## **Confession**

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

## **Welcome to our Parish!**

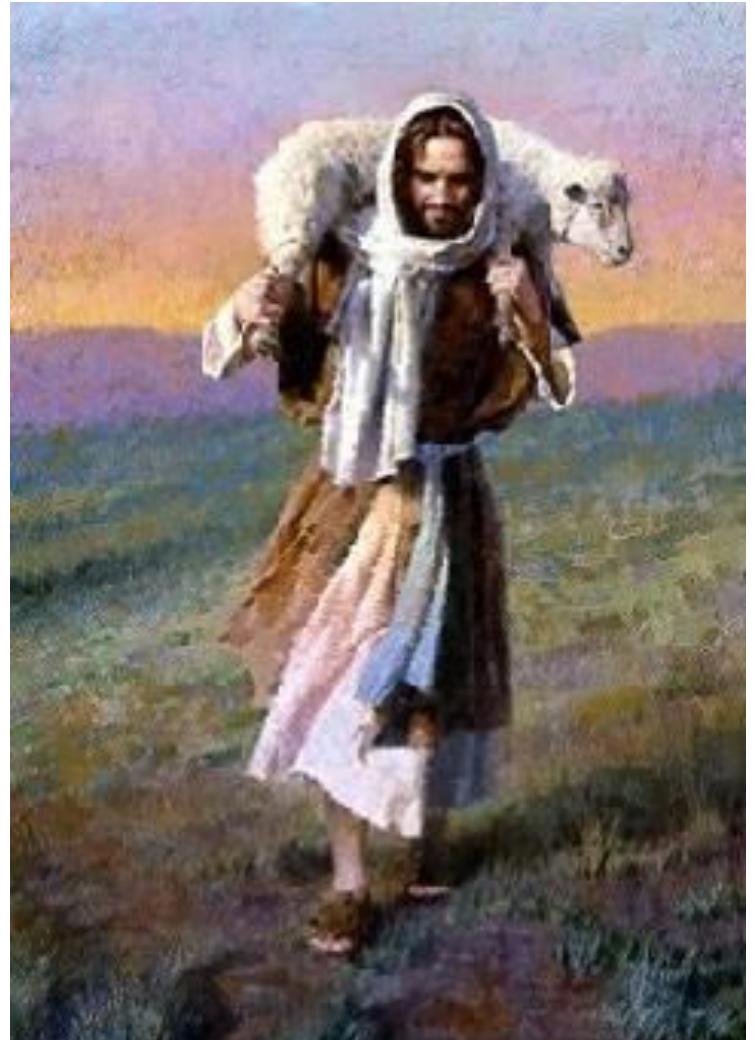
We welcome all visitors and newcomers to our parish family. If you need any information regarding Baptism, First Communion or Matrimony, please contact Deacon Andy Cilone at 828-245-6219.

For information regarding instructions in the catholic faith through the RCIA program, please contact Deacon David Faunce at:

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**April 21, 2024**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church ~ 1024 West Main Street ~ Forest City, NC ~ 28043**

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**WEEKLY CALENDAR for April 20-28, 2024**

Sat 20	Saint Agnes of Montepulciano	5:00pm	Mass for ROS Stanley Sipko & Estelle Dorow by Jim & Joan King
Sun 21	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>	9:00am 11:30am 7:30pm	Mass for the Parish Mass for ROS Roy & Jean Lednovich by the O'Reilly Family AA Meeting, call Floyd Kunkle at 289-6336 for information
Mon 22	Saints Soter & Caius	9:00am	Mass for ROS Robert St. Clair, Jr by the Krantz Family
Wed 24	Saint Euphrasia Pelletier	7:00pm	Mass for ROS Timothy, Julia & Paul Mills by Paula Crandall
Thurs 25	Saint Mark, the Evangelist	12:10pm 7:30pm	Mass for ROS Wayne Watson by Dianne McEnerney & Family AA Meeting, call Floyd Kunkle at 289-6336 for information
Fri 26	Our Lady of Good Counsel	12:10pm 7:00am	Mass for Michael & Valerie Giggie, Happy 32nd Anniversary Men's Prayer Group
Sat 27	Saint Zita of Lucca	5:00pm	Mass for the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy by Jamie Thelen
Sun 28	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	9:00am 11:30am 7:30pm	Mass for John & Rosanne Staab, Happy Anniversary Mass for the Parish AA Meeting, call Floyd Kunkle at 289-6336 for information

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

**April 25, May 2: Daughters of the Visitation;** 4:30-6:30pm in the Parish Hall

**TODAY: April 21: Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner**

**April 25-26: Twenty-Four Hour Adoration,** starting after the 12:10pm Mass on Thursday, April 25, through just before the 12:10pm Mass on Friday the 26th.

**April 26-28: Diocesan Youth Conference**

**April 28: FIRST CONFESSION for First Communion Class, after the 9:00am Mass.**

**May 11: Practice for First Communion Class (English), 10:00am in the Main Church**

**May 19: First Communion (English Class), the 9am Mass.** Students should meet outside the church at 8:45am. Reception in the Parish Hall after Mass.

**May 19: SECOND COLLECTION,** International/National Combined Collection

**May 22: Sacrament of Confirmation, 6:00pm.** There will be a practice for all students and their sponsors in the parish hall at 5pm.

**June 9-14: Totus Tuus Summer Education Program;** More details to come; registration starts today!

**June 10-14: Quo Vadis Days**

**June 24: Talitha Koum**

**June 24 - June 28: Duc in Altum**



*"He who refuses to pass through the door of My mercy must pass through the door of My justice."*

*"Love must be reciprocated. If Jesus tasted the fullness of bitterness for me, then I, His bride, will accept all bitterness as proof of my love for Him."*

*~ Saint Faustina ~*



**COLLECTION INFORMATION**

**Week of April 21, 2024**

Regular Offering: \$8,457.13

**DSA UPDATE**

Our parish has contributed \$36,105.00 in cash contributions and pledges. That is 77% of our total amount due to the Diocese. This means that our shortfall is \$ 11,082.00

You can make online donations through the following link:  
<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/immaculateconceforestcity>.

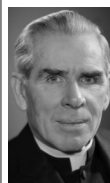
**For Annulment Information Contact:**

Rachel Harrill 1-828-447-1908 or

Email: [reharrill@rcdoc.org](mailto:reharrill@rcdoc.org).

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

1st Sunday (May 5)	Yokefellow Sunday	Maple Syrup (NEW)
2nd Sunday (May 12)	Hospice Sunday	Ensure, any flavor
3rd Sunday (May 19)	Hands of Hope Sunday	Children's diapers, SIZE LARGE



*"Unless souls are saved, nothing is saved. There can be no world peace unless there is soul peace."*

*~ Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen ~*

### *Prayers for the Sick*

Mary Absher, Cynthia Beam, Emily Bailey, Wade Boswell, Father Burke, Frances Burke-Urr, Melissa Chandler, Gary Colhouer, Frank Colini, Joanne Colini, Sabrina & Kevin Collier, Julie Collins, Michelle Contreras, Claire Daigle, Michelle Daigle, Danya Davis, Claudia Dodrill, Priscilla & Larry Dorr, Robert DuCharme, Danya Evans, Carol Faunce, Emanuel Garcia, Gloria Gimpaya, Silvestre Gonzalez, Nancy Goulet, Ellie Graves, Thomas Hammond, John Helenius, David Hernandez, Julian Hernandez, Sherlin Hernandez, Janet Hill, Clare Jablonski, Betsy Jackson, Father Jenkins, Kate Johnson, Erlinda Judson, Bishop Jugis, Kevin Kallay, Peggy Keyes, Jim & Joan King, Jared Krantz, Charlie Kutilek, Ed Long, Stephannie Longo, Patricia Lucas, Jeff Lugo, Wilson Mancipe, Monica Martin, Nathan I. McCain, Jennifer McDonald, Joan Meade, Geri Melton, Esther Mendoza, Teresa Mendoza, Gloria Millette, Kevin Millette, Nancy Mooney, Shawn Mooney, Alan Murfitt, Keith Oliver, Luis Parra, Maria Parra, David Picquet, Ken Pierson, Richard Ranc, Bonnie Rackley, Ann Marie Rodriguez, Rick Rorey, Camille Russo, Nathan Ryback, Linda Samarotto, Cassie Schmanski, Gloria Sears, Linda & Keith See, Sister Mary Olivia, Larry St. Clair, Nancy St. Clair, Beth Ann Stamper, Cole Suhy, Doug Suhy, Gladys Talley, Chris & Mark Tavernia, Richard Thelen, Valerie Thelen, Federico Trejo, Patty Wansor, Arwin Watts, Fred White, Patricia White, Sammy White, Bernice Williams

**And When You Get Better...** Please let us know when you are ready to be taken off our "Prayers for the Sick" list; email [pjwlm@gmail.com](mailto:pjwlm@gmail.com)



We would like to offer our parishioners the opportunity to identify family members who are first responders. We owe them a lot, so let's keep them in our prayers. Send their name, branch of service, and rank to: [pjwlm@gmail.com](mailto:pjwlm@gmail.com)



### **ESPECIALLY...**

E2 Private First Class Jayden Mills, USMC, Stationed at Camp Hansen, Okinawa, Japan; Peter F Siviglia III, Air Force Senior Airman, Load Master, flying on C17 cargo planes, stationed in NJ. ; 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 [pjwlm@gmail.com](mailto:pjwlm@gmail.com)



**12:30 PM LIVE MUSIC**

**12:45 PM YOUTH RALLY**

Chelsea Smith, Founder of Pro-Life Social; More speakers TBD

**1:30 PM MAIN RALLY**

Presentation of Colors/National Anthem - **NC Knights of Columbus**

Invocation: **NC Rep. & Pastor Neil Jackson**

Special Guest: **Joh-Paul Michaels of TheSheepdog.org**

President's Remarks: **Dr. Bill Pincus, MD**

**Keynote Address: Carol Tobias, President, National Right to Life**

Benediction: **Fr. Casey Coleman**

**2:30 PM THE MARCH:** The March will depart from and return to the Halifax Mall.

### **Prayerful Ponderings:** Saint John Paul II

It is necessary to understand clearly the fundamental greatness and dignity of prayer. The prayer of every man. And also of the whole praying Church. The Church reaches, so to speak, as far as prayer: wherever there is a man who prays. It is necessary to pray taking this essential concept of prayer as our basis. When the disciples asked the Lord Jesus: "Teach us to pray", he replied with the words of the prayer Our Father, thus creating a concrete model that is at the same time universal. In fact, all that can and must be said to the Father is contained in those seven requests, which we all know by heart. There is such a simplicity in them, that even a child can learn them, and also such a depth that a whole life can be spent meditating on the meaning of each of them. Is this not so? Does not each of them speak to us, one after the other, of what is essential for our existence, directed completely to God, to the Father? Does it not speak to us of our "daily bread", of "forgiveness of our trespasses as we also forgive them", and at the same time of "preservation from temptation" and "deliverance from evil"? When, in answer to the request of the disciples "teach us to pray", Christ utters the words of his prayer, he teaches not only the words, but he teaches that in our talk with the Father there must be complete sincerity and full openness. Prayer must embrace everything that is part of our life. It cannot be something additional or marginal. Everything must find in it its true voice. Even everything that burdens us; things of which we are ashamed; what by its very nature separates us from God. This above all. It is prayer that always, first of all and essentially, demolishes the barrier which sin and evil may have raised between us and God. Through prayer the whole world must find its rightful reference: that is, reference to God: my interior world and also the objective world, the one in which we live, and as we know it. If we are converted to God, everything in us is directed to him. Prayer is precisely the expression of this being directed to God; and that is, at the same time, our continual conversion: our life.

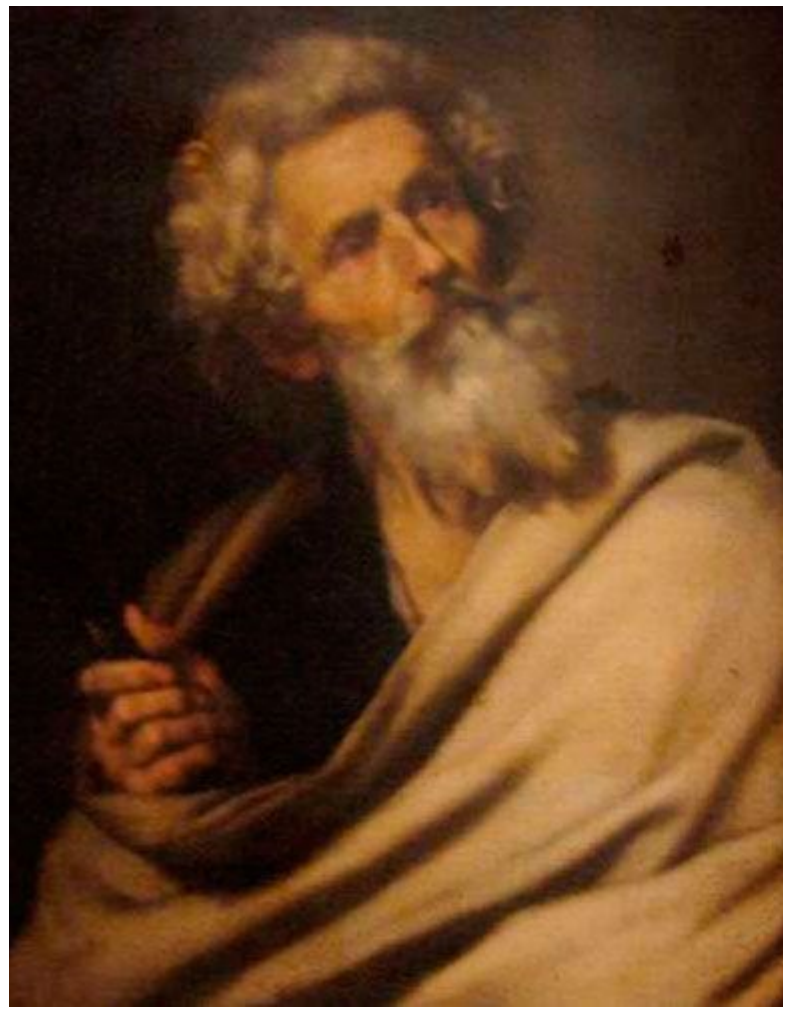
## “A True Israelite in Whom There is No Guile”: The Apostle Bartholomew/Nathanael

We know from the story of the Apostle Philip that Bartholomew wasn't afraid to speak his mind. Remember this story from John's Gospel...“Philip heard Jesus speak, and quickly went to his friend (Bartholomew) Nathanael and told him: *“We have found Him of whom Moses, in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, son of Joseph!”* To which Nathanael replied: *“Can anything good come from Nazareth?”* Philip replied *“Come and see.”*”

Bartholomew, out of curiosity, to be sure, went along with Philip, and Jesus said to him *“Behold an Israelite in whom there is no guile.”* Again out of curiosity, Bartholomew asked Jesus *“How do you know me?”* Jesus simply replied, *“Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.”* That was enough for Bartholomew. He replied *“Master, you are the Son of God! You are the king of Israel.”* But Jesus replied, *“You believe because I said ‘I saw you under the fig tree’, but you will see greater things than that.”*

With that, Bartholomew/Nathanael *said YES* to the summons and became one of Jesus' disciples.

But why two names? Which is correct? Well, both. Historians tell us that the name Bartholomew is what is called a “patronymic”, a name that is formulated with an explicit reference to his father's name. In this case, the name was most likely Aramaic, *Bar Talmai*, which means “son of Talmai”, an ancient Hebrew name. Also, in those times, often people were known by two names, one in Hebrew and one in Greek.



Bartholomew's name immediately follows Matthew's in the first three Gospels. It is only in the Gospel of John that the name Nathanael appears (but Bartholomew's does not). In all four Gospels, Bartholomew/Nathanael are paired with Philip. Most scholars believe they are one-in-the-same, though there are some who hold that they are two distinct people.

Pope Benedict XVI, in his weekly Angelus talks on the Apostles, wrote: “We have no precise information about Bartholomew/Nathanael's subsequent apostolic activity. According to information handed down by Eusebius, the fourth century historian, a certain Pantaenus is supposed to have discovered traces of Bartholomew's presence even as far as India... from the Middle ages, the account of his death by flaying (having the skin painfully peeled off the body while the person was still alive) after he converted the King of Armenia to Christianity, became quite popular. Another story tells us that he was crucified upside down in Albania.

Through the years, the relics of his body were relocated several times. Today, they are venerated in a church in Rome that bears his name.

As with most of the Apostles, we factually know very little of their actions after the Scripture stories end, but Pope Benedict reminds us all: “...attachment to Jesus can be lived and witnessed to without performing sensational deeds. Jesus himself, to whom each one of us is called to dedicate his or her own life and death, is and remains extraordinary.”

Regardless of which name we know him by, or which form of martyrdom he died by, we know one thing for sure. We know he spent about three years of his life in close relationship with the Son of God.

Interestingly, though we know so little about all of the actions of his life, he has many patronages around the globe. He is the patron of bookbinders, butchers, leatherworkers, skin diseases, neurological disorders, tanners, shoemakers. He is venerated in the Roman Catholic Church, Armenian Apostolic Church, Eastern Orthodox Church, Russian Orthodox Church, Coptic Orthodox Church, and the Church of England. In the Roman Catholic Church, his feast day is August 24th.

# Enrollment Form for TOTUS TUUS 2024 at Immaculate Conception

Youth going into grades 1-6 for the 2024-25 school year: June 10-14 (M – F) 9am-2:30pm

Youth going into 7-12<sup>th</sup> grades for the 2024-25 school year: June 9-13 (Su – Th) 6:30-8:45pm (a change from last year)

NAME OF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: Home \_\_\_\_\_

Work \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Children being enrolled in TOTUS TUUS and their grade level for the 2024-2025 school year:

NAME

GRADE

MEDICAL INFO TO BE AWARE OF

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REQUIRED-EMERGENCY CONTACT: the name and phone number of another adult, who is not the parent/guardian, to reach in case of emergency in the event that you cannot be reached.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to you/your child(ren) \_\_\_\_\_

**We need volunteers! Contact Mary Katherine Toney with questions or to volunteer at [MaryKatherineToney92@gmail.com](mailto:MaryKatherineToney92@gmail.com) or at 910-364-8574. Email or return completed forms to the church by Sunday May 26th.**