

Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

Father Herbert T. Burke, Pastor

Reverend Mr. Andrew Cilone, Permanent Deacon
Reverend Mr. David Faunce, Permanent Deacon

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*"I have come to set the earth on fire,
And how I wish it were already blazing!"*

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 17, 2025

Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church
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Weekend Masses

Saturday, 5:00pm

Sunday, 9:00am, 11:30am, 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)

4th Thursday 12:30pm-Friday 12:00pm (Chapel)

Nocturnal Adoration

Second Saturday of the Month

10:00pm-6:00am (Chapel)

Confession

Saturday, 4:15-4:45pm (Church)

Wednesday, 6:30pm-7:00pm (Church)

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.

Weekly Calendar for August 9-17, 2025

Sat 16	Saint Roch	5:00pm	Mass for ROS Pam Cole by Michael and Shirley Wheeler
Sun 17	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00am 11:30am 7:30pm	Mass for the Parish Mass for ROS Fabiano Lopez, Lauriano and Teresa Mendoza by Aurelia Mendoza AA Meeting, call Floyd Kunkle at 289-6336 for information
Mon 18	Saint Helena	9:00am	Mass for ROS Dominic and Catherine Reinhardt by Lynn Reinhardt
Wed 20	Saint Bernard of Clairvaux	7:00pm	Mass for Maria Read by the Staab Family
Thurs 21	Our Lady of Knock	12:10pm 7:00pm 7:30pm	Mass for Devin and Billie McEnnerney by Brendan McEnnerney and Family Rosary and Benediction AA Meeting, call Floyd Kunkle at 289-6336 for information
Fri 22	Queenship of Mary	12:10pm	Mass for Father Burke, Happy Birthday by John and Rosanne Staab
Sat 23	Saint Rose of Lima	5:00pm	Mass for ROS Florence Hill by Chuck Hill
Sun 24	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00am 11:30am 7:30pm	Mass for ROS Tony Johnson by Kate Johnson Mass for the Parish AA Meeting, call Floyd Kunkle at 289-6336 for information

Save the Date

August 16: Parish Council Meeting; 11:00am in the School Building

August 16-17: Knights of Columbus Special Event; more info on next page.

August 20: Prayer Group, 10:30, Parish Hall

August 22: Father Burke's Birthday

August 28-29: 24-Hour Adoration

August 31: Second Collection, Archdiocese of Military Services; every three years this collection is taken.

September 5-6: Eucharistic Congress, more information to come!

September 8: Ladies Guild Meeting; 10:00am, Parish Hall; first meeting of the new season.

September 13: Mass for Father Paul Kersey, 11:00am (Info on next page)

September 15: 75th Anniversary of Immaculate Conception Church

September 20: Annual Hispanic Festival; more information to come

September 21: Second Collection for Priests Retirement Benefits (See Note below)

September 27: 13th Annual Cross Walk and Eucharistic Procession: and for those that cannot make the walk, the 3rd order Carmelites are sponsoring Stations of the Cross in the Large Church to coincide with the timing of the march. **Time:** 8:30AM – 1:00PM; **Objective:** To march in Reparation and for Conversion of Souls. This year we are raising funds for Cross Catholic Outreach. Please also join us as we begin praying The Holy Cross novena on The Feast Day of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, which is Sunday, Sept 14th.

NOTE: The September 21st Second Collection for September 21st is for Priests' Retirement Benefits. Our parish has been assessed \$14,313.00 for this collection. Please be generous

Hope Quotes

"Hope fuels our resilience, reminding us that our efforts, no matter how small, contribute to building a better tomorrow. It inspires us to persevere in face of obstacles, knowing that the change we seek begins with the actions we take right now."

~ Tim Scott ~

COLLECTION INFORMATION

Collection for August 10, 2025

Regular Offering: \$7,573.01
Building Repair Loan: \$355.00
DSA Shortfall Collection: \$2,222.00
Thank you for your generosity.

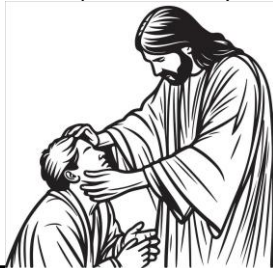
NOTE: The Financial Statement is posted in the Narthex on the bulletin board. If anyone wants a copy, please contact the office.

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

Prayers for the Sick

Mary Absher, Cynthia Beam, Emily Bailey, Alisha Benfield, Terry Bird, Teresa Burgin, Christopher Bouzon, Iris Borrás, Wade Boswell, Ruth Brown, Father Burke, Melissa Chandler, Gary Colhouer, 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, Clint Hamrick, Jim Hauelsen, David Hernandez, Julian Hernandez, Sherlin Hernandez, Janet Hill, Clare Jablonski, Betsy Jackson, Father Jenkins, Kate Johnson, Joannie Jolley, Gabriel Jones, Bishop Jugis, Ronnie Kennedy, Jim & Joan King, Jared Krantz, Bruce Lancaster, Ed Long, Stephannie Longo, Patricia Lucas, Jeff Lugo, Monica Martin, Elias Martinez, Nathan I. McCain, Jennifer McDonald, Darlene McPeters, Geri Melton, Esther Mendoza, Teresa Mendoza, Kevin Millette, Benny Montanez, Scott Moore, 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 Suh, Doug Suh, Sarah Suh, Mark Tavernia, Richard Thelen, Federico Trejo, Patty Wansor, Arwin Watts, Sammy White, Bernice Williams, Marshall Williams, Mary Wright, Lily Young.

Please let us know when you are ready to be taken off our "Prayers for the Sick" list; email pjwlmg@gmail.com



NEW FROM THE KNIGHTS Knights Fundraiser for Deacon Lugo

The Knights are raising funds, to support the priestly ordination of our Immaculate Conception seminarian Deacon Michael Lugo.

For \$20, you will be entered into a Monday Night Football pool, which will award \$50 each week for 20 weeks (September 8 through February 8). Only 100 entries (boxes) will be sold from now to September 7.

Please see a Knight to secure a "box" for your entry or contact Knight John Killela 919.291.7664 or Grand Knight Joe Stenard 518.469.4898.

Memorial Mass for Father Paul Kersey

A Mass will be celebrated for the Repose of the Soul of our dear friend, Father Paul Kersey.

The Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, September 13th at 11:00am, and will be followed by a reception in the Parish Hall.

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

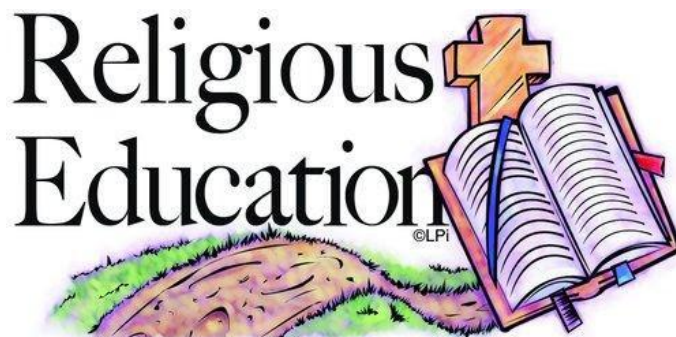
Officer Nathan Shomette, Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH

1st Sunday (August 3)	Yokefellow Sunday	Canned potatoes or instant potatoes
2nd Sunday (August 10)	Hospice Sunday	Ensure, any flavor
3rd Sunday (August 17)	Hands of Hope Sunday	Children's diapers, SIZE LARGE
4th Sunday (August 24)	Backpack Sunday	Individual-serving size of Mac & cheese, ravioli, beanie-weenies, etc



Religious Education

Registration begins August 16th

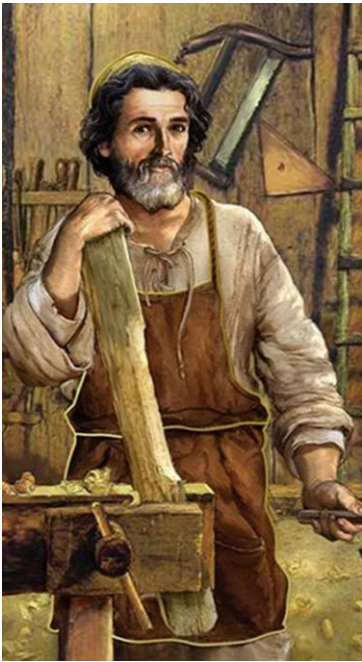
Fee: \$15 per child

Classes begin September 21st

For information call:

Maria Teresa
Religious Education Director
(347)485-1237

Let's Call It...The Saint Joseph's Ministry



The greatest example we have been offered in the working professions is Saint Joseph. He had all the characteristics of a hard worker, and he served as an example for others.

As you can imagine, over the years there have been a lot of jobs that have needed to be done around our parish. Several of our parishioners were famous for fixing things around Immaculate Conception, and as part of our 75th Anniversary celebration, it is only right that we mention a few of them. Sadly, many of them are no longer with us...physically, that is. But it is a sure bet that they are up in heaven watching down, supervising.

Parishioners who have been around for a long time still remember Bill Gardner, Larry Gardner, Tony Johnson and Al Urban. They must have been multi-talented men because there isn't any building that they haven't left their mark upon. Doors, walls, windows, pipes, fences...you name it. They did it all.

More recently, there are many parishioners who think fondly of Wilson Mancipe. You would think that with a new church everything would work right but tell that to the plumbing.



Larry Gardner



Bill Gardner



Tony Johnson



Al Urban

In all fairness, we also have to recognize that the first line of repair-defense is Father Burke and Deacon Andy, but can you imagine the thousands of dollars that have been saved over the years because of parishioners who volunteer their time and skill to our parish.



Tom and Fran Dunphy

We might think that we have nothing to share, but if you didn't know them, let me introduce you to Tom and Fran Dunphy. For years they cleaned out the votive candles in the chapel, and then in the church. That's a tedious job to be sure, and one that continuously needs to be done.



Today, the spirit of Saint Joseph is still with us. For example, each Sunday evening, after the 3:00pm Mass, a volunteer crew of parishioners cleans the church. Parishioners volunteer on a rotating basis.



Wilson Mancipe

For years, Eligio Cervantes mowed our lawns. Do you know how many acres of lawn we have?

Jamie Thelen spends hours pulling weeds, pruning shrubs, and watering flowers.



Eligio Cervantes

None of this gets done without our help.

There's an old saying that it takes a whole town to raise a child. Well, it takes a whole lot of parishioners to take care of a parish.

Here's another example. For years, Deacon Andy changed all the paper towels and toilet paper in the dispensers in the church, and elsewhere in our church grounds. Well, in stepped the McNally Family. It's a job that needs to be done, and they were willing to do it.



Jamie Thelen



There are many, many other parishioners, in both the past and the present, who have offered their time and talents. When you see them, give them a wave, and say "Thanks."

Do You Have A Talent
You Would Like To
Contribute?

We need Ushers, Faith
Formation Catechists,
Choir Members, Ladies
Guild Members, Knights
of Columbus...

They all serve, and so
could you.