

# Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

**Father Herbert T. Burke, Pastor**

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

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

## Parish Liturgy Schedule

### 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, 12:20pm-1:30pm (Chapel)  
Saturday, 4:00pm-5:00pm (Church)  
Sunday, 8:00am-9:00am (Church)  
Sunday, 10:30am-11:30am (Church)  
Sunday, 2:30-3:00pm (Church)

### Nocturnal Adoration (Español)

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

### Confession

Saturday, 4:00pm-5:00pm  
Wednesday, 6:30pm-7:00pm  
Or anytime by appointment



*“When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.” Acts of the Apostles 2: 1-4*

## Welcome to our Parish!

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

## June 5, 2022 ~ Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday

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

# SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST SUNDAY

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## WEEKLY CALENDAR ~ June 4-12, 2022 ~ PLEASE NOTE CHANGES IN MASS TIMES

Sat 4	Vigil of Pentecost	5:00pm	Mass for the Parish
Sun 5	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>	9:00am 11:30am 7:30pm	Mass for ROS Tony Johnson by Kate Johnson Mass for Leo Crawford by Mark & Peggy Fetsko AA Meeting, call Floyd Kunkle at 289-6336 for information
Mon 6	Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church	11:30am 7:00am	Mass for ROS Robert Thomas by Roberta Thomas Men's Prayer Group
Tues 7	Saint Robert of Newminster	11:30am	Mass for ROS Matthew McEnnerney by the Zeigler Family
Wed 8	Mary, Mediatrix of All Graces	11:30am	Mass for Jim Curley by Sisters of Queen of Peace
Thurs 9	St. Columba	12:10pm 1:00pm 7:00pm	Mass for ROS Joseph D Guerra by Carla Szyber Eucharistic Adoration, Chapel Rosary and Benediction, Chapel
Fri 10	Saint Margaret of Scotland	12:10pm 7:00am	Communion Service Men's Prayer Group
Sat 11	Saint Barnabas	5:00pm	Mass for Special Intention Evan Hill by Chuck & Janet Hill
Sun 12	<b>Trinity Sunday</b>	9:00am 11:30am 7:30pm	Mass for ROS Josephine & Robert St. Clair, Sr. by the Krantz Family Mass for ROS Pascual Borrás by Carlos & Iris Borrás A Meeting, call Floyd Kunkle at 289-6336 for information

### Wisdom of the Saints

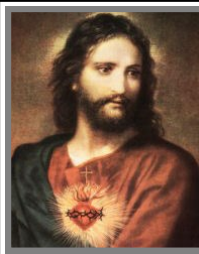
*“You can burn our bodies,  
But you can't harm our souls.”*

~ Saint Charles Lwanga ~  
June 3



### From the Sacred Heart

*“My love reigns in suffering,  
it triumphs in humility  
and enjoys itself in unity.”*



Save  
The  
Date

**June 6: 30th Anniversary** of the Ordination of Father Burke; Happy Anniversary Father!

**June 12: 30th Anniversary Celebration** for Father Burke after the 9:00am Mass. Come join the reception, with goodies personally requested by our good Father Burke.

**June 6-10, 2022: Totus Tuus**, Grades 1-12  
Grades 1-6 will meet Monday-Friday, 9-2:30pm  
Grades 7-12 will meet Sunday-Thursday from 7-9pm.

**June 13-17, 2022: Quo Vadis Days** for young men 15-19. Registration opens April 25th.  
[www.charlottevocations.org](http://www.charlottevocations.org)

**June 27-July 1, 2022: Duc in Altum Retreat** for young women 15-19. Register by June 18th. [www.charlottevocations.org](http://www.charlottevocations.org)

**August 5-6: Eucharistic Congress:** (More information to come.)

**September 24: Annual Cross-a-Thon** (More information to come.)

**October 8: A Rosary Meditation Booklet: Make Your Own** (More information to come)



**For Annulment Information Contact:** Rachel Harrill  
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### Contributions from May 29, 2022

Regular Offering: \$7,253.00  
Building Repair Loan: \$1,935.00  
Priests Retirement & Benefits: \$278.00  
International/National Combined: \$150.00



### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

1st Sunday (June 5)	Yokefellow Sunday	Spaghetti sauce
2nd Sunday <b>(June 12)</b>	Hospice Sunday	Ensure, any flavor
3rd Sunday (June 19)	Hands of Hope Sunday	Children's diapers, any size

## Prayers for the Sick

Mary Absher, Cynthia Beam, Wade Boswell, Carla Ruff, Tom Burke, Father Burke, Melissa Chandler, Joann Colini, Sabrina & Kevin Collier, Claire Daigle, Lana Dalton, Priscilla & Larry Dorr, Robert DuCharme, Carol Faunce, Barbara Fountain, William Gaboda, Vicki Ganora, Emanuel Garcia, Cathy Gold, Nancy Goulet, Joanne Harrelson, Brian Harrill, David Hernandez, Julian Hernandez, Janet Hill, Clare Jablonski, Peggy Keyes, Alice Lee, Jean Linder, Jeff Lugo, Diane McEnnerney, Esther Mendoza, Gloria Millet, Maria Parra, Caroline Puntel, Bonnie Rackley, Pilar & Joe Rockholt, Carla Ruff, Nathan Ryback, Bill & Anthony Saladino, Cassie Schmanski, Gloria Sears, Linda & Keith See, Allan Smurfitt, Ellen Spear, Teri St. John, Beth Ann Stamper, Cole Suhy, William Szabo, Gladys Talley, Chris & Mark Taverna, Russ Tobine, Federico Trejo

## A Parishioner asked....

...Why do we bring up the gifts at Mass, and why do some parishioners feel uncomfortable being the gift-bearers?

The organ is playing, everyone is singing, and people are processing down the aisle. A procession in church is a sign that something important must be happening, and it IS. People are bringing up the gifts to be used in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

The gifts represent us, and our offerings. The people who process up the aisle “emphasize that we, the congregation, are asking the priest to take these gifts and offer them to God in **our** name.” (Mike Dubruiel, The How-to-Book of the Mass). Through the action of this procession, “we bring our lives -with all our efforts to produce and to be together in love, with all our desire and our willingness to share– and we place them in the hands of Christ by placing them in the hands of the priest...into his hands we have placed our gifts; from his hands they will be offered to the Father.” (Jeremy Driscoll, OSB, What Happens at Mass) (Partial reprint from 12/1/2019 Bulletin) Not only that, but this has been part of the Liturgy since the early Church. Saint Justin Martyr (d. 165) wrote “When our prayer is ended, bread and wine with water are brought forth, and the presider offers prayers and thanksgivings, according to his ability.”

Knowing this helps us to understand that as the priest says the next prayers, he is saying them **for all of us**. Yet knowing all of that, why do so many of us feel minor fright when the Usher asks us if we would like to take up the gifts.

It could be embarrassment, it could be not wanting to be the center of attention, perhaps the fear of tripping over your own two feet. Maybe you are afraid of dropping the cruet with the wine, or the ciborium with the altar breads. It could also be that you just don't know what you are supposed to do when you get to the steps of the Sanctuary and Father Burke gives you a smile and extends his hand to take the gifts you are carrying.

First off, it's an honor to represent your fellow parishioners in this brief procession. This is a response to Jesus' request to come, and follow Him. How awesome is that? So when the Usher hands you the ciborium or the cruet, take it willingly and securely. Follow the cross-bearer down the center aisle. When Father extends his hand for the gift you are carrying, gently raise it, offer it into his hands. He will take it from you. If a second person brought up the gifts with you, wait for Father to take their gift. Then make a respectful bow to the altar, turn around, and go back to your seat, either back down the center aisle, or down a side aisle.

One other suggestion, if the day's Mass is being offered for your intention, as you go into Mass, tell the Usher, and ask if you could bring up the gifts.



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**Eucharistic Congress**  
August 5 & 6, 2022



## Eucharistic Congress Prayer

**O Jesus**, Who art really, truly and substantially present in the Blessed Sacrament to be the food of our souls, deign to bless and bring to a successful issue all Eucharistic Congresses and gatherings, and especially the coming Congress of the Diocese of Charlotte. Be Thou the inspiration of our labors, resolutions and vows; accept graciously the solemn homage we will render to Thee. Send Thy Holy Spirit to kindle the hearts of priests, deacons, religious and all the faithful, especially the children, so that devout participation in the Holy Mass and frequent and daily Holy Communion may be held in honor in all the countries of the world; and grant that the Kingship of Thy Sacred Heart over human society may everywhere be acknowledged to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**



Sacred Heart of Jesus, **bless the Congress**. Holy Mary, Mother of God, Patroness of our Diocese, **pray for us**. Saint Paschal Baylon, **pray for us**. Saint Patrick, **pray for us**.

## “A Little Change, Changes Lives!”

The annual fundraiser for “Hands of Hope” to support Life ends on Fathers’ Day, June 19th . Take home a bottle and fill with your change, bills or checks to support “LIFE for the UNBORN” in Rutherford County. Baby Bottles are available in the Narthex. **Filled bottles may be dropped off to Kate Johnson or can be left in the gift shop by June 19<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you for your continued support for “Hands of Hope for Life”



## Feast Day of Mary, Mother of the Church

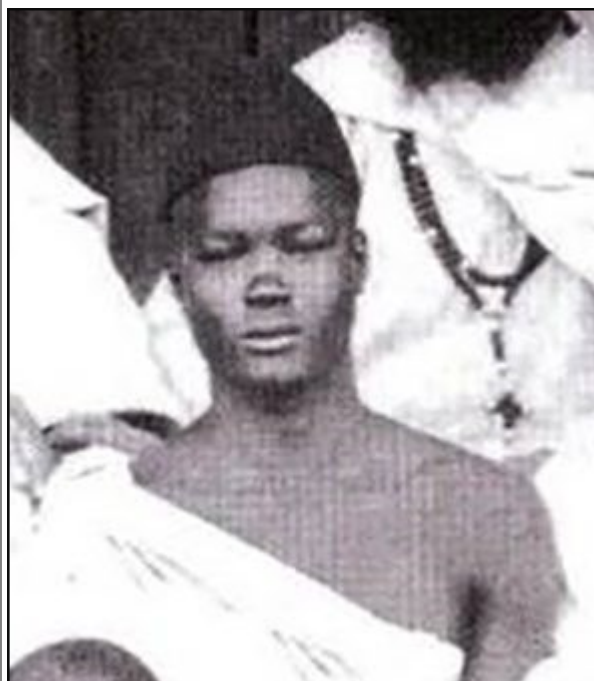
The title "Mother of the Church" was **officially** given to Our Lady by Saint Pope Paul VI in 1964, but it is a title that has been in the Church writings as far back as the 4th century. Saint Ambrose of Milan (d. 397) was the first Church Father to use this title. His protégé, Saint Augustine, wrote "She is the mother of the members of Christ because she cooperated by her charity, so that faithful Christians, members of the Head (Christ), might be born into the Church."

In the 5th century, Saint Leo the Great (d. 461) wrote "The birth of the Head is also the birth of the body", meaning that Mary, as the Mother of the Son of God is therefore the mother of the members of the Mystical Body of Christ, the Church.

At the Mass when Pope Paul VI closed the third session of the Second Vatican Council, he said "For the glory of the Blessed Virgin and our own consolation, we proclaim the Most Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of the Church, of the whole people of God, faithful and pastors, and we call her most loving Mother." The Holy Father expressed the hope that this title of Mary, Mother of the church would "lead Christians to honor Mary even more and to call upon her with still greater confidence." He decreed that "from now onward the whole Christian people should give even greater honor to the Mother of God under this most loving title." ( Nov 21, 1964)

Saint Pope John Paul II, in his 1987 encyclical *Redemptoris Mater*, wrote: Mary is present in the Church as the Mother of Christ, and at the same time as that Mother whom Christ, in the mystery of the Redemption, gave to humanity in the person of the Apostle John. Thus in her new motherhood in the Spirit, Mary embraces each and every one in the Church, and embraces each and every one through the Church."

On February 11, 2018, the feast of the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes, Pope Francis signed a decree that the Monday after Pentecost would be an obligatory Memorial, Mary, Mother of the Church, and it would be added to the official calendar of the Church.



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## Saint of the Month

### Saint Charles Lwanga, Feast June 3

Saint Charles Lwanga was born in Uganda in 1865. Uganda was not a Catholic country, but the leader of the country, Mtesa, was tolerant of the Catholic missionaries. Toward the end of Mtesa's rule the climate of toleration changed.

His successor, Mwanga, did not want the European missionary influence, and started to persecute the Christians. He executed Joseph Mkasa, the director of all his pages, and a new convert, but this did not deter conversions.

Mwanga appointed Charles Lwanga to be the new director of pages, not knowing that Lwanga was also a convert. Not only that, Lwanga was teaching the pages about Christianity. When Mwanga found out, he called all the 15 pages to come before him. Charles and the other pages all declared to follow Christianity to the death.

On June 3, Ascension Day, Lwanga was separated from the rest of the pages, and was burned at the stake. The executioners started at the feet until they were charred. They offered to let Charles Lwanga go if he would renounce his faith. But he said "You are burning me, but it is as if you are pouring water over my body." The executioners stoked the fire further, and just as the flames reached his heart, Lwanga called out "Katonda" (My God) and died. The 15 pages were then all stripped, and burned to death. Saint Charles Lwanga and his Companions were canonized by Saint Pope Paul VI in 1964.



## The Church in its Unity Speaks in the Language of Every nation

From a Sermon by a Sixth Century African Author about Pentecost

Taken from the Liturgy of the Hours

The disciples spoke in the language of every nation. At Pentecost God chose this means to indicate the presence of the Holy Spirit: whoever had received the Spirit spoke in every kind of tongue. We must realize, dear brothers, that this is the same Holy Spirit by whom love is poured out in our hearts. It was love that was to bring the Church of God together all over the world. And as individual men who received the Holy Spirit in those days could speak in all kinds of tongues, so today the Church, united by the Holy Spirit, speaks in the language of every people.

Therefore if somebody should say to one of us, "You have received the Holy Spirit, why do you not speak in tongues?" his reply should be, "I do indeed speak in the tongues of all men, because I belong to the body of Christ, that is, the Church, and she speaks all languages. What else did the presence of the Holy Spirit indicate at Pentecost, except that God's Church was to speak in the language of every people?"

This was the way in which the Lord's promise was fulfilled: *No one puts new wine into old wineskins. New wine is put into fresh skins, and so both are preserved.* So when the disciples were heard speaking in all kinds of languages, some people were not far wrong in saying: *They have been drinking too much new wine.* The truth is that the disciples had now become fresh wineskins, renewed and made holy by grace. The new wine of the Holy Spirit filled them, so that their fervor brimmed over and they spoke in manifold tongues. By this spectacular miracle they became a sign of the Catholic Church, which embraces the language of every nation.

Keep this feast, then, as members of the one body of Christ. It will be no empty festival for you if you really live what you are celebrating. For you are the members of that Church which the Lord acknowledges as his own, being himself acknowledged by her, that same Church which he fills with the Holy Spirit as she spreads throughout the world. He is like a bridegroom who never loses sight of his own bride; no one could ever deceive him by substituting some other woman.

To you men of all nations, then, who make up the Church of Christ, you, the members of Christ, you, the body of Christ, you, the bride of Christ, to all of you the Apostle addresses these words: *Bear with one another in love; do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.* Notice that when Paul urges us to bear with one another, he bases his argument on love, and when he speaks of our hope of unity, he emphasizes the bond of peace. This Church is the house of God. It is his delight to dwell here. Take care, then, that he never has the sorrow of seeing it undermined by schism and collapsing in ruins.