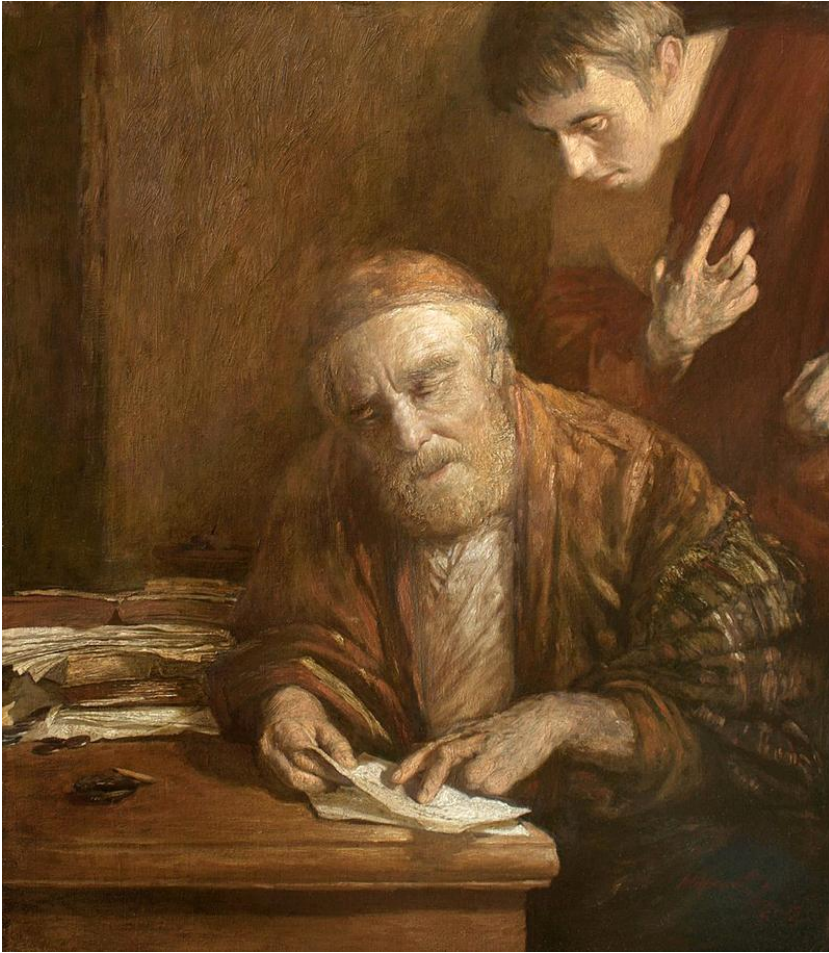


# Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

## Father Herbert T. Burke, Pastor

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

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



### 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)  
4<sup>th</sup> 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)

## 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time September 21, 2025

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### 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 September 20-28, 2025**

Sat 20	Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gon	5:00pm	Mass for the Parish
Sun 21	<b>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9:00am 11:30am 7:30pm	Mass for ROS Amy Beheler by the Higgins Family Mass for ROS Dewey Williams and James Ruth by Tom Ruth AA Meeting, call Floyd Kunkle at 289-6336 for information
Mon 22	Saint Thomas of Villanova	9:00am	Mass for ROS Floyd Laughter by Bryan and Kristi King
Wed 24	Our Lady of Ransom	7:00pm	Mass Our Lady's Intentions by the Sisters of Queen of Peace Monastery
Thurs 25	Blessed Herman the Cripple	12:10pm 7:00pm 7:30pm	Mass for ROS Andrew Fetsko by Mark and Peggy Fetsko Rosary and Benediction AA Meeting, call Floyd Kunkle at 289-6336 for information
Fri 26	Saints Cosmas and Damian	12:10pm	Mass for Penny Watkins, Happy Birthday, by the Carmelites
Sat 27	Saint Vincent de Paul	5:00pm	Mass for ROS Hilry Gilbert
Sun 28	<b>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9:00am 11:30am 7:30pm	Mass for the Parish Mass for ROS Jean Ebel by Joe and Jamie Thelen AA Meeting, call Floyd Kunkle at 289-6336 for information

**Save the Date**

**September 20: Annual Hispanic Festival;** more information to come

**September 21: Second Collection for Priests Retirement**

**September 25: Daughters of the Visitation; 4:30-6:30pm in the Parish Hall;** First session of the semester.

**September 25-26: 24-Hour Adoration** in the Chapel

**September 27: 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Cross Walk and Eucharistic Procession:** and for those that cannot make the walk, the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. **NOTE:** The Knights of Columbus will be collecting donations for Cross Catholic Outreach this upcoming Saturday, Sept. 27th at the Cross Walk event. For those attending the Cross Walk, please show up between 8:30 - 8:45 am to pick out your cross and then meet in the parking lot with your partner in between the chapel and the church. We begin marching at 9:00 am. **For those that cannot make the march, please meet in the church for a special Stations of the Cross experience beginning shortly after the procession starts.**

**October 1 and 15: Prayer Group,** 10:30 in the Parish Hall

**October 4: Parish Council Meeting:** 10:00am in the School Building; participants, please remember to present written reports

**October 5: Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting:** 7:00pm in the Parish Hall, Adoration in the Chapel at 6:30pm

**October 11: Walk for Life,** more information on next page.

**PAMPHLET RACK IN THE NARTHEX**

The pamphlet rack is getting a little sparse. Thank Microsoft for that. They no longer support their Publisher program. We direct-print the pamphlets, not copy them, so each of the pamphlets is being transferred into another program, one booklet at a time. Working on the Parish Directory took up a lot of my time, but I am working on the pamphlets "one saint at a time". Thanks for your patience. Bulletin Editor

**Hope Quotes**

*"The logic of the Gospel is different: Only what is given flourishes; only the love that becomes free can restore trust even where everything seems lost. This is true hope: knowing that, even in the darkness of trial, God's love sustains us and ripens the fruit of eternal life in us."*

~ Pope Leo XIV ~

**COLLECTION INFORMATION**

**Collection for the Week of September 14, 2025**

**Regular Offering: \$6,930.36**

You can make online donations through the following link:

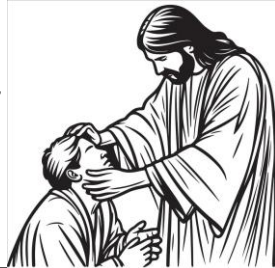
<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/immaculateconceforestcity>

A limited number of extra copies of the 2025 Parish Directory will be available for sale in the Gift Shop at \$15.00 each, while they last.

Also, if you still need to pick up your directory, they will also be in the Gift Store.

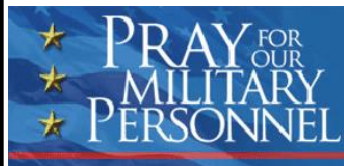
## Prayers for the Sick

Mary Absher, Cynthia Beam, Emily Bailey, Alisha Benfield, Terry Bird, Teresa Burgin, Christopher Bouzon, Iris Borrás, Wade Boswell, Ruth Brown, Father Burke, Melissa Chandler, MiMi Ciccarella, Deacon Andy Cilone, JoAnn Cilone, 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, Elaine Harding, 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, Pam Pilgrim, Bonnie Rackley, Richard Ranc, Rick Rorey, Deborah Rowlands, John Rowlands, Camille Russo, Nathan Ryback, Dominick Samarotto, Linda Samarotto, Linda & Keith See, Samantha Smith, Sister Mary Olivia, Larry St. Clair, Nancy St. Clair, Beth Ann Stamper, Cole Suhv, Doug Suhv, Sarah Suhv, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

Please consider adding the name of someone you love to our prayer list for our First Responders.

Email to [pjwlmg@gmail.com](mailto:pjwlmg@gmail.com)

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

1st Sunday (September 7)	Yokefellow Sunday	Creamy Peanut Butter
2nd Sunday (September 14)	Hospice Sunday	Ensure, any flavor
3rd Sunday (September 21)	Hands of Hope Sunday	Children's diapers, SIZE LARGE
4th Sunday (September 28)	Backpack Sunday	Individual-serving size of Mac & cheese, ravioli, beanie-weenies, etc

## HANDS OF HOPE FOR LIFE CELEBRATING OVER 33 YEARS

"MAKING A DIFFERENCE; ONE LIFE AT A TIME"

## Join in our Annual Walk for Life

Saturday October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025

9:00 - 9:30 : Registration & Tshirt Pickup

(If you have an old T-Shirt, please wear it!)

9:30 - 9:40: Angie Davis; How we Save Lives (& Souls)

9:40 - 10:00: Michelle Flynn - Ministry Update & Directions

10:00: Walk

10:30 - 11:30: Center Tours/ Infomation

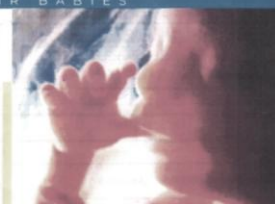
The Walk is a little over 1 mile. Starting at Hands of Hope going to the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, then we will turn around and walk back to Hands of Hope. There will be a time to tour the Center and see the progress made on the Transition House after we walk. Bring EVERYONE!! Come Rain or Shine!!

If you can't walk with us, please run in your pledges and walk on your own.

(Refreshments will be provided)

YOUR SUPPORT HELPS FAMILIES CHOOSE LIFE FOR THEIR BABIES

**Fearfully  
AND  
Wonderfully  
MADE**



## 2025 Christmas Ornament

This beautiful ornament will be available starting at the Spanish Festival on September 20th for \$30 each



Este hermoso adorno estará disponible a partir del Festival Español el 20 de septiembre por \$30 cada uno.

**Daughters of the Visitation** extend a warm invitation to all women to join us for our Fall Semester, a time of continued renewal in Christ, deepening intimacy with the Trinity, and journeying together in sisterhood like Mary and Elizabeth. This semester, we'll explore the healing love of Jesus in our new series: **Jesus Heals the Broken Hearted: My Journey Toward Inner Healing**. **DOV** meets every **Thursday** afternoon, **4:30-6:30 pm**, beginning **September 25-December 11, 2025**. Registration is \$40. Register **Sept. 20/21**.

## Men's Breakfast

Starting Saturday, October 18th, there will be a men's breakfast from 8am to 10am and will be held every 3rd Saturday of the month in the Parish Hall. This will be a great way to meet other men in and out of the parish. This breakfast is open to all men so bring a friend. You may call or text Steve McNally at 828-412-2198 to RSVP or for questions. RSVP would be greatly appreciated so we will know how much food we will need. Your attendance will make this fellowship in God a great success.

## The Sixth Joy of Our Lady: The Resurrection

September is the Month of Our Lady of Sorrows, but you can't help but wonder, after the Seven Sorrows, what comes next? That would be the Seven Joys of Our Lady. The Sixth Joy is The Resurrection of Jesus.

Many of us may wonder why the four Gospels do not mention Our Lady being visited by Her Son after His resurrection. Saint Bernardine of Siena gives us a possible answer to that question. He writes:

"From the fact of there being no mention made in the Gospel of the visit wherewith Christ consoled His Mother after His Resurrection, we are not to conclude that this most merciful Jesus, the source of all grace and consolation, Who was so anxious to gladden His disciples by His presence, forgot His Mother, Who He knew had drunk so deeply of the bitterness of His Passion. But it has pleased Divine Providence that the Gospel should be silent on this subject; and this for three reasons.

***In the first place***, because of the firmness of Mary's faith. The confidence which the Virgin-Mother had of Her Son's rising again had never faltered, not even by the slightest doubt. This we can readily believe, if we reflect on the special grace wherewith She was filled, She the Mother of the Man-God, the Queen of the Angels, and the Mistress of the world. To a truly enlightened mind, the silence of Scripture on this subject says more than any affirmation could have done.

We have learned to know something of Mary by the visit She received from the Angel, when the Holy Ghost overshadowed Her. We met Her again at the foot of the Cross, where She, the Mother of Sorrows, stood nigh Her dying Son. If then the Apostle could say: As ye are partakers of the sufferings, so shall ye be also of the consolation (2 Cor. 1: 7), what share must not the Virgin-Mother have had in the joys of the Resurrection? We should hold it as a certain truth that Her most sweet Jesus, after His Resurrection, consoled Her first of all.

The Holy Roman Church would seem to express this, by celebrating at St. Mary Major's the Station of Easter Sunday. Moreover, if from the silence of the Evangelists you would conclude that our Risen Lord did not appear to Her first, you must go farther, and say that He did not appear to Her at all, inasmuch as these same Evangelists, when relating the several apparitions, do not mention a single one as made to Her. Now, such a conclusion as this would savor of impiety.

***In the second place***, the silence of the Gospel is explained by the incredulity of men. The object of the Holy Ghost, when dictating the Gospels, was to describe such apparitions as would remove all doubt from carnal-minded men with regard to the Resurrection of Christ. The fact of Mary's being His Mother would have weakened Her testimony, at least in their own eyes. For this reason She was not brought forward as a witness, though most assuredly there never was or ever will be any creature (the Humanity of Her Son alone excepted) whose assertion better deserved the confidence of every truly pious soul. But the text of the Gospel was not to adduce any testimonies, save such as might be offered to the whole world. As to Jesus' apparition to His Mother, the Holy Ghost has left it to be believed by those that are enlightened by His light.

***In the third place***, this silence is explained by the sublime nature of the apparition itself. The Gospel says nothing regarding the Mother of Christ after the Resurrection; and the reason is, that Her interviews with Her Son were so sublime and ineffable that no words could have described them. There are two sorts of visions: one is merely corporal, and feeble in proportion; the other is mainly in the soul, and is granted only to such as have been transformed. Say, if you will, that St. Mary Magdalen was the first to have the merely corporal vision, provided that you admit that the Blessed Virgin saw, previously to Magdalen, and in a far sublimer way, Her Risen Jesus, that She recognized Him, and enjoyed His sweet embraces in Her soul, more even than in Her body."

Saint Bernardine of Siena (Feast Day is May 20th)

