

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

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, 2:30-3:00pm (Church)

Nocturnal Adoration

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



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.

October 23, 2022
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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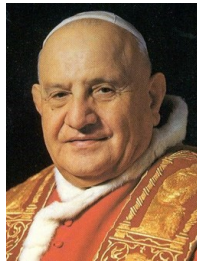
WEEKLY CALENDAR ~ October 22-30, 2022

Sat 22	Saint John Paul II	5:00pm	Mass for the Parish
Sun 23	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00am 11:30am 7:30pm	Mass for ROS Robin Pendleton by Dianna Pendleton Mass for ROS Don & Letty Hammond by the Don Hammond Family AA Meeting, call Floyd Kunkle at 289-6336 for information
Mon 24	Saint Raphael the Archangel	9:00am 7:00am	Communion Service Men's Prayer Group
Wed 26	Saint Evaristus	7:00pm 10:30am	Communion Service Prayer Group, Parish Hall
Thurs 27	Blessed Emilina	12:10pm 1:00pm 7:00pm	Communion Service Eucharistic Adoration, Chapel Rosary and Benediction, Chapel
Fri 28	Saints Simon and Jude	12:10pm 7:00am	Communion Service Men's Prayer Group
Sat 29	Saint Narcissus	5:00pm	Mass for Janet Hill, Happy Birthday by Chuck & Janet Hill
Sun 30	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00am 11:30am 7:30pm	Mass for ROS William Higgins by Brandon, Lisa & CJ Higgins Mass for ROS Pilar Rockholt by Joseph Rockholt AA Meeting, call Floyd Kunkle at 289-6336 for information

From the Holy Fathers

"If you recite the Family Rosary, all united, you shall taste peace."

~ Saint Pope John XXIII ~



Wisdom of the Saints

"Give me an army saying the Rosary, and I will conquer the world."

~ Blessed Pope Pius IX ~



October 22-23: Second Collection-World Mission Sunday,
Propagation of the Faith

October 27--12:30pm-October 28-12:10pm, 24-Hour Adoration

November 1: Feast of All Saints: Holy Day of Obligation;

Mass Schedule: Monday, October 31: 7:00pm, Bi-lingual
Tuesday November 1: 12:00 Noon

November 6: Second Collection: Fall Seminarian Education Collection

November 10-13: Pilgrim Statue of Mary, Mother of God journeys to Immaculate Conception Parish, Forest City. This event will include a special arrival program tentatively set for 2:00pm. More information to come.

November 11-13: 50 Hours Adoration. It will involve having at least 2 people per hour for each hour of adoration. More information coming soon.

November 19: Parish Council Meeting, 11:00am in the Parish Hall

November 27: First Sunday of Advent

December 3: Christmas Bake Sale, Frozen Entrees and Raffle Baskets; more information to come, but buy your tickets NOW! Sponsored by the Ladies Guild

December 18: Filipino American Christmas Party: 2pm -6pm. Pot luck supper and all are welcomed.

For Annulment Information Contact:

Rachel Harrill 1-828-447-1908 or
Email: reharrill@rcdoc.org.

COLLECTION CONTRIBUTIONS

Parishioners have the option of making their contributions online through the following link:
<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/immaculateconceforestcity>

COLLECTION INFORMATION 10/16/2022

Regular Offering \$5,884.00
Building Repair Loan \$20.00

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

1st Sunday (November 6)	Yokefellow Sunday	Peanut Butter
2nd Sunday (November 13)	Hospice Sunday	Ensure, any flavor
3rd Sunday (November 20)	Hands of Hope Sunday	Children's diapers, any size

Ladies Guild Christmas Bake Sale and Basket Raffle

Saturday, December 3, 2022

That sounds like it's way, far off, BUT...
Forget about the delicious cakes, pies, cookies, and forget the delicious
frozen entrees of soups, sauces and quiche...for now!

Buy your tickets for the Basket Raffle

Picnic Tailgating
Basket

"Pamper Me' Basket

Family Fun Night
Basket



Bird Basket

Gardening Basket

Breakfast Basket

Family Fun Night
Basket

Tickets are available in the Narthex,
Before and After Mass
\$5 per ticket/5 tickets for \$20.00

Pray for Our Troops, in Particular...

LCDR Stuart Whitaker;
John Escalera, also in the Navy

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

Prayers for the Sick

Mary Absher, Cynthia Beam, Wade Boswell, Anne Bronson,
Tom Burke, Father Burke, Jorje Carcamo, Melissa Chandler,
Joann Colini, Sabrina & Kevin Collier, Michelle Contreras,
Claire Daigle, Matthew Daigle, Lana Dalton, Claudia Dodril,
Priscilla & Larry Dorr, Robert DuCharme, Carol Faunce,
William Gaboda, Emanuel Garcia, Cathy Gold,
Silvestre Gonzalez, Nancy Goulet, Joanne Harrelson,
Sean Haugh, David Hernandez, Julian Hernandez, Janet Hill,
Clare Jablonski, Kate Johnson, Erlinda Judson, Peggy Keyes,
Jared Krantz, Alice Lee, Jean Linder, Ed Long, Jeff Lugo, Diane
McEnnerney, Esther Mendoza, Gloria Millette, Alan Murfitt,
Maria Parra, Richard Rance, Bonnie Rackley, Joe Rockholt,
Nathan Ryback, Bill & Anthony Saladino, Cassie Schmanski,
Gloria Sears, Linda & Keith See, Ellen Spear, Teri St. John,
Beth Ann Stamper, Cole Suhy, William Szabo, Gladys Talley,
Chris & Mark Tavernia, Sharon Taylor, Russ Tobine,
Federico Trejo, Bernice Williams

Knights Upcoming Virtual Benefit Night



PARISHIONERS WELCOME

"Purpose Driven Retirement Strategies " BY Joe Jordan

Join us for an informative online presentation by award-
winning author, financial thought leader, and brother Knight
Joe Jordan. Joe will show you the keys to a prosperous retire-
ment without losing sight of your faith and values. His message
has helped boomers & seniors with successful retirement strat-
egies that go beyond just ROI (Return on Investment) and deal
with ROL (Return on Life). In "Purpose Driven Retirement Strat-
egies" Joe will discuss the two fundamental questions you will
face when planning for retirement: 1) How will you spend your
time? 2) How are you going to pay for it

You're cordially invited to join our new webinar where Joe will
be your guide to devising a meaningful and secure retirement
strategy! Register today to reserve your spot. Date: October 28,
2022 Time: 7:30 Registration link: [https://
bit.ly/3extPYHKNIGHTSPURPOSEDRIVENRETIREMENTOCT282022](https://bit.ly/3extPYHKNIGHTSPURPOSEDRIVENRETIREMENTOCT282022)

For more information, contact Brian Cilone, Field Agent, at:
623-202-5956 or at Brian.Cilone@kofc.org

Cemetery Planning Committee

We are in the planning stages of developing a Parish Cemetery that
will include columbarium, mausoleum, and in-ground burial areas.
We are looking for volunteers for this committee. If you are interested,
please contact Brian Cilone at 623-202-5956 or email at
bcilone@msn.com.



Monthly 24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration will begin after the 12:10pm Mass
on October 27th, and complete before the 12:10pm
Mass on Friday October 28th.

All Souls envelopes are attached in the bulletin this week.



Reflections on the Sorrowful Mysteries

By Father Herbert Burke



The First Sorrowful Mystery

THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN

Let us accept His invitation to spend the night in the garden with God or let us spend a night in prayer. Can we not watch and pray with him one hour? Oh, our spirit is willing, but our flesh is weak.

After the first mass came the first holy hour, for he asked us not just to pray, but to pray with Him! What an honor it is to pray in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. What a joy it is to be with Him. Stay with us Lord, or rather let us stay with him in the presence of the Eucharist in the tabernacle. For these three great events have been united: the Last Supper or the first mass; the first holy hour where the disciples prayed in the garden, with Christ inside them from having received their first holy communion; and finally, the sacrifice on Calvary that unites the sacrament of the mass of Christ, the priest at the altar with the sacrifice of Christ the lamb, Christ the victim on the cross. The mass, the holy hour, and the crucifixion should be united in our heart, mind, body, soul, and faith.

Let us turn to him in prayer in our hour of agony here on earth let us pray with him "Father if it is possible let this cup of suffering pass for me at not my will, but Thine be done". Let us pray with the

words He gave us: "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven". For if we do His will on earth we will share his kingdom in heaven.

The Second Sorrowful Mystery

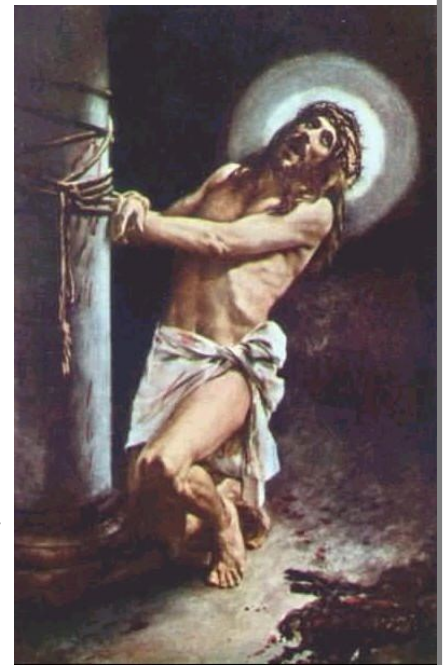
THE SCOURGING AT THE PILLAR

"By his stripes we were healed" (Isaiah 53:5) says the word of God in prophecy. "I will have him scourged" says Pontius Pilate.

A scourging was normally 40 lashes. The shroud of Turin shows evidence of three times that amount on the back, legs, and other parts of the body of Jesus, showing that He had become a complete sacrifice; a complete immolation of love at the hands of the merciless soldiers of Rome. He allowed his body to be scourged over 120 times for our sins. He was beaten for our transgressions. It was our sins that he bore. He was the innocent lamb without sin. We are the guilty sinners who need to remember as we meditate upon what he suffered for us. He loved us so much that He suffered and died in our place. He died for our sins. He loved us to the end of his life.

Do we think about the pain He suffered for our sins? Do we meditate on His concrete, physical expression of love for us, a love that He proved with his own flesh?

Let us show Jesus how much we appreciate His love by remembering it often, so that our hearts may grow in love of him who has loved us so much.



The Third Sorrowful Mystery

THE CROWNING WITH THORNS

The Roman soldiers made a cruel and painful crown of thorns for Christ the King of the Universe. This is how the world treats the King of Kings, with mockery and hatred. It is a very sad thing to see.

We see the incredible hatred and selfishness of the world at work in the action of sin, especially sins of malice against the innocent, against children and the elderly, and against the poor and the most vulnerable. Jesus says *whatever you do to the least of my brothers you do to me*. So we must ask the question: "Who is it that oppresses the least?" It is those who have the most. Who is it that mocks the humble? It is the one who has the most that mocks the humble. In this world we see the exalted, the proud, the vengeful, the rich and the powerful against the humble, the poor and the weak.

As Saint James in Chapter 5 says: *Come now, you rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries. Your wealth has rotted away, your clothes have become moth-eaten, your gold and silver have corroded, and that corrosion will be a testimony against you; it will devour your flesh like a fire. You have stored up treasure for the last days. Behold, the wages you withheld from the workers who*



harvested your fields are crying aloud, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. You have lived on earth in luxury and pleasure; you have fattened your hearts for the day of slaughter. You have condemned; you have murdered the righteous one; he offers you no resistance.

The servants of God often wear a crown of thorns on the inside, with mental and emotional anguish, and sorrow over sins against themselves and others. Our Lord was crowned with thorns, and they were powerful and painful symbols of the rejection of His love. He felt this as He hung on the cross, as He looked down upon the world that was so filled with hatred, sin, evil and ugliness. But his Sacred Heart still loved them as He reached into the depths of His merciful, loving heart as He said *"Father forgive them for they know not what they do."*



The Fourth Sorrowful Mystery

JESUS CARRIES HIS CROSS

God has designed life so that there is no escape from the cross. For both sinners and saints, saved and unsaved, there is no escape from the cross. We either carry the cross willingly amidst joy and sorrow in life or as the sinners do, choosing to do their best to refuse the cross. There will always be pain in life. Some choose to carry the cross; others choose sin. In so doing, they reject the cross that God calls them to carry in this life. The more they push the cross away in this world, the larger will be the one waiting for them in the next.

For those who carry the cross in this world, it will be transformed into an eternal throne besides the Lord forever. For those who reject the cross and indulge in mortal sin their whole lives, a huge horrifying eternal cross will be waiting for them at death. When we say no to sin, we say yes to the cross. If we say yes to sin, we say no to the cross. The cross is the amount of suffering required for us in this life to be united to Christ and His cross, and thus to be saved.

Our throne in heaven is made out of the cross that we carry on earth. To those who see life only in this world and do not consider the Eternal life in the next world, the cross appears to be a defeat. However the cross is the symbol of spiritual victory over the flesh, the world and the devil.

The Cross has two bars- one points straight to heaven, and one points horizontal to the earth, reminding us that we are called to love God in heaven, and our neighbor here on earth. The two bars intersect at the Sacred Heart of Christ on the cross; the heart which was pierced by the lance, for He loved us to the end, even unto death. Likewise, we are called to

love the Lord to the end, even unto death. The cross is a reminder of the conflict between the spirit and the flesh, love of heaven and the love of the things of this world.

Reflect a moment and say: *"Today I have chosen to pray. I have accepted my cross. Today I have chosen to resist the temptation to sin. I have embraced the cross today. I have been willing to forgive my neighbor, and to be patient as I bear wrongs patiently. This is how I walk with the Lord as did Simeon on the road to Calvary. Jesus and I carry the cross together through life into eternity."*

Our eternal salvation pivots on our decision regarding the cross

The Fifth Sorrowful Mystery

THE CRUCIFIXION AND DEATH OF OUR LORD

If one could understand history as God does, we might see the beginning as the fall of man in Genesis 3; the middle as the rescue of man by the Savior of the world on the cross by Jesus the new Adam; and the end as the second coming of Christ with the full restoration of mankind at the resurrection, entering the eternal sabbath rest...the final Sunday where God and man finally rest together and enjoy their work, the amazing and epic interplay between the grace of God and the free will of man achieving a final perfect harmony. This was what God had intended from the beginning, the final paradise replacing the paradise that was lost in the mysteries of life. The agonizing struggle between good and evil finally makes sense. It is all connected on the cross, on the hill of Calvary, where God completes his work as man. God gave the prophecy of the gospel in Isaiah 53, *"Who would believe what we have heard?"*

Does mankind, as a whole, yet believe? *It was our pain that he bore, our suffering that he endured .. pierced for our offenses... then, by his wounds we were healed. Like a lamb led to the slaughter, He bore the sins of many."*

As Jesus said at the Last Supper, the first mass, the words that would connect the consecration to the cross, *"This is my body given up for you."* The New Adam is Jesus himself, his body and blood, the fruit of the new tree of life which is the cross. Give us today the Bread of Life, The Living Bread come down from heaven, from the cross...to the altar...and on to holy communion.

