

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
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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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Ecce Homo by Antonio Ciseri

November 24, 2024
**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of
the Universe**

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WEEKLY CALENDAR for November 23-December 1, 2024

Sat 23	Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro	5:00pm	Mass for Richard Thelen, Happy Birthday, by Joe & Jamie Thelen
Sun 24	Christ the King of the Universe	9:00am 11:30am 7:30pm	Mass for Andy Cilone, Happy Birthday, by John & Rosanne Staab Mass for the Parish AA Meeting, call Floyd Kunkle at 289-6336 for information
Mon 25	Saint Catherine of Alexandria	9:00am	Mass for Regina Krantz, Happy Birthday by the Krantz Family
Wed 27	Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal	7:00pm	Mass for ROS Dianne McEnerney by Brendan McEnerney & Family
Thurs 28	Saint Catherine Labouré	10:00am 7:30pm	Mass for ROS Amy Beheler by Brendan, Lisa & CJ Higgins AA Meeting, call Floyd Kunkle at 289-6336 for information
Fri 29	Saint Cecelia	12:10pm 7:00am	Mass for ROS Frances Burke & Michael Burke by Terry & Sharon Date Men's Prayer Group
Sat 30	Saint Saturninus	5:00pm	Mass for the Parish
Sun 12/1	First Sunday of Advent	9:00am 11:30am 7:30pm	Mass for ROS Michael Burke by Maxie & Joannie Jolley Mass for Joe & Alicia Stenard by Kathy & Rich Burns AA Meeting, call Floyd Kunkle at 289-6336 for information

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! THIS WEEKEND and NEXT WEEKEND: Advent Book Sale (See next page for more information)

November 24: Happy Birthday Deacon Andy!
December 5: Daughters of the Visitation, 4:30-6:30pm

December 7: Ladies Guild Christmas Bazaar: 8:00am-2:00pm (See info on next page)

December 7-8: 2nd Collection: Religious Retirement

December 8: After 9:00am and 11:30am Masses: Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast and a Movie, 'Star'

December 9: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception It is a Holy Day of Obligation

December 14: Knights of Columbus Annual Christmas Basket and Coat Drive: see mor information on next page.



"For this I was born and for this I came into the world."

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

1st Sunday (December 1)	Yokefellow Sunday	Canned beans, (15 oz) any type (pinto, kidney, etc.)
2nd Sunday (December 8)	Hospice Sunday	Ensure, any flavor
3rd Sunday (December 15)	Hands of Hope Sunday	Children's diapers, SIZE LARGE
4th Sunday (December 22)	Backpack Sunday	Individual-serving size of Mac & cheese, ravioli, beanie-weenies, etc

COLLECTION INFORMATION For November 17, 2024
Regular Offering: \$7,498.91

October Online Giving
Regular Offering: \$7,545.00
Building Repair Loan: \$100.00
Seminar Education: \$50.00
Seminar Education: \$15.00

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

Thanksgiving Blessings
Give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good; his love endures forever.
Chronicles 16:34

*Father Burke,
Deacon Andy, and Deacon Dave
Wish you a blessed Thanksgiving*

Thanksgiving Day Mass is at 10:00am.

Prayers for the Sick

Mary Absher, Cynthia Beam, Emily Bailey, Alisha Benfield, Iris Borrás, Wade Boswell, Father Burke, Melissa Chandler, Gary Colhouer, Frank Colini, Joanne 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, Gertrude Hand, David Hernandez, Julian Hernandez, Sherlin Hernandez, Janet Hill, Clare Jablonski, Betsy Jackson, Father Jenkins, Kate Johnson, Gabriel Jones, Erlinda Judson, Bishop Jugis, Ronnie Kennedy, Jim & Joan King, Jared Krantz, Charlie Kutilek, Ed Long, Stephannie Longo, Patricia Lucas, Jeff Lugo, Wilson Mancipe, Monica Martin, Elias Martinez, Nathan I. McCain, Jennifer McDonald, Joan Meade, Geri Melton, Esther Mendoza, Teresa Mendoza, Gloria Millette, Kevin Millette, Scott Moore, Lucas Cade Motter, Alan Murfitt, Keith Oliver, Luis Parra, Maria Parra, Carmen Perez, David Picquet, Ken Pierson, Charles Plateroti, Bonnie Rackley, Richard Ranc, Rick Rorey, Deborah Rowlands, Camille Russo, Nathan Ryback, Linda Samarotto, Cassie Schmanski, Gloria Sears, Linda & Keith See, Samantha Smith, Sister Mary Olivia, Larry St. Clair, Nancy St. Clair, Beth Ann Stamper, Cole Suhy, Doug Suhy, Gladys Talley, Mark Tavernia, Richard Thelen, Federico Trejo, Patty Wansor, Arwin Watts, Fred White, Patricia White, Sammy White, Bernice William, Mary Wright

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



Please Pray for Our

First Responders, especially for:

Officer Max DeLauter, Shelby Police Department and

Officer Nathan Shomette, Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department

Ladies Guild Christmas Bazaar!

December 7th, 2024 ~ 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

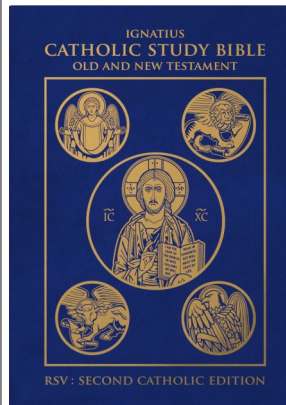
It's that time of year again! The Immaculate Conception Ladies Guild will be holding their annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday December 7th, from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the Parish Hall.

We are calling **all** parishioners to put your baking and craft skills to work! We need lots of frozen meals, baked goods, and craft donations for our sale. Please bring your donation to the parish hall on Friday December 6th between 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM or early Saturday morning before the sale begins (Between 7:00 and 8:00 AM). Please include a card with the list ingredients for each baked good, and cooking and/or reheating instructions for your frozen entrée.

All Bazaar proceeds will benefit the Ladies Guild ministries.

Thank you and God Bless!

Father Burke's Advent Book Sale has arrived. Ignatius Catholic Study Bible~Old and New Testament



This year Father Burke is featuring just one Study bible that was 20 years in the making by principle Biblical scholar co-editors Dr. Scott Hahn and Curtis Mitch.

The whole of Scripture, Old Testament and New, is being published in a single volume, featuring the beautiful Revised Standard Version Second Catholic Edition (RSV2CE) translation along with introductions, outlines, and explanatory notes for each biblical book, extensive cross references to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, and an array of visual and educational aids to bring the message of Scripture into clear focus for Catholic readers.

More than any other study edition of the Bible on the market, the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible is "like a householder who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old" (Mt 13:52). It draws insights from the best of modern scholarship as well as the best of the Catholic tradition of interpretation through the ages.

It explains the historical, cultural, literary, and archaeological background of Scripture, while at the same time looking to the Fathers, Doctors, and Councils of the Church for insight into its theological and spiritual teachings. The result is a veritable library of Bible study resources, all under one cover, designed to help readers understand the written Word of God and apply its lessons to their lives today. It is simply the most ambitious undertaking of its kind in our generation."

The list price for this bible is \$64.95, but Father is offering it to us at the price of \$40.00.

The first two shipments are already sold out, so we are rushing the order by starting the sale to this weekend, **November 23-24 and finishing the sale the weekend of November 30-December 1.**

Orders must be pre-paid, cash or check (made out to Immaculate Conception Church) at the time of ordering.

Knights of Columbus Annual Christmas Basket, Toys & Coats for Needy Families ~ December 14th

We thank the Parish again for the tremendous support in the past with this program. We are again asking the parish for financial donations or donations of toys and new coats for ages 1 to 16. Adult coats will be accepted as well to be made available for families who otherwise would not have these items this Christmas. **We are expecting 75 families** this year up from the typical 60. Knights will collect toys and coats before the masses, or these items can be dropped off in the parish hall. Financial donations can be given to your favorite Knight or can be dropped off at the Parish office in an envelope marked for KoC Christmas Baskets.

Nativity Window Ornament

Enhance your Christmas celebration with beautiful art from our church! Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, this ornament is the 1st in an annual series depicting our church's stained glass windows. The glass ornaments come with a ribbon hanger, and is gift-boxed. \$30.00. Ornaments will be available after Masses from the Knights.



Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

From the Website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

In its core document, [Our First, Most Cherished Liberty: A Statement on Religious Liberty](#), the USCCB Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty "urge[d] that the Solemnity of Christ the King—a feast born out of resistance to totalitarian incursions against religious liberty—be a day specifically employed by bishops and priests to preach about religious liberty, both here and abroad."

Let us pray fervently that we will help others encounter anew Christ, our King, bringing the Gospel to the margins of society, that all might bear witness to Him before others.

On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King.

Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas primas* ("In the first") to respond to growing secularism and atheism. He recognized that attempting to "thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law" out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever.

During the early twentieth century, in Mexico, Russia, and some parts of Europe, militantly secularistic regimes threatened not just the Catholic Church and its faithful but civilization itself. Pope Pius XI's encyclical gave Catholics hope and—while governments around them crumbled—the assurance that Christ the King shall reign forever. **Jesus Christ "is very truth, and it is from him that truth must be obediently received by all mankind"** (*Quas primas*, ¶17).



Ecce Homo by Titian

Christ's kingship is rooted in the Church's teaching on the Incarnation. Jesus is fully God and fully man. He is both the divine Lord and the man who suffered and died on the Cross. One person of the Trinity unites himself to human nature and reigns over all creation as the Incarnate Son of God. "From this it follows not only that Christ is to be adored by angels and men, but that to him as man angels and men are subject, and must recognize his empire; by reason of the hypostatic union Christ has power over all creatures" (*Quas primas*, ¶13).

The Church calls us to acknowledge Christ's kingship with our whole lives:

He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls, or to use the words of the Apostle Paul, 'as instruments of justice unto God.' -*Quas primas*, ¶33

Today, religious freedom for many people means that we can believe whatever we want in private, but when we enter the public square or the marketplace, we may not speak of anything that relates to our faith. However, the Church acknowledges the reign of Christ, not only privately, but publicly. **This solemnity encourages us to celebrate and live out our faith in public.** "Thus by sermons preached at meetings and in churches, by public adoration of the Blessed Sacrament exposed and by solemn processions, men unite in paying homage to Christ, whom God has given them for their King" (*Quas primas*, ¶26).

For Christians, when our faith is repeatedly marginalized in public life, we can fall into the habit of compartmentalizing our lives. We love Jesus in our private lives, but we shrink from acknowledging the kingship of Christ in social life. When we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, we declare to the world and remind ourselves that Jesus is the Lord of the Church and of the entire universe.

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Viva Cristo Rey