

CALENDAR ~ May 15-23, 2021

Sat 15	5:00pm	Mass for ROS Ronnie Corn by the Jones Family
Sun 16	9:00am 11:30am 3:00pm 7:30pm	Mass for the First Communicants and <i>Confirmandi</i> Mass for ROS Alfred Urban by Barbara Urban Mass for the Parish AA Meeting, call Floyd Kunkle at 289-6336 for information
Mon 17	9:00am 7:00am	Mass for ROS James Hassan by John Killela Men's Prayer Group
Wed 19	7:00pm 10:30am	Mass for ROS Bobbie Bridges Prayer Group, Parish Hall
Thurs 20	12:10pm 1:00pm 7:00pm	Mass for ROS Cesar Elihut Cuadros by Mario & Alba Hernandez Eucharistic Adoration, Chapel Rosary and Benediction, Chapel
Fri 21	12:10pm 7:00am	Mass for ROS Mary Killela by John Killela Men's Prayer Group
Sat 22	5:00pm 2:00pm	Mass for ROS Irene Schlemmer by Chuck & Janet Hill Third Order Carmelite Meeting, Parish Hall
Sun 23	9:00am 11:30am 3:00pm 7:30pm	Mass for ROS William & Edna Watkins by Penny Watkins Mass for ROS Hugh Morgan Mass for the Parish AA Meeting, call Floyd Kunkle at 289-6336 for information

From the Church Doctors

*"What is it you want to change?
Your hair, your face. your body?
Why?
For God is in love with all those
things and He might weep when
they are gone."
~ Saint Catherine of Siena ~
Doctor of the Church*



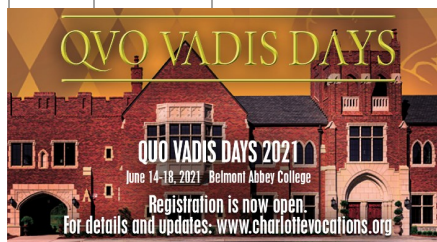
Wisdom of the Saints

*"We must be living witnesses of the beauty
and grandeur
of Christianity"
~ Saint Gianna Beretta Molla ~
Feast April 28*



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Attention all Catholic young men ages 15-19!

Do you know where your life is going? The Lord Jesus has a great plan for **you**. You are invited to attend the 8th annual *Quo Vadis* Days camp to spend time with other young men looking at the Lord's call in your life, while having fun. QVD is led by priests and seminarians of the diocese and is supported by the diocesan Office of Vocations. QVD will be held from June 14-18, 2021 Belmont Abbey College in Belmont. The cost of the camp is \$150.00. Registration deadline is June 9th. Register online at www.charlottevocations.org



Attention all Catholic young women ages 15-19!

Do you know where your life is going? Do you have a desire to grow deeper after the role model of Our Lady? You are invited to attend the 5th annual *Duc in Altum* camp to spend time with other young women looking at the Lord's call in your life, while having fun and receiving the tools for a stronger prayer life. DIA is led by priests and Religious of the diocese and is supported by the diocesan Office of Vocations. DIA will be held from June 21-25, 2021 Belmont Abbey College in Belmont. The cost of the camp is \$150.00. Registration deadline is June 16th. Register online at www.charlottevocations.org

To All of our Parishioners, please pray for our young men and women, that they will be open to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit as they consider going to Quo Vadis or Duc in Altum.

Change for Life

Hands4Hope Pregnancy Resource Center,
To Support Mothers and Fathers in Rutherford County, May 9th through June 20th (Mother's Day to Father's Day) Your change helps us serve women and men facing an unplanned pregnancy as well as families with children under 2.

Changing a Life is as easy as 1,2,3.

Pick up a baby bottle, bring it home and fill it with change, dollars or a check for Hands of Hope for life. Return filled bottles by Father's Day, June 20th. For More information call Kate Johnson 828-289-5493



COLLECTION CONTRIBUTIONS

We encourage parishioners to make their contributions by mailing them in to:

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION RC CHURCH
1024 W. Main Street
Forest City, NC 28043

You can make online donations through the following link:

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

Collection Information for May 9, 2021:

Regular Offering \$6,128.00
Building Repair Loan \$1,030.00

THIS WEEKEND: The **second collection** is for the International/National Combined Collection which includes: Catholic Relief Services, Collection for the Holy Land, Collection for the Works of the Holy Father (Peter's Pence), Catholic University of America, Catholic Communications Campaign



THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT

PART I

The 6th Commandment given to Moses on Mount Sinai states: "You shall not commit adultery." Simply stated, you shall not be unfaithful to your spouse. Fifteen hundred years later, Jesus said this: "You have heard that it was said 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart." (Matthew 5:27-28)

That gives us a hint that there is more to the 6th Commandment than just adultery. And, while Jesus spoke about a man lusting for a woman, we can't forget that women also fall prey to lust; and lust is at the heart of a lot of damaging behavior.

By God's wonderful design, man and woman are made for each other. His gift of human sexuality is the most fundamental to who we are as man and woman. In his *Theology of the Body*, Saint Pope John Paul II compared men and women as corresponding puzzle pieces, created to fit together and work together, and when they come together in the right way and times, with God's help, they create new life. This relationship of God the Father, husband and wife is like the relationship among the Trinity. Consider this quote: "It isn't possible to dissolve the relationship of a man and woman fully in union with one another and God, because it would be like dissolving the Trinity. Just as the Trinity is life-giving, so is the marriage relationship. There's something divine about procreation: God directly participates in bringing forth new life by creating a soul. This, in fact, was one of the reasons women were purified after childbirth in the Old Testament. Like a chalice that, during Mass, comes into contact with the Divine and must be purified, so did the woman, who had been part of a divine act by bringing forth a child. This procreative dimension must be affirmed in every marital act." (from *The Decalogue Decoded* by Fr. Brian Thomas Becket Mul-lady, O.P.)

"Not surprisingly, though, a gift with such great potential also comes with tremendous responsibilities. Just as our sexuality can be a source of joy and blessing when it is used rightly, it can also be a source of tremendous pain and suffering-to us and others-when it is used wrongly." (from *Christ Alive in Us-an Introduction to Moral Theology* by Meinert and Chapman)

To help us make right choices in matters of sexuality and marriage, we must practice the virtue of chastity. Chastity, also sometimes known as purity, one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit, is a moral virtue that helps us not to act on every sexual impulse we have. It is a virtue for EVERY person...single or married...but how we practice chastity depends upon our state in life.

For those in the priesthood or consecrated life, chastity means celibacy and continence...not marrying, not having sexual relations, and not participating in sexual activities.

For married persons, chastity is expressed in the conjugal relationship. Married sexuality has to respect the two ends of both marriage and sex: unity and precreation.

For the single person, chastity requires continence and abstinence. It means refraining from sexual activities, and activities that make saying "no" to sex difficult. For single people who are engaged to be married, it also means that they are called to live in continence...no sex outside of marriage.

That all being said, it is clear that there is much more to the 6th Commandment than just adultery.

Sins against the 6th commandment fall in two categories: sins against marriage and sins against the virtue of chastity.

We will be discussing those in

THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT: PART II:
SINS AGAINST THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT

