

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

Established – 1863

Diocese of Tyler – Most Rev. Joseph E Strickland - Bishop

201 N. Vale St. Jefferson, TX 75657

Phone: 903-665-2869

Welcome Everyone to Praise and Glorify the Lord.



OUR MISSION

We, the Roman Catholic Community of Immaculate Conception Church, under the guidance and protection of Mary, Our Blessed Mother, recognize ourselves as disciples of Jesus Christ. We strive to be a prayerful, Eucharistic Family, open to the Power of the Holy Spirit and conscious of our mission to use our time, talent and treasure in service to our brothers and sisters.

Weekend Mass Schedule

English Masses: Saturday 5:00 p.m., Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Spanish Masses begin Sunday, August 9th at 5:00 p.m.

On the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month

Devotion of Holy Rosary

30 minutes prior Mass

Every Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:15 – 4:45 p.m., Sunday 8:15 – 8:45 a.m.

Weekday Mass Schedule

Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday 9:00 a.m.

First Friday Adoration Schedule

Following 9:00 am Mass

Pastor

Rev. Msgr. Zacharias (Zach) Kunnakkattuthara

903-724-0865

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Luis Carlos Pena

903-508-9896

Immaculate Conception Parish Office

209 W Lafayette St 903-665-2869

Hours –Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Email: icccjefferson@sbcglobal.net

St Joseph Parish Office

903-935-2536

Email: saintjosephmarshall@yahoo.com

Church Website: <http://www.stjosephmarshall.org>

Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
July 19, 2020



Why Stewardship

*Receiving God's gifts gratefully
cultivating them responsibly,
sharing them lovingly in justice with others;
returning them with increase to the Lord.*

Your generosity and time is greatly appreciated!

Offertory Collections

Week of July 12, 2020

Total General Collection	\$ 1,256.00
Regular Collection	\$ 931.00
Online Collection	\$ 325.00

Those in Need **\$ 255.00**

Thank you for your generosity

Upcoming Second Collections

July 19th – Church in Africa

Gift of Gratitude St. Vincent de Paul

*Food for the Poor: # of cans & packages: 70
Families served: 11 (16 People)*

*Thank You, God, for your ongoing generosity; so that, we
can work with you and for you to provide for those in need.*

*Remember our needy in the community with a donation in
the St. Vincent de Paul boxes in the vestibule of the Church
is a nice way of remembering our needy.*

Thank you for helping others in our Community

**St Vincent de Paul Meetings
8 a.m. Thursdays**

Altar Care

**There is a new Altar Care schedule on the
bulletin board. If you don't feel comfortable
coming to clean the church at this time please
let me know and I will find a substitute.**

**During this time the pews, door handles, and
all surfaces will need to be disinfected after
every mass. If you can help with this for the
masses that you attend, please feel free to grab
a disinfecting wipe or a paper towel and the
spray bottle to wipe down your pew.**

Thanks, Kathy

If you are interested in volunteering your time for one
or two weeks a year to assist with altar care and help
keep your church beautiful for our parishioners and
our visitors to enjoy, please let us know.
Email us @ icccjefferson@sbcglobal.net
or call 903-665-2869

Give Us This Day Renewal

Give Us This Day books have been ordered for this year. We
are still looking for donations to help defray the costs.

Donations as of 7/19/2020: – \$779.85

Memorial Donations

Envelopes are now available in the vestibule of the church if you
would like to make your donation in memory or in honor of family
members or friends.

****New Pricing****

- 1 Year @60 copies/month = \$1,618.20
- 1 month @60 copies/month = \$134.85
- 3 months @60 copies/month = \$404.55
- 6 months @60 copies/month = \$809.10
- 1 subscription = \$26.97 per year.

*Any donation amount is accepted!
Thank you for your generosity.

Lay Ministry Schedule

**The Lay Ministry Schedule will be determined as
people arrive at Mass because it is still very much an
individual decision about attendance.**

**There continues to be NO Eucharist ministers
required at this time.**

If you are interested in becoming a Lector, Eucharistic
Minister, Altar Server, Usher, or Cantor please let us
know.

Email us @ icccjefferson@sbcglobal.net
or call 903-665-2869

Training will be provided for all positions.

A Message from Msgr. Zach

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Friends,

A London parish with a large number of refugees decided to hold a “Story-telling and Supper evening. The aim was to celebrate diversity in the parish and learn something about parishioners who came from various conflict-ridden countries in the Middle East and global south. It was a great success. On a beautiful summer evening, participants enjoyed food from such countries as Syria, Iraq, Pakistan, Cameroon and Guatemala. They sat around tables and listened to the stories and poems performed on stage: Syrian refugee Muhammet talked about fleeing his country at the beginning of the civil war in 2011, and his traumatic journey, which eventually brought him to Britain. He recalled the wonderful food his mother used to serve and her generous hospitality. Consolata and her two children fled her village in Cameroon when it was attacked by militia one evening. She never saw her husband again and her children cried for weeks, even after receiving shelter in a camp for displaced people. She was grateful that in Britain her children “can play and sleep well whenever they want.

At the end participants were invited to share their thoughts on postcards and some were read out. One person remarked: “It just reinforces that people are the same the world over – wanting the same things” and “Thank you for enlightening us – we must try to imagine being in the shoes of others.” The parish garden was filled with a sense of the inclusion of refugees and asylum seekers in the parish community.

One interpretation of the parable of the wheat and the darnel is that it is about inclusivity. Darnel is a weed that closely resembles wheat and the difference is evident only when the plants mature and the ears appear. When the owner’s servants discover weeds in the wheat field, the question is not only where they could have come from, but also what should be done about them. To their surprise the owner tells them not to weed the field but to let the wheat and the darnel grow together. When both are mature at harvest time the sorting will be done. The wheat will be gathered up and stored; the darnel will be burned.

We are invited to use our potential to build God’s kingdom. And a part of that is avoiding the most prevalent of all our sins, the sin of judging other people. Jesus recognized this tendency in his followers, and there is a warning to us in the Church today. We can set ourselves up as gatekeepers, and make some people welcome in our communities, while discouraging others. However, let us get on with the mission Jesus has given us: Proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. This will help us guard against becoming weeds ourselves.

Jesus teaches us to be patient with the ambiguities of life and situations and people, particularly those who are different from ourselves. We are called to follow Jesus’ patience and tolerance towards our neighbors, particularly vulnerable people such as refugees and asylum seekers. And nurturing wonder and humility towards the whole community of our planet – God’s creation – is appropriate today as Jesus reminds us of the power of seeds and yeast. From fields of wheat swaying in the wind to birds perching on a mustard tree to the smell of baked bread, there is infinite healing and generosity in nature. Jesus uses another image from our environment to conclude the Gospel. “The virtuous will shine like the sun” in God’s kingdom.

Your Friend in Jesus,

Msgr. Zach

TEMPORARY LITURGICAL NORMS

- **No hymnals or missalettes in the pews**
- **Wear a mask**
- **Wash hands with sanitizer before entering the church, before communion and when touching common surfaces.**
- **Maintain 6-foot separation in the pews, in the Communion procession, and when arriving for and leaving Mass**
- **Only one pew at a time to go up for Communion**

Safe Environment

If you are a victim, know a victim, or need to report a violation of the diocesan Code of Conduct for Church Personnel please call the helpline provided by Praesidium, a third party service utilized by the Diocese of Tyler.

This Helpline is answered 24/7 @ **877-415-6423**.

You may also call: The Promoter of Justice
@ **903-266-2159**
or email promoter@dioceseoftyler.org

In Our Prayers . . .



Pray for Our Sick

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill in our Parish Family and Community.

Parishioners:

Anna Bode Family	Rufe Brewton
BeBe Dorgan	Tom & Tracey Engel
Al Green	Grubaugh Family
Jo Miller & Family	C.L. McCoy
Mary Presley	David Roberts
Yvonne Thompson	

Family & Friends:

Floyd Anderson	Peggy Bamburg
Margaret Austin-Barlett	Rev. Bernard Boteju
Charles Cancellare	Juanita Cantu
Mark Carriker	Elizabeth Conklin
Eric Dorgan	David Embry
Lydia Guerrero	Charles Hirt
A.D. Jordan	Kay Jordan
Paul Lever	Joaquina Martinez
Frank McCormack	Axl Mcgriff
Rev. Joseph Nasser	Dr. Regina Pavlov
Lee Piccolo	D.L. Roberts
Brenda Roberts	Jack Redmon
Winnie Servedio	Morris Spence
Penny Stone	Nancy Summers
Lonnie Taylor	Gary Tucker
Roman Velasquez	Joanie Verhalen
Josie Villarreal	Ronnie Westbrook
Larry Wilson	Julia Zavala

Please let us know if you have family or friends you would like to add to the pray list.

Please let us know when we can remove them from our list.

Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for July 2020 Our Families

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

Mass Intentions – July 2020

Wednesday, July 15, 2020 – Brian Bode
(Requested by Trish Cancellare & Marguerite Hawthorne)

Friday, July 17, 2020 – The Graduating Class
of 1970
(Requested by Kathy Warner)

Saturday, July 18, 2020 – For the rights of
immigrants, refugees, and migrants in our country
(Requested by the Ladies Altar Society)

Sunday, July 19, 2020 – For all Parishioners in the
Immaculate Conception Community

Saturday, July 25, 2020 – Repose of the soul of
Daisy Meyer
(Requested by the Ladies Altar Society)

Sunday, July 26, 2020 – For all Parishioners in the
Immaculate Conception Community

Please submit your mass intentions in the envelopes
provided in the vestibule of the church.

Cards are available in the office to notify recipients and/or
families about the intentions you have submitted for them
and/or their loved ones.

*Please pray for the repose of the
soul of Laverne Piccolo, mother
of Lee Parker, who passed away
on Thursday, July 16, 2020.*

*May her soul and all the souls of
the faithful departed, through
the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen*

Please Pray for the Active Military from our Community

Juan Carlos Acuna	Mary Alder	Aubrey Sperier Arenavas	Kendall Benton
Gabriel Cantu	Bo Dylan Jordan	Molly Jones	Winston J Jones
Matthew Kopecky	Rober Miller	Dominick Pondant	Kyrie Lay Redd
Desire Robertson	Salvador Sanchez Jr	Haley Sellers	Perry Staten
James Trachier	Joseph Trachier	Brent Westbrook	Heath Zeigler

**St. Vincent de Paul
Food Pantry "Needs" List**

*The SVDP Food Pantry
is need of the following items:*

Jiffy Mix	Spaghetti
Spaghetti Sauce	Mac & Cheese
Rice	Dry Beans
	Canned Fruit

**Thank you for helping others
in our Community**

*MARK YOUR CALENDARS
FOR
BISHOP STRICKLAND'S VISIT*

August 8th & August 9th

*Bishop Strickland will say mass at
5:00 pm on August 8th and at
9:00 am on August 9th*

Please join us for one or both masses.

Father Luis

Father Luis is available anytime for
confession, counselling, sacramental
preparation, etc.

You can contact him by email or phone:

Email: penaluisarlos908@gmail.com

Phone: 903-508-9896

******Spanish Mass******

We will begin celebrating Spanish mass again
on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month starting
August 9, 2020

Come join Fr. Luis for this beautiful
celebration of the mass

Diocese of Tyler Marian Center



Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

Come Pray the Rosary Every Wednesday at 6:30 pm