

# 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 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 a.m. Mass

### **Pastor**

Rev. Msgr. Zacharias (Zach) Kunnakkattuthara

903-724-0865

### **Associate Pastor**

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](mailto:icccjefferson@sbcglobal.net)

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

### **St Joseph Parish Office**

903-935-2536

Email: [saintjosephmarshall@yahoo.com](mailto:saintjosephmarshall@yahoo.com)

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

***Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time***  
***September 13, 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 September 6, 2020

<i>Total General Collection</i>	\$ 1,758.00
<i>Regular Collection</i>	\$ 1,358.00
<i>Online Collection</i>	\$ 400.00

*Catholic University  
& Catholic Communication*      \$237.00

## Upcoming Second Collections

*September 13, 2020 – Those in Need*

*September 20, 2020 – St. Vincent de Paul*

*October 4, 2020 – Those in Need*

*October 18, 2020 – World Mission Sunday*

## Altar Care

**Week of 9/7/2020 – Anita Hall**

**Week of 9/14/2020 – Marguerite Hawthorne**

**Week of 9/21/2020 – Lorraine Jolin**

**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 paper towel and the spray bottle to wipe down the front and back tops of the pews.**

**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](mailto:icccjefferson@sbcglobal.net)  
or call 903-665-2869

## Lay Ministry Schedule

*Lectors:*

Saturday, September 12, 2020

*Johnette Grubaugh*

*Tammy Cornett*

Sunday, September 13, 2020

*Jackie Traylor*

*Liz Opiela*

Saturday, September 19, 2020

*Collette Dockery*

*John Dockery*

Sunday, September 20, 2020

*Irene Webster*

*Sharon Deangelo*

*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](mailto:icccjefferson@sbcglobal.net)  
or call 903-665-2869

*Training will be provided for all positions.*

## **Gift of Gratitude St. Vincent de Paul**

*Food for the Poor: # of cans & packages: 16  
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  
9:30 a.m. Thursdays**

## *A Message from Msgr. Zach . . . .*

### *Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Dear Friends,*

We all probably take for granted the fact that there are seven days in the week. Yet no one really knows why there should be seven days. There are theories, of course, but none of them are certain. The seven-day week seems to have been used throughout the Mediterranean area and on to India. It is what it is. Yet the fact of the seven-day week seems to have suggested to the Jewish mind the idea of seven as a totality. In the Old Testament the creation takes place in seven days because this means there is no moment of time in which God is not concerned with creation. In the New Testament, in the book of the Apocalypse, the message is to seven churches, because seven represents all the churches.

So when St. Peter suggests that we should forgive people if they sin against us “seven times”, he is not suggesting a small number. Seven is the number of totality, so Peter thinks he is saying something profound about always forgiving. Christ replies by saying, “Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times,” or “seventy times seven.” This multiplication is because mercy is not just for this life, for the time we have, the time of the seven days, but also for eternity. Eternity is unimaginable but we can think of it as time multiplied by time. So the Gospel story of the servant being led to judgment is our story, because if we do not forgive, how can we enter the world of forgiveness, which is heaven?

Christian morality is the morality of heaven. We are not just concerned with how we live with each other on this earth, but with the life of the world to come. The shape of this new world is determined by how we live in this world. It is present, too, in the sacraments, in prayer, in those moments of peace that God alone can give. What really connects us to heaven is mercy. Nothing in Christian thought makes sense without the idea of the forgiveness of sin. The incarnation is for the sake of the forgiveness of sin.

In our world, politics, in essence, is the art of helping people to live together; and since all have sinned and owe each other debts that cannot be repaid, the work of politics should be seen as fundamentally a work of mercy and forgiveness. In offering mercy to the world, Christ has the key to every other good thing in this world. By sharing in the mercy of God we share in the divine nature. We may or may not remember our sins in heaven; but in the vision of God, we would see that mercy is natural to God, and know that God would always offer forgiveness without reserve. Yet there quite simply isn't any forgiveness to those who do not forgive. That would be like trying to breathe in without breathing out.

We are called to friendship with God, which is the fulfilment of service on earth, but we do not become God's friends if we refuse to be friends with each other. Forgiveness cannot be forced on us. God offers it, and we are to offer it with God, but it must be accepted. No one will accept forgiveness who does not want to share it with others. So it is in forgiving that we are forgiven.

*Your Friend in Jesus,  
Msgr. Zach*

### *Father Luis*

Father Luis is available on Wednesday and Friday mornings for confession, counseling, sacramental preparation, etc.

You can contact him by email or phone:

Email: [penaluisCarlos908@gmail.com](mailto:penaluisCarlos908@gmail.com)

Phone: 903-508-9896

### 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](mailto: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	Al Green
Grubaugh Family	Jo Miller & Family
C.L. McCoy	Linda McCollim
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
Kenneth & Lu Ann Hudson	A.D. Jordan
Kay Jordan	Paul Lever
Linda Gail Macrum	Joaquina Martinez
Frank McCormack	Axl Mcgriff
Rev. Joseph Nasser	Dr. Regina Pavlov
Lee Piccolo	D.L. Roberts
Brenda Roberts	Winnie Servedio
Morris Spence	Penny Stone
Nancy Summers	Lonnie Taylor
Gary Tucker	Melissa Velasquez
Roman Velasquez	Joanie Verhalen
Josie Villarreal	Ronnie Westbrook
Larry Wilson	Julia Zavala

An \* indicates new additions this week to our list.

## Pope Francis

### Prayer Intentions for September 2020

#### Respect for the Planet's Resources

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

## Mass Intentions – September 2020

**Wednesday, September 2, 2020** –Meranda Cohn

*(Requested by Kathy Warner)*

**Thursday, September 3, 2020** – Wayman & Rose Mary

*Moore (Requested by Pam Watts)*

**Friday, September 4, 2020** - Repose of the soul of Brian

*Bode (Requested by Pam Watts)*

**Saturday, September 5, 2020** – For all the homeless, especially those recently evicted due to the pandemic, will find a safe place to live.

*(Requested by the Ladies Altar Society)*

**Sunday, September 6, 2020** – For all Parishioners in the

*Immaculate Conception Community*

**Wednesday, September 9, 2020** – Thanksgiving for Healing

*(Requested by Jo Miller)*

**Thursday, September 10, 2020** – For Repose of the soul of

*Paul Ramsey*

*(Requested by Jackie T aylor)*

**Friday, September 11, 2020** – All those lost on 9/11 and their

*families (Requested by Kathy Warner)*

**Saturday, September 12, 2020** – For Police, Firefighters &

*Hospital workers*

*(Requested by the Ladies Altar Society)*

**Sunday, September 13, 2020** – For all Parishioners in the

*Immaculate Conception Community*

**Wednesday, September 16, 2020** – Poor Souls in Purgatory

*(Requested by Jo Miller)*

**Thursday, September 17, 2020** – For Repose of the soul of

*Thomas F McCloskey Jr*

*(Requested by Theresa Beard)*

**Saturday, September 19, 2020** – For those caught up in

*domestic violence*

*(Requested by the Ladies Altar Society)*

**Sunday, September 20, 2020** – For all Parishioners in the

*Immaculate Conception Community*

**Thursday, September 24, 2020** – For Repose of the soul of

*Nan Whelan Carter*

*(Requested by Kathy Warner)*

**Saturday, September 26, 2020** – For the Intentions of all

*Current Altar Society members*

*(Requested by the Ladies Altar Society)*

**Sunday, September 27, 2020** – For all Parishioners in the

*Immaculate Conception Community*

Please submit your mass intentions in the envelopes provided.

You may put them in the collection basket or turn them in at the office. 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 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	Robert Miller	Dominick Pondant	Kyrie Lay Redd
Desire Robertson	Salvador Sanchez Jr	Haley Sellers	Perry Staten
James Trachier	Joseph Trachier	Brent Westbrook	Heath Zeigler

*Marian Center for the Devotion of the Holy Eucharist*  
*Immaculate Conception Catholic Church*

**Celebrate the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**Pray the Rosary**



## **SEPTEMBER ROSARY SCHEDULE**

**\*\*WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2020 @ 5:30 P.M.**

**\*\*TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 @ 6:30 P.M.**  
**NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2020 @ 11:00 A.M.**  
**FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY**

**\*\*TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2020 @ 6:30 P.M.**  
**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2020 @ 6:30 P.M.**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 @ 6:30 P.M.**

# Community Happenings . . . .

## THANK YOU!

To Mike & Diane Shaw for donating a new refrigerator for the Parish Hall porch

To Roden Appliance for delivering the new refrigerator & taking away the old refrigerator

## Joint Parish and Finance Councils Meeting

Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m.

## Planning Meeting

Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m.

## Men's Club Meeting

Thursday  
September 24, @ 6:00 p.m.

## Ladies Altar Society

Meeting  
Wednesday  
October 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m.

## September 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> Black Bag Collection

*"A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just." -- Pope Francis*

Every year, and only once a year, there is a collection made in parishes all over the United States that is dedicated to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.



Why the black bag? Using the black bag enables everyone to give what they can afford. It is a tradition established in the early 1800's, and re-enacts a collection that St. Vincent de Paul made among his friends.

*St. Vincent de Paul's feast day is September 27<sup>th</sup>.  
Please try to remember him and his society in your prayers and donations.*

*--Thank you for your support!*

**As of 9/3/2020**

**Bishop's Annual Appeal**

**Goal: \$15,000**

**Current Pledges: \$15,013 (100%)**

**Priests for Tomorrow**

**Goal: \$150,000**

**Current Pledges:  
113,500 (76%)**

Thank you to all who have made your pledges to these worthy campaigns

## September 13<sup>th</sup> - Responsorial Psalm 103:8

The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

## September 20<sup>th</sup> - Responsorial Psalm 145:18a

The Lord is near to all who call upon him.