

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.

Prayer to the Holy Family!



*Lord Jesus Christ, who, being made subject to Mary and Joseph,
didst consecrate domestic life by Thine ineffable virtues;
grant that we, with the assistance of both, may be taught by the
example of Thy holy Family and may attain to its everlasting
fellowship. Who livest and reignest, world without end. Amen.*

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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 Mass: Sunday 5:00 p.m.

On the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month

Devotion of Holy Rosary

30 minutes prior Mass

Every Wednesday @ 6:00 p.m. (Unless otherwise noted)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:30 – 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

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

St Joseph Parish Office

903-935-2536

Email: saintjosephmarshall@yahoo.com

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

***FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH
DECEMBER 27, 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 December 20, 2020

Total General Collection	\$ 1,999.00
Regular Collection	\$1,799.00
Online Collection	\$ 200.00

Thank you for your generosity

Gift of Gratitude St. Vincent de Paul

*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**

Everyone is welcome to attend!

Altar Care

Week of 12/28/2020 – Jo Miller

Epiphany

Week of 1/4/2021 – Robin Moore

Week of 1/11/2021 – Liz Opiela

**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
or call 903-665-2869

Upcoming Second Collections

December 25, 2020 - Nativity of our Lord (Christmas)

January 1, 2021 – Solemnity of Mary

Lay Ministry Schedule

Lectors:

Saturday December 26, 2020

Johnette Grubaugh

Tammy Cornett

Sunday December 27, 2020

Kat Bellini

Kathy Warner

Thursday December 31, 2020 – 5:30 pm

Pam Watts

Susan Wise

Friday January 1, 2021 – 9:00 am

Sharon Verhalen

Philip Verhalen

Saturday January 2, 2021

Tammy Cornett

Johnette Grubaugh

Sunday January 3, 2021

Irene Webster

Kat Bellini

Saturday January 9, 2021

Collette Dockery

John Dockery

Sunday January 10, 2021

Liz Opiela

Jackie Traylor

Saturday January 16, 2021

Susan Wise

Pam Watts

Sunday January 17, 2021

Sharon Verhalen

Philip Verhalen

Saturday January 23, 2021

Johnette Grubaugh

Tammy Cornett

Sunday January 24, 2021

Kat Bellini

Kathy Warner

A Message from Msgr. Zach

Feast of the Holy Family

Dear Friends,

The Gospels don't tell us much of the events leading to the birth of Jesus. There's a lot we're not told about this event. Yes, there is lack of accommodation – no room at the inn. Certainly, the story of the presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple points forward to the death Jesus will face, the knowledge of which – Simeon says to Jesus' mother Mary – will be a sword that will pierce Mary's own soul too. This story is, of course, about parents with a new baby who are anxious to do what their tradition, their religion, requires following the birth of the first male child. In fact, this is related to an ancient custom which Israelites had taken over from people of other races around them. This was to offer the first fruits of all produce to the gods at the beginning of the season: the first sheaves of the harvest, the firstborn of each flock or herd. This custom became extended thru the Law of Moses to the dedication of the firstborn male child of every family to God. This was done by a kind of proxy – the firstborn male child was not actually given away – the child was “redeemed” from this by the substitution of a lamb for those who could afford it, or two turtledoves or young pigeons for those who could not. Mary and Joseph fell into the latter category.

There is a depth to this narrative which is not immediately apparent. We have Simeon's prophetic words of recognition that the child brought by Mary and Joseph is none other than the light to enlighten all nations that the prophets had foretold. And an oblique reference to the fact that his ministry will reach its climax in his death, which his mother will witness.

We may be familiar with the detail in this story, but oddly there is a feature that is often missed. Yes, Jesus is presented to God by his parents at a very young age – forty days old, to be precise. Yes, the child Jesus will grow to be the light for all nations. Yes, a sword will pierce his mother's soul too. What we tend to forget, however, is that in the presentation of the barely one-month-old Jesus in the Temple, we have more than a ritual performed by new parents, dedicating their child to God. In Jesus' presentation we have something more. Jesus' presentation in the Temple is a first. People spoke of this being the place where God lived among humans. This was actually a figure of speech: there was no literal presence of God in the Temple, which contained no more than the ark of the covenant – the lavish box containing the tablet of stone on which the commandments given to Moses were inscribed. Here Israelites felt closer to God than anywhere else. When Jesus is brought to the Temple, God enters the religious world of humans for the first time: Jesus is presented to God – and God is presented to humans.

Wish You All A Happy & Prosperous New Year!

*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

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

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	Richard Doyle
Grubaugh Family	Jo Miller Family
C.L. McCoy	Linda McCollim
Mary Presley	Yvonne Thompson

Family & Friends:

Floyd Anderson	Peggy Bamburg
Margaret Austin-Barlett	Lourdes Bautista
Blake Biddy	Rev. Bernard Boteju
Christie Brewton	Charles Cancellare
Juanita Cantu	Mark Carriker
Elizabeth Conklin	*Presley Darby
Eric Dorgan	Georgette Duke
David Embry	Lydia Guerrero
Marc Hackstedt	Charles Hirt
A.D. Jordan	Kay Jordan
Keller (Brewton Family Friend)	Dr. James Kunkel
Paul Lever	*Dayne Love
Linda Gail Macrum	*Daniel Martin
Joaquina Martinez	Frank McCormack
Axl McGriff	*Helen Nash
Rev. Joseph Nasser	Mark Opiela
Charles Owen	Dr. Regina Pavlov
Page (Brewton Family Friend)	Olivia Peteet
Lee Piccolo	Brenda Roberts
Mary Ann Roy	Winnie Servedio
Morris Spence	Penny Stone
Nancy Summers	Lonnie Taylor
Hunter Theodos	Gary Tucker
Melissa Velasquez	Joanie Verhalen
Josie Villarreal	Ronnie Westbrook
Larry Wilson	Julia Zavala

An * indicates new additions this week to our list.

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.

Mass Intentions – January 2020

Saturday, December 26, 2020 – For all those suffering from mental illness
(Requested by the Ladies Altar Society)

Sunday, December 27, 2020 – For all Parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Community

Wednesday, December 30, 2020 – For Art & Bonnie Hawthorne
(Requested by Marguerite Hawthorne)

Saturday, January 2, 2021 – For all the sick & their caregivers
(Requested by the Ladies Altar Society)

Sunday, January 3, 2021 – For all Parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Community

Wednesday, January 6, 2021 – For Vince Whelan
(Requested Kathy Warner)

Thursday, January 7, 2021 – For Rosalind Burns
(Requested John & Collette Dockery)

Friday, January 8, 2021 – For our Godparents & Godchildren
(Requested by Trish Cancellare & Marguerite Hawthorne)

Saturday, January 9, 2021 – For all Altar Society Members, past & present
(Requested by the Ladies Altar Society)

Sunday, January 10, 2021 – For all Parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Community

Wednesday, January 13, 2021 – For Rosalind Burns
(Requested John & Collette Dockery)

Thursday, January 14, 2021 – For Marsha Williams
(Requested by Trish Cancellare & Marguerite Hawthorne)

Saturday, January 16, 2021 – For President Biden & his administration
(Requested by the Ladies Altar Society)

Sunday, January 17, 2021 – For all Parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Community

Saturday, January 23, 2021 – For the repose of the soul of Mildred Whelan
(Requested by her family)

Sunday, January 24, 2021 – For all Parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Community

Saturday, January 30, 2021 – For the repose of the soul of Daisy Meyer
(Requested by the Ladies Altar Society)

Sunday, January 31, 2021 – For all Parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Community

Pope Francis

Prayer Intentions for January 2021

Human fraternity

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

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

ROSARY SCHEDULE AND MARIAN FEAST DAYS

JANUARY 2021



FRIDAY, JANUARY 1ST

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

VIGIL MASS @ 5:30 PM DECEMBER 31ST

MORNING MASS @ 9:00 AM JANUARY 1ST

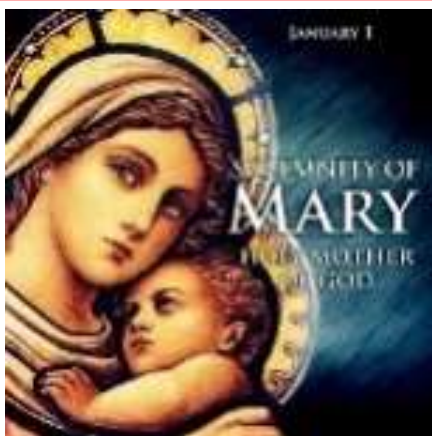
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6TH @ 6:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13TH @ 6:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20TH @ 6:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27TH @ 6:00 P.M.

Community Happenings



**Eucharistic Celebration for the
Solemnity of Mary
@ Immaculate Conception**

**December 31st – Vigil Mass @ 5:30 pm
January 1st @ 9:00 am**

First Friday Devotion

**We will have Adoration and Benediction
following the 9:00 am Mass**

**2021 MISSALS, ENVELOPES &
CALENDARS**

You can pick these up in the office.

***Congratulations!!
Anniversary of Ordination***

**Fr. Luis is celebrating 23 years
in the Priesthood on Dec 27th**



Pray Jefferson

Go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/prayjefferson>

Every Friday @1:45 pm for 18+ minutes

Pastor Kyle Miller will be praying for
and with our Jefferson community.

If you would like to join please contact

Pastor Kyle directly.

Cell: 903-601-1215

Email: pastorkyle@gmail.com

2020 Campaigns

Bishop's Annual Appeal

Goal: \$15,000

Current Pledges: \$15, 233 (101.6%)

Priests for Tomorrow

Goal: \$150,000

Current Pledges: 115,840

Payments Made: \$29,625 (25.6%)

**Remaining Pledged Balance:
\$86,215 (74.4%)**

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

December 27th -Responsorial - Psalm 128:cf.1

Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

January 1st -Responsorial - Psalm 67:2a

May God bless us in his mercy.