

# 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

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

### Devotion of Holy Rosary

30 minutes prior Mass

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

### Weekday Mass Schedule

Tuesday @ 12:10 pm

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

### First Friday Adoration & Benediction Schedule

Following 9:00 a.m. Mass

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:30 – 4:45 p.m., Sunday 8:15 – 8:45 a.m.

### 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>

### Pastor

Rev. Msgr. Zacharias (Zach) Kunnakkattuthara

903-724-0865

### Priest in Charge

Rev. Father William Palmer

541-335-9424

### Friday Lenten Schedule

Mass @ 4:30 pm

Stations of the Cross @ 5:30 pm

**Holy Week Schedule**

**Holy Thursday April 1<sup>st</sup>**

Mass @ 7:00 pm

**Good Friday April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Services begin @ 3:00 pm

**Holy Saturday Easter Vigil April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Services begin @ 8:30 pm

***FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT***

***MARCH 14, 2021***



## 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 March 7, 2021

*Total General Collection*      \$ 1,360.00  
*Regular Collection*          \$ 1,060.00  
*Online Collection*            \$ 300.00

*For Those in Need*            \$301.00

**Thank you for your generosity**

## Upcoming Special Collections

*March 14, 2021 – Catholic Relief Services*

*April 2, 2021 – Good Friday Collection for Holy Land*

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

**WEEK OF 3/11/2021**

**Food for the poor: # of cans & packages: 139  
Families served: 8 (17 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 in the Classroom  
Everyone is welcome to attend!**

## Altar Care

**Week of 3/1/2021 – Marguerite Hawthorne  
Week of 3/8/2021 – Blanca Bautista  
Week of 3/15/2021 – Robin Moore  
Week of 3/22/2021 – Liz Opiela  
Week of 3/29/2021 – ALL MEMBERS**

**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

Saturday March 6, 2021

*Johnette Grubaugh  
Tammy Cornett*

Sunday March 7, 2021

*Irene Webster  
Kat Bellini*

Saturday March 13, 2021

*Collette Dockery  
John Dockery*

Sunday March 14, 2021

*Liz Opiela  
Jackie Traylor*

Saturday March 20, 2021

*Pam Watts  
Susan Wise*

Sunday March 21, 2021

*Sharon Verhalen  
Philip Verhalen*

Saturday March 27, 2021

*Tammy Cornett  
Johnette Grubaugh*

Sunday March 28, 2021

*Kat Bellini  
Kathy Warner*

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

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or call 903-665-2869

*Training will be provided for all positions.*

## *A Message from Fr. Palmer . . .*

### *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

*Dear Friends,*

#### **Praying in a way most pleasing to God:**

When we pray together it often is done as though we were simply a group of individuals who are praying the same words with no real concept of what the others are doing. The more people gathered, the more it simply sounds like noise.

Another way to think about it is this: if a choir is out of step with one another and are singing at their own tempo (simply a group of individuals) it is very distracting and results in "noise"; as a matter of fact it ceases to be a "choir". When the choir sings together and in harmony it is very pleasing to the listener, sometimes, their voices are more than the sum of their parts (e.g. a good barbershop quartet or, for modern enthusiasts, the Eagles). This takes practice and it takes awareness of others until it becomes second nature. When we gather in prayer we gather and seek to be a "choir".

The image of the one to whom we offer our prayers is an important concept and can help us to pray at the proper pace. We are a visual people and statues and images help to remind us to whom we are praying. But also, a reminder that we must be conscious of the one to whom we are praying. Have you ever had the experience of trying to listen to someone who is talking so fast that it is difficult to understand what they are trying to say? Prayer is a spiritual exercise, an exercise of the heart, but that does not mean that it is a mindless endeavor. As I noted last week, I take the words of St Paul VI and St. John Paul II (who was quoting him) to heart for all prayer: (Rosarium Virginis Mariae):

12. The Rosary, precisely because it starts with Mary's own experience, is an exquisitely contemplative prayer. Without this contemplative dimension, it would lose its meaning, as Pope Paul VI clearly pointed out: "Without contemplation, the Rosary is a body without a soul, and its recitation runs the risk of becoming a mechanical repetition of formulas, in violation of the admonition of Christ: 'In praying do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think they will be heard for their many words' (Mt 6:7). By its nature the recitation of the Rosary calls for a quiet rhythm and a lingering pace, helping the individual to meditate on the mysteries of the Lord's life as seen through the eyes of her who was closest to the Lord. In this way the unfathomable riches of these mysteries are disclosed".

As I noted last week, order is important. When choosing to pray (by the way, all notions that we initiate prayer, are really our response to God's call to us to pray, CCC 2567), do we choose the prayer according to the time we have or do we simply try to fit the prayer into the time? For example, I know that I cannot fit a Rosary, prayed well, into 20 minutes, do I pray another prayer or simply try to rush the praying of the Rosary into the 20 minutes? Be thoughtful in prayer and pray intelligently that all may be enriched by the prayers we offer.

*Your Friend in Jesus,  
Father Palmer*

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Queridos Amigos,

#### **Orando de una manera muy agradable a Dios:**

Cuando oramos juntos a menudo se hace como si simplemente estuviéramos un grupo de individuos que están orando las mismas palabras sin un concepto real de lo que los demás están haciendo. Cuanto más gente se reunía, más simplemente suena como ruido.

Otra forma de pensarlo es esta: si un coro está fuera de lugar entre sí y está cantando a su propio ritmo (simplemente un grupo de individuos) es muy distraído y resulta en "ruido"; de hecho, deja de ser un "coro". Cuando el coro canta juntos y en armonía es muy agradable para el oyente, a veces, sus voces son más que la suma de sus partes (por ejemplo, un buen cuarteto de barbería o, para los entusiastas modernos, las Águilas). Esto toma práctica y toma conciencia de los demás hasta que se convierte en segunda naturaleza. Cuando nos reunimos en oración nos reunimos y procuramos ser un "coro".

La imagen de aquel a quien ofrecemos nuestras oraciones es un concepto importante y puede ayudarnos a orar al ritmo adecuado. Somos un pueblo visual, las estatuas y las imágenes ayudan a recordarnos a quién estamos orando. Pero también, un recordatorio de que debemos ser conscientes de aquel a quien estamos orando. ¿Alguna vez has tenido la experiencia de tratar de escuchar a alguien que está hablando tan rápido que es difícil entender lo que están tratando de decir? La oración es un ejercicio espiritual, un ejercicio del corazón, pero eso no significa que sea un esfuerzo sin sentido. Como noté la semana pasada, tomo en serio las palabras de San Pablo VI y San Juan Pablo II (que lo citaba) para toda oración: (Rosarium Virginis Mariae):

12. El Rosario, precisamente porque comienza con la propia experiencia de María, es una oración exquisitamente contemplativa. Sin esta dimensión contemplativa, perdería su significado, como el Papa Pablo VI señaló claramente: "Sin contemplación, el Rosario es un cuerpo sin alma, y su recitación corre el riesgo de convertirse en una repetición mecánica de fórmulas, en violación de la amonestación de Cristo: 'Al orar no acumulen frases vacías como lo hacen los gentiles; porque piensan que serán escuchados por sus muchas palabras' (Mt 6, 7). Por su naturaleza, la recitación del Rosario requiere un ritmo tranquilo y un ritmo persistente, ayudando al individuo a meditar sobre los misterios de la vida del Señor vistos a través de los ojos de ella que estaba más cerca del Señor. De esta manera se revelan las riquezas insondables de estos misterios".

Como noté la semana pasada, el orden es importante. Al elegir orar (por cierto, todas las nociones de que iniciamos la oración, son realmente nuestra respuesta al llamado de Dios a orar, CCC 2567), ¿elegimos la oración de acuerdo con el tiempo que tenemos o simplemente tratamos de encajar la oración en el tiempo? Por ejemplo, sé que no puedo caber un Rosario, oré bien, en 20 minutos, rezo otra oración o simplemente trato de apresurar la oración del Rosario en los 20 minutos? Sean reflexivos en la oración y oren inteligentemente para que todos se enriquezcan con las oraciones que ofrecemos.

*Sinceramente tuyo en Cristo  
P. Palmer*

# 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	Grubaugh Family
Jo Miller Family	C.L. & Cynthia McCoy
Linda McCollim	Mary Presley
Rebecca Cornett Sistrunk	Peggy Spilker
Yvonne Thompson	Randy Webster

### Family & Friends:

Floyd Anderson	Peggy Bamburg
Margaret Austin-Barlett	Lourdes Bautista
Blake Bidy	Rev. Bernard Boteju
Christie Brewton	Charles Cancellare
Juanita Cantu	Mark Carriker
Elizabeth Conklin	
Amanda Haddad Cornett	Eric Dorgan
Georgette Duke	David Embry
Lydia Guerrero	Marc Hackstedt
Earline Haddad	Jim Hargett
Charles Hirt	A.D. Jord
Winston Jones	Kay Jordan
Keller (Brewton Family Friend)	Paul Lever
Linda Gail Macrum	Daniel Martin
Joaquina Martinez	Lura "Nicki" McClain
Frank McCormack	Axl Mcgriff
Jim McNatt	Rev. Joseph Nasser
Mark Opiela	Charles Owen
Dr. Regina Pavlov	Olivia Peteet
Page (Brewton Family Friend)	Lee Piccolo
Paul (Jolin Family Friend)	Brenda Roberts
Scott (Jolin Family Friend)	Winnie Servedio
Mary Spearman	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 to our list this week.

## March 14<sup>th</sup> Responsorial – Psalm 137:6

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!  
*Que se me pegue la lengua al paladar/ si no me acuerdo de ti*

## March 21<sup>st</sup> Responsorial – Psalm 51:15

Create a clean heart in me, O God.  
*Oh Dios, Crea en mi un Corazon puro.*

## Mass Intentions – March 2021

**Wednesday, March 3, 2021** – For the repose of the soul of LuAnn Hudson  
*(Requested by John and Collette Dockery)*

**Thursday, March 4, 2021** – For the repose of the soul of LuAnn Hudson  
*(Requested by Al and Drudy Green)*

**Friday, March 5, 2021** – For Lindsey Thomas & Karen Flanders  
*(Requested by Pam Watts)*

**Saturday, March 6, 2021** – For Father Luis  
*(Requested by the Ladies Altar Society)*

**Sunday, March 7, 2021** – For all Parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Community

**Tuesday, March 9, 2021** – For the repose of the soul of Carol Cornett  
*(Requested by John and Collette Dockery)*

**Saturday, March 13, 2021** – For President Biden and Administration  
*(Requested by the Ladies Altar Society)*

**Sunday, March 14, 2021** – For all Parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Community

**Friday, March 19, 2021** – For Austin Warner  
*(Requested by Kathy Warner)*

**Saturday, March 20, 2021** – For all Alter Society members past and present  
*(Requested by the Ladies Altar Society)*

**Sunday, March 21, 2021** – For all Parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Community

**Thursday, March 25, 2021** – For Wayman Moore  
*(Requested by the Moore Family)*

**Friday, March 26, 2021** – For Erik Warner  
*(Requested by Kathy Warner)*

**Saturday, March 27, 2021** – For the repose of the soul of Mary Saner  
*(Requested by the Ladies Altar Society)*

**Sunday, March 28, 2021** – For all Parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Community

## Please Pray for the Active Military from our Community

Juan Carlos Acuna	Mary Alder	Kendall Benton
Aubrey Sperier Arenavas	Gabriel Cantu	Molly Jones
Bo Dylan Jordan	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	

## Pope Francis

### Prayer Intentions for March 2021

#### Violence against women

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

## 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)

# ROSARY SCHEDULE AND MARIAN FEAST DAYS

## MARCH 2021



**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup> @ 6:00 P.M.**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup> @ 6:00 P.M.**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup> @ 6:00 P.M.**

**FRIDAY MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup>**  
**SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED**  
**VIRGIN MARY**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup> @ 6:00 P.M.**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>**  
**FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup> @ 6:00 P.M.**

# Community Happenings . .

## Communion Clarification

As of March 10<sup>th</sup> communion distribution has returned back to normal.

If you have concerns following someone who receives communion on the tongue, please go to the end of the line.

When you get to the front of the line stand next to the first pew, so Father can go wash his hands prior to giving you communion.

## Don't Forget



Daily Savings Time begins Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> Move your clocks ahead one hour.

**AS A FRIENDLY REMINDER:** IF YOU OPEN A DOOR, CLOSE IT; IF YOU UNLOCK A DOOR PLEASE CLOSE IT AND LOCK IT WHEN YOU ARE DONE.

This helps us comply with Fire Safety regulations and keeps our parish safe for all our parishioners.

## Give Us This Day Renewal

**Donations as of 3/11/21 - \$694.55**

We have renewed our subscription to GUTD so that we do NOT miss any issues. However, as you can see we are still quite short of our cost of \$1,618.20. Any donation amount you can give would be greatly appreciated.

### 2021 Pricing

Our current subscription is 60 copies per month.  
1 Yr = \$1,618.20, 1 month = \$134.85, 3 months = \$404.55  
6 months = \$809.10, 1 subscription = \$26.97/year.

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

I CAN, YOU CAN, WE CAN

40 CANS FOR LENT



**No Daily Mass  
On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>**

## LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

From the Beginning: God's Search for Man

Desde el Principio: La Búsqueda de Dios por el Hombre

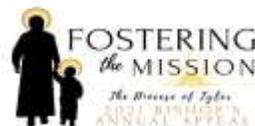
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## 2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal

2021 Goal - \$15,000



40 DAYS FOR LIFE

**Will you take up your cross and pray with us?**

You're invited to join other Christians in prayer and fasting to end abortion.

Visit [www.40daysforlife.com/tyler](http://www.40daysforlife.com/tyler) today to sign-up for vigil hours.

The campaign begins Wednesday, February 17th

The campaign ends on Sunday, March 28th

The prayer vigil will be held across the street from the Planned Parenthood, located at:  
601 Turtle Creek Drive, Tyler, Texas

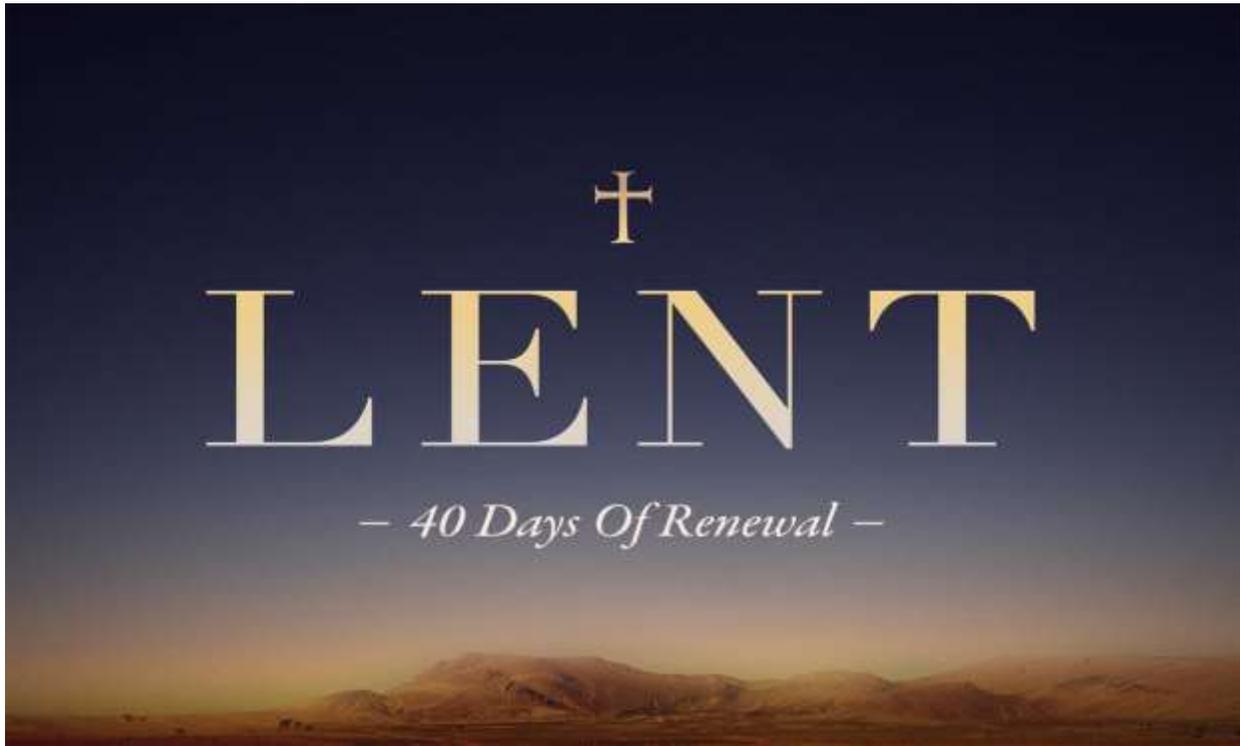
## Safe Environment Class

As Christian adults, we have a moral and legal responsibility and are entrusted by God with the spiritual, emotional, and physical well-being of minors and vulnerable adults as they participate in activities within or sponsored by Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and our diocese. It is our responsibility and commitment to provide an environment which is safe and nurturing. To this end, we are holding a Safe Environment Training class for all adults who have not been certified in the last three years. Training, a criminal background check, and commitment to the Code of Conduct is required for all employees and other Church personnel who will be ministering to minors or vulnerable adults.

Irene Webster is our Parish Armatus Administrator and Trainer. She will be conducting a class in the near future for all parishioners who have not received the training and requirements for an Acceptance Certificate for Service (ACS) since October 2019 in the Tyler diocese.

Contact Irene @ [eyereen39@gmail.com](mailto:eyereen39@gmail.com) or 903-824-3894

Or Contact the church office @ [icccjefferson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:icccjefferson@sbcglobal.net) or 903-665-2869



## LENTEN SERVICES

### Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>

Mass @ 4:30 pm  
Stations of the Cross @ 5:30 pm

### First Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>

Mass @ 9:00 am  
followed by Adoration until 4:15  
Benediction @ 4:15pm  
Confession from 4:30-5:15 pm  
Stations of the Cross @ 5:30 pm

### Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>

Mass @ 4:30 pm  
Stations of the Cross @ 5:30 pm

### Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>

Mass @ 4:30 pm  
Stations of the Cross @ 5:30 pm

### Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>

Mass @ 4:30 pm  
Stations of the Cross @ 5:30 pm

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

### Holy Thursday April 1<sup>st</sup>

Mass @ 7:00 pm

### Good Friday April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Services begin @ 3:00 pm

### Holy Saturday Easter Vigil April 3<sup>rd</sup>

Services begin @ 8:30 pm

### Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>

Lenten Penance Service @ 5:30 pm