

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

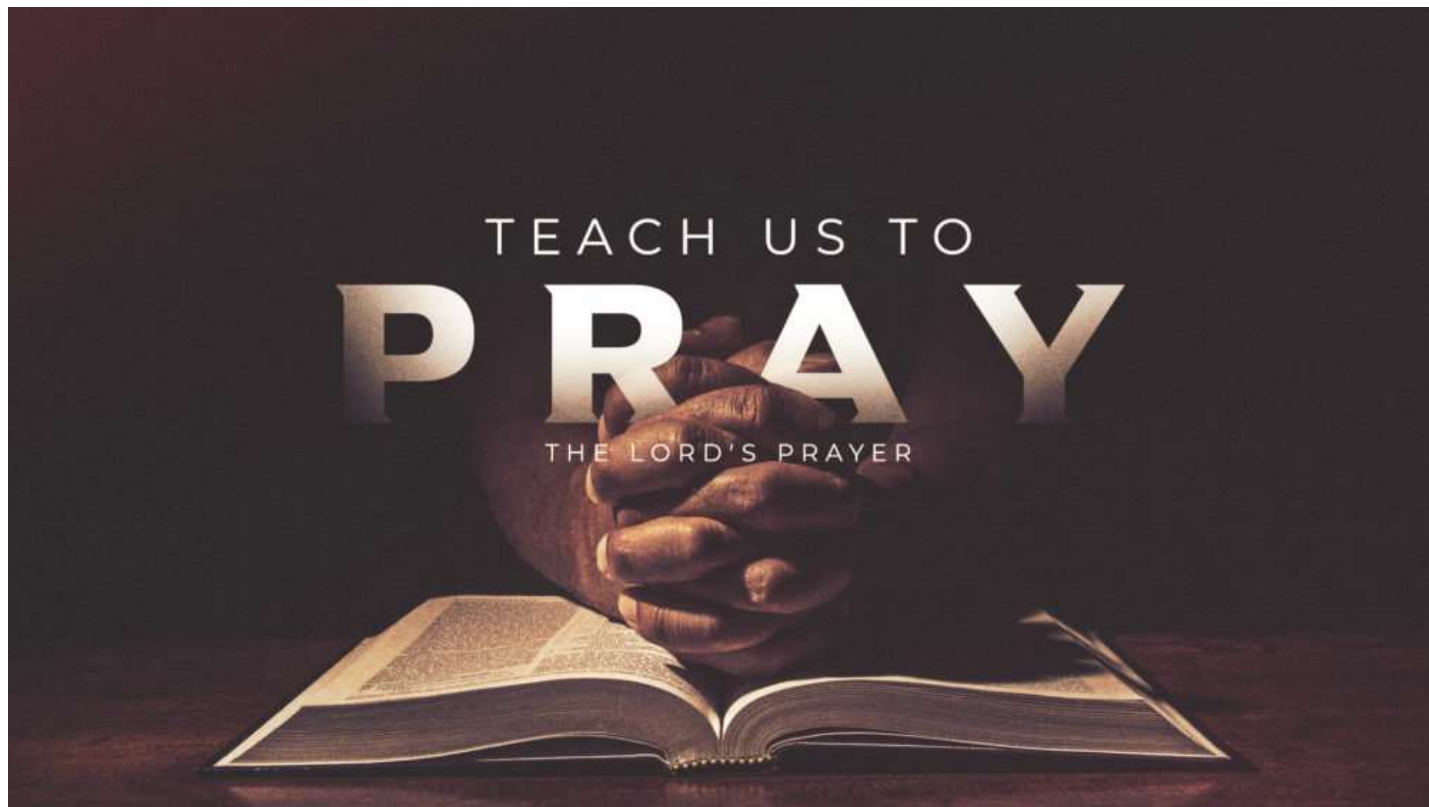
Established – 1863

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

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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 the Holy Rosary

Every Saturday @ 4:30 p.m.

Every Sunday @ 8:30 a.m.

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

### Weekday Mass Schedule

Tuesday @ 12:10 p.m.

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

### First Friday Mass, Adoration & Benediction Schedule

9:00 a.m. Mass with Adoration & Benediction Following Mass

### First Saturday Mass @ 9:00 a.m.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday & Friday 8:15a.m. – 8:45a.m.

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

### Pastor

Rev. Msgr. Zacharias (Zach) Kunnakkattuthara  
903-724-0865

### Associate Pastors

Rev. Father Isaac Oviedo  
903-806-5164

Rev. Father Selvan Melkhias  
903-935-2536

### Immaculate Conception Parish Office

209 W Lafayette St

Phone: 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.icccjeffersontx.org>

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**JULY 24, 2022**



## 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 17, 2022**

**Total General Collection**      \$1,805.32  
**Regular Collection**              \$ 1,675.32  
**Online Collection**                \$ 130.00

**Thank you for your generosity!**

## Upcoming Special Collections

*July 24<sup>th</sup> –Collection for the Church in Africa*

*August 7<sup>th</sup> –Fund for those in Need*

## Gift of Gratitude St. Vincent de Paul

**WEEK OF 7/21/2022**

**Food for the poor: # of cans & packages: 45**  
**Families served: 3 (6 People)**

*Thank You, God, for your ongoing generosity; so that, we can  
work to provide for those in need.  
Remember our needy in the community, with a donation in the  
St. Vincent de Paul basket in the vestibule of the Church. It 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!**

## Lay Ministry Schedule July/August 2022

Saturday, July 23, 2022

**Collette Dockery**

Sunday, July 24, 2022

**Kat Bellini**

Saturday, July 30, 2022

**Tammy Cornett**

Sunday, July 31, 2022

**Liz Opiela**

Saturday, August 6, 2022

**Susan Wise**

Sunday, August 7, 2022

**Philip Verhalen**

Saturday, August 13, 2022

**John Dockery**

Sunday, August 14, 2022

**Jackie Traylor**

Saturday, August 20, 2022

**Johnette Grubaugh**

Sunday, August 21, 2022

**Roger Opiela**

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.*

## Altar Care

**Week of 7/25/22 – Anita Hall**

**Week of 8/01/22 – Marguerite Hawthorne**

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

*July 24<sup>th</sup> Responsorial –  
Psalm 138:1-8*

*Lord, on the day I called for help,  
you answered me.*

*July 31<sup>st</sup> Responsorial –  
Psalm 90:3-17*

*If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.*

## Safe Environment

If you are a victim, know a victim, or need to report abuse involving Church personnel please report the violation to the civil authorities and also to the

**Victim Assistance Coordinator at 903-266-2159**  
or email [vac@dioceseoftyler.org](mailto:vac@dioceseoftyler.org)

You may also call: **The Promoter of Justice**  
@ 903-534-1077 x171  
or email [promoter@dioceseoftyler.org](mailto:promoter@dioceseoftyler.org)

## Lord Hear Our Prayer!



### Prayer List

*Please remember in your prayers those who need prayers in our Parish Family and Community.*

#### **Parishioners**

|                          |                      |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Anna Bode Family         | Rufe Brewton         |
| Martina Cerda            | BeBe Dorgan          |
| Mary Dorgan              | Sharon Deangelo      |
| Celeste Dellinger        | Dawn Fuquay          |
| Fred Griffin             | Blanca Guel Bautista |
| Lorraine Jolin           | Judith Lensch        |
| Linda McCollim           | Jo Miller            |
| Wayman Moore             | Yvonne Thompson      |
| Rebecca Cornett Sistrunk | Randy Webster        |

#### **Family & Friends**

##### July 2022

|                    |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| LaVerne Beard      | Rev. Bernard Boteju |
| Myriam Dominguez   | Brittany Jordan     |
| Terri McCoy        | Amil Murray         |
| Rev. Joseph Nasser | Dr. John Parsons    |
| Lee Piccolo        | Sherry Rawls        |
| Melissa Velasquez  | Crystal Walker      |

##### June 2022

|                      |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Jaiden Becker        | Julie Becker    |
| Rachel Born          | Sherry Deangelo |
| Renee & David Oberle | Noelia Thomas   |

##### May 2022

|             |               |
|-------------|---------------|
| Hope D'Asto | B.W. Hayes    |
| Molly Jones | Liam McCawley |
| Kenny Mills |               |

### **Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for July 2022**

#### **For the elderly**

We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

### **Mass Intentions - July 2022**

**Friday, July 1, 2022** – For Amil Murray

**Saturday, July 2, 2022 9:00am Mass** – For Kathy Warner  
(Requested by Andrea Bautista)

**Saturday, July 2, 2022 5:00pm Mass** – For Our Priests

**Sunday, July 3, 2022** – For all Parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Community

**Tuesday, July 5, 2022** – For Trish Cancellare

**Wednesday, July 6, 2022** – For Vanesa Bautista  
(Requested by Andrea Bautista)

**Thursday, July 7, 2022** – For the repose of the souls of Jim and Teresa McEnrue  
(Requested by Jackie Traylor)

**Friday, July 8, 2022** – For the repose of the soul of Ron Emma  
(Requested by The Gabriel Project & Collect Dockery)

**Saturday, July 9, 2022** – For the sick and their caregivers  
(Requested by Ladies Altar Society)

**Sunday, July 10, 2022** – For all Parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Community

**Tuesday, July 12, 2022** – For Pope Francis

**Wednesday, July 13, 2022** – For Trish Cancellare

**Thursday, July 14, 2022** – For Mathew Whelan  
(Requested by Kathy Warner)

**Friday, July 15, 2022** – For Victims of Gun Violence

**Saturday, July 16, 2022** – For repose of the soul of Andy Ozee  
(Requested by Kathy Warner)

**Sunday, July 17, 2022** – For all Parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Community

**Tuesday, July 19, 2022** – For Telvis Bautista  
(Requested by Andrea Bautista)

**Wednesday, July 20, 2022** – For Trish Cancellare

**Thursday, July 21, 2022** – For Jantzen Parker  
(Requested by Kathy Warner)

**Friday, July 22, 2022** – For Monica Carter Thomas  
(Requested by Kathy Warner)

**Saturday, July 23, 2022** – For the repose of the soul of Mary Presley  
(Requested by Josephine Gerweck (sister))

**Sunday, July 24, 2022** – For the repose of the soul of Panfilo Martinez  
(Requested by Irene Webster)

**Tuesday, July 26, 2022** – For repose of the soul of Rose Mary Moore  
(Requested by Pam Watts)

**Wednesday, July 27, 2022** – For Trish Cancellare

**Thursday, July 28, 2022** – For Day Care Workers

**Friday, July 29, 2022** – For Martina Cerda  
(Requested by Andrea Bautista)

**Saturday, July 30, 2022** – For the repose of the soul of Mary Saner  
(Requested by Ladies Altar Society)

**Sunday, July 31, 2022** – 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.  
intentions you have submitted for them and/or their loved ones.

# A Message from Msgr. Zach

Dear Friends,

“Dear God, you don’t usually hear from me, but there is something I’d like you to take care of.” If a character in a film or a TV show is shown praying, it often indicates one of two things: either they’re a religious fanatic and possibly dangerous; or they’re in the middle of a devastating crisis in their lives, so overwhelming that they need to make an emergency call to a distant God. The inference is either that God is absent and that only someone deluded would think otherwise, or, at the very best, that God is far away and only to be called on the most extreme of human circumstances.

The readings for Mass this Sunday reveal a very different picture of what we do when we pray. Prayer is not about somehow getting hold of God, to put God to work for us, but being drawn beyond ourselves, into friendship with God.

In Luke 11 we tow people praying. In Genesis we see Abraham was called “the friend of God” because of his great faith and good deeds. This friend of God is allowed to ask God about God’s plans for Sodom and Gomorrah, and to badger God concerning the fate of any just people who may live in these allegedly sinful cities. He prays for them. What this prayer of Abraham reveals is the justice of God, the God who will not punish innocent people along with the wicked. This God listens to the concerns of Abraham that justice be done and reassures him.

In the Gospel we see an even deeper intimacy than that of God and with Abraham. Jesus prays as more than a friend: he prays as the eternal Son of God who has been made flesh; he calls God “Abba, Father,” a name that reveals his wonderful intimacy with God the Father. If we follow Jesus throughout Luke’s Gospel, we’ll see him praying to the Father at many significant moments in his life. It’s during Jesus’ final journey to Jerusalem that the disciples ask him to teach them to pray as he does. In response, he teaches them what we know as the Lord’s Prayer, the “Our Father”. And this prayer of Jesus is something that we are all invited to become part of from our baptism onwards.

This is no absent God, no far-away God, but the God who is with us and who loves us. We can’t control this God, but that isn’t why we pray. Praying, for Christians, is about becoming part of the deep communion and love of the Father and the Son in the Holy Spirit.

Jesus tells us: “Ask and it will be given to you; search and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” So we are encouraged to keep on asking, to persevere in bringing our wants and needs before the Father. We do this not so that we can twist God’s arm in an emergency – a bit like the pull cord in railway cars: “In case of emergency, pull the cord” – but so that we may rest the whole of our lives, our tragedies, our sorrows and our joys, our desires and our hopes for ourselves and for others, upon the mercy of God, the Father of Jesus and our Father. And in sharing in the prayer life of Jesus, we can come to grow closer in friendship with him, and to know the wonder and the intimacy of the loving communion of God the Holy Trinity, who is never absent or far away but remains with us forever.

Your friend in Jesus  
Msgr. Zach

## Please Pray for the Active Military from our Community

Juan Carlos Acuna  
Kendall Benton  
Gabriel Cantu  
Drew Downey  
Winston J Jones  
Matthew Kopecky  
Dominick Pondant  
Desire Robertson  
Haley Sellers  
James Trachier  
Brent Westbrook

Mary Alder  
Aubrey Sperier Arenavas  
Dillon Corpier  
Molly Jones  
Bo Dylan Jordan  
Robert Miller  
Kyrie Lay Redd  
Salvador Sanchez Jr  
Perry Staten  
Joseph Trachier  
Heath Zeigler



## *Community Happenings. . .*

### *9<sup>th</sup> Annual Baby Bottle Campaign*



*Right to Life of East Texas is having a special fundraiser to support pro-life efforts in our area. If you wish to participate, pick up your bottles and fill them with loose change, a check or any funds you wish to donate. Return them to the church or to the office.*

*PLEASE put your name on a piece of paper in the bottle so we know you returned it.*

*Donations are tax deductible.*

*On behalf of Right to Life of East Texas, we thank you for your generous support.*

*You are saving Lives.*

*Please return the bottles whether you donate or not as they are reused every year.*

### *Groundbreaking Event is a Success!*



*Thank you to all who participated in our Groundbreaking Ceremony!*

*A chaotic fun time was had by all!!!*

*We are ready to begin the journey to the new Parish Hall*

# What's Coming & Valuable Information . . .



## Readings for the 17<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

### SUNDAY'S READINGS -

#### First Reading: Book of Genesis 18:20-32

"Please, let not my Lord grow angry if I speak up this last time. What if there are at least ten there?" He replied, "For the sake of those ten, I will not destroy it." (Gn 18:32)

#### Psalm: 138:1-8

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me. (Ps 138)

#### Second Reading: Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians 2:12-14

He brought you to life along with him, having forgiven us all our transgressions. (Col 2:13)

#### Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened." (Lk 11:9-10)

**The Gabriel Project**  
PREGNANT & WORRIED?  
(EMBARAZADA Y NECESITAS AYUDA?)  
~WE CAN HELP~  
FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL  
LOVING & HOPEFUL SUPPORT  
REACH OUT TO US  
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by phone 888-300-5112  
by email [gabrielprojecteasttexas@gmail.com](mailto:gabrielprojecteasttexas@gmail.com)  
online [www.gabrielprojecteasttexas.com](http://www.gabrielprojecteasttexas.com)  
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All inquiries are confidential  
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or email: [fonda.projectrachel@protonmail.com](mailto:fonda.projectrachel@protonmail.com)  
[www.sanctityoflifetyler.org/project-rachel](http://www.sanctityoflifetyler.org/project-rachel)  
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## LOST AND FOUND

*Good St. Anthony,  
look around!  
Something's is lost  
and can't be found!*

**IF YOU BELIEVE YOU HAVE LOST SOMETHING IN  
THE CHURCH COME BY THE OFFICE OR CONTACT US**

Call us @ (903) - 665 - 2869

or

Email us @ [Iccjjefferson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Iccjjefferson@sbcglobal.net)

## Bulletin

If you would like to have an announcement published in the weekly church bulletin, please submit your information request to the parish office by **noon on Wednesday** for review.

Thank you!



# Rosary Schedule and Marian Feast Days

## July 2022



**WEDNESDAY, JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>**  
**INDEPENDENCE DAY**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 6<sup>TH</sup>**  
**ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.**  
**FEAST OF ST. MARIA GORETTI**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 13<sup>TH</sup>**  
**ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.**

**MONDAY, JULY 19<sup>TH</sup>**  
**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 20<sup>TH</sup>**  
**ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.**

**TUESDAY, JULY 26<sup>TH</sup>**  
**MEMORIAL OF STS. JOACHIM AND ANNE**  
**(PARENTS OF THE VIRGIN MARY)**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 27<sup>TH</sup>**  
**ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.**

**FRIDAY, JULY 29<sup>TH</sup>**  
**MEMORIAL OF ST. MARTHA**