

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

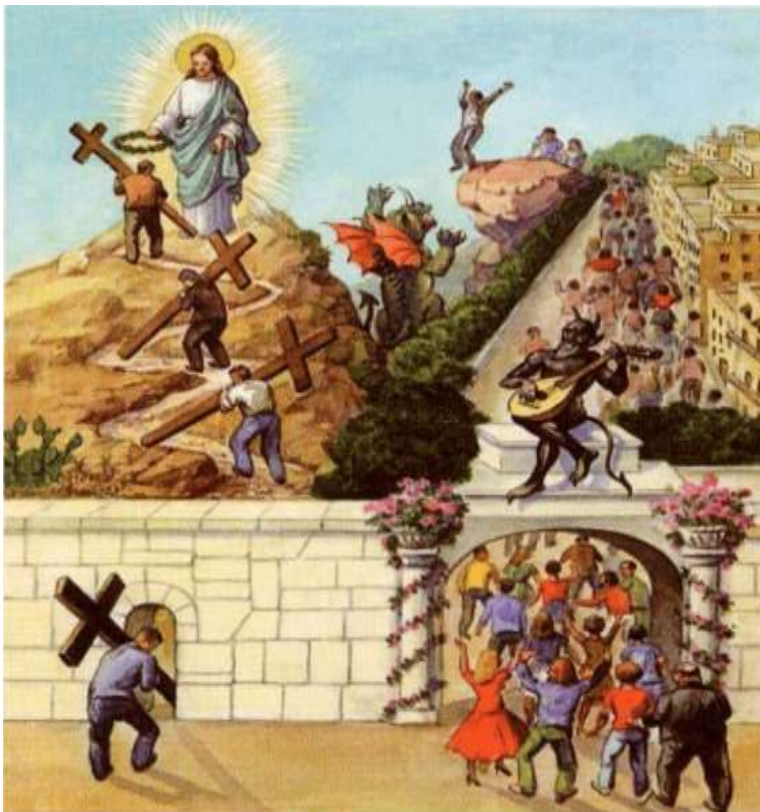
Established – 1863

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 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.icccjeffersonstx.org>

**TWENTH FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**AUGUST 21, 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 August 14, 2022**

**Total General Collection**      \$1,875.00  
**Regular Collection**              \$ 1,645.00  
**Online Collection**                \$ 230.00

**Thank you for your generosity!**

### Upcoming Special Collections

*September 4<sup>th</sup> –Collection for Catholic  
University of America*

*September 11<sup>th</sup> –Fund for Those in Need*

### Gift of Gratitude St. Vincent de Paul

**WEEK OF 8/18/2022**

**Food for the poor: # of cans & packages: 14**  
**Families served: 16 (32 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 August/September 2022

Saturday, August 20, 2022

*Johnette Grubaugh*

Sunday, August 21, 2022

*Roger Opiela*

Saturday, August 27, 2022

*Collette Dockery*

Sunday, August 28, 2022

*Irene Webster*

Saturday, September 3, 2022

*Pam Watts*

Sunday, September 4, 2022

*Kathy Warner*

Saturday, September 10, 2022

*Tammy Cornett*

Sunday, September 11, 2022

*Kat Bellini*

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 8/22/22 – Liz Opiela**  
**Week of 8/29/22 – Kathy Warner**

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

**August 21<sup>st</sup> Responsorial –**  
**Mark 16:15**

***Go out to all the world and tell the good news.***

**August 28<sup>th</sup> Responsorial –**  
**Psalms 68:11b**

***God, in your goodness, you have made a home for  
the poor.***

### 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
Dawn Fuquay	Fred Griffin
*Mary Haynes	Lorraine Jolin
Darrell Lensch	Judith Lensch
Linda McCollim	Jo Miller
Wayman Moore	Amil Murray
Yvonne Thompson	Rebecca Cornett Sistrunk
Randy Webster	

#### **Family & Friends**

##### July 2022

LaVerne Beard	Rev. Bernard Boteju
Myriam Dominguez	Kathy Gilbert
*Karen McFerrin Jones	Brittany Jordan
Terri McCoy	Rev. Joseph Nasser
Dr. John Parsons	Lee Piccolo
Sherry Rawls	*Sally Roden
French Sturrock	Mike Sullivan
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 August 2022**

#### **For small businesses**

We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

### **Mass Intentions - August 2022**

**Tuesday, August 2, 2022** – For Andrea Ramsey & Kenlie Penny  
(Requested by Pam Watts)

**Wednesday, August 3, 2022** – For Trish Cancellare

**Thursday, August 4, 2022** – For Day Care Workers

**Friday, August 5, 2022** – For all the victims of gun violence

**Saturday, August 6, 2022 9:00am Mass** – For the souls in purgatory  
(Requested by Ladies Altar Society)

**Saturday, August 6, 2022 5:00pm Mass** – For all Parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Community

**Sunday, August 7, 2022** – For the repose of the soul of Joaquina Martinez  
(Requested by Jo Miller & Family)

**Tuesday, August 9, 2022** – For Trish Cancellare

**Wednesday, August 10, 2022** – For Trish Cancellare

**Thursday, August 11, 2022** – For the repose of the soul of LuAnn Robertson  
(Requested by Jo Miller)

**Friday, August 12, 2022** – For Gary P Holland  
(Requested by Melody Holland)

**Saturday, August 13, 2022** – For all the Ladies of the Parish  
(Requested by Ladies Altar Society)

**Sunday, August 14, 2022** – For all Parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Community

**Tuesday, August 16, 2022** – For Mike Moore

**Wednesday, August 17, 2022** – For Trish Cancellare

**Thursday, August 18, 2022** – For Pam Watts

**Friday, August 19, 2022** – For the Robertson Family  
(Requested by Jo Miller)

**Saturday, August 20, 2022** – For the repose of the soul of Mary Saner  
(Requested by Ladies Altar Society)

**Sunday, August 21, 2022** – For all Parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Community

**Tuesday, August 23, 2022** – For Martha Vrla  
(Requested by Ken & Suzanne Vrla)

**Wednesday, August 24, 2022** – For Trish Cancellare

**Thursday, August 25, 2022** – For the repose of the soul of Mary Presley  
(Requested by Josephine Gerweck)

**Friday, August 26, 2022** – Thanksgiving for safe delivery of Grandbabies  
(Requested by Jo Miller)

**Saturday, August 27, 2022** – For all Parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Community

**Sunday, August 28, 2022** – For the repose of the soul of Orlando Martinez  
(Requested by Irene Webster)

**Tuesday, August 30, 2022** – For Landry Thomas  
(Requested by Kathy Warner)

**Wednesday, August 31, 2022** – For Trish Cancellare

**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,

There is a place in Lourdes, called Cite Saint-Pierre, sometimes wrongly called the City of the Poor, which provides free or cheap accommodation for those who cannot stay in the expensive hotels. It fundraises by giving tours of the place, usually conducted by seminarians. When visitors arrive, the bus stops beside two rocks and the visitors are asked to go between the two rocks, to be greeted by a statue of Our Lady with arms open wide. The symbolic meaning is that each visitor is greeted by Our Lady as an individual. It's a nice idea, though on one occasion a tour guide witnessed visitors rushing towards the rocks and some people getting jammed between the two rocks. So much for the theory. Still, it makes a valid point. We come to salvation as individuals, and each of us enters into the kingdom as an individual.

When we come to some magnificent building, with a wide, impressive doorway, entry into that building seems easy. To really enter a building, that is to really belong to that place, needs more than a grand entrance. We need to find some indication that this is a place we belong to, a place that has been prepared for us. Perhaps this is behind the idea of the narrow door that Jesus asks us to enter thru. How narrow is it? Just as narrow as we are, because it fits us and no one else. What exactly that doorway means in our lives is something we have to discover for ourselves. It probably means accepting some sort of sacrifice in our lives. We waste a lot of time and energy thinking of the things we do not have and haven't done, and miss what is laid out before us. This is the way we are to go. The great doorway can give us the delusion that we are great, as the doorway is great. The small way teaches us humility, but it also shows us that we enter the kingdom thru a doorway shaped by God just for us.

The easiest way to get lost is to join a great crowd of people who seem to know where they are going. The crowd can make us feel safe, but crowds can get us lost. More worryingly, they might be going to the wrong place. Yet we don't feel lost, because we are surrounded by so many people, and we don't have to make any decisions for ourselves. Jesus speaks to the crowds in the Gospels, but they don't listen. It is the few individuals whom he encounters who seem to change their lives.

This is why we have to have personal prayer in our lives. We are called to take personal responsibility. We need to be one of the people who stand before Christ and look for our salvation from him. After that we may have companions on the way. They can be challenging too. But our companionship with them can also be an important part of our journey of discipleship.

Isaiah is trying to teach this message by listing the various means of transport that those who will come to Jerusalem will use. The Jerusalem that Christians believe in is not the physical city of Jerusalem. To this city many will come from all over the world. They are drawn towards the place of life. The journey will be completed by those who do not look too far ahead. They will ask themselves: "What must I do now?" "What choices must I make now?" "What is my next step?" Even these questions may not have an answer. In that case we need to wait in prayer. It will soon become clear enough for us to be able to take another step forward.

Your friend in Jesus  
Msgr. Zach

## JUST A REMINDER:

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Every Wednesday & Friday

From 8:15am – 8:45am

with Fr. Isaac.

### 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. . .

### Congratulations!



Join us in Welcoming Amil Murray to the Catholic faith.

Amil received the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist on Tuesday, August 16, 2022 during our noon mass.

### Congratulations Amil!!

### Finance Council Meeting

**Thursday, August 25, 2022  
In the Parish Hall @6:00pm**



*A 12- part original series on accompanying a woman into life.*

Rooted in the wisdom of the Sisters of Life, this series introduces participants to new ideas for building a culture of life and solidarity, offers the opportunity for prayer and reflection, and develops and refines skills for accompanying women through an unexpected pregnancy.

Who is this program for?

- Gabriel Project Angels
- People who want to learn how to better accompany women through an unexpected pregnancy.
- People who desire to reflect on and live a spirituality of life.
- People who want to discover a new way to engage pro-life issues beyond political polarization.
- Anyone who is curious about a pro-life vision of the world.

**WHEN:** Six consecutive Saturday mornings, beginning Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>  
Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> – Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>

(You are invited to attend Sept. and Oct. First Saturday Mass at 9 am as well)

**WHERE:** Immaculate Conception, Jefferson Texas 201 N. Vale St., Jefferson

**TIME:** 9:30 am - 11:00 am

Please register by emailing: [gabrielprojeasttexas@gmail.com](mailto:gabrielprojeasttexas@gmail.com)  
Or phone: Collette Dockery @ 903-399-4925

### Donation Envelopes



This coming year we will be changing to a new company for donation envelopes. The new company will mail your donation envelopes directly to you.

There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule. Please be sure to sign up if you want envelopes for next year.

**\*Envelopes will ONLY be sent out to those who SIGN UP!!!**

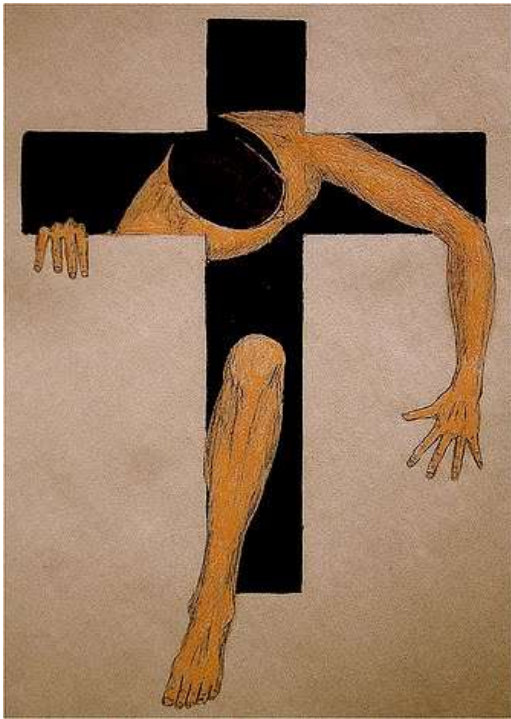
### Ethics and Integrity Class

There will be training in Jefferson Saturday, September 24, 2022  
9:00 am to 12:00 noon

For more information see pg. 7 of the bulletin.



# What's Coming & Valuable Information . . .



## Readings for the 21<sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

### SUNDAY'S READINGS -

#### **First Reading: Book of Prophet Isaiah 66:18-21**

They shall bring all your brothers and sisters from all the nations as an offering to the LORD. (Is 66:20)

#### **Psalms: 117:1,2**

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News. (Mark 16:15)

#### **Second Reading: Letter to the Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13**

"My son, do not disdain the discipline of the Lord or lose heart when reproved by him; for whom the Lord loves, he disciplines." (Heb 12:5-6)

#### **Gospel: Luke 13:22-30**

And people will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. (Lk 13:29)

## 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!

## Rachel's Corner

*"The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble". Psalm 9:10*

Sometimes our very thoughts and feelings after having been through the experience of abortion, are what oppresses us the most. Have you considered what it would be like to know you had a refuge from that oppression, a safe place where you are loved unconditionally? Join us for our next One-day retreat or support group, and encounter God's merciful embrace where you can rest and be free of all oppression and condemnation.

Healing After Abortion/Project Rachel Ministry

[www.sanctityoflifetyler.org/project-rachel](http://www.sanctityoflifetyler.org/project-rachel)

Call or text 903-539-2941

[fonda.projectrachel@protonmail.com](mailto:fonda.projectrachel@protonmail.com)

## 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

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

The Gabriel Project

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OR

SCAN ME

# *Ethics & Integrity Training*

**Subject:** New training for persons assisting with Church ministries at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Jefferson.

Any person involved in any ministry will need to register and complete a background check.

Examples: Proclaimers, Catechists, Men's Club, Altar Society, Parish Council, Building Committee, Finance Council, Cantors, Choir, Church Administration, St. Vincent de Paul etc.

We are a small parish and we require that everyone involved with the church take the training.

Go to: [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org)

To set up you User ID & Password follow the steps below.

Click on First time registrant

1. Click begin the registration process
2. Select organization: Tyler ( Diocese)
3. Previously registered? NO
4. Create user ID & Password

Doing so should automatically bring up the background check. You must complete all tabs. Each church is responsible for the cost of the background checks for their respective Parishioners.

After completing the background check, you will click on the home tab and go to current training. You will then register for a training session. You may choose the **Jefferson training on September 24, 2022**. Or, if you are unable to attend on the set date, you may choose another location.

All background checks and Ethics trainings **MUST BE COMPLETED BY OCTOBER 31, 2022**, as we have reports that need to be completed in a timely manner. Failure to complete the required background check and training will result in you not being able to participate in any ministry.

It is up to you to complete the background check, register and attend the training in its entirety.

Side Note:

Any new parishioners must be attending Mass and active in the parish for at least six months before participating in any ministries. This will allow the parish to get to know the new parishioners personally. As a new parishioner you can complete the new training now.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

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