

# 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.icccjeffersontx.org>

**TWENTY- THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**SEPTEMBER 4, 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 28, 2022**

**Total General Collection**      \$1,637.00  
**Regular Collection**              \$ 1,507.00  
**Online Collection**                \$ 130.00

**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 9/01/2022**

**Food for the poor: # of cans & packages: 46**  
**Families served: 13 (36 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 September 2022

Saturday, September 3, 2022

**Pam Watts**

Sunday, September 4, 2022

**Kathy Warner**

Saturday, September 10, 2022

**Tammy Cornett**

Sunday, September 11, 2022

**Kat Bellini**

Saturday, September 17, 2022

**Susan Wise**

Sunday, September 18, 2022

**Liz Opiela**

Saturday, September 24, 2022

**John Dockery**

Sunday, September 25, 2022

**Sharon Verhalen**

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 9/05/22 – Connie Woods**

**Week of 9/12/22 – Tammy Cornett**

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

**September 4<sup>th</sup> Responsorial –**  
**Psalm 90:1**

***In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.***

**September 11<sup>th</sup> Responsorial –**  
**Luke 15:18**

***I will rise and go to my father.***

### 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**

##### September 2022

LaVerne Beard	Rev. Bernard Boteju
Myriam Dominguez	Kathy Gilbert
The Paul Harrell Family	Karen McFerrin Jones
Brittany Jordan	Terri McCoy
Mike Moore	Rev. Joseph Nasser
Dr. John Parsons	Lee Piccolo
Sherry Rawls	Sally Roden
French Sturrock	Mike Sullivan
Melissa Velasquez	Crystal Walker

##### August 2022

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

##### July 2022

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

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

**For the abolition of the death penalty**  
We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

### **Mass Intentions – September 2022**

**Thursday, September 1, 2022** – For Meranda Cohn

*(Requested by Kathy Warner)*

**Friday, September 2, 2022** – For Andrea Bautista

*(Requested by Kathy Warner)*

**Saturday, September 3, 2022 9:00am Mass** – For

Claudia Price

**Saturday, September 3, 2022 5:00pm Mass** – For

the safety of Our Bishop

*(Requested by Jo Miller)*

**Sunday, September 4, 2022** – For all Parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Community

**Tuesday, September 6, 2022** – For the repose of the soul of

Laura Grames Laine

*(Requested by Susan Wise)*

**Wednesday, September 7, 2022** – For Trish Cancellare

**Thursday, September 8, 2022** – For French Sturrock

**Friday, September 9, 2022** – For Mike Moore

*(Requested by Kathy Warner)*

**Saturday, September 10, 2022** – For all Parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Community

**Sunday, September 11, 2022** – For the repose of the soul of

Esteban Guel Martinez

*(Requested by Blanca Guel)*

**Tuesday, September 13, 2022** – For Day Care Workers

**Wednesday, September 14, 2022** – For Trish Cancellare

**Saturday, September 17, 2022** – For the repose of the soul of

Mary Saner

*(Requested by Ladies Altar Society)*

**Sunday, September 18, 2022** – For all Parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Community

**Tuesday, September 20, 2022** – For a Special Intention

**Wednesday, September 21, 2022** – For Trish Cancellare

**Friday, September 23, 2022** – For the repose of the soul of

Mary Presley

*(Requested by Josephine Gerweck)*

**Saturday, September 24, 2022** – For the repose of the soul of

Nan Whelan Carter

*(Requested by Kathy Warner)*

**Sunday, September 25, 2022** – For all Parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Community

**Wednesday, September 28, 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 are many versions of Christianity. The most ancient Churches are the Catholic and Orthodox Churches, which Pope St. John Paul II described as the “two lungs” of the Church. During the sixteenth century Reformation in Europe, Protestant versions of Christianity developed, while in modern times other types of Christianity have emerged in what are often called “Community Churches.” Although they differ from the Catholic Church and from one another in various ways, Pope St. John Paul II taught us that such Christians “are properly regarded as brothers and sisters in the Lord by the sons and daughters of the Catholic Church”. We recognize faith in Christ and goodness wherever it is found and, as the Pope reminded us, many of these Christians have been faithful unto death, shedding their blood for Christ, in modern times.

The various schisms and divisions nonetheless remain tragic, for it was always Christ’s will for his followers to be one body. A particularly brutal element in the English Reformation was the suppression of the monasteries in the reign of King Henry VIII. Terrible was the loss of magnificent monastic buildings and libraries; worse was the expulsion of the monks and nuns, and the consequent closure of hostels and hospitals they ran. Lepers were rendered homeless, with no one to care for them. Schools built by monks were closed down.

One of the most persistent teachings of Jesus is the call to lead a simple life. Today’s Gospel ends with the words of Jesus: “None of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.” The first Christians of Jerusalem did this, and throughout history others have done it and still do. It is the inspiration of what we call the religious life, following Jesus under vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. It is perhaps the most distinctive mark of the Catholic Church.

Climate change is causing increasing numbers of people to change their lifestyles, reduce their carbon footprint, eat less meat or none, and practice more sustainable living. In this they find support from Pope Francis in his encyclical *Laudato Si*, in which he expresses real concern about the danger consumerism poses to our planet. He writes “Christian spirituality proposes a growth marked by moderation and the capacity to be happy with little. It is a return to that simplicity which allows us to stop and appreciate the small things.” The religious life is the most radical way to live in moderation and “to be happy with little”. Many religious are found in the poorest parts of the world for the love of Christ. And although the number of religious has declined in recent years, some communities are experiencing growth. The call to live more simply is addressed not just to them but to all of us. Simplifying our lifestyle involves hard decisions and sacrifice, but in today’s Gospel Jesus asks people to carefully consider it, as would a builder who was planning a large construction.

St. John Henry Newman speaks of the personal cost of taking God’s word seriously and building our life on faith: “If then faith be the essence of a Christian life ... it follows that our duty lies in risking upon Christ’s word what we have, for what we have not; and doing so in a noble, generous way, not indeed rashly or lightly, still without knowing accurately what we are doing, not knowing either what we give up, nor again what we shall gain; uncertain about our extent of sacrifice, in all respects leaning , waiting upon him, trusting in him to fulfil his promise.”

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. . .



*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: [gabrielprojecteasttexas@gmail.com](mailto:gabrielprojecteasttexas@gmail.com)  
Or phone: Collette Dockery @ 903-399-4925



Lord, this Labor Day pour out again your blessings and strength on all who work to make it possible for others to have a better life!



Sacramental prep class will begin  
Sunday September 11, 2022  
starting @10:30 a.m.



## Marian Center Meeting

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

Following Rosary at 6:00pm

Everyone is Welcome!

## Men's Club Meeting

Thursday, September 15, 2022  
in the Parish Hall  
@6:00 pm.

### **Priests for Tomorrow**

**Goal: \$150,000**

**Current Pledges:**

**\$111,240.00 (74.2%)**

**Payments Received:**

**\$48,820.00 (43.9%)**

**Remaining Balance on Pledges: \$62,420.00 (56.1%)**

These numbers are as of July 31, 2022

Thank you to all who have made your pledges to these worthy campaigns. If you made a pledge, please don't forget to make your payments regularly. If you have not made a pledge, please consider making even a small pledge to help our Parish meet our goals.

## Ethics and Integrity Class

There will be training in Jefferson

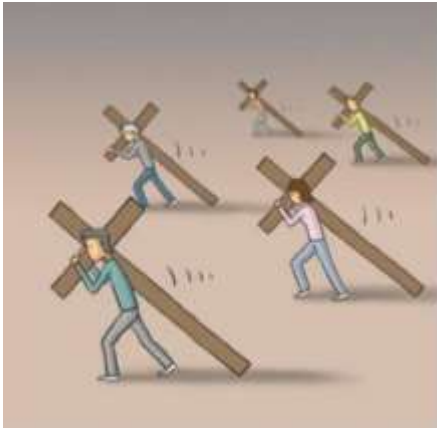
Saturday, September 24, 2022

9:00 am to 12:00 noon

For more information see pg. 7  
of the bulletin.



# What's Coming & Valuable Information . . .



## Readings for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

### SUNDAY'S READINGS -

#### **First Reading: Book of Wisdom 9:13-18b**

Who can know God's counsel, or who can conceive what the LORD intends? (Wis 9:13)

#### **Psalms: 90:3-17**

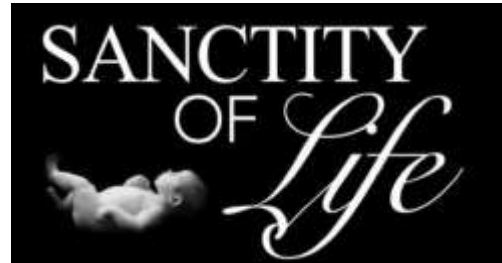
In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge. (Ps 90)

#### **Second Reading: Letter of Saint Paul to Philemon**

Perhaps this is why he was away from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a brother. (Phmn 9:15-16)

#### **Gospel: Luke 14:25-33**

"Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." (Lk 14:33)



*Come join Bishop Strickland's Sanctity of Life Dinner With Sister Deirdre Byrne as the keynote speaker*

**Monday, October 10, 2022**

**@4:00 pm - 9:00pm**

**Location:** Holiday Inn Tyler - Conference Center, an IHG Hotel 5701 South Broadway Avenue Tyler, TX 75703

*Msgr. would like for a group of people from Immaculate Conception to attend this event.*

*Immaculate Conception has purchased a table for 10  
If you would like to attend please call  
the office @ (903) - 665 - 2869  
Or Email the church @icccjefferson@sbcglobal.net*

## 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!!!**

## 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 @ icccjefferson@sbcglobal.net

LOVING & HOPEFUL SUPPORT

## The Gabriel Project



### Pregnant & Worried?

¿Embarazada y Necesitas Ayuda?

~ WE CAN HELP ~

FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL

### Reach Out To Us

**text: 903-952-0364 | call: 888-300-5112**  
**email: gabrielprojecteasttexas@gmail.com**  
**visit: www.gabrielprojecteasttexas.org**



## 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!

# *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 your User ID & Password follow the steps below.

Click on First time registrant

1. Click to 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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