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

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
903-360-6925

Friday Lenten Schedule
Rosary @4:30 pm
Mass @ 5:00 pm
Stations of the Cross @ 5:30 pm

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
Church Website: http:/www.icccjeffersontx.org

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 5, 2023

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 February 26, 2023

Total General Collection	*$1,508.00*
Regular Collection	*$ 1,328.00*
Online Collection	*$ 180.00*

Aid to the Church in Central/Eastern Europe	***$154.00***
Black and Indian Missions	***$140.00***

Thank you for your generosity!

Gift of Gratitude
St. Vincent de Paul

WEEK OF 03/02/2023
Food for the poor: # of cans & packages: 39
Families served: 11 (18 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!

Altar Care

Week of 03/06/2023 – Marguerite Hawthorne
Week of 03/13/2023 – Liz Opiela

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

March 5th Responsorial
Psalm 33:22

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

March 12th Responsorial
Psalm 95:8

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

Upcoming Special Collections

March 5, 2023—Fund for Those in Need

March 19, 2023—Collection for Hunger Relief in the Diocese

Lay Ministry Schedule
March 2023

Saturday, March 4, 2023
John Dockery
Sunday, March 5, 2023
Kathy Warner

Saturday, March 11, 2023
Johnette Grubaugh
Sunday, March 12, 2023
Kat Bellini

Saturday, March 18, 2023
Collette Dockery
Sunday, March 19, 2023
Liz Opiela

Saturday, March 25, 2023
Pam Watts
Sunday, March 26, 2023
Collette Hines

If you are interested in becoming a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Altar Server, Usher, or Cantor please let us know.
Email us @ icccjefferson@sbcglobal.net
or call 903-665-2869

Safe Environment

When you have reasonable cause to suspect abuse or neglect of a minor or vulnerable adult, you must report:

1. To the DFPS Abuse Hotline at (800) 252-5400 or www.txabusehotline.org.
2. To local law enforcement or 911 if you believe someone is in immediate danger.
3. To the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (903) 266-2159 or vac@dioceseoftyler.org if the report involves Church personnel.

In addition to abuse, you must report any suspected criminal behavior by Church personnel to law enforcement and the diocese.

Prayer List

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

Parishioners

Andrea Bertrand
Rufe Brewton
Sharon Deangelo
BeBe Dorgan
Fred Griffin
Lorraine Jolin
Judith Lensch
Jo Miller
Amil Murray
Rebecca Cornett Sistrunk
Ken Vrla
Anna Bode Family
Martina Cerda
Mary Dorgan
Dawn Fuquay
Troy Hines
Darrell Lensch
Linda McCollim
Wayman Moore
Yvonne Thompson
The Watts Family

Family & Friends

March 2023

Cynthia Arms
Morriss Moore
Geneva Nixon
Eve Pasquale
Bill DeWare
Rev. Joseph Nasser
Alisha O'Hagan

February 2023

Jaiden Becker
Rev. Bernard Botej
Charles Owen
Macy Foster
Michaela Onderko
Marsha Snider
Julie Becker
Lester Cox
Lee Piccolo
Teresa Hensley
Luisa Seelbach

January 2023

Jess DeWare
B.W. Hayes
Sherry Rawls
Kathy Harper
Terri McCoy

Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for March 2023

For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

Mass Intentions –March 2023

Wednesday, March 1, 2023 – For Paul Morin
(Requested by Suzanne Vrla)
Thursday, March 2, 2023 – For the Repose of the Soul of Bob & Cookie Traylor
(Requested by Jackie Traylor)
Friday, March 3, 2023 – For Kelli Whelan
(Requested by Kathy Warner)
Saturday, March 4, 2023 9:00 am– For the Repose of the Soul of Cora Whelan
(Requested by Kathy Warner)
Saturday, March 4, 2023 5:00 pm– For the Repose of the Soul of Randy Webster
(Requested by Ladies Altar Society)
Sunday, March 5, 2023 – For all Parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Community
Tuesday, March 7, 2023 – For Trish Cancellare
Wednesday, March 8, 2023 – For Repose of the Soul of Roddy Hailey
Thursday, March 9, 2023 – For the Repose of the Soul of Jim & Teresa McEnrue
(Requested by Jackie Traylor)
Friday, March 10, 2023 – For the Repose of the Soul of Randy Webster
(Requested by Teresa Mitzler)
Saturday, March 11, 2023– For all Altar Society Members Past & Living
(Requested by Ladies Altar Society)
Sunday, March 12, 2023 – For all Parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Community
Tuesday, March 14, 2023 – For Jason Cohn
(Requested by Kathy Warner)
Wednesday, March 15, 2023 – For Repose of the Soul of Eddy Scuddy
Thursday, March 16, 2023– For the Repose of the Soul of Randy Webster
(Requested by Ken & Suzanne Vrla)
Friday, March 17, 2023 – For Grayson Cohn
(Requested by Kathy Warner)
Saturday, March 18, 2023– For all Parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Community
Sunday, March 19, 2023 – For the Repose of the Soul of Joaquina Martinez
(Requested by Irene Webster)
Tuesday, March 21, 2023 – For Austin Warner
(Requested by Kathy Warner)
Wednesday, March 22, 2023 – For Trish Cancellare
Friday, March 24, 2023 – For Special Intention
(Requested by Jo Miller)

A Message from Msgr. Zach

Dear Friends,

Sometimes even good things that happen to us can cause us to be fearful. We might be glad to have a new job, but worry that we might not be up to it. Parents are delighted to be expecting a baby, but nervous about the responsibilities. A priest may look forward to his new parish, but wonder if he has the pastoral skills to do the job. Even something beautiful can be overwhelming: the emotions we experience listening to stunning music can be almost too much to bear. People climbing a mountain experience such emotions; edging upwards on difficult terrain is something they want to do, yet it can be worrying too – they might slip and fall. And then, when they reach the top, the spectacular view evokes all kinds of powerful emotions. Many of these difficult experiences are about trust: do we trust ourselves to take on something and do it well? Do we trust those who have chosen us? Our senses can seem to be overwhelmed by the challenge.

These are the kinds of emotions that the three disciples, Peter, James and John, seem to be experiencing when they are with Jesus on the mountain. He entrusts them with seeing a particular vision of him. Today's Gospel describes how he was transfigured, with his face shining like the sun, his clothes like light, and Moses and Elijah appearing alongside him. Although these disciples have been following Jesus for some time, nothing has prepared these former fishermen for this sight – it is beyond anything they have seen before. Matthew describes their sense of wonder, and also their bafflement. But their most powerful emotion seems to be fear.

Jesus reassures them with a simple phrase that appears on several occasions in the Gospels: "do not be afraid." Mary is told "do not be afraid" when the angel appears to her to tell her she is to have a child. The shepherds are told "do not be afraid" when they see angels in the sky, heralding the birth of Jesus. They are words of reassurance at moments that are transformational. The people who see such astonishing things realize that their lives are to change for ever. No wonder they are fearful, overwhelmed not only by an extraordinary vision but by how their lives are changing and at what cost. For while they experience a vision, it is also part of a call. Right at the heart of the moment, which causes them to hide from what is before them, the disciples receive a message from God the Father – not only that Jesus is his beloved Son but that they should listen to him. Listening is not just hearing but absorbing what is said, embracing it and acting upon it. Listening to Jesus is vital for the disciples if they are to truly become his followers.

The story of Christ's transfiguration might seem otherworldly, nothing to do with our experience of faith. Yet even if we do not go up a mountain and see Christ transformed, we can still undergo remarkable experiences because of our faith. That the disciples saw this vision indicates their openness to do so and their readiness to follow Jesus. If we receive a sign, would we be open to it, or would we dismiss such a thing as peculiar or irrational? The disciples, of course, are only human themselves and when they see this extraordinary vision of Jesus – this sight that indicates that he is divine – they are fearful. Jesus responds to their fear with human tenderness, reassuring them both by touching them and by simple words – "do not be afraid." When we are faced with something overwhelming - perhaps illness or loss of a job, or taking on a new challenge – we too can be reassured by the Lord's words. Life with all its difficulties and hardships can be overwhelming if we try to tackle them alone. But if we place our trust in the Lord, we need not be afraid. God is with us.

Your friend in Jesus
Msgr. Zach

Please Pray for the Active Military from our Community

Juan Carlos Acuna	Mary Alder
Kendall Benton	Aubrey Sperier Arenavas
Gabriel Cantu	Dillon Corpier
Drew Downey	Winston J Jones
Bo Dylan Jordan	Matthew Kopecky
Robert Miller	Dominick Pondant
Kyrie Lay Redd	Desire Robertson
Salvador Sanchez Jr	Haley Sellers
Perry Staten	James Trachier
Joseph Trachier	Brent Westbrook
Joseph Woods	Heath Zeigler

Community Happenings. . .

Ladies Altar Society

Meeting

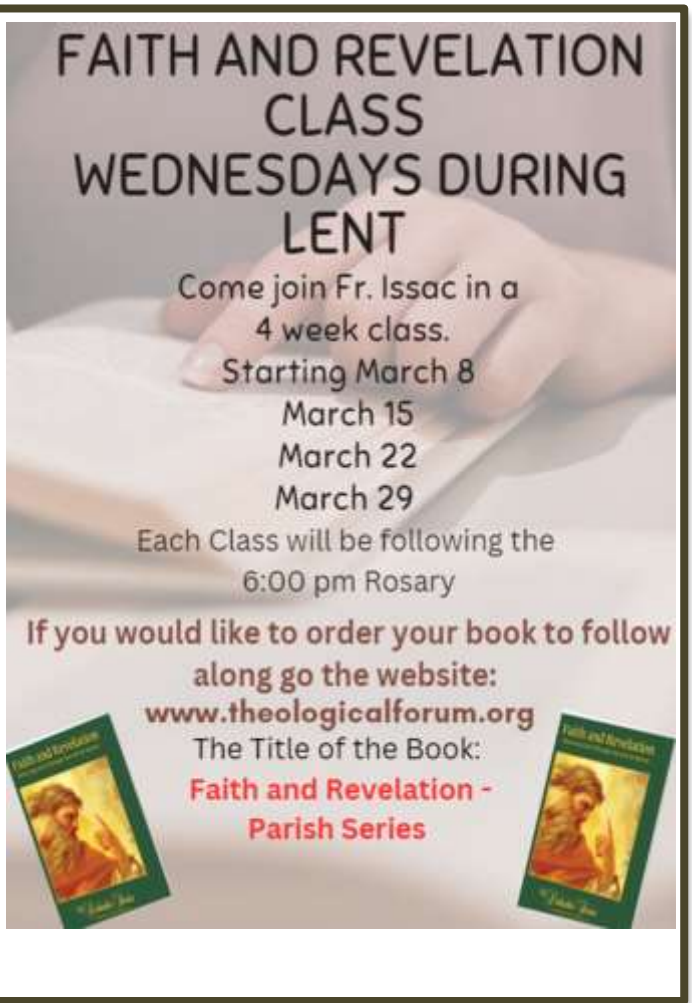
Monday, March 6, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.
In the Parish Hall

Marian Center Meeting

Wednesday, March 15, 2023
Following Rosary at 6:00pm
Everyone is Welcome!

Men's Club Meeting

Thursday, March 16, 2022
in the Parish Hall
@6:00 pm.



PARISH END OF THE YEAR 2022 REPORT

Total Families:	80
Updated forms:	63
# of Deaths:	2
# of New Families:	9
# of Confirmations:	3
# of First Communion:	3
# of Baptisms:	0

PRIESTS FOR TOMORROW
TEACHERS OF TRUTH

Priests for Tomorrow

Update as of 01/31/23

If you have an outstanding pledge, please be sure to make your payments regularly. Don't forget that 30% of what we donate comes back to us. As of 01/31/23 we have received $54,310.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Goal: (Meta)	$150,000.00
Pledges: (Promesas)	$111,240.00
Payment Received: (Pagos recividos)	$54,310.00 (48.8%)
Remaining Balance: (Balance)	$56,930.00 (51.2%)

What's Coming & Valuable Information . . .

GUTD SUBSCRIPTION

Dear Parishioners, It's that time again!
Subscription ends 05/20/2023.
Any donations toward the cost of renewal are greatly appreciated.
Here are the options for donations:

Yearly Subscription	$ 1,708.20
6 Months Subscription	$ 854.10
3 Months Subscription	$ 427.05
1 Month Subscription	$ 142.35

We will continue to post Donors names on each booklet, if you wish to donate in *Memory/Honor* of someone.
If you wish to make a donation please fill out the form. You can drop it off in the collection basket or at the office.
We currently have **$687.35 toward the $1,708.20** we need to renew our subscriptions.

Any donation amount of your choice will be appreciated!

(Let us continue to pray for our Donors as a token of our gratitude for their kind generosity.)

40 DAYS FOR LIFE
THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION

The Peaceful Prayer & Fasting Campaign
To Stop Abortion & the Abortion Pill

February 22 through April 2, 2023

Sign up for vigil hours online at
40daysforlife.com/tyler
Vigil Location: Across from Planned Parenthood,
601 Turtle Creek Dr., Tyler

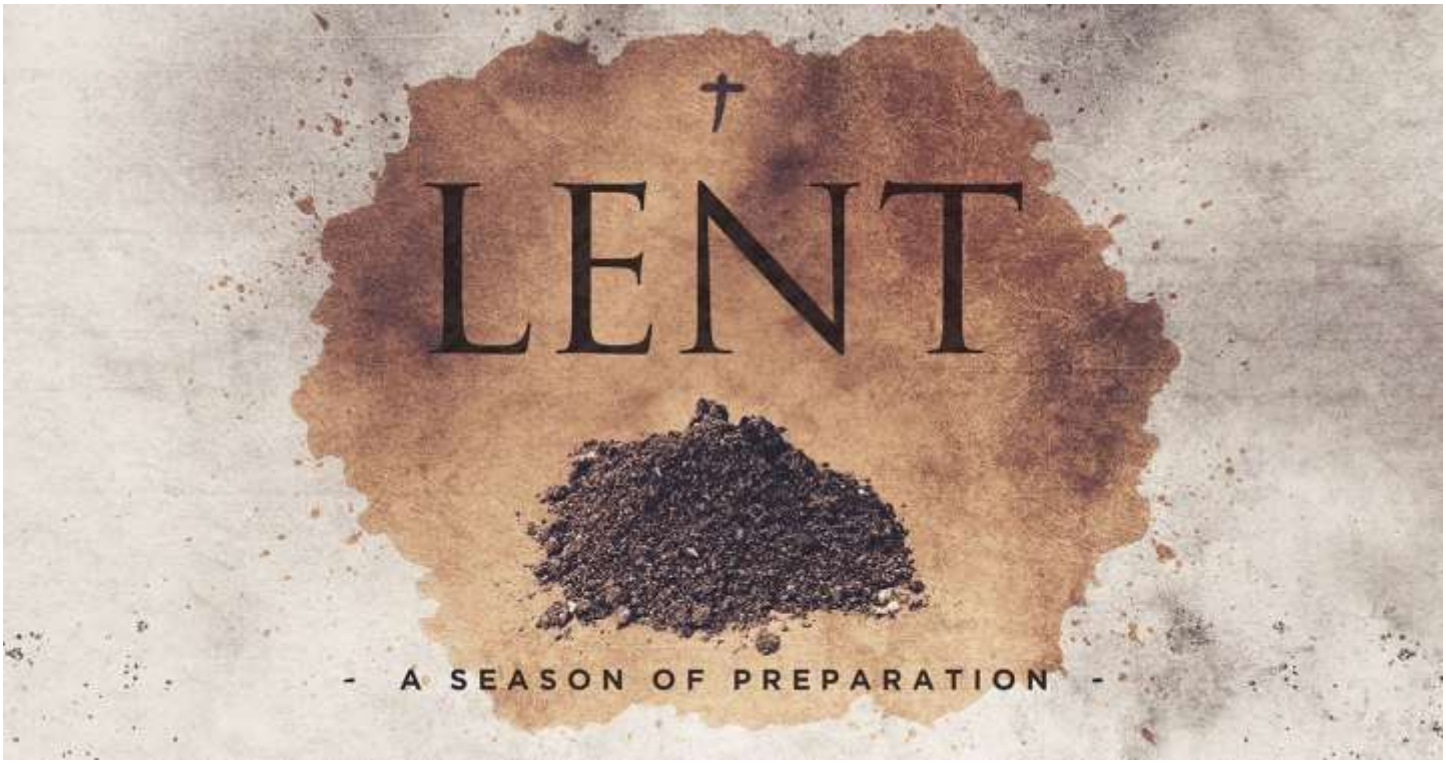
CRS RICE BOWL
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

The "rice bowls" are available at the entrance of the church. When you donate to CRS Rice Bowl, you share your life and your abundance with our global family in need. Your generosity puts nutritious food on their tables and helps them lead healthy lives and reach their God-given potential!

Easter Lillies

The Ladies Altar Society will be collecting donations for Easter flowers after mass during Lent.

If you would like to give in memory or honor of a loved one please use the envelopes provided. You can drop them in the collection basket or by the office.



LENT SERVICES

Friday, February 24th
Rosary @ 4:30 p.m.
Mass @ 5:00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross @ 5:30 p.m.
Dinner with the Men's Club

Friday, March 10th
Rosary @ 4:30 p.m.
Mass @ 5:00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross @ 5:30 p.m.
Dinner with the Men's Club

Friday, March 24th
Rosary @ 4:30 p.m.
Mass @ 5:00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross @ 5:30 p.m.
Dinner with the Men's Club

First Friday, March 3rd
Mass @ 9:00 a.m.
Followed by Adoration & Benediction
Confession during Adoration
Rosary @ 4:30 p.m.
Mass @ 5:00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross @ 5:30 p.m.
Dinner with the Hispanic Ladies

Friday, March 17th
Rosary @ 4:30 p.m.
Mass @ 5:00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross @ 5:30 p.m.
Dinner with the Ladies Altar Society

Friday, March 31st
Rosary @ 4:30 p.m.
Mass @ 5:00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross @ 5:30 p.m.
Dinner with the Ladies Altar Society

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday April 2nd
Mass @ 9:00 am

Holy Thursday April 6th
Mass @ 7:00 pm

Good Friday April 7th
Services begin @ 3:00 pm

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil April 8th
Services begin @ 8:30 pm