

# 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 Adoration & Benediction Schedule

Following 9:00 a.m. Mass

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

### Lenten Reconciliation Services

**Monday, April 3, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Every 3rd weekend of the Month

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](mailto:icccjefferson@sbcglobal.net)

Church Website: <http://www.icccjeffersonstx.org>

**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**MARCH 12, 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 March 12, 2023**

<b>Total General Collection</b>	<b>\$3,078.00</b>
Regular Collection	\$ 2,798.00
Online Collection	\$ 180.00
<i>Those in Need</i>	\$ 591.00

**Thank you for your generosity!**

### Gift of Gratitude St. Vincent de Paul

**WEEK OF 03/09/2023**

**Food for the poor: # of cans & packages: 36  
Families served: 1 (2 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 03/13/2023 – Liz Opiela**

**Week of 03/20/2023 – Sharon Verhalen**

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

### March 12<sup>th</sup> Responsorial Psalm 95:8

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

### March 19<sup>th</sup> Responsorial Psalm 23:1

***The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.***

## 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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	Anna Bode Family
Rufe Brewton	Martina Cerda
Sharon Deangelo	Mary Dorgan
BeBe Dorgan	Dawn Fuquay
Fred Griffin	Troy Hines
Lorraine Jolin	Darrell Lensch
Judith Lensch	Linda McCollim
Jo Miller	Wayman Moore
Amil Murray	*Sandra Remedies
Yvonne Thompson	Rebecca Cornett Sistrunk
The Watts Family	Ken Vrla

#### **Family & Friends**

##### March 2023

Cynthia Orms	Bill DeWare
*Beverly Heard	*Roy Knight
Morriss Moore	Rev. Joseph Nasser
Geneva Nixon	Alisha O'Hagan
Eve Pasquale	

##### February 2023

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

##### January 2023

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

### **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

**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

**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 Jim & Teresa McEnrue

*(Requested by Jackie Traylor)*

**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)*

**Saturday, March 25, 2023** – For all Parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Community

**Sunday, March 26, 2023** – For the Repose of the Soul of Joaquina Martinez

*(Requested by Irene Webster)*

**Tuesday, March 28, 2023** – For Erick Warner

*(Requested by Kathy Warner)*

**Thursday, March 30, 2023** – For the Repose of the Soul of Randy Webster

*(Requested by Ken & Suzanne Vrla)*

**Friday, March 31, 2023** – For Special Intention

*(Requested by Jo Miller)*



# A Message from Msgr. Zach

Dear Friends,

Throughout the year the Atacama Desert in Chile normally receives less than twelve millimeters of rain. All that can be seen is mile after mile of dust and barren landscape. But if there is a year with unusually high rainfall, the desert blooms and is suddenly filled with flowers in vibrant colors that can be seen throughout the coastal valleys. All of these flowers have lain dormant for months, even for years, but they haven't died – they are just waiting for the water they need to turn a barren landscape into a lavish garden. If you saw or walked thru the desert on a normal day, it would take a considerable act of faith to believe that anything could possibly grow there. The view from the surface is anything but encouraging, but there is potential life hidden beneath the brown dust.

In his encyclical on hope, Pope Benedict wrote: “the Christian message (is) not only ‘informative’ but ‘performative’. That means: the Gospel is not merely a communication of things that can be known – it is one that makes things happen and is life-changing ... The one who has hope lives differently.”

We see Jesus making things happen in his life-changing encounter with the Samaritan woman. His message is performative, in that it brings something to life in her that has been there potentially, although only he can see it. This woman has been living in shame, avoiding her neighbors. No woman was allowed to divorce her husband in ancient Samaria, so it is likely that she was widowed or abandoned repeatedly. There must have been a lifetime of grief and hurt in her. But Jesus is willing to make himself vulnerable to her, to be dependent on her generosity and willingness to engage, despite all the social taboos against this. He creates what Pope Francis has called “a culture of encounter,” by offering her welcome and listening to her questions. He has hope and trust in her and invites her to hope and trust in his offer of “living water.” His gift of the Spirit to her allows what has been hidden in her to grow and flourish like the desert blooming.

St. Paul tells us that three cardinal virtues are faith, hope and love, with the greatest being love, but it becomes clear that without faith there can be no genuine hope, and without these two there can be no lasting love. We are challenged by God to have hope not only in God's saving grace but in our own capacity for leadership, even when we don't feel equal to the task. Both Moses and the Samaritan woman became leaders when they learned that God's power can and does overcome our fragility. When we open ourselves up to live in intimate relationship with Jesus, nothing can separate us from God's love. On our own we are powerless, and we know this. With God, all things are possible, and even our poor efforts can make a difference to how the world is and will be.

God repeatedly chooses sinners like ourselves to bring about God's saving purpose. We become people who live differently, knowing that we make a difference. This isn't done in grand gestures of spectacular sanctity but simply in our capacity to embrace the promise of richness within the present moment, even if that richness is beyond our understanding. In his apostolic exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, “The Joy of the Gospel”, Pope Francis spoke of “the joy which we experience daily, amid the little things of life.” When we begin to seek and find God in all the ordinary, daily encounters of life, we become open to the gift that they are to us. This is what turns us into people of hope, capable of giving hope to the world.

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. . .

### 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.

## Reconciliation services

**Sunday, April 2, 2023**

**Location: St. Joseph's in Marshall**  
**Starting @ 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

**Monday, April 3, 2023**

**Location: Immaculate Conception in Jefferson**  
**Starting @ 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm**

**Wednesday, April 5, 2023**

**Location: St. Lawrence in Waskom**  
**Starting @ 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm**

## 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 recibidos)	\$54,310.00 (48.8%)
Remaining Balance: (Balance)	\$56,930.00 (51.2%)

## Bishop's Annual Appeal 2023

Our appeal goal is **\$16,000** and, thanks to you, as of March 2023, we have already received **\$9,613** in commitments from **20 donors**. To continue this success, and exceed our goal, we need **additional donors** to turn in a sacrificial gift in support.

If you would like to be one of those vital donors, please use one of the envelopes found in the vestibule or go online to [dioceseoftyler.org/baa2023](http://dioceseoftyler.org/baa2023)

Thank you for your participation so far and in praying for our success. We know that each of us takes a leap of faith in making a commitment but know that if you need to adjust this pledge, you can do so at any time. We just look for everyone to try and accept the call to our Appeal.

Thank you and God bless you.

## FAITH AND REVELATION CLASS WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT

Come join Fr. Issac in a  
4 week class.

Starting March 8

March 15

March 22

March 29

Each Class will be following the  
6:00 pm Rosary

If you would like to order your book to follow  
along go the website:  
[www.theologicalforum.org](http://www.theologicalforum.org)  
The Title of the Book:  
**Faith and Revelation -  
Parish Series**



# 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.)**



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](http://40daysforlife.com/tyler)

Vigil Location: Across from Planned Parenthood,  
601 Turtle Creek Dr., Tyler



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.



**I Can, You Can, We Can**

**40 FOR LENT**



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# LENT

- A SEASON OF PREPARATION -

## LENT SERVICES

### 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 17th

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 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 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

### Reconciliation Services

**Monday, April 3, 2023**

**@5:30 pm – 6:30 pm**

### Palm Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Mass @ 9:00 am**

### Holy Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup>

**Mass @ 7:00 pm**

### Good Friday April 7<sup>th</sup>

**Services begin @ 3:00 pm**

### Holy Saturday Easter Vigil

April 8<sup>th</sup>

**Services begin @ 8:30 pm**