

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

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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 19, 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

Total General Collection \$1,511.00
Regular Collection \$ 1,331.00
Online Collection \$ 180.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Gift of Gratitude St. Vincent de Paul

WEEK OF 03/16/2023

Food for the poor: # of cans & packages: 42
Families served: 3 (4 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 03/20/2023 – Sharon Verhalen

Week of 03/27/2023 – 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
or call 903-665-2869

March 19th Responsorial Psalm 23:1

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

March 26th Responsorial Psalm 130:7

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

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.

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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	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
Morris 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

Friday, March 17, 2023 – For Grayson Cohn

(Requested by Kathy Warner)

Saturday, March 18, 2023 – For the Repose of the Soul of Angelina de Jesus

(Requested by Pinky de Jesus)

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

Thursday, March 23, 2023 – For the Repose of the Soul of Jim & Teresa McEnrue

(Requested by Jackie Traylor)

Friday, March 24, 2023 – For Special Intention

(Requested by Jo Miller)

Saturday, March 25, 2023 – For Waymen Moore

(Requested by Pam Watts)

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)

Wednesday, March 29, 2023 – For Healing – Health issues with family

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,

Setting out on a journey, the first thing many people do is enter a postcode into the phone. The route is quickly calculated with a few alternatives and a time of arrival is given. Although it looks very clear, we know that when we set out there are many events that can happen that may delay the journey or even make it impossible. There is always a gap between the plan and the reality, which we can never predict.

Life is even more unpredictable. There are so many matters that are out of our hands: the complexity of relationships, sickness, accidents, death, to name but a few. What we know, in faith, is that God loves us and sent God's Son to walk with us, and that the Spirit will guide us every day and night. As we make our Christian journey, the Holy Spirit is the helper who deepens our loving friendship with Jesus and guides our decisions as well as giving us courage. The Holy Spirit is our teacher, like Jesus in the scriptures, and leads us to see God more clearly, love God more clearly and follow God more clearly.

The Gospel account of the healing of the blind man shows how the man grows in his understanding of the identity of Jesus. The blind man returns from the Pool of Siloam with sight. He can see the beauty of the world for the first time and recognize faces. His neighbors are astonished. Who is this man who has healed him? The man tells them that it was "The man called Jesus." Who is Jesus? The Pharisees tell the blind man who has now been given sight that Jesus cannot be from God. The man tells them that he realizes Jesus is a prophet. More people dispute with the man and ask whether he was truly blind or just pretending, and they also ask his parents. Then they drive him away. Jesus finds the man and asks him if he believes in "the Son of Man." The man looks at Jesus and says, "Lord, I believe." By talking to Jesus, the man has come to a deeper understanding and knows that Jesus is not only a man, not only a prophet, but also the Lord. He is the Messiah who has been sent by God. He is the Son of God. The man has come from darkness to new sight. He has also made a deeper journey in faith from understanding that he was cured by "the man called Jesus" to knowing and believing that he was healed by the Son of God. He has come to walk in the light as a follower of Jesus. We, too, have been given the gift of faith and walk in the light as followers of Jesus.

In our first reading we hear of Samuel finding the young shepherd David who is chosen by God to become king. He is a surprising choice, the youngest and least in his family. The 1st reading helps us understand more about Jesus, who is from the House of David. He is the shepherd and king of God's kingdom, not of this world.

Who do I say Jesus is? The readings show us the Holy Spirit leads to a deeper faith. Jesus is a man, prophet, a shepherd, a king, truly God and truly human. They prepare us for the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. We are invited to trust in him as a shepherd and walk with him in growing friendship as he accompanies us thru life.

Today, we give thanks for the gift of our families. Families are full of surprises and life is often a pathway of many ups and downs, struggles and joys, challenges and periods of calm and peace. The psalm invites us to trust in the Lord, who is our shepherd and will lead us to "fresh and green pastures," "restful waters" "the right path" and "a banquet" and to live in "the Lord's own house." May we know the love of the Good Shepherd.

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. . .

KIDS CAR WASH ST. LAWRENCE YOUTH

BEST CARWASH



Come support Waskom St. Lawrence Youth's car wash fundraiser. The youth is raising money to help support church operations cost.

**Saturday March 25 at
1465 W Texas Ave.
Waskom, TX 75692
starting at 9 AM - 1 PM**

FAITH AND REVELATION CLASS WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT



Come join Fr. Issac
March 22
March 29



Each Class will be following the
6:00 pm Rosary

Scholarship Alert!!! Catholic Daughters of the Americas

The catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Santa Maria No. 184 are sponsoring a Senior Scholarship Award for the 2022-2023 school year. Two recipients will be awarded a **\$500 scholarship**

Applicants must be CATHOLIC and living with parents or guardian that are register members of St. Joseph (Marshall) Immaculate Conception (Jefferson) or St. Lawrence (Waskom).

Scholarship applicants can pick up a form in the Parish Office. **The Deadline is April 3, 2023.**

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

Bishop's Annual Appeal 2023 Update

Our appeal goal is **\$16,000** and, thanks to you, as of March 2023, we have already received **\$11,123.00** in commitments from **27 donors**. To continue this success, and exceed our goal, we need **additional donors** to turn in a sacrificial gift in support.
Thank you for your participation so far and in praying for our success.

Holy Thursday Feet Washing & Adoration



April 6, 2023 @7:00 pm

**We need a total of 12 volunteers
for Holy Thursday Mass.**

**Following Mass adoration will
begin @8:30 pm in Parish Hall.
Sign up sheets are in the
vestibule.**



What's Coming & Valuable Information . . .



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!



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.





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 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