

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.

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 Melkias

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Immaculate Conception Parish Office

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Phone: 903-665-2869

Hours –Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
APRIL 16, 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 April 9, 2023

Total General Collection	\$2,378.00
Regular Collection	\$ 2,098.00
Online Collection	\$ 280.00
Good Friday	\$ 547.00
Caring for Priest	\$ 569.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Gift of Gratitude St. Vincent de Paul

WEEK OF 04/13/2023

Food for the poor: # of cans & packages: 12
Families served: 6 (12 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!

St. Vincent De Paul Quarterly Report
Immaculate Heart of Mary Conference
Jefferson, Texas
January-March 2023
April 2, 2023

Number of families served:	49
Total people served:	91
Aged/Daycare visits:	0
Prison visit:	0
Other/In Person visits:	4
Spiritual Aid/ Sacraments:	0
Hospital visit:	0
Blankets:	0
Socks:	0
Bags of groceries:	98
Parish Food Drive:	361 packages
Telephone Contact:	14
Home Visit:	3
Volunteer hours:	570
Volunteer mileage:	725
Food Expenses for Quarter:	\$ 1,007.17
Expenses for Quarter:	1,351.66
Income for quarter:	\$ 520.00
Balance:	\$ 5,477.89

Upcoming Special Collections

April 2, 2023—Fund for Those in Need

**April 7, 2023—Pontifical Good Friday
Collection for the Holy Land**

April 9, 2023—Caring for Priest Collection

**April 30, 2023—Collection for Catholic Home
Missions**

Lay Ministry Schedule April 2023

Saturday, April 1, 2023 Palm Sunday Vigil

Regular Reading: Tammy Cornett

Voice: Pam Watts

Narrator: Susan Wise

Sunday, April 2, 2023 Palm Sunday

Regular Reading: Liz Opiela

Voice: Roger Opiela

Narrator: Jackie Traylor

Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023

Phillip Verhalen

Sharon Verhalen

Saturday, April 15, 2023

John Dockery

Sunday, April 16, 2023

Roger Opiela

Saturday, April 22, 2023

Johnette Grubaugh

Sunday, April 23, 2023

Irene Webster

Saturday, April 29, 2023

Collette Dockery

Sunday, April 30, 2023

Kathy Warner

Altar Care

Week of 04/17/2023 – Tammy Cornett

Week of 04/24/2023 – Collette Dockery

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



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	*Susan Wix
Ken Vrla	

Family & Friends

April 2023

Rev. Bernard Botej	Elizabeth Brown
Sharon DeAngelo	Cynthia Grillo
Rita Hatami	Beverly Heard
Roy Knight	Rev. Joseph Nasser

March 2023

Cynthia Orms	
Morris Moore	Geneva Nixon
Alisha O'Hagan	Eve Pasquale

February 2023

Lee Piccolo	Macy Foster
Teresa Hensley	Michaela Onderko
Luisa Seelbach	Marsha Snider

Pope Francis

Prayer Intentions for April 2023

For a culture of peace and non-violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

April 16th Responsorial

Psalms 118:1

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

April 23rd Responsorial

Psalms 16:11a

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Mass Intentions – April 2023

Saturday, April 8, 2023– For Michaela Onderko

(Requested by Ladies Altar Society)

Sunday, April 9, 2023– For all Parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Community

Tuesday, April 11, 2023– For Roy Knight

Wednesday, April 12, 2023– For the repose of the Soul of Fr. Owen Davy

(Requested by Yen Khang Van)

Thursday, April 13, 2023– For all Souls in Purgatory

(Requested by Shaw Family)

Friday, April 14, 2023– For Luisa Seelbach

(Requested by Jackie Traylor)

Saturday, April 15, 2023– For Carsyn Thomas

(Requested by Kathy Warner)

Sunday, April 16, 2023– For all Parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Community

Tuesday, April 18, 2023– For Dayne Love

(Requested by Kathy Warner)

Wednesday, April 19, 2023– For the Repose of the Soul of Gary Tucker

Thursday, April 20, 2023– For all Souls in Purgatory

(Requested by Shaw Family)

Friday, April 21, 2023– For the Repose of the Soul of Elmer Kelly

Saturday, April 22, 2023– For all Parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Community

Sunday, April 23, 2023– For the Repose of the Soul of Xavier Serrano Parents

(Requested by Jo Miller)

Tuesday, April 25, 2023– For Jason Cohn

(Requested by Kathy Warner)

Wednesday, April 26, 2023– For Cynthia Grillo

Thursday, April 27, 2023– For all Souls in Purgatory

(Requested by Shaw Family)

Saturday, April 29, 2023– For the Repose of the Soul of Mary Saner

(Requested by Ladies Altar Society)

Sunday, April 30, 2023– For all Parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Community

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,

"The quality of mercy is not strained./It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven/ upon the place beneath." Thus begins the famous speech by Portia in Shakespeare's *Merchant of Venice*. She continues: "It is twice blessed:/ it blesseth him that gives and him that takes." In these few words Portia sums up the far-reaching power of mercy, which, as she will later say, is "an attribute to God himself." Just as repentance and forgiveness run thru our Christian belief and practice, so they are dependent for their effectiveness upon the God who is merciful to all.

It takes a long time for feelings to mellow after some disagreements, whether we are talking about personal differences or wars between nations. For example would be the way in which South Africa transformed itself from an apartheid country into a democratic one. The way this was achieved was thru the divergent groups getting together beforehand to discuss how they might move forward. At an early stage they had to find a scenario that would allow them to raise difficult issues without immediately polarizing into prejudice. They came with four descriptions. The "Ostrich" involved the present government putting its head in the sand; the "Lame Duck" meant the new government would be very much limited in its freedom to act; "Icarus" would see a new government instituting radical economic reforms; and finally "Flamingo", which may take off slowly but they take off together.

In the scriptural account of the risen Lord appearing to his disciples, the disciples do not at first recognize him. It is only when he calls them by their name, as with Mary Magdalene that the penny drops and they realize who is speaking to them. Most commonly he appears among them and offers them his peace, using words that become part of every Mass: "Peace be with you." In today's Gospel, Jesus repeats these words, as though he needs to hammer home the foundation of our belief. If we do not receive his peace and share it among us, we cannot even begin our Christian journey.

With that peace alive within us, we are sent out to forgive and retain sins for Jesus also gives us gift of the Holy Spirit. This is John's version of the Pentecost story. If in Luke's account, in the Acts of the Apostles, the disciples then go out and speak in tongues in a way that everyone listening to them understands, in John's account the emphasis is on forgiveness and reconciliation. How do we heal and restore what is broken and lost? The story of Thomas' doubt helps us with this. Thomas is absent from the first resurrection appearance of Jesus among his disciples, and demands evidence if he is to cast off his doubt. Jesus himself provides that evidence, while noting that such visual proof is not going to be available to many. The Gospel stories are precisely what is offered to stimulate our belief and so have life thru his name.

The majority of the risen appearances of Jesus occur when his disciples are gathered together. Even before he appears, they find a sense of safety in their companionship; and after the Lord ascends to his Father, as today's first reading relates, they even go so far as to live together and own all things in common. Their two practices of going to the Temple for prayer and then meeting in their own homes for the breaking of bread would become fused in time into what we now do in the Mass together. The Liturgy of the Word is followed by the Liturgy of the Eucharist, but they are both acts we share together, and it is out of that sharing – just as with the evolution of the "flamingo" – that we are empowered to bring the peace and mercy of Christ into our troubled world.

Your friend in Jesus

Msgr. Zach

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@diocesoftyler.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.

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, April 19, 2023
Following Rosary at 6:00pm
Everyone is Welcome!

Men's Club Meeting

Thursday, April 20, 2022
in the Parish Hall
@6:00 pm.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Meeting

Thursday, April 27, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.
In the Parish Hall



**GARAGE
Sale**
**April
21st - 22nd**
@ St. Lawrence of Brindisi Catholic Church
1465 West Texas Avenue
Waskom, TX 75692
Donations appreciated!
Drop off and set up date is Thursday, April 20th
Come and support our sister church in Waskom
Food Sales and Garage Sale items

Bishop's Annual Appeal 2023

Our appeal goal is **\$16,000** and, thanks to you, as of March 2023, we have already received **\$14,508** in commitments from **34 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.



the **WORD**
among us
LENT 2017
WAB.ORG
DAILY READINGS: MARCH 1 - APRIL 19
The Word Among Us
Starting in June 2023 we will be switching over to The Word Among Us. We will continue to post donors name on the new booklets, if you wish to donate in Memory/Honor of someone.
Here are subscription options for donations
Yearly Subscription **\$950.40**
6 Month Subscription **\$475.20**
3 Month Subscription **\$237.60**
1 Month Subscription **\$79.20**
We Currently have \$687.35 towards the \$950.40
Come and Be Filled



April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month
This year a [Safe Environment Week is April 24-30](#)

We have packets with more information in the vestibule.

How to Report Abuse If you know or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult is currently being abused or is in danger, immediately report it to state/local law enforcement or the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services at **(800) 252-5400** or **txabusehotline.org**.
Call 9-1-1 in an emergency.

What's Coming & Valuable Information . . .



Divine Mercy Chaplet

Sunday April 16th

at the conclusion of the Mass

St. Faustina was a Polish nun who received visions from Jesus, including one of Jesus wearing a white garment with beams of red and white coming from His heart, which came to be known as the image of Divine Mercy. She wrote in her diary that He said: I want the Image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it...

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. According to the vision, those who receive communion and attend confession on the Feast of Mercy receive total forgiveness of sins.

Divine Mercy Sunday focuses on the gift of mercy and love given through Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. As Pope John Paul II stated, "Divine Mercy reaches human beings through the heart of Christ crucified."



Mother's Day

Remembrance Envelopes

Remember your mother in prayer during the month of May. Submission envelopes are in the vestibule.

We will continue to collect names for the Mother's Day list through the month of May so please don't hesitate to give us the names of your Mothers.



Rosary Schedule and Marian Feast Days

April 2023



SUNDAY, APRIL 2ND
PALM SUNDAY

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5TH
ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.

HOLY WEEK

THURSDAY, APRIL 6TH
HOLY THURSDAY

FRIDAY, APRIL 7TH
GOOD FRIDAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 8TH
HOLY SATURDAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 9TH
EASTER SUNDAY

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12TH
ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19TH
ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26TH
ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.