

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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Hours –Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 21, 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 May 14 2023

Total General Collection	\$1,841.00
Regular Collection	\$ 1,661.00
Online Collection	\$ 180.00
<i>Monastery of the Infant Jesus, Lufkin</i>	<i>\$349.00</i>

Thank you for your generosity!

Gift of Gratitude St. Vincent de Paul

WEEK OF 05/18/2023

**Food for the poor: # of cans & packages: 57
Families served: 6 (16 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 05/22/2023 – Liz Opiela

Week of 05/29/2023 – 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

May 21st Responsorial Psalm 27:13

*I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in
the land of the living.*

May 28th Responsorial Psalm 104:30

*Lord, send out your spirit, and renew the face of the
earth.*

Upcoming Special Collections

May 7, 2023—Fund for Those in Need

*May 14, 2023—Collection for the Monastery of
the Infant Jesus, Lufkin*

*May 21, 2023—Collection for Catholic
Communications*

Lay Ministry Schedule May/June 2023

Saturday, May 20, 2023

Susan Wise

Sunday, May 21, 2023

Philip Verhalen

Saturday, May 27, 2023

John Dockery

Sunday, May 28, 2023

Jackie Traylor

June 2023

Saturday, June 3, 2023

Johnette Grubaugh

Marguerite Hawthorne

Sunday, June 4, 2023

Roger Opiela

Irene Webster

Saturday, June 10, 2023

Pam Watts

Tammy Cornett

Sunday, June 11, 2023

Kathy Warner

Liz Opiela

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	Robert Miller
Wayman Moore	Amil Murray
Sandra Remedies	Yvonne Thompson
Rebecca Cornett Sistrunk	The Watts Family
Susan Wix	Ken Vrla

Family & Friends

May 2023

Rev. Bernard Botej	Kirk Bradly
Elizabeth Brown	Sharon DeAngelo
*Teri Flanagan	Marsha Foss
Anggie Gomez	Rita Hatami
Anthony Herman	Nancy Horn
Terry Johnson	Claire Mallet
Paul Morehead	Rev. Joseph Nasser
*Dr. John Parsons	Lissa Velasquez

April 2023

Cynthia Grillo	Beverly Heard
Roy Knight	

March 2023

Cynthia Orms	Morriss Moore
Geneva Nixon	Alisha O'Hagan
Eve Pasquale	Lee Piccolo

Pope Francis

Prayer Intentions for May 2023

For church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelisation each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

Mass Intentions – May 2023

Saturday, May 20, 2023 – For Police, Firefighters, & Hospital Workers

(Requested by Ladies Altar Society)

Sunday, May 21, 2023– For all Parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Community

Tuesday, May 23, 2023– For Trish Cancellare

Wednesday, May 24, 2023– For all the Souls in Purgatory

Friday, May 26, 2023–For all victims of gun violence

Saturday, May 27, 2023 – For the Repose of the Soul of Mary Saner

(Requested by Ladies Altar Society)

Sunday, May 28, 2023– For all Parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Community

Tuesday, May 30, 2023– For all Souls in Purgatory

(Requested by Shaw Family)

Wednesday, May 31, 2023– For Trish Cancellare

June 2023

Thursday, June 1, 2023–For the Repose of the Soul of Patricia Thorpe

(Requested by Jackie Traylor)

Friday, June 2, 2023– For all Parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Community

Saturday, June 3, 2023 9:00am – For Carter Cohn

(Requested by Kathy Warner)

Saturday, June 3, 2023 5:00pm – For the Repose of the Soul of Martin Whelan

(Requested by Kathy Warner)

Sunday, June 4, 2023– For the Repose of the Soul of Edward John Roy

(Requested by Jackie Traylor)

Tuesday, June 6, 2023– Thanksgiving for a safe delivery of Grandbaby

(Requested by Jo Miller)

Wednesday, June 7, 2023– For the Repose of the Soul of Brian Bode

(Requested by Pam Watts)

Thursday, June 8, 2023–For Chase Carter

(Requested by Kathy Warner)

Friday, June 9, 2023– For a Special Intention

(Requested by Jo Miller)

Saturday, June 10, 2023– For the Repose of the Soul of Joaquina & Panfilo Martinez

(Requested by Irene Webster)

Sunday, June 11, 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,

A person's last words before he/she dies are often regarded as being particularly important and significant. Friends and relatives will sometimes go to great lengths to carry out the final wishes or instructions of the one who has left them. There may be directions as to how their funeral is to be conducted, or messages of love and appreciation for individuals who mattered to them.

Sometimes the dying person may ask for an apology to be made to someone they feel that they have offended but with whom, for some reason or other, they have had no chance to put things right. Once this is done, the individual feels that their life's business has been concluded and that they can, in truth, depart in peace.

Our Gospel for today brings the account of the earthly story of Jesus to its end by relating the tradition of what is, in Matthew's account, the one and only meeting of the risen Jesus with his remaining eleven male disciples in Galilee – he has previously appeared only to the women. Matthew follows Mark in depicting his male followers as deserting Jesus and returning to their home region of Galilee: perhaps they were thinking that thus they would avoid the fate that befell their Master. We might note that Jesus does not scold them for their behavior, but looks to the future and the part that they will play in the continuation of his mission and the spread of the Gospel. Jesus commissions these reconciled disciples for mission: they are to "make disciples of all the nations," and the sign that someone has accepted the message is that they will be baptized. Celebrating baptism, along with the Eucharist, means that we are declaring publicly that we are disciples of Jesus.

We might remember that at the beginning of Matthew's Gospel the annunciation of the birth of Jesus is made to Joseph by an angel, the messenger of God. The child to be born is to be given the name Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." This title does not occur in the Gospel again. But its meaning returns in the final words of Jesus: "I am with you always; yes, to the end of time." The theme introduced by the angel at the beginning of the story is restated at the end: that God is with God's people, now in the person of the risen and glorified Jesus.

Jesus' ascension may suggest that he has departed from this world, and other parts of the New Testament refer to his coming again in glory at the end of time. Today's Gospel reading emphasizes that Jesus is still very much present with and among his disciples, as is shown in his symbolic name Emmanuel. In one of the accounts of the appearances of the risen Lord, he says to Mary Magdalene, "Do not touch me," which some scholars express as "Let me go!" Mary has just referred to Jesus as Rabboni, meaning "Master", or "Teacher", which shows that she is thinking of him in the way she knew him before. The Gospel text is suggesting that she, and therefore we ourselves, should be prepared to imagine Jesus in a different way and relate to him accordingly.

Jesus has not left us: he is present to his disciples today, as he was to Mary Magdalene and the other disciples, though in a different way. His final words are addressed to us: that we should continue his work of revealing what God is like by the example of our lives. Most of us are not called to go elsewhere and make disciples, but we are called on to preach the Gospel: this will not usually mean by what we say or do, but rather by the kind of person we are.

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. . . ♦



Men's Club Meeting

Thursday, May 25, 2023
in the Parish Hall
@6:00 pm.

HAPPY PENTECOST SUNDAY

Come join us for
Cake & Ice Cream to wish the
Catholic Church a
Happy Birthday!
Sunday, May 28th following
9:00 am Mass

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 21, 2023

**In Texas this day is celebrated on the Sunday
before Pentecost.**

The Ascension of Our Lord, which occurred 40 days after Jesus Christ rose from the dead on Easter, is the final act of our redemption that Christ began on Good Friday. On this day, the risen Christ, in the sight of His apostles, ascended bodily into Heaven.



K OF C 1422 Scholarship Fund SPAGHETTI DINNER

Join the Knights of Columbus as they raise money for scholarships to help further graduating students education. You can help support this event by purchasing tickets from any Knights of Columbus member.

May 21, 2023

Serving from 11:00am - 2:00pm

@St. Josephs in Marshall

For more information or to purchase
tickets contact Robert Miller

@ 903-407-1899



What's Coming & Valuable Information . . .

10th Annual Baby Bottle Campaign

Right to Life of East Texas is having a special fundraiser to support pro-life efforts in our area.

If you wish to participate, pick up your bottles and fill them with loose change, a check or any funds you wish to donate. Return them to the church or to the office.

PLEASE put your name on a piece of paper in the bottle so we know you returned it.

Donations are tax deductible.

On behalf of Right to Life of East Texas, we thank you for your generous support.

You are saving Lives.

Please return the bottles whether you donate or not as they are reused every year.

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.



Thank you to the Immaculate Conception Altar Society and to all those who contributed to the Lenten Alms Giving Dinners. Your support allows The Gabriel Project in the Diocese of Tyler to continue our efforts to promote LIFE here in East Texas.

*"Good works are links that form a chain of love."
— Saint Mother Teresa*

www.gabrielprojecteasttexas.org 888-300-5112

Immaculate Conception Church

Financial Summary

		December 31, 2022	March 31, 2023
Cash Accounts	Checking	39,628	51,664
	For Those in Need-Social Service Ministry	6,553	3,034
	Savings	230,834	230,834
		277,015	285,532
Income	Collections	97,841	23,781
	For Those in Need-Social Service Ministry	6,108	1,445
	Gifts & Donations	4,435	175
	Memorial Gifts	2,950	250
	Interest Earned	2,907	2
	Rental Income	610	0
	Insurance Recoveries	0	129,767
	Foundation Funding for Utilities	33,875	0
	Priests for Tomorrow Collections	2,877	0
	Reimbursements	216	0
		151,819	155,420
Expenses	Pastoral	58,082	8,439
	Liturgy	3,840	824
	Religious Formation-Youth	16	0
	Religious Formation-Adults	315	24
	Social Service Ministry	9,739	5,419
	Plant Operations & Maintenance	27,080	6,359
	Repairs-Storm Damage	0	116,233
	Parish Administration	34,421	5,175
	Parish Assessment-Diocese	7,734	1,984
	Property & Casualty Insurance	8,323	2,203
		149,550	146,659
Net Income		2,269	8,761

Rosary Schedule and Marian Feast Days May 2023



WEDNESDAY, MAY 3RD
ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10TH
ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, MAY 13TH
OUR LADY OF FATIMA

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17TH
ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, MAY 21ST
SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24TH
ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, MAY 28TH
PENTECOST SUNDAY

MONDAY, MAY 29TH
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31ST
ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.
THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY