

# 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.

MATT. 10:31

SO DON'T BE AFRAID;  
you are worth more than many sparrows.



## 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  
903-360-6925

### Immaculate Conception Parish Office

209 W Lafayette St

Phone: 903-665-2869

Hours –Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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

**TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**JUNE 25, 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 June 18, 2023

**Total General Collection \$828.00**  
Regular Collection \$ 648.00  
Online Collection \$ 180.00

*Priest Pension Fund of the Diocese \$322.00*

**Thank you for your generosity!**

## Gift of Gratitude St. Vincent de Paul

*WEEK OF 06/22/2023*

*Food for the poor: # of cans & packages: 0  
Families served: 1 (8 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 06/26/2023 – Collette Dockery**

**Week of 07/03/2023 – Johnette Grubaugh**

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)

### 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.

## Upcoming Special Collections

*July 2, 2023— Pontifical Collection for  
Peter's Pence*

*July 9, 2023— Fund for Those in Need*

*July 23, 2023— Collection for the  
Church in Africa*

## Lay Ministry Schedule June 2023

Saturday, June 17, 2023

Collette Dockery

John Dockery

Sunday, June 18, 2023

Philip Verhalen

Sharon Verhalen

Saturday, June 24, 2023

Susan Wise

Johnette Grubaugh

Sunday, June 25, 2023

Colette Hines

Jackie Traylor

### July 2023

Saturday, July 1, 2023

Tammy Cornett

Pam Watts

Sunday, July 2, 2023

Irene Webster

Roger Opiela

Saturday, July 8, 2023

John Dockery

Collette Dockery

Sunday, July 9, 2023

Liz Opiela

Kathy Warner

## June 25<sup>th</sup> Responsorial Psalm 69

*Lord, in your great love, answer me.*

## July 2<sup>nd</sup> Responsorial Psalm 89

*For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.*



### Prayer List

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

#### **Parishioners**

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
Suzanne Wix	Ken Vrla

#### **Family & Friends**

##### June 2023

*Bill Deware	Marsha Foss
Regina Guel	Nancy Horn
Mary Mallet	*Linda McCacken
Paul Morehead	Rev. Joseph Nasser
Jack Parker	Dr. John Parsons
Claire Rose	*Emerson S.
Lissa Velasquez	

##### May 2023

Rev. Bernard Botej	Kirk Bradley
Elizabeth Brown	Sharon DeAngelo
Rita Hatami	Anthony Herman
Terry Johnson	

##### April 2023

Cynthia Grillo	Beverly Heard
Roy Knight	Lee Piccolo

### **Pope Francis**

### **Prayer Intentions for June 2023**

#### **For the abolition of torture**

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

### **Mass Intentions – June 2023**

**Saturday, June 24, 2023**– For the Repose of the Soul of Randy Webster

*(Requested by Irene Webster)*

**Sunday, June 25, 2023**– For all Parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Community

**Tuesday, June 27, 2023**– For Andrea Watts Ramsey & Family

*(Requested by Pam Watts)*

**Wednesday, June 28, 2023**– For Natalie Watts Penny & Family

*(Requested by Pam Watts)*

**Thursday, June 29, 2023**–For Kristal Vega

*(Requested by Kathy Warner)*

**Friday, June 30, 2023**– For the Repose of the Soul of Rosemary Moore

*(Requested by Pam Watts)*

### **July 2023**

**Saturday, July 1, 2023 9:00am**– For Hunter Duryea & Family

*(Requested by John & Collette Dockery)*

**Saturday, July 1, 2023 5:00pm**– For Fr. Isaac

*(Requested by Scott & Jennifer Stewart)*

**Sunday, July 2, 2023**– For all Parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Community

**Tuesday, July 4, 2023**– For the Repose of the Soul of Stanley Vrla

*(Requested by Ken & Suzanne Vrla)*

**Wednesday, July 5, 2023**– For the Repose of the Soul of Mrs. Jane Harris

**Thursday, July 6, 2023**–For Ricky Carter

*(Requested by Kathy Warner)*

**Friday, July 7, 2023**– For the Repose of the Soul of Randy Webster

*(Requested by Steve & Peg Spilker)*

**Saturday, July 8, 2023**– For Ed Duryea & Family

*(Requested by John & Collette Dockery)*

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

**Tuesday, July 11, 2023**– For the Green Family

**Wednesday, July 12, 2023**– For Roy Knight

**Thursday, July 13, 2023**–For all the Souls in Purgatory

**Friday, July 14, 2023**– For Taylor Watts

*(Requested by John & Collette)*

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 mother took her little baby to the doctor. "He won't stop crying," she told him. The doctor looked at her and replied, "All the Jewish babies are crying now." The year was 1944 and German tanks were rolling into Budapest, Hungary. The anxiety gripping mothers was contagious and causing their little children to live in fear as well. Fearing for her child, the mother later gave him away to a stranger to look after for a month. This event caused the child to feel that he had been totally abandoned. As things turned out, mother and child survived and in 1956, they made a new life in Canada. The child grew up and became a teacher, then a family doctor and then a psychologist. He became familiar with human pain and suffering, both in his patients and also in his own life and behaviors. He began to understand the root cause of our addictions in our suffering and in our attempts to overcome that suffering. Understanding trauma became his life's great work. Trauma is not the event that occurs in our life but what happens to us inside as a result of that event.

An old man now, this doctor is the Hungarian-Canadian psychologist Gabor Mate. He has shared his knowledge and understanding in books and lectures and in online videos, helping us to understand better the meaning of the addictions, and of our struggles to be simply human. His teaching echoes the words of Jesus today: "Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear."

"Do not be afraid" is a frequent and consoling saying on the lips of Jesus. He says these words to us because we are often afraid. We fear the unknown. We fear what we cannot control. We fear to have arguments with people. We fear losing their approval or their love. We fear illness and disease. We fear what tomorrow may bring. We fear death. There are so many things in this world to fear.

Simply being told not to be afraid does not sound like a remedy for our fear, but the Lord gives us a great reason not to be afraid. Someone is watching over you. Someone knows you very well and loves you for yourself. Jesus is telling us that we are not abandoned children. We are greatly loved by God, who is our Father. Our strength is in God our Father, and we are his children.

In his own life Jesus attracted opposition and eventually hostility. Because of his confidence in God his Father, he did not fear his opponents. He felt confident to stand his ground. It was only when his enemies closed in on him, in the garden of Gethsemane, that he felt fear, the fear of the physical torment he was about to meet. His sweat fell like drops of blood. Luke's Gospel tells us that in that moment an angel was sent to comfort him, to strengthen him and to recharge his resolve. John's Gospel tells us that when the soldiers came, Jesus asked them, "Who are you looking for?" From that moment his fear subsided and his self-awareness returned as he stood before Pilate and his court for trial.

If we are loved in life we have every reason not to be afraid, for love drives out fear. Our attachment to those who love us – parents, husband, wife, children, relatives and friends – gives us the warmth that scatters the cold. In our turn it becomes our vocation to free others from the fears that threaten them. Many of those fears are deeply buried inside people, unseen by us yet robbing them of peace. It is in our power, the power of God's love, to pray for one another and by our kind-heartedness to help people not to be afraid.

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. . . .

FATHER'S DAY  
REMEMBRANCE ENVELOPES  
June 18, 2023

On this Father's Day we will  
honor all the Fathers  
both those in our Memories  
and those currently in our life.

Remember your Father  
in prayer during the  
month of June.  
Submission envelopes  
are in the vestibule.

### Bishop's Annual Appeal 2023

Our appeal goal is **\$16,000** and, thanks to you, as of  
**June 2023**, we have already  
received **\$17,808** in commitments from **41 donors**.  
Thank you for your participation so far and in  
praying for our success.

### FIRST SATURDAY MASS

**July 1, 2023**

**Mass @9:00 am**

### FIRST FRIDAY MASS

**July 7, 2023**

**Mass @9:00 am**

**Followed by Adoration and  
Benediction  
Confession available during  
Adoration**

Tyler, TX  
July 16-21, 2023

"CHRISTIAN, RECOGNIZE YOUR DIGNITY" *St. Leo the Great*

**EAST TEXAS PRO-LIFE  
Teen Leadership Camp**

where tomorrow's leaders strengthen in love, knowledge, and virtue

# 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.**

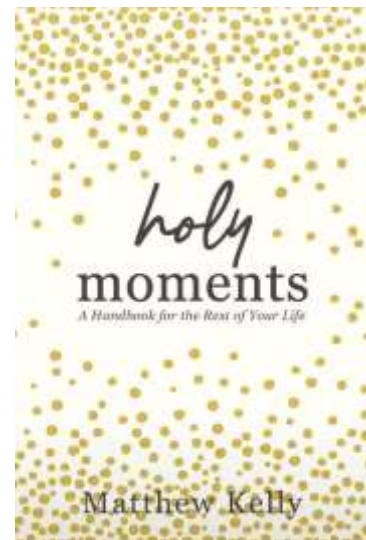
**Return them to the church or to the office.**

**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.**



We have the "Holy Moments" book out in the vestibule, be sure to pick yourself a book. Feel free to take extras for family members or friends. These books are a gift from  
Bishop Strickland.



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](http://www.gabrielprojecteasttexas.org) 888-300-5112

## LOST AND FOUND

**IF YOU BELIEVE YOU HAVE LOST SOMETHING IN THE  
CHURCH COME BY THE OFFICE OR CONTACT US**

Call us @ (903) - 665 - 2869  
Email us @ [Icccjeferson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Icccjeferson@sbcglobal.net)



# Rosary Schedule and Marian Feast Days June 2023



**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup>**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup>**  
**ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.**

**THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)**  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup>**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup>**  
**ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.**

**THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS**  
**FRIDAY, JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup>**

**THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup>**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup>**  
**ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup>**  
**ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.**