

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.

COME to me, all you
who are WEARY and
BURDENED, and I will
give you REST.

MATTHEW 11:28

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.

Email: icccjefferson@sbcglobal.net

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

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 9, 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 July 02, 2023

Total General Collection \$2,061.00

Regular Collection \$ 1,881.00

Online Collection \$ 180.00

Pontifical Collection for Peter's Pence \$390.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Gift of Gratitude St. Vincent de Paul

WEEK OF 07/06/2023

Food for the poor: # of cans & packages: 30

Families served: 8 (13 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 07/10/2023 – Anita Hall

Week of 07/17/2023 – Marguerite Hawthorne

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

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.

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, 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

Saturday, July 15, 2023

Johnette Grubaugh

Susan Wise

Sunday, July 16, 2023

Jackie Traylor

Troy Hines

Saturday, July 22, 2023

Pam Watts

Tammy Cornett

Sunday, July 23, 2023

Sharon Verhalen

Philip Verhalen

July 9th Responsorial Psalm 145

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

July 16th Responsorial Psalm 65

The seed that falls on good will yield a fruitful harvest.



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

July 2023

Bill Deware	Rogelio Guel
Roy Hall	Linda McCacken
Rev. Joseph Nasser	Emerson S.

June 2023

Marsha Foss	Regina Guel
Rita Hatami	Anthony Herman
Nancy Horn	Terry Johnson
Mary Mallet	Paul Morehead
Dr. John Parsons	Claire Rose
Lissa Velasquez	

May 2023

Rev. Bernard Botej	Kirk Bradly
Elizabeth Brown	Sharon DeAngelo

Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for July 2023

For a Eucharistic Life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

Mass Intentions – 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 Bishop Strickland Joseph

(Requested by Jo Miller)

Friday, July 14, 2023– For Taylor Watts

(Requested by John & Collette)

Saturday, July 15, 2023– For Melissa Velasquez

(Requested by Steve & Peg Spilker)

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

Tuesday, July 18, 2023– For Charles Cancellare

Wednesday, July 19, 2023– For the Repose of the Soul of Brian Bode

(Requested by Pam Watts)

Thursday, July 20, 2023–For Trish Cancellare

Friday, July 21, 2023– For the Repose of the Soul of Stefanie Brumer

(Requested by the Gabriel Project)

Saturday, July 22, 2023– For the Repose of the Soul of Panfilo Martinez

(Requested by Irene Webster)

Sunday, July 23, 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,

An elderly man loved to tell of his most embarrassing moment – how one morning he sent a squirt of hairspray over the few hairs he still had left. Then, a glance in the mirror, and he realized it wasn't a can of hairspray but of shaving foam that he had in his hand. His first reaction was a bemused smile; his second, a relieved murmur: "Thank goodness no one can see me now." I suspect we are all a bit like that: a deep-seated pride doesn't want us to let others see our stupidities and inadequacies, but above all our sinfulness.

If that's the way we sometimes feel, the readings today bring us good news. In the Gospel, it's as though the Lord is saying to us, "Whatever be your worries and concerns, whatever be your sins, don't be afraid; come as you are. I understand your fears, your anxieties, your weaknesses, your struggles, the things that get you down. I know your sins, too, but love you no less because of them. We hear Prophet Zechariah reminding his people of the lesson they should have learned from all that they'd gone thru since God rescued them from a life of slavery in Egypt: money and fame, riches and prosperity are not necessarily a sign of God's favor. When the humble Messiah comes there will be none of the display that awaited a king in ancient times: no horses and chariots, no musical fanfares, no runner going ahead to announce the royal progress; instead, he will make his first public appearance before his people riding on a lowly donkey.

In the Gospel we meet the humble Messiah king. Jesus is praying, and we are able to eavesdrop on what he says. Five times over he addresses God as "Father" and rejoices in the unique bond that binds together God the Father and God the Son. In particular, he gives thanks that God the Father is revealed not to the learned and clever (or think they do), those who know it all, but rather to those who have the childlike attitude of knowing that they have the need of the heavenly Father.

If you have that childlike attitude, Jesus says that if you turn to him you will find the deep-down peace you yearn for. In Jesus' time, it was customary to compare the Law of God to a yoke, the contraption a farmer used to bring the cattle safely home. Jesus says he is like a kind of yoke: a yoke, he explains, that is easy, a burden that is light to bear. The Greek word for "easy" can also mean "well-fitting". An animal would first be measured for its yoke and then brought back to make sure it fitted well. So Jesus says that his yoke fits well. It may feel like a burden at times; but even if it may appear heavy and demanding, it's made to measure, and with Jesus' help, he says, it will never be too much for us.

There is a sense of joy running thru today's Mass. "Rejoice heart and soul Shout with gladness." This is from the opening verse of the first reading; then, in the Gospel, it's a joyful prayer that Jesus raises to his Father. The greeting at every Mass, "The Lord be with you," is Jesus welcoming us into his presence; the bread and wine that will become his body and blood are a living icon of all that Jesus has done for us and an assurance that he will ease our burdens and make them light. Finally, the moment of Holy Communion is a moment when Jesus assures us that if we search for genuine, everlasting rest and joy, then we shall find them in him alone. We may make many embarrassing mistakes in life, but there could be no greater mistake than to imagine that anything less than God could ever bring us the joy and happiness for which God created us.

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

Finance Council Meeting

Thursday, July 20, 2023
@6:00 pm
In the Parish Hall

Men's Club Meeting

Thursday, July 27, 2023
in the Parish Hall
@6:00 pm.



PRIESTS FOR TOMORROW
TEACHERS OF TRUTH

Priests for Tomorrow

Update as of 07/01/23

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 07/01/23 we have received \$57,720.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Goal: (Meta)	\$150,000.00
Pledges: (Promesas)	\$111,240.00
Payment Received: (Pagos recibidos)	\$57,720.00 (53.8%)
Remaining Balance: (Balance)	\$53,520.00 (47.2%)

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

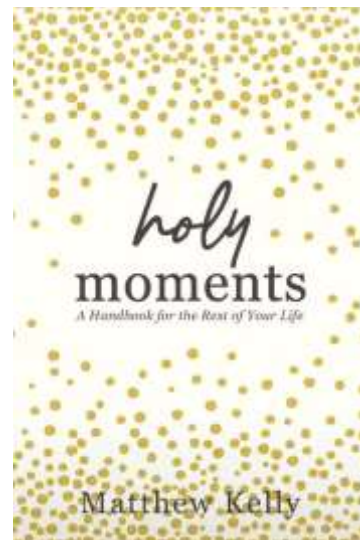
Baby Bottles need to be returned by **July 30th. You can return them into the baby gift bag in the vestibule.**

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

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!!*



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 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 @ Icccjefferson@sbcglobal.net

Rosary Schedule and Marian Feast Days July 2023



WEDNESDAY, JULY 5
ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.

ST.MARIA GORETTI VIRGIN & MARTYR
SATURDAY, JULY 6TH

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

ST.BONAVENTURE BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
SATURDAY, JULY 15TH

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

ST.MARY MAGDALENE
SATURDAY, JULY 22ND

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