

# 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 Gabriel Uzundu

903-907-1446

### 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](mailto:icccjefferson@sbcglobal.net)

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

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**JULY 23, 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 16, 2023**

<b>Total General Collection</b>	<b>\$1,481.00</b>
Regular Collection	\$ 1,301.00
Online Collection	\$ 180.00

Thank you for your generosity!

## Gift of Gratitude St. Vincent de Paul

**WEEK OF 07/20/2023**

**Food for the poor: # of cans & packages: 37  
Families served: 8 (22 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!**

## 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.

## Altar Care

**Week of 07/24/2023 – Liz Opiela**

**Week of 07/31/2023 – 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](mailto:icccjefferson@sbcglobal.net)

## Upcoming Special Collections

**July 9, 2023— Fund for Those in Need**  
**July 23, 2023— Collection for the**  
**Church in Africa**

## Lay Ministry Schedule June 2023

Saturday, July 22, 2023

**Pam Watts**

Sunday, July 23, 2023

**Sharon Verhalen**

Saturday, July 29, 2023

**Collette Dockery**

Sunday, July 30, 2023

**Roger Opiela**

## August 2023

Saturday, August 5, 2023

**Susan Wise**

Sunday, August 6, 2023

**Troy Hines**

Saturday, August 12, 2023

**Tammy Cornett**

Sunday, August 13, 2023

**Irene Webster**

Saturday, August 19, 2023

**John Dockery**

Sunday, August 20, 2023

**Colette Hines**

**July 23<sup>rd</sup> Responsorial**  
**Psalm 86**

**Lord, you are good and forgiving.**

**July 30<sup>th</sup> Responsorial**  
**Psalm 119**

**Lord, I love your commands.**



### 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	Donald Licht
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

### Mass Intentions – July 2023

**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  
**Tuesday, July 25, 2023**– For Victims of Gun Violence  
**Wednesday, July 26, 2023**– For the Repose of the Soul of Rose Mary Moore  
*(Requested by Pam Watts)*  
**Thursday, July 27, 2023**–For the Repose of the Soul of Mike Moore  
*(Requested by Pam Watts)*  
**Friday, July 28, 2023**– For Rita Hatami  
**Saturday, July 29, 2023**– For the Repose of the Soul of Archie Jones  
**Sunday, July 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.**

### **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.

### **LOST AND FOUND**

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

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 Email us @ [Icccjefferson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Icccjefferson@sbcglobal.net)



# A Message from Msgr. Zach

Dear Friends,

The city of Norwich, in the county of Norfolk, is the largest city in the East Anglia region of England. It's well known for its two cathedrals, Anglican and Catholic, and its mediaeval cobbled streets, as well as for its football team, known as "the Canaries" because of the color of their shirts. But it's also known for Julian of Norwich, a woman who lived in the fourteenth century. Julian became an anchoress. Living her life alone in a cell attached to a church in the city, she devoted herself to prayer, meditation and study. It was as if she was dead to this world and alive completely to God. As such she was highly regarded by the people of the town, who valued her as a spiritual treasure and resource, to whom they would go for counsel and advice in the troubles of life. The world of those days had many troubles to cope with. The Black Death had decimated the population. Wars were frequent and there was social turmoil all around. Julian had suffered her own bout of illness that had brought her to death's door, and it was her recovery from that illness that led her subsequent life of prayer, lived faithfully in the midst of a busy town. Long after her death, her writings were discovered and published as the book Revelations of Divine Love, in which Julian has left us a deeply powerful teaching about God's love for us. In her own words she tells us, "All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well."

Our world, like Julian's world, is full of woe. The airwaves are filled with noisy rancor and argument. Famine, drought and disease afflict people in many countries around the world. Climate change, and the environmental devastation that it can bring, is a growing threat. Wars continue and people struggle to live safe and secure lives. It is easy to lose heart, to give up the fight and to lose all hope for better days. At times it seems as if evil is all around us, and God does nothing. Such thoughts are very tempting. Indeed many people conclude that there can be no God if this is how the world is allowed to be.

Jesus must have been aware of thoughts and attitudes such as these. Why does such cruelty and injustice go unpunished? Today we hear a story that Jesus told, a parable, a picture to help us understand why the world is the way it is. A field of wheat gently growing is damaged by the introduction and planting of dandelion, which looks very much the same as wheat, but which is in fact poisonous. Shall we uproot it? No. Let things be till harvest time, and then all shall be put right. It is hard to be patient with the hurt and harm we see being done in our world. But we cannot mend this broken world ourselves, and violent force will not solve our problems. God is patient, which means God suffers, and that is the road we can follow.

In the teaching of Julian of Norwich we hear that the love of Jesus for us is as a mother's love. It is that tender, and that consoling and that powerful. Love such as this can bring healing balm to our world. Love is the greatest healing power that we can know. It embraces us always and heals all our hurts. Such is the love of Jesus for us. We see it displayed most powerfully in the arms of the Lord extended on the cross. This was the very vision that Julian saw in her own days of illness and near death. This is the message she gives for our salvation.

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. . . .

### **"How to protect yourself from Being Euthanized"**

Join **MARK HENRY**  
to learn more about this  
important topic.

**Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:30 pm at the**  
**Cathedral in the Parish Hall.**



**Mark Henry**

Mark has spoken on pro-life issues and other stewardship matters at many different Catholic venues including national television programs, national and regional, dioceses, parishes and other forums.

### **FIRST FRIDAY MASS**

**August 4, 2023**

**Mass @9:00 am**

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

### **FIRST SATURDAY MASS**

**August 5, 2023**

**Mass @9:00 am**



### **10TH ANNUAL BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN**

Baby Bottles need to be returned by **July 30<sup>th</sup>**.  
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!!*

**Eucharistic Minister**  
**We are in need some of'**  
**Eucharistic Ministers.**  
**Training will be provided**  
**for returning & new Ministers.**

**If you are interested**  
**sign up sheet**  
**is out in the vestibule.**

**Contact the office for more**  
**information or questions.**

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or call 903-665-2869



# What's Coming & Valuable Information . . .

Event hosted by the Department of Family Life



## NFP WEEK 2023



Wed, JULY 26 - Sat, JULY 29



### What is NFP WEEK?

Natural Family Planning Awareness Week is a national educational campaign promoted each year around the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Humanae Vitae* (July 25) which articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, conjugal love, and responsible parenthood. This year in the Diocese of Tyler, we are expanding the conversation to include educational opportunities for both body literacy and fertility awareness/NFP.



WED - JULY 26	THURS - JULY 27	FRI - JULY 28	SAT - JULY 29
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>CYCLE PREP LIVE</b> Workshop 6:00 - 8:30 pm St. Mary Magdalene, Flint</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>PARISH LEADER</b> Workshop 11:00 am - 2:30 pm St. Paul Meeting Room</li><li>• <b>BODY LITERACY for SINGLE WOMEN</b> - 7:00 - 9:00 pm St. John Paul II Center</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>PERIMENOPAUSE PREP</b> Ladies' Night 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm Cathedral Center</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>NFP AMBASSADOR</b> Training Retreat 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Wellspring Fransalain Center for Spirituality</li></ul>

LEARN MORE AT:

<http://stphilipinstitute.org/events>



PEARL & THISTLE  
with Christina Valenzuela



# Rosary Schedule and Marian Feast Days July 2023



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

**ST.MARIA GORETTI VIRGIN & MARTYR**  
**SATURDAY, JULY 6<sup>TH</sup>**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 12<sup>TH</sup>**  
**ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.**

**ST.BONAVENTURE BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**  
**SATURDAY, JULY 15<sup>TH</sup>**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 19<sup>TH</sup>**  
**ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.**

**ST.MARY MAGDALENE**  
**SATURDAY, JULY 22<sup>ND</sup>**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 26<sup>TH</sup>**  
**ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.**