

# 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>

**19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**AUGUST 13, 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 August 6, 2023**

<b>Total General Collection</b>	<b>\$2,190.00</b>
Regular Collection	\$ 1,910.00
Online Collection	\$ 280.00

**Those in Need** \$ 1,173.00

Thank you for your generosity!

## Gift of Gratitude St. Vincent de Paul

**WEEK OF 08/10/2023**

**Food for the poor: # of cans & packages: 19  
Families served: 9 (21 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 08/14/2023 – Andrea Bautista**

**Week of 08/21/2023 – Tammy Cornett**

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

**August 6, 2023— Fund for Those in Need**

**August 13, 2023— Collection for Heat Relief  
(Special Collection)**

**August 15, 2023— Solemnity of the Assumption  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

## Lay Ministry Schedule 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**

**Saturday, August 26, 2023**

**Johnette Grubaugh**

**Sunday, August 27, 2023**

**Liz Opiela**

If you are interested in becoming a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Altar Server, Usher, or Cantor please let us know.

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

or call 903-665-2869

## August 13<sup>th</sup> Responsorial Psalm 85

**Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us  
your salvation.**

## August 20<sup>th</sup> Responsorial Psalm 67

**O God, let all the nations praise you!**



### 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**

##### August 2023

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

##### July 2023

Marsha Foss	Nancy Horn
Mary Mallet	Paul Morehead
Dr. John Parsons	Claire Rose
Lissa Velasquez	

##### June 2023

Regina Guel	Rita Hatami
Anthony Herman	Terry Johnson

### Mass Intentions – August 2023

**Tuesday, August 1, 2023**– For the People in Ukraine  
**Wednesday, August 2, 2023**– For all the Souls in Purgatory  
**Thursday, August 3, 2023**–For all our Priest in the Diocese

*(Requested by Jo Miller)*

**Friday, August 4, 2023**– For Brian Bode

*(Requested by Pam Watts)*

**Saturday, August 5, 2023 9:00 am**– For Kendal Whelan

*(Requested by Kathy Warner)*

**Saturday, August 5, 2023 5:00 pm**– For Peggy & Steve Spilker daughter Lissa Velasquez

*(Requested by Jo Miller)*

**Sunday, August 6, 2023**– For all Parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Community

**Tuesday, August 8, 2023**– For John Parsons

*(Requested by Jo Miller)*

**Wednesday, August 9, 2023**– For all the Souls in Purgatory

**Thursday, August 10, 2023**–For Shanna & Gary Brown

*(Requested by John & Collette Dockery)*

**Friday, August 11, 2023**– For all the Souls in Purgatory

*(Requested by Shaw Family)*

**Saturday, August 12, 2023**– For the Repose of the Soul of

Wayne Adamik

*(Requested by John & Collette Dockery)*

**Sunday, August 13, 2023**– For all Parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Community

**Tuesday, August 15, 2023**– For all the Souls in Purgatory

*(Requested by Shaw Family)*

**Wednesday, August 16, 2023**– For the Repose of the Soul of Mike Moore

*(Requested by Pam Watts)*

**Thursday, August 17, 2023**– For the People in Ukraine

**Saturday, August 19, 2023**– For the Repose of the Soul of Adron Miller

*(Requested by Jo Miller)*

**Sunday, August 20, 2023**– For all Parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Community

**Tuesday, August 22, 2023**– For the Repose of the Soul of Martha Vrla

*(Requested by Ken & Suzanne Vrla)*

**Sunday, August 27, 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 August 2023**

#### **For World Youth Day**

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.



# A Message from Msgr. Zach

Dear Friends,

In August last year more than eight thousand people crossed the English Channel in small boats from mainland Europe, attempting to reach Britain. Even in the summer such crossings can be precarious. The small boats are often in poor condition and overcrowded. In November 2021 a boat capsized, taking thirty-one lives, after the passengers desperately called for help for six hours. The dinghy floundered in choppy waters without rescue.

The 2019 film *The Flood* gives insight into fears of passengers in a small boat on a rough sea. Asylum seekers Haile from Eritrea, is in a boat full of refugees crossing the Mediterranean. It is buffeted by large waves and springs a leak. Despite the frantic efforts of the passengers to shovel the water out with their hands the boat sinks. Haile survives but we later see him on a beach in Italy littered with life jackets, remnants from many similar journeys. Several thousand refugees are killed crossing the Mediterranean and seas around Western Europe every year, and thousands more face a perilous journey as the water lashing around their unseaworthy inflatable boats threatens to end their lives. Throughout Haile's trials in the water and on land he has faith in God. During his time in a refugee camp in Northern France, waiting for an opportunity to travel to England, we see Haile seeking comfort in prayer at the makeshift church in the camp.

Today's Gospel tells a story about fear of drowning and faith in God. It comes on the heels of the feeding of the five thousand but it was the miracle of Jesus walking on the water that convinced Jesus' disciples that he was indeed the Son of God. The story unfolds on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus had suggested the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side while he prayed alone, but they were not able to cross with the storm battering their boat. They were terrified and were reassured only when Jesus walked to them across the water, pulling Peter out of the water on the way. When Jesus got into the boat the wind ceased.

The story demonstrates that Jesus is Lord of the wind and sea, and also compassionate in serving others. It helps establish the identity of Jesus. This is the first time Jesus is called the Son of God by the disciples, a statement that builds on what they had said earlier about him: "Whatever kind of man is this? Even the winds and the sea obey him" Here they answer their own question: "Truly you are the Son of God."

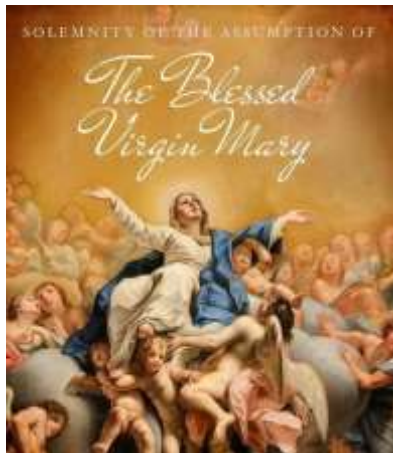
Jesus is shown to be compassionate and merciful in today's Gospel, but he also has the power to defy the laws of nature. Sometimes turbulent places are also "thin places," where God breaks thru. It is the nature of faith to be willing to throw oneself into a disorderly world and hope to encounter Jesus there. And, as Peter discovered Jesus extends life-giving stability amidst chaos and danger. He has compassion for the people fearing for their lives. The story prompts reflection about who Jesus is and about the nature of faith. Just as Jesus puts out his hand and holds Peter, he can also grasp us by the hand when we sink into our own seas of worries at times. Often we fear the difficult experiences of life such as illness, loss of loved ones, and financial hardships, only to discover that these experiences can bring Jesus closer to us. It is our mission to reach out to others who are suffering and fearful, just as Jesus did.

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. . . .



Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**August, Monday 14, 2023**  
**@6:00 pm**

### *Marian Center Meeting*

Wednesday, August 16, 2023  
Following Rosary at 6:00pm  
Everyone is Welcome!

### **Parish Council Meeting**

Thursday, August 17, 2023  
@6:00 pm  
In the Parish Hall

### **Finance Council Meeting**

Thursday, August 24, 2023  
@6:00 pm  
In the Parish Hall

### **Men's Club Meeting**

Thursday, August 31, 2023  
in the Parish Hall  
@6:00 pm.

**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.

Email us @ [icccjefferson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:icccjefferson@sbcglobal.net)  
or call 903-665-2869

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We will continue to post donors  
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wish to donate in Memory/Honor of  
someone. Pick up donation form in  
the vestibule or office.

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for donations

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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



# What's Coming & Valuable Information . . .



SANCTITY OF LIFE ACTION COMMITTEE INVITES YOU:

## LIFE MATTERS BIOETHICS CONFERENCE

August 19, 2023

HOLIDAY INN & CONFERENCE CENTER



Great Speakers such as Bishop Strickland,  
Deacon Dr. Patrick Lappert, Dr's. Jose & Stacy Trasancos, and more!

Early Bird tickets \$75 ends August 4th

Sponsor a priest or student for \$25

Includes meals

FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO FIND TICKETS

[WWW.SANCTITYOFLIFETYLER.ORG](http://WWW.SANCTITYOFLIFETYLER.ORG)

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



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

## Rosary Schedule and Marian Feast Days August 2023



**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2<sup>ND</sup>**  
**ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.**

**THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**  
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup>**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9<sup>TH</sup>**  
**ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.**

**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**  
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup>**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16<sup>TH</sup>**  
**ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.**

**THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**  
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 22<sup>ND</sup>**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23<sup>RD</sup>**  
**ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30<sup>TH</sup>**  
**ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.**