

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

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

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 20, 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 13, 2023

Total General Collection	\$1,515.00
Regular Collection	\$ 1,335.00
Online Collection	\$ 180.00
Heat Relief	\$ 130.00
Holy Day	\$ 412.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Gift of Gratitude St. Vincent de Paul

WEEK OF 08/17/2023

**Food for the poor: # of cans & packages: 16
Families served: 15 (31 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.
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.

Altar Care

Week of 08/21/2023 – Tammy Cornett

Week of 08/28/2023 – Collette Dockery

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

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 19, 2023

John Dockery

Sunday, August 20, 2023

Colette Hines

Saturday, August 26, 2023

Johnette Grubaugh

Sunday, August 27, 2023

Liz Opiela

September 2023

Saturday, September 2, 2023

Pam Watts

Sunday, September 3, 2023

Jackie Traylor

Saturday, September 9, 2023

Collette Dockery

Sunday, September 10, 2023

Roger 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

or call 903-665-2869

August 20th Responsorial Psalm 67

O God, let all the nations praise you!

August 27th Responsorial Psalm 138

**Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the
work of your hands.**



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
Ken Vrla	

Family & Friends

August 2023

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

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

Friday, August 18, 2023– For the Repose of the Soul of
Susan Wise

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)

Wednesday, August 23, 2023– For the Repose of the Soul
of Mother Mary Elizabeth Lanqe

Thursday, August 24, 2023– For the Repose of the Soul of
Susan Wise

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,

"Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door." These words come from the poem "The New Colossus," written by American poet Emma Lazarus, inscribed on a bronze plaque inside the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty. It is the most well-known example of a country expressing a welcome to refugees to its shores. It would be rare to find its equivalent anywhere in the world today. It may not have inspired American practice for more than a couple of decades, but during those years many thousands flocked to American shores. Most were processed thru the nearby Ellis Island, which had hospitals for checking out infectious diseases and different disabilities, not to refuse entry but to establish how best to care for the different conditions.

This would change by the 1920s when the economic recession and the growing influence of the theories of eugenics turned this attitude of welcome round, only allowing in those who were fit and able to contribute in an obvious way to the further development of the American way of life. By the 1950s Ellis Island would be closed, and the symbol of the recent attitude towards refugees is the wall being constructed on the Mexican border.

The attitude of the people of Israel to outsiders in the Old Testament swings between two extremes. There is a fearfulness of the hostility of surrounding foes, but there is also an ongoing attraction to their gods and practices. The prophets in particular weigh against this temptation and threaten its perpetrators with exile and destruction. At the same time there is a growing sense of the universal power of their God and a sense that all peoples will be called to the recognition of God and ensuing salvation.

How welcoming to the strangers are we? For many of us the stranger can be a source of fear and danger rather than the friend we have not yet met. Our society's attitude towards refugees and economic immigrants is all too often unwelcoming and even hostile. Within our church practices we also face a difficult conundrum in our response to those we see as outsiders. If God's salvation is open to all, why do we refuse outsiders full participation in the Eucharist? This could apply whether we are talking about those who may share elements of faith with us or those who are in irregular marriage or partnership relationships. Is there a way forward?

First of all, we can take heart from the fact that things are not as cut and dried as they might first appear. Many refugees and immigrants do eventually find entry and acceptance, even if that journey may be difficult and protracted. And in the Church it's possible for outsiders now to be offered full access to the Eucharist at times such as weddings or funerals, when the desire for unity on such occasions takes precedence over the unity we have still to reach. Following the lead of Jesus, our first step may be to have the conversation with those seeking a welcome. As we come to know them better we may find shared understanding. Secondly, we are called to look forward rather than always define ourselves by the past. How could things be different in a way that would reflect greater unity rather than disunity? Looking to the past may help inform our understanding, but we also need the future, even if it means a step into the unknown.

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. . . .

Susan Wise, a long-time member of Immaculate Conception Church, went to be with our Lord on Wednesday, August 17, 2023.

May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Please pray for Susan and for her family in this time of grief.

Finance Council Meeting

Thursday, August 24, 2023

@6:00 pm

In the Parish Hall

the WORD among us® The Word Among Us

We will continue to post donors name on the new booklets, if you wish to donate in Memory/Honor of someone. Pick up donation form in the vestibule or office.

Here are subscription options for donations

Yearly Subscription **\$950.40**
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

Services for Susan Wise



August 25th

Rosary- 6:00pm - 6:30pm

Visitation - 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Location:

Haggard Funeral Home

203 E Clarksville St

Jefferson, TX 75657

August 26th

Funeral Mass: 11:00am

@Immaculate Conception

Lunch to follow in the Parish Hall

If you would like to bring a side dish/dessert please drop off before the funeral mass in the Parish Hall.

Men's Club Meeting

Thursday, August 31, 2023

in the Parish Hall

@6:00 pm.

What's Coming & Valuable Information . . .



PRIESTS_{FOR}TOMORROW
TEACHERS OF TRUTH

Priests for Tomorrow

Update as of 06/30/23

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 06/30/23 we have received \$58,420.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Goal: (Meta)	\$150,000.00
Pledges: (Promesas)	\$111,240.00
Payment Received: (Pagos recibidos)	\$55,920.00 (38.9%)
Remaining Balance: (Balance)	\$52,820.00 (52.5%)

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



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

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Rosary Schedule and Marian Feast Days August 2023



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2ND
ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
SUNDAY, AUGUST 6TH

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9TH
ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
SUNDAY, AUGUST 15TH

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16TH
ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.

THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
SUNDAY, AUGUST 22ND

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23RD
ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30TH
ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.