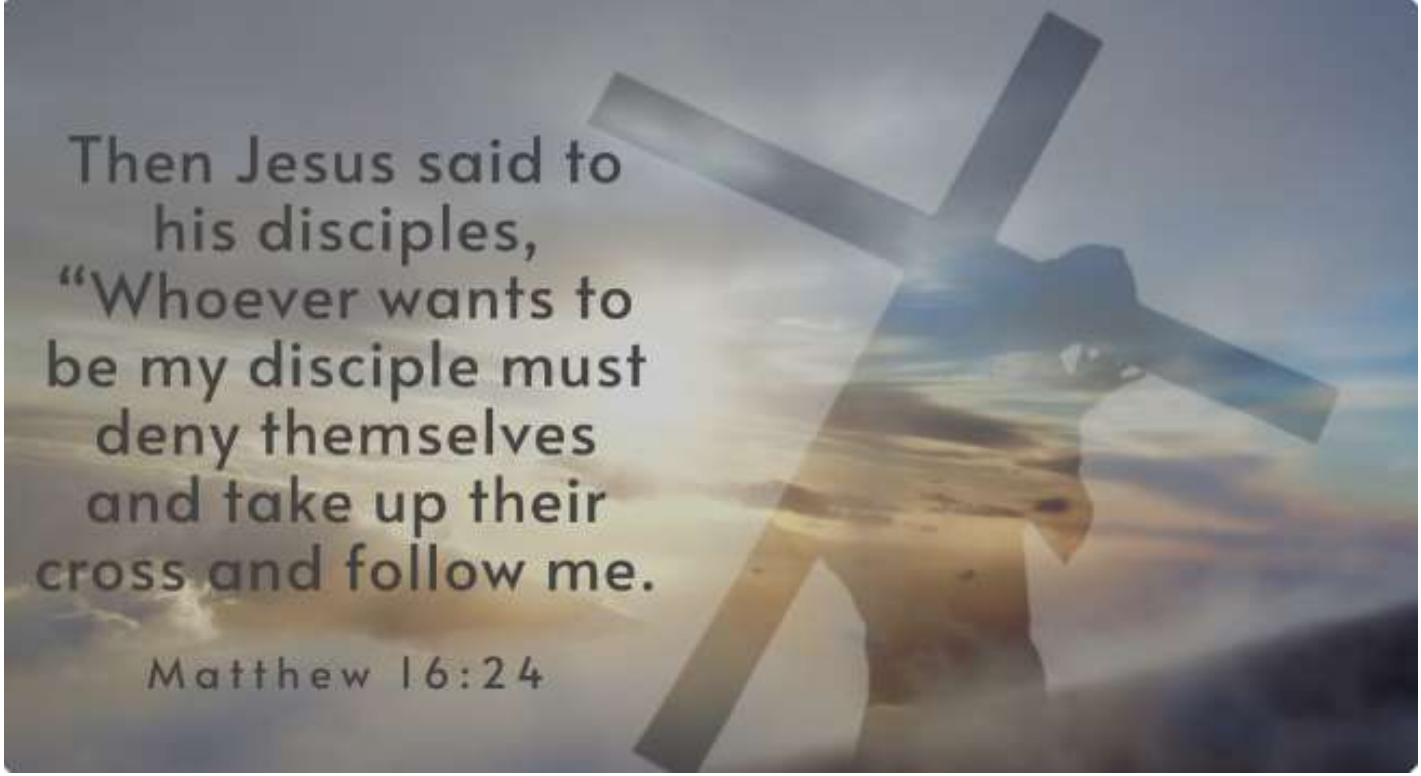


IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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.



Then Jesus said to
his disciples,
“Whoever wants to
be my disciple must
deny themselves
and take up their
cross and follow me.

Matthew 16:24

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.icccjeffersontx.org>

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 3, 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 27, 2023

Total General Collection \$1,407.00
Regular Collection \$ 1,227.00
Online Collection \$ 180.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Gift of Gratitude St. Vincent de Paul

WEEK OF 08/31/2023

Food for the poor: # of cans & packages: 10
Families served: 0 (0 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!

August 27th Responsorial Psalm 138

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

September 3rd Responsorial Psalm 63

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Upcoming Special Collections

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

**September 3, 2023— Collection for Catholic
University of America**

September 10, 2023— Fund for Those in Need

Lay Ministry 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

Saturday, September 16, 2023

Pam Watts

Sunday, September 17, 2023

Troy Hines

Saturday, September 23, 2023

Tammy Cornett

Sunday, September 24, 2023

Irene Webster

Saturday, September 30, 2023

John Dockery

Sunday, October 1, 2023

Colete Hines

Altar Care

Week of 09/04/2023 – Johnette Grubaugh

Week of 09/11/2023 – Anita Hall

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

or call 903-665-2869

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, September 2, 2023

Johnette Grubaugh & Theresa Beard

Sunday, September 3, 2023

Kat Bellini & Anita Hall

Saturday, September 9, 2023

Theresa Beard & Pam Watts

Sunday, September 10, 2023

Irene Webster & Anita Hall



Prayer List

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

Parishioners

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| 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

September 2023

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| Rogelio Guel | Roy Hall |
| Rev. Joseph Nasser | |

August 2023

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| Christina Farar | Linda McCacken |
| Jack Parker | Emerson S. |
| Luisa Seelbach | Wayne Seelbach |

July 2023

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

Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for September 2023

For people living on the margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

Mass Intentions-September 2023

Friday, September 1, 2023– For Maranda Cohn

(Requested by Kathy Warner)

Saturday, September 2, 2023 9:00am– For all Parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Community

Saturday, September 2, 2023 5:00pm– For the Repose of the Soul of Susan Wise

(Requested by Ladies Altar Society)

Sunday, September 3, 2023– For

Andrea Bautista

(Requested by Blanca Guel)

Tuesday, September 5, 2023– For the Repose of the Soul of Jack Lloyd

(Requested by Diane Shaw)

Wednesday, September 6, 2023– For

Wayman & Rosemary Moore

(Requested by Pam Watts)

Thursday, September 7, 2023– For all the Souls in Purgatory

Friday, September 8, 2023– For the Repose of the Soul of Adron Miller

(Requested by Jo Miller)

Saturday, September 9, 2023– For the Repose of the Soul of Randy Webster

(Requested by Irene Webster)

Sunday, September 10, 2023– For all Parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Community

Tuesday, September 12, 2023– For the Repose of the Soul of Esteban Guel Martinez

(Requested by Blanca Guel)

Wednesday, September 13, 2023– For the Repose of the Soul of Susan Wise

(Requested by Miller Family)

Friday, September 15, 2023– For a Special Intention

(Requested by Jo Miller)

Saturday, September 16, 2023– For the Repose of the Soul of Susan Wise

(Requested by Irene Webster)

Sunday, September 17, 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,

The “pig and chicken” principle has been quoted by people in many diverse fields of human endeavor, to encourage total dedication to a cause – whether it be Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison asking for commitment to his political agenda, or coach Mike Leach encouraging players to give 100 percent for his American Football team. The principle is based on the fable of the pig and the chicken who were discussing the possibility of opening a restaurant. “We could call it: ‘Bacon and Eggs,’” says the chicken. “Each of us could make our own unique contribution to the menu.” The pig considers it for a brief moment: “The problem with that,” he says, “is that you’d only be involved, but I’d have to be totally committed.”

Jesus says: “If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me.” What he is asking for is more than simply being involved in his project, but total dedication, even to the point of self-sacrifice. It seems a strange strategy for attracting followers. And indeed, the Gospels tell us that many potential disciples did walk away from Jesus. He asks people not simply to make a one-off decision for him, but rather to walk the walk and not simply talk the talk. He is asking for genuine disciples, not fair-weather admirers. That initial decision for him has to be translated into lifelong and total dedication, even when the consequences are painful.

Jesus states quite bluntly that following him will cost. Taking up the cross is not a one-off decision, but a way of life. As St. Paul tells the Christians in Rome, it involves changing our mind, putting on the mind of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve and to offer his life as a ransom for many. For Paul, it means changing our behavior, and offering our bodies, our whole lives, as a sacrifice which is pleasing to God. Perhaps Peter tried to stop Jesus going to the cross not simply because he cared for Jesus, but because he guessed that where Jesus went, he would have to follow. Jesus’ response to Peter is also an invitation to every would-be follower: “Get behind me.” In other words, “Take your place as my disciple, my follower. Follow me on the road to the cross, and I promise life, joy and fulfilment.

Discipleship involves making hard decisions about our lifestyles, our values, perhaps the kind of jobs we will and will not do; or deciding to deal with people with gentleness, patience and forgiveness, when really we want to lash out and retaliate. It might mean not joining in with others at work when they’re being racist, sexist, dishonest or crude. It might mean speaking the truth even when that makes life difficult for us. It means renouncing ourselves – forgetting ourselves and putting someone else first, putting God first.

However, a cross-shaped life is what leads to full life, eternal life. And as with Jeremiah, we can see that same pattern in our own lives. The things that are most worthwhile in our lives always cost: the huge efforts people make to be good parents to their children, or the dedication needed to make a marriage work. Consider the loyalty people show in friendships, or in caring for someone who is ill. Nothing worthwhile in life is achieved without effort, dedication and self-sacrifice. A cross-shaped life, Jesus tells us, is not just what makes this life worth living here and now; it is what makes us for eternal life.

Your friend in Jesus
Msgr. Zach

Please Pray for the Active Military from our Community

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| 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. . .

Building Committee

Meeting

Thursday, September 7, 2023
@4:00 pm in the Parish Hall

Ladies Altar Society

The Ladies Altar Society would like to invite all the ladies to come join us at our September Meeting as a new cycle begins!!

Meeting

Monday, September 11, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.
In the Parish Hall



PRIESTS FOR TOMORROW
TEACHERS OF TRUTH

Priests for Tomorrow

Update as of 08/31/23

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 08/31/23 we have received \$58,420.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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| Goal: (Meta) | \$150,000.00 |
| Pledges: (Promesas) | \$111,240.00 |
| Payment Received: (Pagos recibidos) | \$59,930.00 (38.9%) |
| Remaining Balance: (Balance) | \$51,310.00 (52.5%) |



Marianna
Trzeciak

Marianna Trzeciak, BA, JD, attended Princeton University and Rutgers Law School on merit scholarships. A dedicated homeschool mother of three for the last 20+ years, Trzeciak contributed a novel argument to an amicus brief on behalf of Norma McCorvey's Rule 60 motion, essentially to overturn Roe v. Wade.

Speakers Bureau

"Pro-life legal arguments after Dobbs"

Join us to learn more about
this important topic.

Monday, Sept. 11

6:30 pm at the
Cathedral in the Parish
Hall.

www.sanctityoflifetyler.org

COMITÉ DE ACCIÓN DE LA SANTIDAD DE LA VIDA
NUEVA INICIATIVA PARA EL MINISTERIO EN ESPAÑOL



VIERNES | 29 SEPTIEMBRE

6 PM | CATEDRAL

P. JUAN PEDRO PORTAVOZ

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe y el ministerio Pro-Vida
Centro Catedral (ubicación junto a la cocina)



Cena proporcionada
Confirmar su asistencia en:
SANCTITYOFLIFETYLER.ORG

What's Coming & Valuable Information . . .



The family of Susan Wise would like to offer a heartfelt thank you to Susan's beloved Immaculate Conception parish and church family. Thank you to the Altar Society and Men's Club and all those who contributed and helped with the luncheon. Especially thank you to all who stopped everything and put together the beautiful farewell Mass for Susan. We know how much this church and community meant to her and we can't thank you enough for all you did. God's peace be with you.

-Renee Harvey, Vickie Dillard and Family.

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

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.

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 @ Iccjjefferson@sbcglobal.net

Rosary Schedule and Marian Feast Days September 2023



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH
ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.

THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH
ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH
ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH
ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.