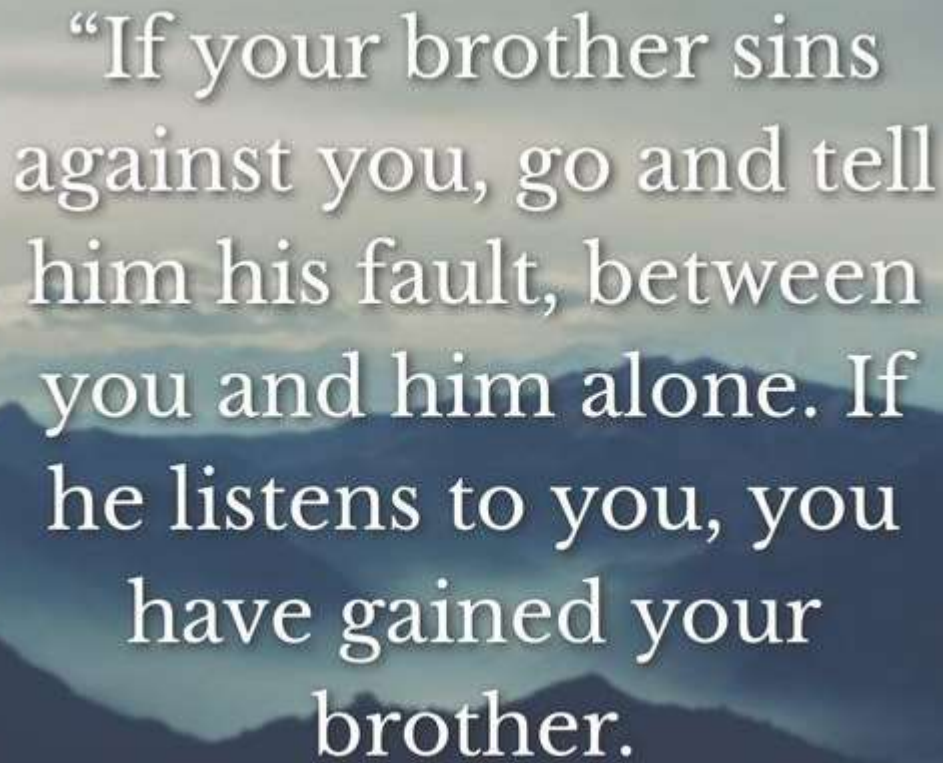


IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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.



“If your brother sins
against you, go and tell
him his fault, between
you and him alone. If
he listens to you, you
have gained your
brother.

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>

23ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 10, 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 September 3, 2023

Total General Collection	\$2,309.00
Regular Collection	\$ 2,029.00
Online Collection	\$ 280.00
Second Collection	\$376.00

Gift of Gratitude St. Vincent de Paul

WEEK OF 09/07/2023

**Food for the poor: # of cans & packages: 8
Families served: 13 (20 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!

September 10th Responsorial Psalm 95

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

September 17th Responsorial Psalm 95

**The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and
rich in compassion.**

Altar Care

Week of 09/11/2023 – Anita Hall

Week of 09/18/2023 – 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

or call 903-665-2869

Upcoming Special Collections

September 10, 2023 – Fund for Those in Need

October 1, 2023 – Fund for Those in Need

October 22, 2023 – World Mission Sunday

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

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, September 9, 2023

Theresa Beard & Pam Watts

Sunday, September 10, 2023

Irene Webster & Anita Hall

Saturday, September 16, 2023

Johnette Grubaugh & Pam Watts

Sunday, September 17, 2023

Kat Bellini & Irene Webster



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

Family & Friends

September 2023

*Betty Carroll	*Jim Carroll
Rogelio Guel	Roy Hall
Rev. Joseph Nasser	*Reza Hatami
*Rita Hatami	*Tammy Bennett
*Jonathan, Jard	Paul Fitch

August 2023

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

July 2023

Marsha Foss	Nancy Horn
Mary Mallet	Paul Morehead
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

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 Lloyed

(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)

Thursday, September 14, 2023– For the Repose of the Soul of George Timms

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

Tuesday, September 19, 2023– For Reza Hatami

Wednesday, September 20, 2023– For Rita Hatami

Thursday, September 21, 2023– For Charles Cancellare

Friday, September 22, 2023– For all Parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Community

Saturday, September 23, 2023– For the Repose of the Soul of Mary Presley

(Requested by Josephine Gerewick)

Sunday, September 24, 2023– For the Repose of the Soul of Nan Carter

(Requested by Kathy Warner)

A Message from Msgr. Zach

Dear Friends,

A story is told about a Roman nobleman who died, leaving enormous debts that he had successfully concealed during his lifetime. When the estate was put up for auction, Caesar Augustus instructed his agent to buy the man's pillow. When some expressed surprise at the order, he explained, "That pillow must be particularly conducive to sleep, if its late owner, in spite of all his debts, could sleep on it."

While this little story might make us laugh, being in debt is a serious affair. It creates stress and leaves many people feeling vulnerable and afraid. Few of us with any sense of responsibility would be able to sleep well at night if we were in serious financial debt. We might also find it emotionally and spiritually difficult if we owe a debt of forgiveness and healing to another person.

Ezekiel, in the first reading of today, gives us the typical image of an Old Testament prophet and preacher. He warns his listeners about sin and judgment, and brings their attention to the wickedness around them.

Throughout the Old Testament we can see many times that the prophets offer harsh judgments against the people of Israel as they stray from the path God has laid out for them. In essence, what the God of Israel wants is for all to be saved and return to the path of goodness and right.

Matthew speaks in today's Gospel of how we might win back our brother or sister, should there be a conflict between us. Matthew is offering us a path to reconciliation and healing. In reality, we will all, at one time or another, be in disagreement with others, and possibly with family members. Matthew offers an opportunity to find a different and better way of healing and forgiveness.

The threat the prophet Ezekiel speaks of is not external. It is internal. This call to healing and forgiveness is a personal call to each one of us. It is an invitation to look inwards and to seek what separates us from the love of God and our neighbor. Likewise when Paul invites us to take on the "debt of mutual love," we might ask: how can we do this? The answer could be found in the first letter of Paul to Corinthians. Here Paul advises them that "Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope and to endure whatever comes. Love does not come to an end."

Such an attitude of love is surely the backdrop to approaching those who hurt or wrong us. If we live from these principles of love, we will desire not only our own healing, but also a restoration of our relationship with our brother or sister. In seeking to live out the message of our readings today, we might ask ourselves: what do we do when we see someone straying from the path of faith? Do we shrug our shoulders and say, "That's their choice," or do we try to win them back with love and understanding? Equally, what do we do when we are hurt by someone close to us? Do we ruminate on the hurt done to us, or do we seek to win back those who have hurt us by adopting a loving approach? As "love is the one thing that cannot hurt our neighbor," let us try to be more loving and to offer words of love and healing to those we meet this week.

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. . .

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

Alter Server & Eucharistic Minister Training Class

@11:00 am to 1:00 pm in the
Parish Hall

Saturday, September 16, 2023
Lunch will be provided

September 23rd & 24th Black Bag Collection

"A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just."

-- Pope Francis

Every year, and only once a year, there is a collection made in parishes all over the United States that is dedicated to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.



Why the black bag? Using the black bag enables everyone to give what they can afford. It is a tradition established in the early 1800's, and re-enacts a collection that St. Vincent de Paul made among his friends.

St. Vincent de Paul's feast day is September 27th.

Please try to remember him and his society in your prayers and donations.

--Thank you for your

Marian Center Meeting

Wednesday, September 20, 2023
Following Rosary at 6:00pm
Everyone is Welcome!



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)



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Confirmar su asistencia en:
SANCTITYOFLIFETYLER.ORG

What's Coming & Valuable Information . . .

**SAFETY
FIRST**

UNDER CONSTRUCTION zone

For your safety, please do not enter the fenced area around the new building. If you would like a tour, please call the office so we can schedule a time for you.

Msgr. Zach & Staff



PRIESTS-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!

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

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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@dioceseoftvlr.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 @ Icccjefferson@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.