

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.

HE WHO IS GREATEST
AMONG YOU SHALL BE YOUR
SERVANT; WHOEVER EXALTS
HIMSELF WILL BE HUMBLLED,
AND WHOEVER HUMBLLES
HIMSELF WILL BE EXALTED.

Matthew 23: 11-12

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>

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 5, 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 October 29, 2023

Total General Collection	\$1,480.00
Regular Collection	\$1,300.00
Online Collection	\$ 180.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Gift of Gratitude St. Vincent de Paul

WEEK OF 11/02/2023

Food for the poor: # of cans & packages: 11
Families served: 14 (34 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!

Altar Care

Week of 11/06/2023 – Sharon Verhalen

Week of 11/13/2023 – Connie Woods

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

November 5th Responsorial
Psalms 131

In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

November 12th Responsorial
Psalms 63

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

Upcoming Special Collections

November 1, 2023 – All Saints

November 5, 2023 – Fund for Those in Need

November 19, 2023 – Catholic Charities

Lay Ministry November 2023

Saturday, October 28, 2023

Tammy Cornett

Sunday, October 29, 2023

Roger Opiela

Saturday, November 4, 2023

John Dockery

Sunday, November 5, 2023

Liz Opiela

Saturday, November 11, 2023

Johnette Grubaugh

Sunday, November 12, 2023

Troy Hines

Saturday, November 18, 2023

Pam Watts

Sunday, November 19, 2023

Sharon Verhalen

Saturday, November 25, 2023

Collette Dockery

Sunday, November 26, 2023

Colette Hines

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, November 4, 2023

Collette Dockery / John Dockery

Sunday, November 5, 2023

Kat Bellini / Irene Webster

Saturday, November 11, 2023

Johnette Grubaugh / Pam Watts

Sunday, November 12, 2023

Kat Bellini / Sharon Verhalen



Together We Pray

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

November 2023

Kathy Harper	*Jackie Lloyd
Eloise Lipman	

October 2023

Tammy Bennett	Betty Carroll
Jim Carroll	Reza Hatami
Rita Hatami	Jonathan, Jard
Rev. Joseph Nasser	

September 2023

Rogelio Guel	Roy Hall
Curtis Magrese	Christina Farar
Paul Fitch	Luisa Seelbach
Wayne Seelbach	

Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for November 2023

For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit

Mass Intentions-November 2023

Wednesday, November 1, 2023 – For Shelly Warner

(Requested by Kathy Warner)

Thursday, November 2, 2023– For the Repose of the Soul of John Parsons

Friday, November 3, 2023– For Trish Cancellare

Saturday, November 4, 2023 9:00 am– For the Repose of the Soul of Polly Limbery

Saturday, November 4, 2023 5:00 pm – For all past and present members of the Ladies Altar Society

(Requested by Ladies Altar Society)

Sunday, November 5, 2023– For all Parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Community

Tuesday, November 7, 2023 – For the Repose of the Soul of Susan Wise

Wednesday, November 8, 2023 – For all victims of war

Thursday, November 9, 2023– For Patty Whelan

Saturday, November 11, 2023– Mike and Kathy Warner

(Requested by Kathy Warner)

Sunday, November 12, 2023– For all Parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Community

Saturday, November 18, 2023– For all the sick of the parish

(Requested by Ladies Altar Society)

Sunday, November 19, 2023– For all Parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Community

Tuesday, November 21, 2023 – For the Repose of the Soul of Susan Wise

(Requested by Ladies Altar Society)

Saturday, November 25, 2023– For the Repose of the Soul of Mary Saner

(Requested by Ladies Altar Society)

Sunday, November 26, 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,

It was in the mid 1960s, and a young woman waited nervously at Archbishop's House, Westminster, to meet with Cardinal John Heenan. Edwina Gateley had recently returned to Britain from teaching in Uganda and felt a calling to start a volunteer missionary group that would send other lay people overseas to work as missionaries. At that time it was only religious congregations that did this. When she was called in she felt a little intimidated, but she shared her idea. The cardinal listened with interest but was cautious. He warned her gently that she had no authority to start a new movement for laity in the Church, and she felt feeling dejected. At that time passive obedience and reception of the sacraments were accepted by most lay people as what being part of the Church was all about.

Edwina returned to Africa, but the dream would not die. Within a few years she was back in London, and the missionaries of Africa provided accommodation for training courses to start in 1969. The Volunteer Missionary Movement was founded. The Cardinal did eventually bless the work and the VMM emerged as a vibrant new church movement. More than 2,500 lay volunteers since then have been on cross-cultural mission in Africa, Latin America and Asia, supporting poor communities and sharing their skills. "We who have received the love of Christ thru the Spirit cannot contain it," Edwina wrote, "it must reach out to others, spilling out and touching the world in which we live."

The Gospel tells us that authorities must be respected and also be challenged when their practice is out of line with their teaching. Jesus particularly warns religious leaders that being conscientious and meticulous about the trivial things may prevent them from allowing God's love to flow out of their lives in gracious deeds and hinder them from recognizing that everyone has a valuable contribution to make to their communities.

Jesus points out that all people are called to be listeners to God's message. That listening is something that we are to do together. The way of living offered by Jesus has nothing to do with arrogance and power. Rather, it is about partnership, servanthood and humility.

So there's a warning here to beware of hierarchies of power which can hamper work to bring about God's kingdom. And it isn't just addressed to those at the top. Some people prefer only to follow orders, waiting for instructions rather than taking responsibility. When this happens in church structures and communities, the individuals and churches may be less likely to fulfil their God-given potential. Humility is important too. It helps us to be aware of God at all times, in all places, at the center of all things. It is so easy in our society to make ourselves gods of the tiny kingdoms we occupy and to be enamored of fancy titles. Those whose lives are lived without listening to their hearts and consciences, and those who make gods out of themselves, their work, their status, their money never find the God of the universe, who waits quietly within for us to exhaust our compulsive race to nowhere.

Jesus teaches us that serving others and the wider world is the highest vocation, and humility is the greatest virtue. When we listen to God, we are all equal – everybody has the gift of the Holy Spirit, and all are able to tune into the Spirit. When we are bruised, when our fire sputters out, when our lives are battered by situations of oppression and exclusion, we can, in the words of Edwina Gateley, be inspired by the Spirit of God to "reach out to otherstouching the world in which we live.

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. . .

All Souls Day Envelopes

Remember your loved ones in prayer during the month of November. Submission envelopes are in the vestibule.

We will continue to collect names for the All Souls Day list through the month of November so please don't hesitate to give us the names of your loved ones.

Fall Back!!

Don't forget daylight saving time ends Sunday November 5th

Set your clocks back an hour before going to bed!!

Ladies Altar Society Meeting

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

Marian Center Meeting

Wednesday, November 15, 2023
Following Rosary at 6:00pm
Everyone is Welcome!



PRIESTS FOR TOMORROW
TEACHERS OF TRUTH

Priests for Tomorrow

Update as of 09/30/2023

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 09/30/2023 we have received \$62,380.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Goal: (Meta)	\$150,000.00
Pledges: (Promesas)	\$111,240.00
Payment Received: (Pagos recibidos)	\$62,380.00 (56.1%)
Remaining Balance: (Balance)	\$48,860.00 (43.9%)

Wreath Raffle

Enter the Ladies Altar Society Raffle for a chance to win this Beautiful Wreath



Buy your ticket from any Lady of the Altar Society after each Weekend Mass

\$1.00
A Ticket

Drawing will be
Sunday November 5th
following the
Men's Club Breakfast

What's Coming & Valuable Information . . .

LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY THANKSGIVING BAKE SALE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH
COME AND GET YOUR DELICIOUS
THANKSGIVING DESSERTS!!!!

ALL DONATIONS WILL GO TOWARDS
THE ROSARY GARDEN OF
THE MARIAN CENTER.

Finance Council Meeting

Thursday, November 16, 2023
@6:00 pm
In the Parish Hall

ROUND UP!!!

We are doing a round up of items that belong
to the church. If you happen to find something
of the church please drop off items in
Parish Hall or Call the Office
(903) 665- 2869



Immaculate Conception Catholic Church



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



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 @ Icccjefferson@sbcglobal.net

Rosary Schedule and Marian Feast Days November 2023



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST
ALL SAINT'S DAY

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST
ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND
THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH
ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH
ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST
THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSES VIRGIN MARY

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND
ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH
ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.