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.

Advent Friday Mass, Adoration & Benediction Schedule

Adoration & Benediction @8:00 a.m. Mass @9:00 a.m.

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 Uzondu 903-907-1446

Immaculate Conception Parish Office 209 W Lafavette 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

SOLEMNITY OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING OF THE UNIVERSE NOVEMBER 26, 2023

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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 November 19, 2023

Total General Collection \$1.173.00

Regular Collection \$1,353.00 Online Collection \$ 180.00

Catholic Charities \$305.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Gift of Gratitude St. Vincent de Paul

WEEK OF 11/23/2023 Closed for the Holiday's

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 11/27/2023 - Tammy Cornett Week of 12/04/2023 – 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

or call 903-665-2869

November 26th Responsorial Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall

December 3rd Responsorial Psalm 80:4

Give glory and eternal praise to him.

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, November 18, 2023 Pam Watts Sunday, November 19, 2023 Sharon Verhalen

Saturday, November 25, 2023 Collette Dockery Sunday, November 26, 2023 Colete Hines

December 2023

Saturday, December 2, 2023 Tammy Cornett Sunday, December 3, 2023 Phillip Verhalen

Saturday, December 9, 2023 John Dockery Sunday, December 10, 2023 Jackie Traylor

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, November 25, 2023 Collette Dockery / John Dockery Sunday, November 26, 2023 Sharon Verhalen / Irene Webster

Saturday, December 2, 2023 Theresa Beard / Johnette Grubaugh Sunday, December 3, 2023 Kat Bellini / Anita Hall

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Prayer List

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

Parishioners

Rufe Brewton Anna Bode Family Martina Cerda Sharon Deangelo Mary Dorgan BeBe Dorgan Dawn Fuquay Fred Griffin **Troy Hines** Lorraine Jolin Darrell Lensch Judith Lensch Linda McCollim Jo Miller Wavman Moore **Amil Murray**

Sandra Remedies Yvonne Thompson Rebecca Cornett Sistrunk The Watts Family

Ken Vrla

Family & Friends

November 2023

Lisa Bailey 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

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

Wednesday, November 22, 2023 – For Jackie Lloyed (Requested by John & Susan Wix)

Thursday, November 23, 2023– For Jackie Lloyed (*Requested by John & Susan Wix*)

Thursday, November 25, 2023– For Jackie Lloyed (Requested by John & Susan Wix)

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.

Please Pray for the Active Military from our Community

Iuan 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 **Brent Westbrook** Joseph Trachier Joseph Woods Heath Zeigler

A Message from Msgr. Zach

Dear Friends,

In his sermon at the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II in Westminster Abbey in September 2022, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, took as his theme the servant leadership that had marked the life of the late Queen. The fact that this resonated so well with millions of those who listened was that her commitment to her Christian faith and to a life of service was a theme marking her whole life. Her service of her Lord was revealed in her service of others; the power she exercised was not that of might. It was something she publicly committed to on her twenty-first birthday.

That same commitment to service was made by or for each one of us at our baptism and confirmation. Today we are invited to reflect on our personal commitment to the Lord, serving him in others.

Matthew reminds us in the story of the Last Judgment that when the separation of the "sheep" from the "goats" takes place, it will be too late to do anything about it. There is no opportunity to put our side of the story, no bargaining or appeals process, no jury of our peers. If we want to influence the decision, we had better do it now, while we still have the chance.

The Gospel gives clear, unequivocal examples of how to make sure we are on the right side of the line. Our judgment depends on how we live our lives now. Every day, as we pray the Our Father, we ask: "Thy kingdom come." This is not an appeal for God to get on with it and complete the work of creation so we can all live in peace and harmony. It is a presentation of ourselves to become the instruments of that kingdom-building in offering our own lives in imitation of Jesus, whose kingdom-building comes to its climax in the power of the cross. Our commitment to the kingdom is to be of total self-giving in a life of Christian service – feeding those who are hungry, giving drink to those who are thirsty, making the stranger welcome, clothing those who are naked, visiting those who are sick and those in prison. Our faith is a faith of service, and it is that which will determine whether we stand on the right or the left hand of the Lord.

Judgment is both something that will take place in the future and – at the same time – something that takes place at every moment of every day of our life. A shepherd is constantly faced with decisions to make about the care of the sheep, to find food, water, shelter; for so many in our world today those human rights are limited, withheld or denied. We shall be judged on our responses now, not on our aspirations and desires. The American civil rights campaigner and priest Philip Berrigan said: "If they come for the innocent without walking over your body and mine, then a curse on our life and a curse on our religion."

The celebration of Christ the King is far from cozy and comfortable; it is a renewed challenge for us to act now, thru our lives of service, for the building of God's kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace. If we listen to scripture and act on it in lives lived in imitation of Christ, the servant king, we too shall reveal our love of the Lord in the service of others; we shall have no need to fear judgment.

Your friend in Jesus Msgr. Zach

Community Kappenings. . . .

FIRST FRIDAY MASS

December 1, 2023

Mass @9:00 am

Followed by Adoration and Benediction Confession available during Adoration

FIRST SATURDAY MASS

December 2, 2023

Mass @9:00 am

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Presents Carols Tour Friday December 1, 2023 5:30pm - Gospel Girls 6:00pm - Golan Singers & Friends 6:30pm - Mike Freeman Gospel Saturday December 2, 2025 7:00pm - Mike Freeman Gospel (Old Fashion Country Gospel) 209 W Lafayette St Jefferson Tx, 75657



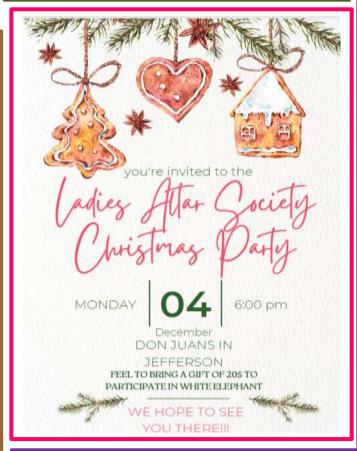
EVERY FRIDAY

During Advent with Fr. Isaac starting @8:00 a.m. Mass @9:00 a.m.

Christmas in the Pines

Immaculate Conception Choir is performing in
Music City in Linden TX
December 3rd
@3:00 pm
General Admission \$5.00

Come out and support your church choir.



Advent Reconciliation Schedule

<u> Immaculate Conception – Jefferson</u>

Wednesday, December 13th Starting @5:30pm

St. Joseph – Marshall

Sunday, December 17th @ 5:00 pm

Look Whose Celebrating
Ordination Anniversaries in December!!

Msgr. Zach – December 22nd 48 years!

What's Coming & Valuable Information . . .



Solemnity of Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday December 8th 9:00am Mass &

Evening Mass 5:00pm

Pot Luck Dinner Following Mass in the parish Hall



Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass @6:00 p.m.

Christmas Day

Christmas Morning Mass @9:00 a.m.

Feast of the Holy Family

December 30, 2021 Mass @9:00 a.m.



ADYENT and the new Liturgical Year

Time to start thinking and preparing for the arrival of Baby Jesus: What *special thing* can you do for Jesus this Advent to get better prepared for Christmas?

One idea might be to help with the Poinsettias, Christmas Tree & Other Church Decorations



The Ladies Altar Society, will be collecting money after each mass during Advent to help cover the costs for all the above.

Envelopes for donations of *Christmas flowers*

in honor or memory of friends and family will be in the entry of the church.

Please think about donating to help make our church beautiful for the arrival of Jesus!

SOCK IT TO ME!

NOY. 1" - DEC. 15", 2023

Immaculate Heart of Mary Conference of

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Immaculate Conception Church

Community Nursing Homes <u>Outreach Christmas Project</u> "Sock it to Me"

Please drop purchased socks in the big red stocking displayed in the Parish Hall.

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

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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 vec@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.

Rosary Schedule and Marian Feast Days November 2023



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1⁵¹
ALL SAINT'S DAY

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1⁵¹ ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2[™]
THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21⁵¹
THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSES VIRGIN MARY

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22[™] ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29[™] ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.