

# 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 Uzundu

903-907-1446

## Immaculate Conception Parish Office

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Phone: 903-665-2869

Hours –Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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

**1<sup>ST</sup> SUDNAY OF ADVENT**  
**DECEMBER 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 November 19, 2023

<b>Total General Collection</b>	<b>\$1,483.00</b>
Regular Collection	\$1,303.00
Online Collection	\$ 180.00

**Thank you for your generosity!**

### Gift of Gratitude St. Vincent de Paul

**WEEK OF 11/30/2023**

**Food for the poor: # of cans & packages: 68**

**Families served: 4 (11 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 12/04/2023 – Collette Dockery**

**Week of 12/11/2023 - Johnette Grubaugh**

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](mailto:icccjefferson@sbcglobal.net)

or call 903-665-2869

**December 3<sup>rd</sup> Responsorial**  
**Psalm 80:4**

**Give glory and eternal praise to him.**

**December 3<sup>rd</sup> Responsorial**  
**Psalm 85:8**

**Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

### Upcoming Special Collections

**December 3, 2023 – Fund for Those in Need**  
**December 8, 2023 – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**December 10, 2023 – For Retirement Fund for Religious**

**December 25, 2023 – Caring for Priest**

### 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**

**Saturday, December 16, 2023**

**Johnette Grubaugh**

**Sunday, December 17, 2023**

**Irene Webster**

**Saturday, December 23, 2023**

**Pam Watts**

**Sunday, December 24, 2023**

**Liz Opiela**

**Saturday, December 30, 2023**

**Collette Dockery**

**Sunday, December 31, 2023**

**Troy Hines**

### Eucharistic Ministers

**Saturday, December 2, 2023**

**Theresa Beard / Johnette Grubaugh**

**Sunday, December 3, 2023**

**Kat Bellini / Anita Hall**

**Saturday, December 9, 2023**

**Theresa Beard / Pam Watts**

**Sunday, December 10, 2023**

**Irene Webster / Anita Hall**



## **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**

#### **December 2023**

\*Maria Martinez

#### **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	

## **Mass Intentions-December 2023**

**Saturday, December 2, 2023 9:00am**– For the Repose of the Soul of Martin & Mildred Whelan  
(Requested by Kathy Warner)

**Sunday, December 3, 2023**– For all Parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Community

**Tuesday, December 5, 2023**– For Trish Cancellare

**Wednesday, December 6, 2023**– For the Repose of the Soul of Roy & Kay Butler

**Thursday, December 7, 2023**– For the Repose of the Soul of Robert Miller

(Requested by Kim & Jackie Traylor)

**Friday, December 8, 2023**– For the Repose of the Soul of Robert Miller

(Requested by Jo Miller & Family)

**Saturday, December 9, 2023**– Mike Warner

(Requested by Kathy Warner)

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

**Tuesday, December 12, 2023**– For the Repose of the Soul of Robert Miller

**Wednesday, December 13, 2023**– For Poor Souls in Purgatory

**Thursday, December 14, 2023**– For the Victims of War

**Saturday, December 16, 2023**– For the Repose of the Soul of Robert Miller

(Requested by Jo Miller & Family)

**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 December 2023**

### **For persons with disabilities**

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

### **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



# A Message from Msgr. Zach

Dear Friends,

“O that you would tear the heavens open and come down!” This desperate cry for help is heard wherever war, violence and the breakdown of order inflicts terror and suffering on innocent people. It is heard in the silent, sobbing pleas of millions in refugee camps; human beings surviving in terrible conditions. These are the people the Church asks us to remember and pray for today, Migrants’ Sunday. The urgent appeal for God to sort out the mess of human affairs, “to tear the heavens and come down to save us”, is the constant plea of the Old Testament prophets, the prophets to whom pay attention in Advent. This appeal comes from the Prophet Isaiah in our first reading: why doesn’t God stop all this evil?

“O that you tear the heavens and come down!” But God has. Isaiah’s prayer was heard. God did tear the heavens and come down. God was born of the Blessed Virgin Mary. He has not left us to stray from his ways: he came to be our Good Shepherd who seeks out the stray, saves the lost sheep, bandages the wounded, makes the weak strong; someone who doesn’t just teach us, but who puts out his hand to save us.

St. Paul was one of the first he saved. Converted by a blinding light Paul suddenly realized that Christ had set him free from his awful past. It no longer controlled him and he began living in a new way for Christ, saving others like himself. He goes on saying Jesus Christ will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son Jesus Christ, and God is faithful.

The last day is the day when he will return. Meanwhile, as Jesus says in the Gospel, it is as though he has now gone abroad, leaving his servants in charge, each with his own tasks. To his Church he gives the task of proclaiming the message of salvation. People do repent like Paul and change. Sometimes world leaders listen to the Pope. When they are deaf he never stops calling them, like Isaiah.

When it comes to individuals crying out for help, the Church is there. By evangelization we bring them salvation, as Paul did to those who were not Christians, or deepens the lives of those who are. And we also offer our love to help people, may be at some personal cost, especially when they are falling apart or sick.

Pope Francis, in his call for Synodality, is asking us to increase the sense of community in our parishes, to watch out for people, to be aware when they need our help. The Collect, with which Mass began, is not empty words but a real prayer; “Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet Christ with righteous deeds ..... so that we may be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom.” We mostly do this quietly on our own. But sometimes righteous deeds are better done with others in the Church working together. God has torn the heavens open and come down. He has not left us straying from his ways. Jesus Christ is our life, our way, our hope! Let us rise and follow him as we wait for his return.

Your friend in Jesus  
Msgr. Zach

*Robert Miller, a long-time member of Immaculate Conception Church, went to be with our Lord on Monday, November 27, 2023.*

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

*Please pray for Robert and for his family in this time of grief.*

## Community Happenings. . . .

### *Christmas in the Pines*

Immaculate Conception Choir is performing in  
Music City in Linden TX  
December 3<sup>rd</sup>  
@ 3:00 pm  
General Admission \$5.00  
Come out and support your church choir.



### Ladies Altar Society Christmas Party

MONDAY | **04** | 6:00 pm

December  
DON JUANS IN  
JEFFERSON

FEEL TO BRING A GIFT OF 20\$ TO  
PARTICIPATE IN WHITE ELEPHANT

WE HOPE TO SEE  
YOU THERE!!!



### 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



### Advent Reconciliation Schedule

Immaculate Conception – Jefferson

Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

Starting @5:30pm

St. Joseph – Marshall

Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm



### EVERY FRIDAY

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

**Look Whose Celebrating  
Ordination Anniversaries in  
December!!**

*Msgr. Zach – December 22<sup>nd</sup>  
48 years!*

# What's Coming & Valuable Information . . .

## 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.



## **ADVENT** 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!**

**NOV. 1<sup>st</sup> – DEC. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Immaculate Heart of Mary Conference  
of

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Immaculate Conception Church

Community Nursing Homes Outreach Christmas Project  
"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 [www.txabusehotline.org](http://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@diocesoftvler.org](mailto:vac@diocesoftvler.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.



PRIESTS FOR TOMORROW  
TEACHERS OF TRUTH

**Priests for Tomorrow**

**Update as of 11/30/23**

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 11/30/23 we have received \$63,030.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Goal: (Meta )	\$150,000.00
Pledges: (Promesas)	\$111,240.00
Payment Received: (Pagos recibidos)	\$63,030.00 (56.7%)
Remaining Balance: (Balance)	\$48,210.00 (42.0%)



## **Rosary Schedule and Marian Feast Days December 2023**



**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>**

**ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.**

**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>**

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>**

**ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>**

**ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.**

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>**

**ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.**

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>**