

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

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.icccjeffersonstx.org>

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 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 December 3, 2023

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| Total General Collection | \$2,190.00 |
| Regular Collection | \$2,010.00 |
| Online Collection | \$ 180.00 |
| Those in Need | \$ 758.00 |

Thank you for your generosity!

Gift of Gratitude St. Vincent de Paul

WEEK OF 12/07/2023

Food for the poor: # of cans & packages: 17

Families served: 15 (19 People)

Each client was given their choice of hat or gloves.

*Thank You, God, for your ongoing generosity; so that, we can work to
provide for those in need.*

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 12/11/2023 - Johnette Grubaugh

Week of 12/18/2023 - 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

December 10th Responsorial Psalm 85:8

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

December 17th Responsorial Psalm

*My soul rejoices in my God
Give glory and eternal praise to him*

Upcoming Special Collections

*December 8, 2023 – Immaculate Conception of
the Blessed Virgin Mary*

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

December 25, 2023 – Caring for Priest

Lay Ministry 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 9, 2023

Theresa Beard / Pam Watts

Sunday, December 10, 2023

Irene Webster / Anita Hall

Saturday, December 16, 2023

Collette Dockery / John Dockery

Sunday, December 17, 2023

Sharon Verhalen / Kat Bellini



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

December 2023

Maria Martinez

November 2023

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| Lisa Bailey | Kathy Harper |
| Jackie Lloyd | Eloise Lipman |

October 2023

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| 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

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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 |

A Message from Msgr. Zach

Dear Friends,

Many of us have a family member or a good friend whom we love dearly, but who is also annoying. Marie's sister Joanna was like that. Joanna was active in the environmental movement and often made bold pronouncements and judgments about people or about lifestyle choices.

She would call round to visit Marie and warn that her life was out of balance. She told Marie that she was so focused on her job in finances that she was neglecting ageing relatives, forgetting the names of nieces and nephews because she saw them so little, and not keeping in close contact with old friends. She challenged Marie to reduce the time she spent on her computer and engage more with people around her. Joanna also encouraged her sister to take more interest in issues of justice, peace and ecology that might contribute towards the common good.

There came a point when Marie found herself acknowledging a hard truth: that her life was indeed out of balance. She had been stung by Joanna's criticism and started to admit that she should review her priorities in life: the way she spent her time, her failure to nurture relationships with her family and local community, and the ways in which life seemed to be flying by without identifiable achievements. Her sister's annoying persistence caused Marie to take stock and reflect.

We are now in Advent, in the time of Church's year when we meet another person who may really irritate us: John the Baptist. When it comes to people's list of favorite saints, he probably would not top anyone's. He's an unsettling Old Testament type of prophet who comes on the scene proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Yet the Church says that we need to hear John's message. The season of Advent is not the season of Christmas. Before we rush to the joy of Christmas, we must prepare. We should set aside time to examine our spiritual lives, look with honesty at ways in which our lives are out of balance, reassess self-destructive behaviors, and try to bring about more harmony in ourselves, in the community and in the world.

Don't dismiss John because he lives in the wilderness, clothed with camel's skin and living on locusts and wild honey. Despite his weirdness, large numbers were drawn to him and were transformed by his message. They understood that he spoke truth, although his message was uncompromising and undiluted. He calls us to try to do better in life – to move on from sinfulness and selfishness to a life of care, compassion, love and joy, and to make steps to forgive others.

What kind of changes should we seek in Advent? Advent is a time to prepare not only materially but also spiritually for the coming of the Lord. It is a time to step outside our busy lives, our tasks and appointments, and recognize God's loving presence in all humanity and in the natural world.

Take time to look up into the sky and be aware of breathing, taking in the fresh God-given air that keeps us alive. Be more sensitive to the people around us and how they enrich our lives. And can we be of service to people who are sick or in trouble or worried about facing Christmas on a low income? Can we give time to people who might be depressed or who may not have many friends?

John says that Jesus baptizes us with the Holy Spirit. What does this mean to us?

Your friend in Jesus

Msgr. Zach

Community Happenings. . . .

**CELEBRATION OF
PARISH FRIENDS
JOINING THE
CHURCH**

John Wix & Dennis Dozier

On Sunday, the 17th at 9:00 am mass,
two of our beloved parish friends will be joining
our church congregation.
Let's gather together to warmly welcome them
and celebrate this momentous occasion.
Following the mass, there will be a reception
where we invite you to bring your favorite
delicious dish to share with everyone.

Advent Reconciliation Schedule

Immaculate Conception – Jefferson

Wednesday, December 13th

Starting @5:30pm

St. Joseph – Marshall

Sunday, December 17th @ 5:00pm

St. Lawrence – Waskom

Friday, December 22nd @5:00pm

Saturday, Dec 16th

Advent reflection with Fr. Steven Chabarria
for our "SOLAC" meeting at 1:00 pm.

Join us!

Advent reflection with Fr. Steven Chabarria for
our "Sanctity of Life Action Committee"
meeting 1:00 pm. At the St. Paul Room of the
Diocesan Chancery Offices (1015 E Southeast
Loop 323, Tyler



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

*Msgr. Zach – December 22nd
48 years!*



EVERY FRIDAY

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

Men's Club Meeting

Thursday, December 21, 2023
in the Parish Hall
@6:00 pm.

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, 2023

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. 1st – DEC. 15th, 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.
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 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-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!

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| 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 6TH

ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12TH

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20TH

ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27TH

ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31ST