

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

Established – 1863

Diocese of Tyler – Most Rev. Bishop Joe Vasquez – Apostolic Administrator

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.

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.icccjeffersonsx.org>

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
DECEMBER 31, 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 24, 2023

Total General Collection	\$1,699.00
Regular Collection	\$1,519.00
Online Collection	\$ 180.00
Caring for Priest	\$ 887.41
Christmas Gift	\$ 953.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Gift of Gratitude St. Vincent de Paul

WEEK OF 12/28/2023

Food for the poor: # of cans & packages 30

Families served: 2 (9 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 01/01/2024 – **Sharon Verhalen**

Week of 01/08/2024 – **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

December 31st Responsorial Psalm 128

Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

January 6th Responsorial Psalm 72

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Upcoming Special Collections

January 7, 2024 – Those in Need

January 28, 2024 – Collection for the Church in Latin America

Lay Ministry December 2023

Saturday, December 30, 2023

Collette Dockery

Sunday, December 31, 2023

Troy Hines

Lay Ministry January 2024

Saturday, January 6, 2024

Tammy Cornett

Sunday, January 7, 2024

Sharon Verhalen

Saturday, January 13, 2024

John Dockery

Sunday, January 14, 2024

Colette Hines

Saturday, January 20, 2024

Johnette Grubaugh

Sunday, January 21, 2024

Jackie Traylor

If you are interested in becoming a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Altar Server, Usher, or Cantor please let us know.

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or call 903-665-2869

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, December 30, 2023

Collette Dockery / John Dockery

Sunday, December 31, 2023

Irene Webster / Anita Hall

Saturday, January 6, 2024

Collette Dockery / John Dockery

Sunday, January 7, 2024

Kat Bellini / Jackie Traylor



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	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

January 2024

Rev. Joseph Nasser

December 2023

Maria Martinez

November 2023

Lisa Bailey	Kathy Harper
Jackie Lloyd	Eloise Lipman

Mass Intentions-December 2023

Saturday, December 30, 2023– For the Repose of the Soul of Mary Saner

(Requested by Ladies Altar Society)

Sunday, December 31, 2023– For all Parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Community

January 2024

Tuesday, January 2, 2024– Repose of the Soul of Mike Moore

(Requested by Pam Watts)

Wednesday, January 3, 2024– For all Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, January 4, 2024– For the Repose of the Soul of Nita Jean Ladd

Saturday, January 6, 2024 5:00pm– For the Repose of the Soul of Bebe Dorgan

(Requested by Jo Miller & Family)

Sunday, January 7, 2024– For all Parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Community

Saturday, January 13, 2024 – For Our Priests

(Requested by Ladies Altar Society)

Sunday, January 14, 2024– For all Parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Community

Tuesday, January 16, 2024– Repose of the Soul of Susan Wise

(Requested by Ladies Altar Society)

Saturday, January 20, 2024 – For all Parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Community

Sunday, January 21, 2024– For the Repose of the Soul of Randy Webster

(Requested by Irene Webster)

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

Juan Carlos Acuna	Mary Alder
Kendall Benton	Aubrey Sperier Arenavas
Gabriel Cantu	Dillon Corpier
Drew Downey	Winston J Jones
Bo Dylan Jordan	Matthew Kopecky
Dominick Pondant	Kyrie Lay Redd
Desire Robertson	Salvador Sanchez Jr
Haley Sellers	Perry Staten
James Trachier	Joseph Trachier
Brent Westbrook	Joseph Woods
Heath Zeigler	

Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for January 2024

For the Gift of Diversity in the Church

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

A Message from Msgr. Zach

Dear Friends,

There is a program on various national TV channels called “Who do you think you are? which aims you think you are?” Its aim is to help well-known personalities delve into their family backgrounds, highlighting the most interesting discoveries. In the British version of the program, it has proved possible to trace more than one family back to medieval monarchs. More unusual episodes are when expectations are turned upside down. A black woman returning to the Caribbean was surprised to find a black ancestor who owned slaves rather than being a slave himself. Moreover, most of the local population were still named after him. An actress knew that her family was of Irish stock, and her anti-Catholic mother was of the firm belief that they were members of the Anglo-Irish gentry whose name they bore. However, the research team discovered that they were in fact descendants of Irish Catholic Travelers who had taken the name of local gentry on emigrating to England, as they thought it would help more in their acceptance and settling down in their new home. The actress could not wait to inform her mother, whose reaction to the news was not recorded.

What would be the response if we asked the same question of Jesus and his family? Joseph is absent from the public life of Jesus, leading commentators to presume his death. All the synoptic evangelists depict Mary as visiting Jesus with relatives pointing out that his true family are his followers. St. John, however, portrays Mary in a very different role. She is the one who propels Jesus into his public life at the marriage feast of Cana. She stands at the foot of the cross at the end of her son’s life. Jesus gives Mary into the care of the beloved disciple, with whom, according to tradition, she will spend the rest of her days.

The Holy Family has commonly been used as an ideal example of the nuclear family. As we can see from the above examples from scripture, this idea may mislead us. The Holy Family went thru the same trials and misunderstandings that affect any family then and now. What is helpful for us is to see how they reacted in such demanding circumstances. Throughout their lives, their guiding star was a strong belief in, and dependence on, God, the reference point to whom they all turned.

Secondly, particularly in Mary and Joseph, we are given clear examples of parents who care. This care is shown in the way they fulfil the religious traditions on behalf of their soon, keeping him out of harm’s way and bringing him up in love and kindness. He in turn accepts their authority and guidance, only differing when it comes to the question of his ultimate calling. At that point we have a sense of Jesus educating his parents in the demands of the role that God has given him. In modern terms, they negotiate, both sides honestly expressing their concerns, and then continue in harmony.

For the contemporary reader there is inevitably a desire to know more. Later, legends grew up about Jesus displaying magical powers, but such instances say more about later generations’ fascination with magic than about the intentions of the evangelists. The latter wish to show how all elements of the life of Jesus reveal him fulfilling the promises made to his people and extending those promises to the whole world. His family relations reveal that same truth, and we, in our turn, are called to try to express that truth in all aspects of our lives.

Wish Y’all A Happy New Year!

Your friend in Jesus
Msgr. Zach

Community Happenings. . . .

New Year's Day Mass

January 1, 2024

Mass @9:00 a.m.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS

January 5, 2024

Mass @9:00 am

Followed by Adoration and Benediction

Confession available during Adoration

FIRST SATURDAY MASS

January 6, 2024

Mass @9:00 am

Ladies Altar Society Meeting

Monday, January 8, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.

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@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.

Marian Center Meeting

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Following Rosary at 6:00pm

Everyone is Welcome!

Men's Club Meeting

Thursday, January 18, 2024

in the Parish Hall

@6:00 pm.

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they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint. (Isaiah 40:31)

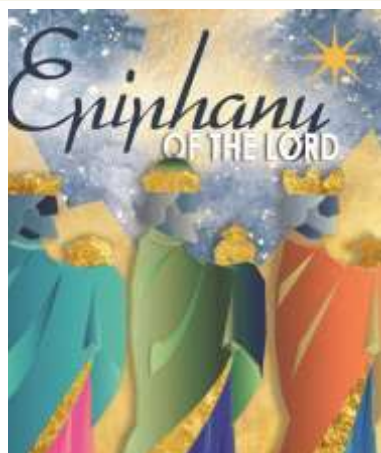
Heather Rhym
National Speaker, Author of "Abide," Co-Host of the "Adding Together" podcast.

Rachel Bulman
National Speaker & Author of "Becoming Wife & With All Her Mind"

Regina Boyd
Licensed Counselor, National Speaker & Author of "Leaving Loneliness Behind"

Neelie Garcia
Emcee & Worship Leader, International Catholic Teacher

Save The Date: March 23, 2024
Location: W.T. Brookshire Conference Center
2000 W Front Street, Tyler, TX 75702
Visit stphilipinstitute.org/events to stay up to date.



Celebration of the Epiphany of our Lord

Saturday, January 6, 2024

We will gather for a meal in the Parish Hall

Following 5:00pm Mass

Please bring your favorite food to share

What's Coming & Valuable Information . . .



Sending You Warm Wishes for the New Year!

As we welcome the New Year, our thoughts and prayers are with you. We hope that it brings you closer to God and enhances your faith. May you continue to develop as an individual and adopt a healthier lifestyle. Most importantly, may your relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ flourish and deepen.

- Sincerely ICCC Staff

¡Le enviamos cálidos deseos para el Nuevo Año!

Al dar la bienvenida al Año Nuevo, nuestros pensamientos y oraciones están con ustedes. Esperamos que te acerques a Dios y mejore tu fe. Que continúe desarrollándose como individuo y adopte un estilo de vida más saludable. Lo más importante es que su relación con nuestro Señor Jesucristo florezca y se profundice.

- Atentamente personal de ICCC

Rosary Schedule and Marian Feast Days January 2024



SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
MONDAY, JANUARY 1ST

SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3RD

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ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
MONDAY, JANUARY 8TH

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10TH
ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17TH
ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24TH
ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.