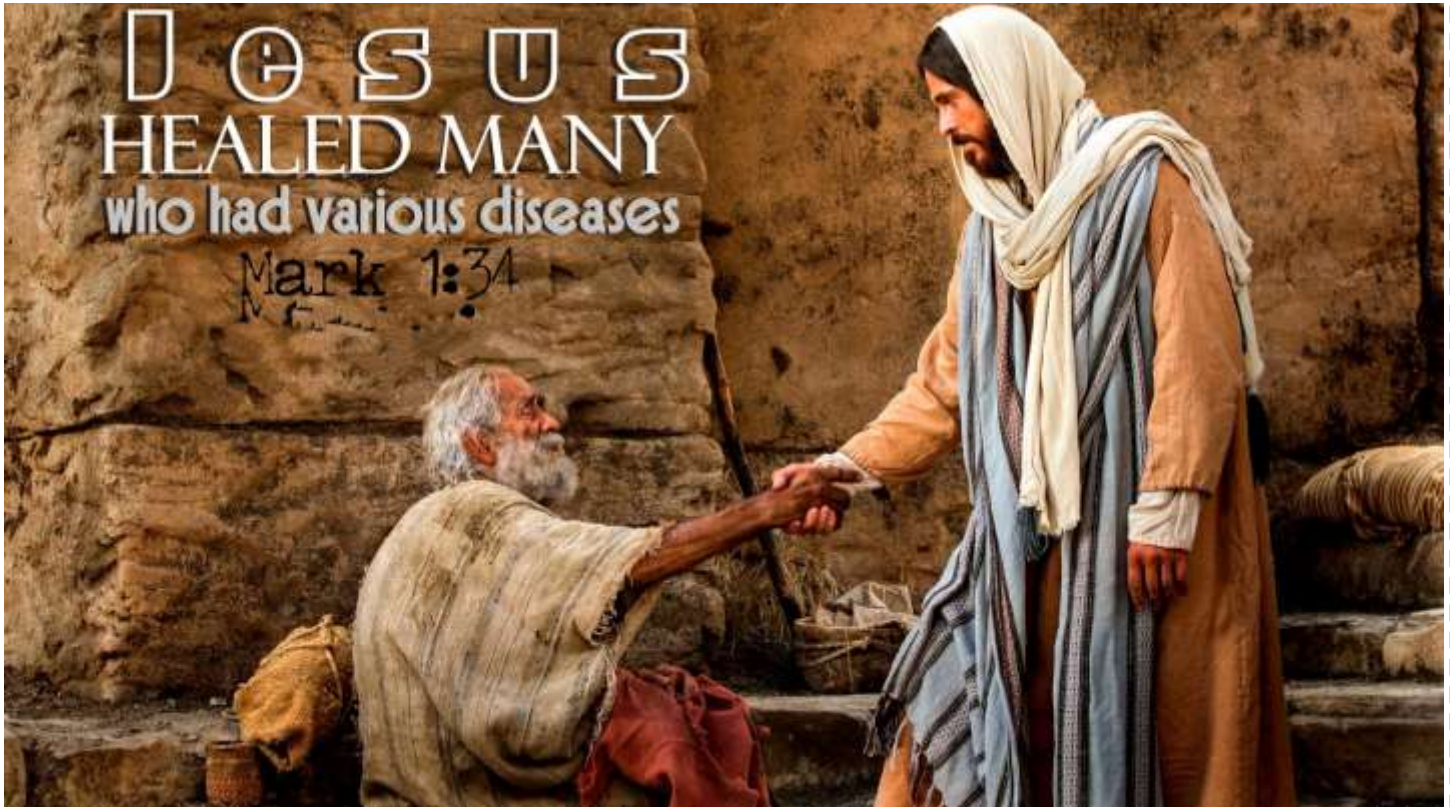


# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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](mailto:icccjefferson@sbcglobal.net)

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

*FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*  
*FEBRUARY 4, 2024*



### 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 January 28, 2023

<b>Total General Collection</b>	<b>\$1,308.00</b>
Regular Collection	\$1,128.00
Online Collection	\$ 180.00
<i>Church in Latin America</i>	<i>\$324.00</i>
<i>Catholic Schools</i>	<i>\$226.00</i>

### Gift of Gratitude St. Vincent de Paul

**WEEK OF 02/01/2024**  
*Food for the poor: # of cans & packages 10*  
*Families served: 7 (15 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 02/05/2024 – Johnette Grubaugh**  
**Week of 01/12/2024 – 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](mailto:icccjefferson@sbcglobal.net)  
or call 903-665-2869

### February 4<sup>th</sup> Responsorial Psalm 147

*Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.*

### February 11<sup>th</sup> Responsorial Psalm 147

*I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.*

## Upcoming Special Collections

*February 10, 2024 – Fund for Those in Need*  
*February 14, 2024 – Collection for Aid to the Church in Central / Eastern Europe*  
*February 18, 2024 – Collection for Black and Indian Missions*

## Lay Ministry February 2024

Saturday, February 3, 2024

Collette Dockery

Sunday, February 4, 2024

Roger Opiela

Saturday, February 10, 2024

Tammy Cornett

Sunday, February 11, 2024

Philip Verhalen

Saturday, February 17, 2024

John Dockery

Sunday, February 18, 2024

Liz Opiela

Saturday, February 24, 2024

Johnette Grubaugh

Sunday, February 25, 2024

Troy Hines

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

Email us @ [icccjefferson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:icccjefferson@sbcglobal.net)

or call 903-665-2869

## Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, February 3, 2024

Collette Dockery / John Dockery

Sunday, February 4, 2024

Johnette Grubaugh / Sharon Verhalen

Saturday, February 10, 2024

Johnette Grubaugh / Pam Watts

Sunday, February 11, 2024

Irene Webster / Anita Hall



## Prayer List

## *Parishioners*

## *Family & Friends*

## Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for February 2024

## Mass Intentions - February 2024

*Please Pray for the Active Military from our Community*

## A Message from Msgr. Zach

Dear Friends,

If you've ever come in contact with a charity or other organization that works with people who are really down on their luck – people who are suffering from homelessness, unemployment, drug or alcoholic addictions – then you will have heard tales of how it's not just the experience of physical suffering that is so hard, but how troubled they have been, often feeling as if they have no hope left. But you often hear remarkable stories of transformation – of how those who have fallen by the wayside have been picked up by an organization and helped to have their lives turned around. Even more extraordinary are the stories of those who, with help, have not only rebuilt their lives and rediscovered hope, but have then volunteered to help others. It's like a reverse domino effect: once one is built up, others are too. A community is formed where once people felt isolated, worn down by life, and are now healed.

This account from Mark's Gospel is typical of many of the stories of Jesus' ministry. It is the Sabbath and Jesus has been to synagogue with James and John, and then went on to Simon and Andrew's house. They would have followed tradition by resting for the rest of the Sabbath, until they discover that there is someone in need – Simon's mother-in-law, who is sick. So Jesus puts scruples to one side and focuses on what matters and attends to the woman. She is only the first of many to call for his help that day. By sundown, the end of the Sabbath, practically the whole town is crowding into the house. When Simon's mother-in-law is cured of her fever, she doesn't relax or run to tell people all about it. It is her moment to wait on the others – to serve them just as Jesus had served her.

Mark's Gospel is very different. Even on a quiet Sabbath day, this world is teeming with people: Jesus and his apostles, Simon's mother-in-law, the crowds who flock to Simon's house. Jesus is at the center of a community. There is not any isolation. But it is Jesus who makes the difference, turning to each person who needs him.

Like those who follow him in Mark's Gospel, we too can have our lives transformed by Jesus. Conversion requires trust, though, and like those who came to Simon's house at the end of the Sabbath day, trusting that Jesus would cure them, so we must be ready to offer him our trust if we are to undergo our own conversion.

A cure of physical ailment may take a moment and last a lifetime, but conversion is not a one-off. Like a physical cure it is about one's life changing for good, but it also requires constant engagement. Conversion is a relationship, a mutual exchange between God and ourselves. God's love is there for us – but are we willing to reciprocate?

We glimpse an insight into what full engagement – like conversion – means from what happens to Simon's mother-in-law. Jesus overturns the Sabbath order to cure her of fever that day, and what he gives to her inspires her to in turn give to others as she waits on them. Conversion brings us to God, just as the encounter of Simon's mother-in-law with Jesus brought her to God. But sustaining our conversion needs prayer, just as Jesus also needed prayer. And that prayer will also help us to build our relationships with our communities. Converted to Jesus, ready to serve others, we will be able to cast aside our melancholy and our eyes will indeed see joy.

Your friend in Jesus

Msgr. Zach

## Community Happenings. . . .

### Ladies Altar Society

#### Meeting

Monday, February 5, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.  
In the Parish Hall

### Marian Center Meeting

Wednesday, February 21, 2024  
Following Rosary at 6:00pm  
Everyone is Welcome!

### Men's Club Meeting

Thursday, February 22, 2024  
in the Parish Hall  
@6:00 pm.

#### 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@dioceseoftyler.org](mailto: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.

## ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

February 14, 2024  
Morning Mass:  
9:00 am

Rosary:  
5:30 pm

Evening Mass:  
6:00 pm

Ash  
Wednesday



PRIESTS FOR TOMORROW  
TEACHERS OF TRUTH

Priests for Tomorrow

**Update as of 01/31/2024**

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 01/31/2024 we have received \$64,640.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Goal: (Meta )	\$150,000.00
Pledges: (Promesas)	\$111,240.00
Payment Received: (Pagos recibidos)	\$64,640 (60.1%)
Remaining Balance: (Balance)	\$46,600 (40.9%)



Don't Miss Out On "Chili Wednesday"  
- A Day of Scrumptious Spices!

**On February 7th  
from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm**

Join us for a mouthwatering chili feast, featuring our cherished recipe prepared by the talented members of the Altar Society. This midweek treat is not to be missed, so grab a ticket from any of the Ladies Altar Society Member!!!

# What's Coming & Valuable Information . . .

*Saint Valentine's*  
1<sup>st</sup> Foster and Adoption Support Group  
*Meet and Greet*

The example of Saint Valentine helps us understand true love, self-sacrificing love.

We invite those of you giving such sacrificial love to foster or adopted children, including foster care babysitters, to our first Support Group meeting.

Please come enjoy a night of fellowship with like-minded couples and help us begin this new Diocesan wide endeavor.

Dinner will be provided.

*Patron Saint of Love, Pray for Us!*

**Date:** February 3, 2024  
**Time:** 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
**Place:** Cathedral Center  
423 S. Broadway Tyler,  
TX 75702

**For more information, please email:**  
Christina Carlin  
sanctityoflife.tyler@proton.me



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**they that** *Wait* **a women's retreat**

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 Khym**  
National Speaker, Author of  
"Abide," Co Host of the  
"Abiding  
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"



**Noelle Garcia,**  
Emcee & Worship Leader  
International Catholic  
Speaker

**Save The Date:** March 23, 2024

**Location:** W.T. Brookshire Conference Center  
2000 W Front Street, Tyler 75702

**Visit [stphilipinstitute.org/events](http://stphilipinstitute.org/events) to stay up to date**

# Rosary Schedule and Marian Feast Days

## February 2024



**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>  
ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.**

**ASH WEDNESDAY  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>  
ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.**

**THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDER OF THE SERVITE ORDER  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>  
ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>  
ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.**