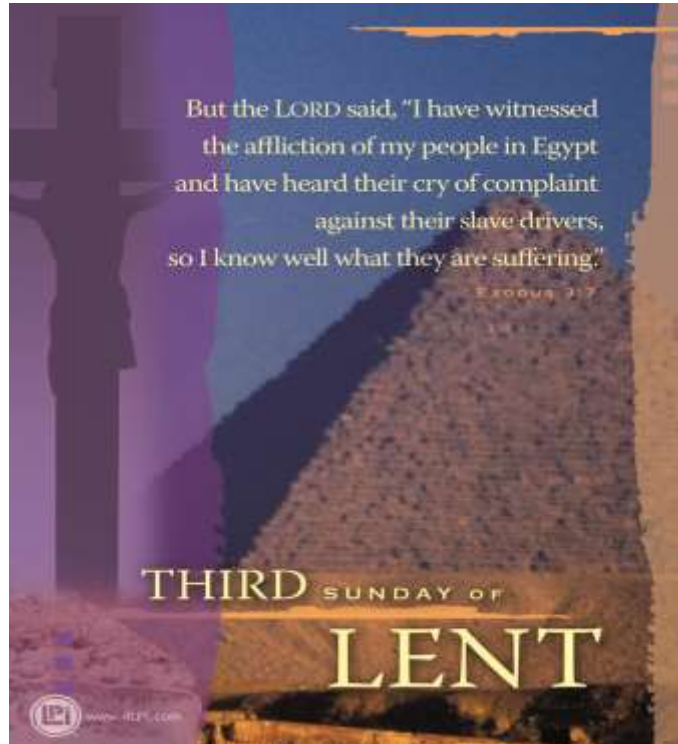


IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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 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

Friday Lenten Schedule

Rosary @ 4:30 pm

Mass @ 5:00 pm

Stations of the Cross @ 5:30 pm

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.icccjeffersontx.org>

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 3, 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 February 25, 2024

Total General Collection \$1,906.00
Regular Collection \$1,726.00
Online Collection \$ 180.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Gift of Gratitude St. Vincent de Paul

*WEEK OF 02/29/2024
Food for the poor: # of cans & packages 28
Families served: 1 (2 People)*

*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 03/04/2023 – Sharon Verhalen

Week of 03/11/2024 – Andrea Bautista

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

March 3rd Responsorial Psalm 19

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

March 10th Responsorial Psalm 137

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget your!

Upcoming Special Collections

*March 3, 2024 – Collection for Those in Need
March 10, 2024 – Collection Hunger Relief in
the Diocese
March 29, 2024 – Collection for the Holy Land
March 31, 2024 – Collection for Caring Priest*

Lay Ministry March 2024

Saturday, March 2, 2024

Pam Watts

Sunday, March 3, 2024

Sharon Verhalen

Saturday, March 9, 2024

Collette Dockery

Sunday, March 10, 2024

Irene Webster

Saturday, March 16, 2024

Tammy Cornett

Sunday, March 17, 2024

Jackie Traylor

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

Email us @ icccjefferson@sbcglobal.net

or call 903-665-2869

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, March 3, 2024

Johnette Grubaugh / Pam Watts

Sunday, March 4, 2024

Irene Webster / Sharon Verhalen

Saturday, March 9, 2024

Collette and John Dockery

Sunday, March 10, 2024

Irene Webster/Sharon Verhalen



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

February 2024

Karm Cartin	Lynna Hubley
Jackie Lloyd	

January 2024

Rev. Joseph Nasser	Bo Dylan Jordan
Haden Bayleigh Simmons	

December 2023

Maria Martinez

Mass Intentions - March 2024

Friday, March 1, 2024 – For the Repose of the Soul of Paul Morin

(request by Ken & Suzanne Vrla)

Saturday, March 2, 2024 – For the Repose of the Soul of Joaquina Martinez

(requested by Irene Webster)

Sunday, March 3, 2024 – For All Parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Community

Tuesday, March 5 – For the Repose of the Soul of Jerry Cavalier

(requested by Margurite Hawthorne)

Wednesday, March 6, 2024 – For the Repose of the Soul of Karen Cartier

(requested by Marguarite Hawthorne)

Thursday, March 7, 2024 – For the Repose of the Soul of Kathy Harper

(requested b Marguarite Hawthorne)

Sunday, March 9, 2024 – For All Parishioners of the Immaculate Conception Community

Wednesday, March 13, 2024 – For the Repose of the Soul of Mary Ann Miles

(requested by Marguirte Hawthorne)

Saturday, March 16, 2024 – For the Repose of the Soul of Joaquina Martinez

(requested by Irene Martinez)

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 February 2024

For the terminally ill

Grant, O Lord of life, That we may savor every season of our lives as a gift filled with promise for the future. Grant that we may lovingly accept your will, and place ourselves each day in your merciful hands. And when the moment of our definitive “passage” comes, grant that we may face it with serenity, without regret for what we shall leave behind. For in meeting you, after having sought you for so long, we shall find once more every authentic good which we have known here on earth, in the company of all who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith and hope. Mary, Mother of pilgrim humanity, pray for us “now and at the hour of our death.” Keep us ever close to Jesus, your beloved Son and our brother, the Lord of life and glory. Amen!

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	

A Message from Msgr. Zach

Dear Friends,

The Apostle Paul wrote so many letters to different people and different Churches. They were intended for specific readers and situations, so are often difficult for us to understand. The reason Paul sent so much correspondence to Corinth is that the Christian community there had complex and serious problems. Some of them were Jewish Christians, but others were Gentile Christians. Many came from polytheistic religions and many from paganism. The Church in Corinth was a mixed bag.

Paul is writing to Corinth from Ephesus, and expresses great concern. He knows the Church is suffering from serious divisions, with factions built around different leaders. Paul insists that his own purpose in Corinth had been to preach the Gospel, not to create his own following vis-à-vis others who had ministered among them.

Further, he insists that his manner of preaching the Gospel was not in “eloquent wisdom,” lest the power of the cross be compromised. Paul claims no motives other than preaching the essence of the Gospel, Christ crucified, to the Corinthian Church.

Paul focuses the Corinthians’ attention on Christ’s crucifixion, not only as the heart of the Gospel, but as an example of the kind of humble and obedient spirit they are to emulate. The Greco-Roman world was infatuated with philosophy, learning and wisdom. Eloquence was prized, especially by the gullible. This is why Paul was so adamant in distinguishing between the inadequate and deceptive “wisdom” of the world and the apparent “foolishness” of the Cross of Christ. Paul is saying to the Corinthians: “You argue over which Christian leader is the wisest or the best, while the Gospel proclaims “Christ crucified” to be both the “power” of God and the “wisdom” of God.

What is power? Some years ago the British theologian H. H. Farmer suggested that power is “the ability to achieve purpose.” If you do not have the ability to achieve your purpose, then you lack power, even if you have a thousand horse-power of force at your disposal. A man’s wife began to lose the use of her legs. As she grew worse, he became accustomed to carrying her from room to room. His wife became increasingly dependent on him. It became obvious to her doctors that her condition was psychosomatic, that she could walk if she would. If she would not, her limbs would be atrophic beyond the point of any use. Her husband reached a difficult decision. He would never carry her again. She pled and cried. He knew the anguish of watching her fall. He had the power to carry her, but his purpose was that she should walk again. It was, therefore, the exercise of greater power to refrain. To intervene would have been weakness. Because he exercised the power that was appropriate to his purpose, she gradually learned to walk again.

The important question is not about God’s power, but God’s purpose. God’s purpose for us is reconciliation. God, then, has accepted certain limitations, the limitation implied in the gift of our freedom. God desires our love, not our automatic obedience. Therefore, God gives us freedom. When force is rejected as a way of winning, there is only one alternative. It is love. Ironically, Christ crucified is the power of God.

Your friend in Jesus
Msgr. Zach

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.

Community Happenings. . . .

You are invited to join
Father Luke Kalarickal
as he delves into the topic of
Our Blessed Mother,
focusing on **Our Lady of Lourdes.**



The event will take place on
Saturday, March 2, 2024,
at Immaculate Conception
Catholic Church in
Jefferson, TX 75657
from 9 am to 12 pm.
Mass Starting @8:00 am.

Snack break from 10:15 to 10:45,
accompanied by light refreshments.

Please arrive by 8:45 am

For more Info Contact:
Irene Webster: 903 - 824 - 23894
Pam Watts: 903 - 742 - 9062

We hope to see you there!!



The "rice bowls" are conveniently located at the church entrance. By contributing to the CRS Rice Bowl, you extend your generosity and share your abundance with individuals in need worldwide. Your donations provide essential nutrition, enabling them to lead healthy lives and fulfill their God-given potential!

I Can, You Can, We Can

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FOR LENT



**Spring
Forward**



March 10, 2023

Set your clock forward one hour

Ladies Altar Society Meeting

Monday, March 4, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.
In the Parish Hall

40 DAYS FOR LIFE.
THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION.

JOIN US FOR 40 DAYS FOR LIFE!

"Help save lives by praying for an end to abortion in
your community **February 14 - March 24**"

Tyler Prayer Location:

Across the street from the Tyler, TX Planned Parenthood at:
601 Turtle Creek Dr, Tyler, TX 75701



SIGN UP ONLINE:

<https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/tyler>

Easter Lilies

The Ladies Altar Society will be
collecting donations for Easter flowers.
If you would like to give in memory or
honor of a loved one please use the
envelopes provided.

You can drop them in the collection
basket or by the office.

LENT SEASON

Season of preparation

Lent Schedule

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH

ROSARY @ 4:30 P.M.
MASS @ 5:00 P.M.
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
@ 5:30 P.M.
**DINNER WITH
THE MEN'S CLUB**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD

ROSARY @ 4:30 P.M.
MASS @ 5:00 P.M.
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
@ 5:30 P.M.
**DINNER WITH THE
LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY**

FIRST FRIDAY, MARCH 1ST
MASS @ 9:00 A.M.
**FOLLOWED BY ADORATION &
BENEDICTION**
**CONFESSION DURING
ADORATION**

ROSARY @ 4:30 P.M.
MASS @ 5:00 P.M.
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
@ 5:30 P.M.
**DINNER WITH
THE MEN'S CLUB**

FRIDAY, MARCH 8TH
ROSARY @ 4:30 P.M.
MASS @ 5:00 P.M.
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
@ 5:30 P.M.
**DINNER WITH THE
HISPANIC LADIES**

FRIDAY, MARCH 15TH
ROSARY @ 4:30 P.M.
MASS @ 5:00 P.M.
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
@ 5:30 P.M.
**DINNER WITH
THE MEN'S CLUB**

FRIDAY, MARCH 22ND
ROSARY @ 4:30 P.M.
MASS @ 5:00 P.M.
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
@ 5:30 P.M.
**DINNER WITH THE
LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY**

Rosary Schedule and Marian Feast Days

March 2024



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6TH

ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13TH

ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.

THE SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE

OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

FRIDAY, MARCH 19TH

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20TH

ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.

PALM SUNDAY

SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27TH

ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.

HOLY THURSDAY

THURSDAY, MARCH 28TH

PASSION OF THE LORD (GOOD FRIDAY)

FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH

HOLY SATURDAY

SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST