

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.

The FOURTH SUNDAY of LENT

“I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will not
walk in darkness, but
will have the light of life.”

– The Holy Gospel According to John 8:12

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>

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 10, 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 March 03, 2024

Total General Collection \$ 2,001.00
Regular Collection \$ 1,721.00
Online Collection \$ 280.00

Those in Need \$424.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Gift of Gratitude St. Vincent de Paul

WEEK OF 03/07/2024
Food for the poor: # of cans & packages 101
Families served: 19 (39 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 03/11/2024 – Andrea Bautista

Week of 03/18/2024 – Tammy Cornett

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 10th Responsorial Psalm 137

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

March 17th Responsorial Psalm 51

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

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

Saturday, March 23, 2024

John Dockery

Sunday, March 24, 2024 Palm Sunday

Irene Webster

Saturday, March 30, 2024 Holy Saturday

Johnette Grubaugh

Sunday, March 31, 2024 Easter Sunday

Roger Opiela

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, March 9, 2024

Collette Dockery / John Dockery

Sunday, March 10, 2024

Irene Webster / Sharon Verhalen

Saturday, March 16, 2024

Johnette Grubaugh / Pam Watts

Sunday, March 17, 2024

Kat Bellini / Irene Webster



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

March 2024

Karm Cartin Lynna Hubley

February 2024

Jackie Lloyd

January 2024

Rev. Joseph Nasser Bo Dylan Jordan
Haden Bayleigh Simmons

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	

Mass Intentions - March 2024

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

(Requested 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

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

Friday, March 8, 2024 – For the Repose of the Soul of Kathy Harper

Sunday, March 10, 2024 – For All Parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Community

Tuesday, March 12, 2023 – Repose of the Soul of Jamie Martinez

(Requested by Jo Miller Family)

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

Thursday, March 14, 2024 – For the Repose of the Soul of Karen Cartier

(Requested by Jo Miller Family)

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

(Requested by Irene Webster)

Sunday, March 17, 2024 – For All Parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Community

Wednesday, March 20, 2024 – For the Repose of the Soul of Jamie Martinez

(Requested by Jo Miller Family)

Friday, March 22, 2024 – For the Repose of the Soul of Karen Cartier

(Requested by Jo Miller Family)

Saturday, March 23, 2024 – For all past and present members of the Ladies Altar Society
(Requested by Ladies Altar Society)

Sunday, March 24, 2024 – For All Parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Community

Friday, March 29, 2024 – For the Repose of the Soul of Karen Cartier

(Requested by Judy McLean)

Saturday, March 30, 2024 – For the Repose of the Soul of Mary Saner

(Requested by Ladies Altar Society)

Sunday, March 31, 2024 – For All Parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Community

A Message from Msgr. Zach

Dear Friends,

There are many examples in literature of people who, thru the course of story, move from despair to hope, selfishness to generosity and darkness to light. Rarely do they do this entirely thru their own efforts.

Usually someone is rooting for them, encouraging them, or coaxing them towards something better. This persistent support empowers them, not only to do better for themselves, but also to do better for others.

In many cases, the path is not straight. Life is messy, and ups may be followed by downs. Characters resist support. Or they accept support but nevertheless encounter hurdle after hurdle. As in real life, there may be no fairy-tale ending. But it is usually clear that goodness makes a difference, and that even one good person can transform how another experiences the world. Indeed, those involved in young people's services know that having "one good adult" is crucial in helping a young person to flourish. And surely this continues to apply in adulthood.

In John's Gospel, it is Jesus who has the power to transform the lives of those he encounters. This applies in the sometimes abstract, theological sense of how people live their lives.

John describes how people "have shown they prefer darkness to light because their deeds were evil." They have avoided the light because they fear it will expose their wrong actions. In the first reading, we hear of "infidelity, shameful practices", and the repeated resistance of the people when God sent "messenger after messenger" until it seemed "there was no further remedy."

But Paul tells us that God persisted. Even when we were dead thru our sins God brought us to life with Christ. We were saved thru grace and faith, gifts from God given in Christ Jesus. He is that one good person who empowers us "to live the good life". He is the one who John says was sent by God to save the world, empowering us to live by the truth "so that it may be plainly seen that what we do is done in God." Living the life God intended is impossible if we go it alone. That is why we open our hearts to Jesus as the one who brings light, grace and faith into our lives. Spending time in prayer and reflection, pondering on the scriptures, and celebrating our faith in community can help us experience the transformative light of Christ. This light is not just for us as individuals, even if we experience it thru deeply personal prayer. Our life in Christ is not simply an "inward" or "upward" spiritual exercise. Just as we see the power of one good person on many a character in literature – and as we may have experienced in our own lives – so we are called to reach into the world.

Each of us is just one person, but our influence can be transformative if we are the one who brightens another's day, offers a word of comfort, lifts another up and treats our environment and every person with the respect they deserve as part of God's creation. Our gestures do not need to be grand, although some of us may be in a position to do great things. Today, let us think of one way in which we might be one good person in the world.

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. . . .

Reconciliation services

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Location: Immaculate Conception in Jefferson
Starting @ 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Sunday, March 24, 2024

Location: St. Joseph's in Marshall
Starting @ 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Join us for an
EASTER



BRUNCH & EGG HUNT

MARCH 31, 2024
FOLLOWING 9:00 A.M. MASS

Join us for our Easter Celebration Brunch
in the Parish Hall. All the kids are invited
to join our annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Sign Up to bring your favorite
Easter Brunch dish.

Sign up sheet is in the vestibule.

Holy Thursday
Feet Washing
& Adoration



March 28, 2024 @7:00 pm

We need a total of 12 volunteers
for Holy Thursday Mass.

Following Mass adoration will
begin @8:30 pm in Parish Hall.
Sign up sheets are in the
vestibule.



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.

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>

CRS RICE BOWL
CHRONIC RICE REPLY PRODUCTS

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

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**

Holy Week

Palm Sunday March 24th
Mass @9:00 am



Holy Thursday March 28th
Mass @7:00 pm
Adoration
8:30 pm - 12:00 am



Good Friday March 29th
Mass @3:00 pm



Holy Saturday
Easter Vigil
March 30th
Mass @8:30 pm



Easter Sunday March 31th
Mass @9:00 am
Brunch & Egg Hunt to follow

