

# 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 Fifth Sunday of Lent



### 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](mailto:icccjefferson@sbcglobal.net)

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

*FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT*  
*MARCH 17, 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 10, 2024

**Total General Collection**    \$ 3,121.00  
**Regular Collection**                \$2,941.00  
**Online Collection**                \$ 180.00  
  
**Hunger Relief in the Diocese**    \$    215.00

**Thank you for your generosity!**

### Gift of Gratitude St. Vincent de Paul

**WEEK OF 03/14/2024**  
**Food for the poor: # of cans & packages 123**  
**Families served: 12 (24 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 03/18/2024 – Tammy Cornett**

**Week of 03/25/2024 – Collette Dockery**

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

*March 17<sup>th</sup> Responsorial*  
*Psalm 51*

*Create a clean heart in me, O God.*

*March 24<sup>th</sup> Responsorial*  
*Psalm 22*

*My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?*

## 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 16, 2024**

**Tammy Cornett**

**Sunday, March 17, 2024**

**Jackie Traylor**

**Saturday, March 23, 2024**

**John Dockery**

**Sunday, March 24, 2024 Palm Sunday**

**Irene Webster**

**Holy Thursday, March 28, 2024**

**Tammy Cornett**

**Good Friday, March 29, 2024**

**Regular Reading: Liz Opiela**

**Voice: Jackie Traylor**

**Narrator: Roger Opiela**

**Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil March 30, 2024**

**Reader: Colette Hines**

**Reader: Pam Watts**

**Reader: Johnette Grubaugh**

**Reader: Tammy Cornett**

**Epistle: Troy Hines**

**Sunday, March 31, 2024 Easter Sunday**

**Roger Opiela**

## Eucharistic Ministers

**Saturday, March 16, 2024**

**Johnette Grubaugh / Pam Watts**

**Sunday, March 17, 2024**

**Kat Bellini / Irene Webster**

**Saturday, March 23, 2024**

**Theresa Beard / Pam Watts**

**Sunday, March 24, 2024**

**Jackie Traylor / Anita Hall**



## 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

**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)

**Thursday, March 21, 2024** – For Luisa Seelbach

(Requested by Jackie Traylor)

**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

**Tuesday, March 26, 2023** – Repose of the Soul of Jamie Martinez

(Requested by Jo Miller Family)

**Wednesday, March 27, 2023** – For Jason Moore

(Requested by Jo Miller Family)

**Thursday, March 28, 2024** – For the Repose of the Soul of Jim & Teresa McEnrue

(Requested by Jackie Traylor)

**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

**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.**



# A Message from Msgr. Zach

Dear Friends,

Michael Heath is a British cartoonist. He's been working for many years and his cartoons have appeared in all sorts of publications. Any topic is a source of inspiration to him. It could be political, social comment or even religious. In one drawing Michael has Jesus standing with a crowd of people around him: men, women and children. To one side of the picture there's a rather puzzled-looking disciple who is being accosted by a very self-important looking man who says to the disciple, "I wonder if it's possible to see him privately." He clearly thought he shouldn't be with the riffraff and deserved a one-to-one interview.

So many people wanted to see Jesus that he hardly had time to rest. Perhaps we could pick out a few episodes in the Gospel stories about some of the various people who wanted to see him. By that I mean the ones who valued him and not the religious leaders who hated him and wanted him dead.

There's the story of Bartimaeus who was blind and begging by the roadside. When he heard Jesus and the crowd go by, he yelled out "Son of David, have pity on me." He was so loud and insistent the crowd told him to shut up. He was embarrassing them. But he took no notice and shouted even louder. Jesus gave him back his sight and Bartimaeus became one of his disciples.

Then there was the woman in a crowd who quietly touched Jesus' clothes, knowing she would be cured of her illness. Another was the courteous Roman centurion who asked for just a word from Jesus to cure his servant.

What all these people, and so many more, had in common was that they wanted Jesus to do something for them. But what about Jesus himself? Who looked after his needs? Today's Gospel reading is a bit strange; it's in two parts, which don't seem to be connected, but it might give us a clue as to what Jesus is thinking. The Greeks who spoke to Philip were clearly very polite. Perhaps Philip wasn't used to such courtesy because he seemed not to know how to deal with them. He had to go and ask advice from Andrew and the two of them went to Jesus.

Next Sunday is the start of Holy Week. We know this is the most solemn part of the liturgical year. As the week unfolds, we find that Jesus, who has done so much good for everyone, is himself left almost friendless. In Gethsemane, when he is in agony, his closest apostles fall asleep and give him no comfort. He is betrayed by one of his own; the disciples run away when Jesus is arrested. Peter denies he even knows him. The crowd which cheered and waved palms when he entered Jerusalem now turns nasty when they find he's not going to drive the Romans out. Shouts of "Hosanna" become "crucify him." Jesus is degraded and mocked by soldiers. The religious leaders vent their hate on him and Rome condemns him unjustly. Jesus accepts all this suffering for our sake.

Of course, we can't be physically with Jesus as we remember and re-enact the events of so long ago during Holy Week, but by opening our hearts as we proceed from Passion Sunday, thru Holy Thursday and Good Friday, we can share in the joy of the risen Lord on Easter Day. If we let him, the Lord will write his law of love within our hearts.

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](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.

## 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**  
CATHOLIC RICE BOWL

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**  
**Service @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**