

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

Established – 1863

Diocese of Tyler – Most Rev. Bishop Gregory Kelly
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

Saturday @ 4:30 p.m.

Sunday @ 8:30 a.m.

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

Wednesday 8:15a.m. – 8:45a.m.

Friday 8:15a.m. – 8:45a.m.

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

Wednesday 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Email: icccjefferson@sbcglobal.net

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

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 4, 2025



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 April 27, 2025

Total General Collection	\$1609.00
Regular Collection	\$ 1419.00
Online Collection	\$ 190.00
2nd Collection for Caring for Priests	\$388.00
2nd Collection for Home Missions	\$322.00

Upcoming Special Collections

May 4, 2025- For Those in Need

May 11, 2025- Monastery for Infant Jesus, Lufkin

Gift of Gratitude St. Vincent de Paul

WEEK OF 4/24/2025

Food for the poor: # of cans & packages 21
Families served: 3 (11 Person)

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 Food Pantry Room in the Parish Hall
Everyone is welcome to attend!

Altar Care

Week of 5/5/2025 – **Andrea Bautista**

Week of 5/12/2025 – **Collette Dockery**

Week of 5/19/2025 – **Anita Hall**

Week of 5/26/2025 – **Marguerite Hawthorne**

If you are interested in volunteering Email us at
icccjefferson@sbcglobal.net

Safe Environment

If you know or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult is currently being
abused or is in danger, immediately report it to state/local law enforcement or
the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services at (800) 252-5400
or txabusehotline.org.

The Diocese of Tyler is committed to respecting the dignity of all persons
and to helping anyone who may have been hurt or abused by a priest,
deacon, religious, or anyone working in the name of the Church.

Any current or past cases of abuse involving Church personnel should be
reported to civil authorities and also to the Victim Assistance Coordinator at
(903) 266-2159 or vac@dioceseoftyler.org.

Lay Ministry May 2025

Saturday, May 3, 2025

Lector: Collette Dockery

Eucharistic Ministers:

Charmaine Kresch

Theresa Beard

Sunday, May 4, 2025

Lector: Jackie Traylor

Eucharistic Ministers:

Anita Hall

Liz Opiela

Saturday, May 10, 2025

Lector: Pam Watts

Eucharistic Ministers:

Collette Dockery

Marguerite Hawthorne

Sunday, May 11, 2025

Lector: Colette Hines

Eucharistic Ministers:

Kat Bellini

Sharon Verhalen

Saturday, May 17, 2025

Lector: Collette Dockery

Eucharistic Ministers:

Pam Watts

Charmaine Kresch

Sunday, May 18, 2025

Lector: Liz Opiela

Eucharistic Ministers:

Jackie Traylor

Colette Hines

Saturday, May 24, 2025

Lector: Pam Watts

Eucharistic Minister:

Marguerite Hawthorne

Theresa Beard

Sunday, May 25, 2025

Lector: Troy Hines

Eucharistic Ministers:

Roger Opiela

Anita Hall

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

Email us @ icccjefferson@sbcglobal.net



Together We Pray

Prayer List

Please remember in your prayers those who need prayers in our Parish Family and Community.

Parishioners

Anna Bode Family	Judith Lensch
Rufe Brewton	Doc Dockery
JR Procell	Jo Miller
Maria & Cesar Chapa	Amil Murray
Sharon Deangelo	Ron Remedies
Mary Dorgan	Rebecca Cornett Sistrunk
Lane Fillinich	Jessi Brooks
Dawn Fuquay	Ken Vrla
Fred Griffin	Watts Family
Troy Hines	John Wix
Darrell Lensch	Doris Wong
Mike Lakey	Johnette Grubaugh
*Andrea Bautista	David Roberts
Jack Meyer	Monica Bautista

Family & Friends

Carolyn Bostick	Carrie Martin
Charles Cancellare	Sue Martinelli
Imogene Cancellare	CL McCoy
Zach Hartfield	Tyler Murray
Melissa Jo Haynes	Rev. Joseph Nasser
Guadalupe Hernandez	Karen Nix
Sue Holt	*Carter Davis
Todd Holt	Robert Hileman
Gerald Kennie	Barbara Sontag
Roy Hunter	Noelia Thomas
Hector Garza	Caleb Warren
Miguel Aranda	Beverly Sheman
*Chris Wood	Mary Rike
Kenny Mills	Teresa Mendoza
*Brandy Campbell	*Kenneth Hudson

Active Military from our Community

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

Mass Intentions – April 2025

Thursday, May 1- For Amber Traylor Fike
(Requested by Jackie Traylor)

Friday, May 2- For the Repose of the Soul of
Wayman Moore
(Requested by Billy & Julice Denman)

Saturday, May 3 9:00am- For the Repose of the Soul of
Pope Francis)

Saturday, May 3 5:00pm- For the Repose of the Soul of
Gene Grubaugh
(Requested by Johnette Grubaugh)

Sunday, May 4- For the Parishioners of ICC
(Requested by Ladies' Altar Society)

Tuesday, May 6- For the Repose of the Soul of
Irene Webster
(Requested by Charlie & Anita Hall)

Wednesday, May 7- For the Repose of the Soul of
Pope Francis
(Requested by Ladies Altar Society)

Thursday, May 8- For Amy Millan
(Requested by Jackie Traylor)

Saturday, May 10- For the Parishioners of ICC
(Requested by Ladies' Altar Society)

Sunday, May 11- For the Repose of the Soul of
Irene Webster
(Requested by Charlie & Anita Hall)

Thursday, May 15- For Robert & Janet Williams
(Requested by Jackie Traylor)

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 of the intentions you have submitted for them

Pope Francis Prayer Intentions May 2025

For working conditions

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

A Message from Msgr. Zach

Dear Friends,

In today's Gospel, we find the disciples returning to what they knew best—fishing. After the resurrection, they were still uncertain of their future, unsure how to move forward without Jesus physically present with them. So, they went back to familiar waters, perhaps hoping to find clarity or comfort. But even there, they came up empty—until the risen Christ appeared once again.

Jesus meets them at the shore, unrecognized at first, guiding them to a miraculous catch of fish. This echoes an earlier moment from their journey together, reminding them—and us—that Christ continues to provide in abundance, even when our nets feel empty. When the disciples bring the overflowing nets to shore, Jesus invites them to a meal. This simple act—sharing bread and fish by a fire—is deeply Eucharistic. In this meal, Jesus not only nourishes their bodies, but also their faith. Here, we are reminded that Christ's presence is not limited to grand gestures.

But the most poignant moment in today's Gospel is the conversation between Jesus and Peter. Three times, Jesus asks Peter, "Do you love me?"—a question that mirrors Peter's three denials during the Passion. This is not to shame Peter, but to restore him. In these repeated questions, Jesus offers Peter forgiveness, healing, and a renewed call to discipleship: "Feed my lambs. Tend my sheep. Feed my sheep."

It is a deeply personal and pastoral exchange. Peter is not merely forgiven; he is entrusted with great responsibility. Jesus doesn't dwell on the past but instead focuses on the future. The same man who faltered in fear is now asked to shepherd the Church. It is a testament to God's mercy—that failure does not disqualify us from service, but instead, through grace, can prepare us for it.

As we continue to journey through Easter, this Gospel invites us to reflect on our own encounters with Christ. Where have we returned to the "old boats" in search of familiarity or comfort? How has Christ met us in those places, gently calling us back to faith and mission?

Just like Peter, we are asked: Do you love Me?

It is a question that calls for more than words—it calls for action. To love Christ is to tend to His sheep, to care for others, to serve, forgive, and lead with compassion. Easter is not only a celebration of resurrection but a commissioning of every believer to carry the light of the Risen Christ into the world.

May this Sunday renew our commitment to follow Jesus—not just in moments of clarity, but especially in times of uncertainty. Let us respond with love, and with a willingness to cast our nets again, trusting in the One who always calls us back to shore.

Your friend in Jesus,
Msgr. Zach

May 4th Responsorial: Psalm 30
I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.
May 11th Responsorial: Psalm 100
We are His people, the sheep of His flock.

Community Happenings . . .

CHANGE OF DATE for Celebrating Msgr

Zach will now be on May 18th

We will have a post birthday celebration for Msgr Zach on May 18th after the Mass. Please come by the parish center for birthday cake and to wish Msgr a happy 75th Birthday!



MEN'S CLUB BREAKFAST MAY 4TH

The Men's Club breakfast will be this Sunday, May 4th after Mass in the parish center. Come enjoy pancakes, eggs, sausage, desserts and fellowship!

Priests for Tomorrow Update

Goal: \$150,000.00 **Pledged:** \$111,240.00

Payments Received: \$75,510.00

50.3% of Goal

67.9% of Pledge

Pledge Remaining Balance: \$35,730.00

LECTORS NEEDED FOR MASS

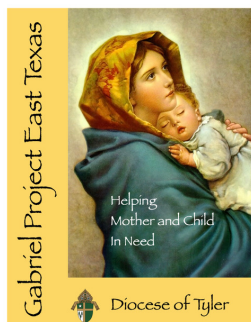
If you are looking for a way to serve the Church more, here is your invite. We are in need of more lectors for the weekend Masses, especially the Saturday Mass, as we only have 3 people reading on Saturdays. If you would like to help with the readings, please contact the Church office to be added to the schedule. You must have the ethics and integrity training prior to being a lector.

Novena for Pope Francis

The Diocese of Tyler has asked us to pray a novena in Memory of Pope Francis, beginning on April 26th and ending on May 4th.

This novena has been prepared to help pray for the Pope during this time. The daily novena-lasting for the *novendiales* period as directed by the College of Cardinals-consists of a short reading from Scripture or some other ecclesiastical text and some brief prayers.

The Novena has been emailed to the community in both English and Spanish. Copies of it will also be available in the foyer of the Church.



Gabriel Project East Texas

A Pro Life Ministry of the Diocese of Tyler

Since 1995

PREGNANT AND NEED HELP?

{Mujer Embarazada y Necesita Ayuda?}

The Catholic Church sees the birth of each baby as God's unfailing love. We offer immediate and practical help to any woman facing the challenges of an unplanned or unexpected pregnancy

888-300-5112 24/7

<https://gabrielprojecteasttexas.org>

Bishop's Annual Appeal Update

Our Goal for the Bishop's Annual Appeal is **\$16,000.**

Paid to date is **\$5254.48**

Pledged so far: **\$10,705.08** which is 67% of our goal.

To meet our goal: **\$5,294.92.**

21 Families have pledged so far.

If you have not yet made a pledge please prayerfully consider donating to this

Community Happenings . . .

Mother's Day Activities on May 11th

Las Guadalupe is having a special Mother's Day celebration on May 11th after Mass in the parish center. There will be food, raffles, and door prizes available to all the moms. (and food for everyone else, too.)

Please come and celebrate all our wonderful mothers at Immaculate Conception!

RIGHT TO LIFE EAST TEXAS BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN BEGINS MAY 11TH

The Right to Life East Texas will have their annual baby bottle campaign to help raise money for various pro-life organizations in the area as well as award scholarships to 2 high school students. Bottles will be available starting May 11th. They will need to be returned on June 15th.



Welcome

to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church! We are so happy you are here with us!



Are you interested in becoming a parishioner here or do you need more information about becoming Catholic?

Please contact the church office at 903-665-2869 or email at icccjefferson@sbcglobal.net

St. Damien of Molokai-Feast Day May 10

Jozef De Veuster, who would later be called St. Damien of Molokai, was born in rural Belgium, on January 3, 1840. Jozef aided his family on their farm until he was old enough to enter the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. He took the name Damien, after a sixth century martyr.

In 1864, Damien's brother, who was also in the same religious order, was ordered to Hawaii. But his brother became ill, so Br. Damien offered to go in his place. Eventually, his religious brothers agreed to send him and have him ordained.

Br. Damien arrived in Hawaii in March 1864, and was ordained as a priest on the island of Hawaii two months later. In 1866, Hawaii established a leper colony on the Kalaupapa Peninsula. These people needed spiritual and medical care, so Fr. Damien discerned his call to serve them. In 1873, Fr. Damien made the trip to be with these people in their colony.

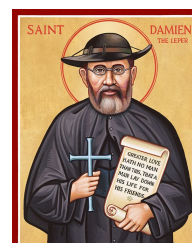
Upon arrival, he found the colony was poorly maintained. Anarchy reigned among the people living there. Many patients required treatment but had nobody to care for them. Every kind of immorality and misbehavior was on display in the lawless colony.

Fr. Damien realized the people needed leadership, so he provided it. He asked people to come together to build houses and schools and eventually the parish church, St. Philomena. The sick were cared for and the dead buried. Order and routine made the colony livable. Fr. Damien personally provided much of the care the people needed. He requested to remain with the people on the colony to serve them and his request was granted.

Fr. Damien contracted leprosy in 1885, but he continued his work, despite his illness, which slowly took over his body. He derived strength from prayer and devotion. He often went to the cemetery to pray the Rosary or spent time in the presence of the Eucharist. "It is at the foot of the altar that we find the strength we need in our isolation," he wrote.

After sixteen years in the colony, Fr. Damien succumbed to leprosy on April 15, 1889.

His was canonized on October 11, 2009 by Pope Benedict XVI. His feast day is May 10. Saint Damien is the patron saint of people suffering from leprosy.



Rosary Schedule and Marian Feast Days May 2025



WEDNESDAY, MAY 7TH
ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.

TUESDAY, MAY 13TH
OUR LADY OF FATIMA

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14TH
ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21ST
ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28TH
ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, MAY 31ST
THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY