

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.icccjeffersontx.org>

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 25, 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 May 18, 2025

Total General Collection	\$2046.00
Regular Collection	\$ 1791.00
Online Collection	\$ 255.00

Upcoming Special Collections

June 1, 2025- Catholic Communications
June 8, 2025- For Those in Need
June 15, 2025- Priest Pension Fund

Gift of Gratitude St. Vincent de Paul

WEEK OF 5/15/2025

Food for the poor: # of cans & packages 26
Families served: 4 (11 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 Food Pantry Room in the Parish Hall
Everyone is welcome to attend!

Altar Care

Week of 5/26/2025 – **Marguerite Hawthorne**
Week of 6/2/2025 – **Charmaine Kresch**
Week of 6/9/2025 – **Sharon Verhalen**
Week of 6/16/2025 – **Connie Woods**

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 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: Jackie Traylor

Eucharistic Ministers:

Roger Opiela
Anita Hall

Saturday, May 31, 2025

Lector: Collette Dockery

Eucharistic Minister:

Pam Watts
Charmaine Kresch

Sunday, June 1, 2025

Lector: Philip Verhalen

Eucharistic Ministers:

Liz Opiela
Kat Bellini

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	*Marvin Mehlum
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	*Marilyn Hines
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 – May 2025

Sunday, May 18- For the Parishioners of ICC
(Requested by Ladies' Altar Society)

Tuesday, May 20- For the Repose of the Soul of
Susan Wise
(Requested by Ladies' Altar Society)

Wednesday, May 21- For the Repose of the Soul of
Wayman Moore
(Requested by Billy & Juliee Denman)

Thursday, May 22- For Susan Best
(Requested by Jackie Traylor)

Friday, May 23- For the Repose of the Soul of
Irene Webster
(Requested by Charlie & Anita Hall)

Saturday, May 24- For the Parishioners of ICC
(Requested by Ladies' Altar Society)

Sunday, May 25- For Pope Leo
(Requested by Marguerite Hawthorne)

Tuesday, May 27- For the Repose of the Soul of
CL McCoy
(Requested by Troy & Colette Hines)

Wednesday, May 28- For the Repose of the Soul of
Cassie Loyd
(Requested by Johnette Grubaugh)

Thursday, May 29- For the Repose of the Souls of
Jerry & Anne Best
(Requested by Jackie Traylor)

Friday, May 30- For the Repose of the Souls of
Randy & Irene Webster
(Requested by Jo Miller & Family)

Saturday, May 31- For the Repose of the Soul of
Mary Saner
(Requested by Ladies Altar Society)

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

Pope Leo 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 this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus speaks words of comfort and promise to His disciples as He prepares for His departure. In John 14:23-29, He assures them that though He will no longer be with them in the same way, His presence will remain through the love they share, the obedience they live by, and the peace He gives. This message, though spoken centuries ago, is especially meaningful for families striving to grow in faith and unity today.

Jesus begins with a powerful declaration: *"Anyone who loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them."* This is an incredible promise of divine intimacy. When a family is grounded in love and obedience to God's word, they become a dwelling place for God. Home is not just a physical space but a spiritual one—a sanctuary where God's love is alive through mutual respect, kindness, prayer, and shared values.

This Gospel invites families to ask: *How do we show love for Jesus in our home?* Love is not only expressed in emotion but through action—keeping His word, forgiving one another, and living with integrity. Whether it's teaching children to pray, making time for Sunday Mass, or simply practicing patience and generosity with one another, every small act of love draws God closer to us.

Jesus also says something comforting and hopeful: *"The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you."* Families are not left alone in their journey of faith. The Holy Spirit is our teacher and guide, gently leading us when we face confusion, disagreements, or difficult choices. Especially in parenting, where answers aren't always clear, the Holy Spirit offers wisdom, patience, and encouragement. When we pray together as a family and listen attentively to God's word, we become more aware of the Spirit's guidance.

One of the most beautiful gifts Jesus offers in this passage is *peace*: *"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you."* Jesus doesn't promise an absence of problems, but a deep, unshakeable peace rooted in trust and love. In a world filled with distractions, anxiety, and stress, especially within the busyness of family life, Jesus reminds us that His peace is different. It's the peace that calms our fears, restores our hope, and holds us together when life feels uncertain.

This Easter season reminds us that the risen Christ lives among us. In our families, this resurrection reality is lived out when we speak life instead of criticism, when we listen with empathy, when we pray with one another, and when we work through challenges together, trusting that God is present in every moment.

May we echo the words of Jesus not only with our lips but in how we treat each other at home. In doing so, we become not just hearers of the Word but living signs of God's love in the world

Your friend in Jesus,
Msgr. Zach

May 25th Responsorial: Psalm 67

O God, let all the nations praise you!

June 1st Responsorial: Psalm 97

The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

Community Happenings . . .

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.



A Memorial Mass for CL McCoy will be on Tuesday, May 27th at 10am at Immaculate Conception. A reception will follow in the Parish Center.

MEN'S CLUB BREAKFAST JUNE 1ST

The Men's Club will have their breakfast on Sunday, June 1st after Mass in the Parish Center. All are invited to come enjoy pancakes, eggs, sausage, desserts and fellowship.

June Mass Intentions

Thank you for the Mass intentions for June that were already submitted. We only have 5 more dates in June available for your intentions. Please fill out a Mass intention envelope and drop it in the collection basket to have your loved one added.

NO NOON MASS ON MAY 27TH

Since CL's Memorial Mass will be at 10am that day, we will not have a noon Mass.

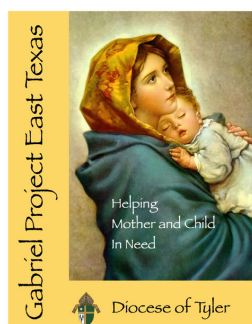
Parish Hall Rented on June 7th

The old Parish Hall is being rented on June 7th for most of the day. Please refrain from entering the parish hall during this day so they are not interrupted.

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



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 campaign.

Community Happenings . . .

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.

Need to Update Bulletin Prayer Lists

Occasionally we need to update our prayer list in the bulletin to make room for others in need of prayers. If you or a loved one that is currently listed on the bulletin prayer list no longer needs the prayers of the community, please let the Church office know so we can add others in need of prayers.

Also if there are any listed in the active military section that are no longer in the military, please let the office know so others can be added if needed.

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. Philip Neri-May 26

Philip Neri was born July 21, 1515 in Florence. At age 18, Philip went off to live with a wealthy family member in San Germano to assist in the family business. However, soon after his arrival, Philip experienced a mystical vision, which he eventually spoke of as his Christian conversion.

He soon lost interest in owning property or participating in business. He felt a call from the Holy Spirit to radically live for and serve the Lord Jesus Christ and His Church. So, Philip set out for Rome. During his first two years in Rome, Philip spent his time in a solitary life. He also dedicated a lot of time to prayer.

In 1535, Philip began studying theology and philosophy. Although he was considered a "promising scholar," after three years of studies, Philip gave up any thought of ordination. He set out to help the poor people of Rome and to re-evangelize the city.

He encouraged groups of people to gather for discussions, studies, prayer and the enjoyment of music. His customary question was always, "Well, brothers, when shall we begin to do good?"

At 34-years-old, Philip had already accomplished so much, but his confessor was determined that his work would be more effective as a priest. Finally convinced, Philip was ordained to the priesthood on May 23, 1551.

From there, Philip went to live with his confessor, Father Rossa and carried on his mission, but mostly through the confessional. Before sun up, until sun down, Philip spent hours sitting and listening to people of all ages.

A large room was built above the church of San Girolamo to tend to Philip's growing number of pilgrims and other priests were called on to assist him. Philip and the priests were soon called the "Oratorians," because they would ring a bell to call the faithful in their "oratory."

The foundation of the Congregation of the Priests of the Oratory would be laid a few years later with members who encouraged others to deepen their faith. Philip's organization was officially approved by Pope Gregory XIII in 1575. In April 1577, a New Church was completed for the Congregation of the Oratory to be transferred there, but Philip stayed at San Girolamo for another seven years.

Around midnight of May 26, 1595, Philip suffered from a hemorrhage and passed away at 80-years-old. St. Philip Neri was canonized by Pope Gregory XV on March 12, 1622.

He is the patron saint of Rome, US Special Forces, humor and joy.



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