

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

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Phone: 903-665-2869

Wednesday 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

JUNE 1, 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 25, 2025

Total General Collection	\$2118.00
Regular Collection	\$ 1928.00
Online Collection	\$ 190.00

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 5/22/2025

Food for the poor: # of cans & packages 420 (390 from mail carriers food drive)

Families served: 8 (14 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 6/2/2025 – **Charmaine Kresch**

Week of 6/9/2025 – **Sharon Verhalen**

Week of 6/16/2025 – **Connie Woods**

Week of 6/23/2025 – **Andrea Bautista**

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 June 2025

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

Saturday, June 7, 2025

Lector: Pam Watts

Eucharistic Ministers:

Collette Dockery

Theresa Beard

Sunday, June 8, 2025

Lector: Troy Hines

Eucharistic Ministers:

Jackie Traylor

Roger Opiela

Saturday, June 14, 2025

Lector: Collette Dockery

Eucharistic Minister:

Marguerite Hawthorne

Pam Watts

Sunday, June 15, 2025

Lector: Kat Bellini

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sharon Verhalen

Anita Hall

Saturday, June 21, 2025

Lector: Pam Watts

Eucharistic Minister:

Theresa Beard

Charmaine Kresch

Sunday, June 22, 2025

Lector: Sahron Verhalen

Eucharistic Ministers:

Jackie Traylor

Kat Bellini

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

Email us at 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	Watts Family
Fred Griffin	John Wix
Troy Hines	Doris Wong
Darrell Lensch	Johnette Grubaugh
Mike Lakey	David Roberts
Andrea Bautista	Monica Bautista

Family & Friends

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

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 – June 2025

Sunday, June 1- For the Parishioners of ICC
(Requested by Ladies' Altar Society)

Tuesday, June 3- For Mike Lakey
(Requested by Marguerite Hawthorne)

Wednesday, June 4- For the Repose of the Soul of
Irene Webster
(Requested by Charlie & Anita Hall)

Thursday, June 5- For Amy Millan
(Requested by Jackie Traylor)

Friday, June 6- For Jo Miller
(Requested by Marguerite Hawthorne)

Saturday, June 7- For the Parishioners of ICC
(Requested by Ladies' Altar Society)

Sunday, June 8- For the Repose of the Souls of
Randy & Irene Webster
(Requested by Jo miller & Family)

Tuesday, June 10- For the Repose of the Souls of
Panfilo & Jacquina Martinez
(Requested by Irene Webster)

Wednesday, June 11- For the Repose of the Souls of
Joe & Virginia Lumberg
(Requested by Marguerite Hawthorne)

Thursday, June 12- For the Repose of the Soul of
Wayman Moore
(Requested by Billy & Juliee Denman)

Friday, June 13- For the Repose of the Soul of
CL McCoy
(Requested by Jo Miller & Family)

Saturday, June 14- For the Repose of the Soul of
Panfilo Martinez Jr.
(Requested by Irene Webster)

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 and/or their loved ones.

Pope Leo Prayer Intentions June 2025

That the world might grow in compassion

Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

A Message from Msgr. Zach

Dear Friends,

The ascension of Jesus might well be called the end of the beginning of historical Christianity. Early Christians told the story of Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection as the realization of Israel's most cherished hope. Jesus was the long expected Messiah and the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. Even his cross and resurrection were anticipated in the traditions of Judaism. Jesus was the beginning of a new redemptive era, a renewed covenant with God, and a universal mission. Therefore, his departure from this world, his ascension into heaven, was the end of the beginning.

The story of Jesus ended that the story of his church could begin. When Jesus' story ended the temple was still standing in Jerusalem, and Rome still ruled the world, including Palestine. But the temple would be utterly destroyed in 70 A.D. Eventually the Roman Empire would be divided, and the Western Empire would sink into anarchy. Meanwhile, the movement of Christianity would be extended in all directions. One story ended and another story began.

The world has always been fascinated with the last words of famous people. We hope for insight into the dying person and, perhaps, the experience of dying. Pope Gregory VIII died in 1085, and his last words were, "I have loved justice and hated iniquity; therefore, I die in exile." Among the most memorable of last words are those of Stonewall Jackson, who died from "friendly fire" at the Battle of Chancellorsville: "Let us cross over the river and rest under the trees."

Jesus' last words were not about himself. His earthly story was about to end. He spoke to them of the story that was about to begin. Without sentimentality or references to their years together, he spoke to them about their future. Looking ahead, he charged them with a commission: "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation." For the most part, Jesus' ministry up to this point had centered in him, in his actual physical presence. The new story would center in his followers, those he had prepared to continue his ministry to the world. It was time for the regional scope of Christ's work to be expanded. A world was waiting.

Sometimes we learn as much from what people do not say as from what they say. In Jesus' place, who would not have been tempted to reminisce, or indulge in emotional farewells? But Jesus knew that the emphasis must be on them and the mission that they would undertake. They had no idea what possibilities and challenges awaited them, or what courage and conviction would be required of them. They would encounter opposition on all sides, and some of the most bitter would come from their own kinsfolk. Some of the disciples would be imprisoned, others tortured, and still others put to death. But Jesus had promised them that he would be with them every step of the way in the presence of the Holy Spirit.

The ascension of Christ is the end of his physical presence on earth. But it is the beginning of the missionary expansion of his church throughout the world. In Acts, the last words of Jesus are: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witness in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." The ascension is the beginning of the universal Lordship of Christ and the witness of his people, the Church universal. By word and example we are to proclaim the gospel.

Your friend in Jesus,
Msgr. Zach

June 1st Responsorial: Psalm 97

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

June 8th Responsorial: Psalm 104

Lord, sent out your Spirit, and renew the face of 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.

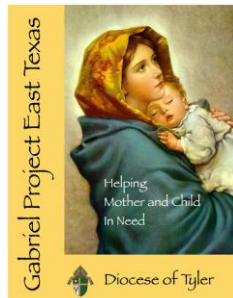


Memorial Father's Day Envelopes Available

Sunday, June 15th is Father's Day. If you would like to have a father/grandfather remembered, please fill out the Father's Day Envelopes available on the table in the foyer. Put envelopes in collection basket or drop in mail slot at office.

No Altar Society Meetings over summer

The Altar Society is taking a break for the summer. Their meetings will resume in September.



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 unending 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>

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.

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.

Wear Red on Pentecost Sunday, June 8th

All are encouraged to wear red (or other fire colors) on Pentecost Sunday, June 8th as we celebrate the beginning of the Church!



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

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 . . .

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION-JUNE 22ND

As we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi, the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, we will have a procession after Mass on Sunday June 22nd around a few of the streets in town. Please join us in this special event.

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. Justin Martyr- June 1

St. Justin Martyr was born around the year 100 in the Palestinian province of Samaria. Justin was raised to follow the Greek pagan religion, but he also was provided with an excellent education in literature and history.

As a young man, Justin became interested in philosophy and looked for truth in the various schools of thought that had spread throughout the empire. But he became frustrated with the professional philosophers' intellectual conceits and limitations.

After several years of study, Justin had a life-changing encounter with an old man who urged him to study the Jewish prophets. He told Justin that these authors had not only spoken by God's inspiration but also predicted the coming of Christ and the foundation of his Church. The old man challenged him — why was he not a lover of truth, a lover of deeds.

The old man told him about the ancient prophets, who had talked not of ideas but of what they had seen and heard, what they knew and experienced. The old man ended the conversation by telling Justin to pray that the gates of light be opened to him. Inflamed by this conversation, Justin sought out the Scriptures and came to love them and converted to Christianity.

He is best known as the author of early apologetic works which argued for the Catholic faith against the claims of pagans and non-Christian philosophers. Several of these works were written to Roman officials, for the purpose of refuting lies that had been told about the Church.

Justin gave explicit written descriptions of the early Church's beliefs. Justin's descriptions correspond to the traditions of the Catholic Church on every essential point. Justin describes the weekly Sunday liturgy as a sacrifice and speaks of the Eucharist as the true body and blood of Christ. He also states that only baptized persons who believe the Church's teachings, and are free of serious sin, may receive it.

His first defense of the faith, written to Emperor Antonius Pius around 150, convinced that emperor to regard the Church with tolerance. However, persecution began again under Emperor Marcus Aurelius. Justin was arrested along with four others, and he was brought before the Roman prefect, Rusticus, to be accused under the law that required sacrificing to idols.

Justin refused Rusticus' orders. Justin and his fellow martyrs were beheaded on June 1, 165 and went to be with the Truth Justin had longed for all his life. He is the patron saint of philosophers, lecturers and apologists.



Rosary Schedule and Marian Feast Days May 2025



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4TH
ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.

MONDAY, JUNE 9TH
VIRGIN MOTHER OF GRACE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11TH
ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18TH
ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25TH
ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.

FRIDAY, JUNE 27TH
OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP