

# 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](mailto:icccjefferson@sbcglobal.net)

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

## SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

## JUNE 22, 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 June 15, 2025

Total General Collection	\$1474.00
Regular Collection	\$ 1169.00
Online Collection	\$ 305.00
Total For Priest Pension	\$438.00

### Upcoming Special Collections

June 29, 2025- Peter's Pence  
July 6, 2025- For Those in Need

### Gift of Gratitude St. Vincent de Paul

WEEK OF 6/12/25

Food for the poor: # of cans & packages 26  
Families served: 4 (9 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 6/23/2025 – **Andrea Bautista**

Week of 6/30/2025 – **Collette Dockery**

Week of 7/7/2025 – **Anita Hall**

Week of 7/14/2025 – **Marguerite Hawthorne**

If you are interested in volunteering Email us at  
[icccjefferson@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:vac@dioceseoftyler.org).

#### Lay Ministry June 2025

Saturday, June 7, 2025

Lector: Pam Watts

Eucharistic Ministers:

Collette Dockery  
Theresa Beard

Sunday, June 8, 2025

Lector: Colette 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

Saturday, June 28, 2025

Lector: Collette Dockery

Eucharistic Minister:

Theresa Beard  
Marguerite Hawthorne

Sunday, June 29, 2025

Lector: Roger Opiela

Eucharistic Ministers:

Colette Hines  
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](mailto: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

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

**Sunday, June 15-** For the Parishioners of ICC  
(Requested by Ladies' Altar Society)

**Tuesday, June 17-** For the Repose of the Soul of Susan Wise  
(Requested by Ladies Altar Society)

**Wednesday, June 18-** For the Repose of the Soul of Irene Webster  
(Requested by Charlie and Anita Hall)

**Thursday, June 19-** For the Repose of the Soul of Wayman Moore  
(Requested by Marguerite Hawthorne)

**Friday, June 20-** For the Repose of the Soul of Helen Morin  
(Requested by Kent & Suzanne Vrla)

**Saturday, June 21-** For the Repose of the Soul of Randy Webster  
(Requested by Irene Webster)

**Sunday, June 22-** For the Parishioners of ICC  
(Requested by Ladies' Altar Society)

**Tuesday, June 24-** For the Repose of the Soul of CL McCoy  
(Requested by Jo Miller & Family)

**Wednesday, June 25-** For the Repose of the Souls of Les & Geneva Hines  
(Requested by Troy & Colette Hines)

**Thursday, June 26-** For Susan Best  
(Requested by Jackie Traylor)

**Friday, June 27-** For the Repose of the Soul of Irene Webster  
(Requested by Charlie & Anita Hall)

**Saturday, June 28-** For the Repose of the Soul of Mary Saner  
(Requested by Ladies' Altar Society)

**Sunday, June 29-** For the Parishioners of ICC  
(Requested by Ladies' Altar Society)

### **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,

Perhaps one of the most well-known depictions of the Last Supper is that which Leonardo de Vinci painted as a fresco in the Church of Our Lady of Grace in Milan in Italy. It shows Jesus surrounded by his twelve apostles as he eats his final meal with them before he goes to the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem, is arrested and then put to death on Calvary. It is a poignant moment of communion and companionship – they literally “break bread” and share the bread and the cup of wine to express the union or bond of love and care that exists between them.

The Church has faithfully followed the command of Jesus thru the two thousand years that separate us from this Last Supper of Jesus with his apostles to our gathering today, as friends of Jesus who will do as he told us – in memory of him. Our temptation may be to understand “memory” in the sense of merely repeating words or actions that can appear a little old-fashioned or a simple repetition of past actions or events. This can seem at best a little “dry” and, at worst, irrelevant to my life today. This is not what we do when we gather for the Mass and “do this in memory” of Jesus. No, there is, here, Jesus’ power and presence. Thru the working of the Holy Spirit, his suffering, death and resurrection affect, bless, and transform our lives today. Our own life becomes life-enhancing and life giving for the society and communities in which we are called to live out our baptismal vocation.

The origin of today’s solemn feast of the Body and Blood of Christ is found in the night upon which he gave this precious gift to his Church – that is the night of the Last Supper: Holy Thursday. Because this falls within the great Triduum of Easter, the Church felt impelled to have a particular day upon which we should stop and reflect more deeply upon this gift of the Eucharist. So it was that, in 1264, Pope Urban IV extended this solemn celebration of Corpus Christi to the whole Church. A Dominican friar, Thomas Aquinas, wrote beautiful prayers and hymns to adorn this feast with imagery and devotion.

In our Gospel today, Jesus rejects the Apostles’ idea that he should send the people away so that they can go and find something to eat themselves; in their eyes that was the best and most sensible thing to do. Not for Jesus. His concern is not only to TEACH the people but also to FEED them. He feels that need to care for both their physical and spiritual needs. This, down thru the centuries, has been part of the inspiration for the Church to be involved in social care and action as well to take the greatest care to celebrate the Mass and sacraments in a worthy and dignified way. Jesus takes the small gifts that we can offer (in the Gospel of today, the loaves and fish) and transforms them so that they can be enough to nourish and sustain a whole crowd of people!

Thru our baptism we are called to be people who continue the Lord Jesus’ work of preaching the Good News and bringing healing and true nourishment to our world. Tradition has it that St. Francis of Assisi said to his followers: “Preach the Gospel at all times. Use words if necessary.” We would do well to reflect upon how, today, you and I can preach the values and virtues of the Gospel. We do not always need words for others to understand how the Gospel message makes a difference in our lives, bringing a joy and a serenity that is truly healing and life-affirming.

Your friend in Jesus,  
Msgr. Zach

*June 22nd Responsorial: Psalm 110*

You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek.

*June 29th Responsorial: Psalm 34*

The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear Him.



## Community Happenings . . .

### NEW LECTOR AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING ON JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup>

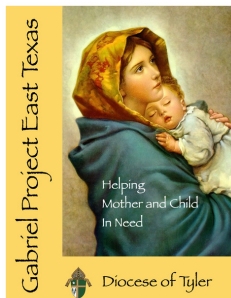
For all those interested in becoming a lector or Eucharistic Minister (for any Mass), there will be training on **Saturday June 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am** in Mary's Hall (formerly known as the old parish hall). This training is not only open to new lectors and Eucharistic Minister, but to all who would like a refresher course. Please contact Colette Hines at the church office if you would like to attend.

### Men's Club Meeting Date Change

The Men's Club meeting will be on Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the parish center as there will be another event this Thursday at the same time in the parish center.

### *New Ethics and Integrity Point of Contact for Diocese*

Our new Ethics and Integrity Point of Contact is Colette Hines. Please contact her with any questions regarding ethics and integrity training and certifications. You can call her at 817-466-6674 or email to [troy\\_hines@sbcglobal.net](mailto:troy_hines@sbcglobal.net)



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### CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION-JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup>

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 22<sup>nd</sup> around a few of the streets in town. Please join us in this special event.

### *Diocese of Tyler Formation Conference Aug 2, 2025*

All catechists, youth ministers, formation leaders and volunteers who wish to help with faith formation for both youth and adults are invited to attend the "Forming Pilgrims of Hope Diocesan Formation Conference" on **August 2, 2025 from 8am-3:30pm** at the Bishop T.K. Gorman School in Tyler.

Join us for a day of formation and fellowship, featuring keynote addresses and breakout sessions focused on all areas of formation.

#### **Registration Fee:**

Early Registration: \$20 (June 1-30)

General Registration: \$25 (July 1-27)

Online Registration closes July 27.

Event registration the day of: \$30

For questions about registration please contact Katia Kilburn at [kkilburn@dioceseoftyler.org](mailto:kkilburn@dioceseoftyler.org) or (903) 534-1077 x137

Go to Diocese of Tyler website, click on "About" then "Events Calendar" and scroll to 3<sup>rd</sup> page to see more info about conference.

### *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 . . .

## *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.

## **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE SUMMER**

Thank you for all your Mass intentions for your loved ones. We have received a number of intentions lately. June is completely full and we only have five dates left for July. August only has 11 days still open.

These are the dates available for July intentions: July 10, July 16, July 17, July 22 and July 31.

Please fill out a Mass intention envelope located on the small table in the foyer and either put in the collection basket or drop in the mail slot of the office to have your loved ones remembered during the Mass.

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

## *St. Thomas More- June 22*

Thomas More was born in London on February 7, 1478. He entered Oxford in 1492. Two years later, he left Oxford to become a lawyer and he trained in London until 1502 when he was finally approved to begin practice.

More also honed his skills as a theologian and a writer. Among his most famous works is "Utopia," about a fictional, idealistic island society. The work is widely regarded as part satire, part social commentary, part suggestion. Utopia is considered one of the greatest works of the late Renaissance.

From 1517 on, Henry VIII took a liking to Thomas More, and gave him posts of ever increasing responsibility. In 1529 More was made Lord Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, which gave him authority over the northern portion of England on behalf of Henry.

During his tenure as Lord Chancellor, More prosecuted those accused of heresy and worked tirelessly to defend the Catholic faith in England. However, in 1530 Henry worked to obtain an annulment from his wife, Catherine. More refused to sign a letter to the Pope, requesting the annulment.

Henry was prepared to break away from the Church in Rome, something More knew he could not condone. In 1532, More found himself unable to work for Henry, whom he felt had lost his way as a Catholic. Faced with the prospect of being compelled to actively support Henry's schism with the Church, More offered his resignation, citing failing health.

In 1533, More refused to attend the coronation of Anne Boylen, who was now the Queen of England. More instead wrote a letter of congratulations. The letter, as opposed to his direct presence offended Henry greatly. The king viewed More's absence as an insult to his new queen and an undermining of his authority as head of the church and state.

Henry then had charges trumped up against More. On April 13, 1534, More was ordered to take an oath, acknowledging the legitimacies of Anne's position as queen, of Henry's annulment from Catherine, and the superior position of the King as head of the church. More accepted Henry's marriage to Anne, but refused to acknowledge Henry as head of the church, or his annulment from Catherine. This led to his arrest and imprisonment.

Despite a brilliant defense of himself and persuasive testimony, More was convicted in fifteen minutes. The court sentenced him to be hanged, drawn, and quartered, which was the traditional punishment for treason.

More was canonized by Pope Pius XI on May 19, 1935. He is the patron saint of adopted children lawyers, civil servants, politicians, and difficult marriages.



# Rosary Schedule and Marian Feast Days June, 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