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 Uzondu 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

SOLEMNITY OF STS PETER AND PAUL JUNE 29, 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 22, 2025

Total General Collection

\$1224.00

Regular Collection

\$ 1034.00

Online Collection \$ 190.00

Upcoming Special Collections

June 29, 2025- Peter's Pence July 6, 2025- For Those in Need July 27, 2025- Church in Africa

Gift of Gratitude St. Vincent de Paul

WEEK OF 6/19/25 Food for the poor: # of cans & packages 37 Families served: 5 (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 6/30/2025 – Collette Dockery Week of 7/7/2025 – Anita Hall Week of 7/14/2025 – Marguerite Hawthorne Week of 7/21/2025 – Charmaine Kresch

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 July 2025

Saturday, June 28, 2025 <u>Lector:</u> Collette Dockery <u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u>

Marguerite Hawthorne Theresa Beard

Sunday, June 29, 2025
Lector: Roger Opiela
Eucharistic Ministers:
Colette Hines
Anita Hall

Saturday, July 5, 2025
Lector: Pam Watts
Eucharistic Minister:
Collette Dockery

Charmaine Kresch

Sunday, July 6, 2025 Lector: Jackie Traylor Eucharistic Ministers:

> Kat Bellini Liz Opiela

Saturday, July 12, 2025
Lector: Collette Dockery
Eucharistic Minister:
Marguerite Hawthorne

Pam Watts

Sunday, July 13, 2025
Lector: Troy Hines
Eucharistic Ministers:
Anita Hall
Colette Hines

Saturday, July 19, 2025

Lector: Pam Watts

Eucharistic Minister:

Theresa Beard

Collette Dockery

Sunday, July 20, 2025
Lector: Colette Hines
Eucharistic Ministers:
Kat Bellini
Roger Opiela

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

Email us @ icccjefferson@sbcglobal.net



Prayer List

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

Parishioners

Anna Bode Family

Rufe Brewton

JR Procell

Maria & Cesar Chapa

Sharon Deangelo

Judith Lensch

Doc Dockery

Jo Miller

Amil Murray

Ron Remedies

Mary Dorgan Rebecca Cornett Sistrunk

Lane Fillinich (D) Watts Family
Dawn Fuquay John Wix
Fred Griffin Doris Wong

Troy Hines Johnette Grubaugh

Darrell Lensch David Roberts
Mike Lakey Monica Bautista

Andrea 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

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Chris Wood Kenneth Hudson
Kenny Mills Marilyn Hines
Brandy Campbell Joy Quirk (D)

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

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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

Tuesday, July 1- For the Repose of the Soul of Irene Webster

(Requested by Charlie & Anita Hall)

Wednesday, July 2- For the Repose of the Soul of Msgr Allen Matthew Chenevert (Requested by John & Collette Dockery)

Thursday, July 3- For Greyson Allen (Requested by Mike & Diane Shaw)

Friday, July 4- For the Repose of the Soul of Stanley Vrla

(Requested by Kent & Suzanne Vrla)

Saturday, July 5 9:00am For the Repose of the Soul of Al Green

(Requested by John & Collette Dockery)

Saturday, July 5 5:00pm For the Parishioners of ICC (Requested by Ladies' Altar Society)

Sunday, July 6- For the Repose of the Soul of CL McCoy

(Requested by Jo Miller & Family)

Tuesday, July 8- For the Repose of the Souls of Eric & Mary Guvernator (Requested by Patt & Carol Todd)

Wednesday, July 9- For the Repose of the Souls of Joseph Gregory Roppolo (Requested by John & Collette Dockery)

Thursday, July 10- For the Repose of the soul of Bill Birmingham (Requested by Jackie Traylor)

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

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 July 2025

For formation in discernment

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

A Message from Msgr. Zach

Dear Friends,

As we celebrate the solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, we honor two towering pillars of the early Church whose faith, courage, and witness continue to inspire us today. This feast reminds us of the beauty of the Church founded on the rock of Peter and enlivened by the zeal of Paul. In our Gospel passage (Matthew 16:13-19), Jesus asks a deeply personal question: "Who do you say that I am?" It's a question not only for Peter, but for each one of us—and especially for families striving to follow Christ together.

Peter's response is profound: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." It was a moment of divine insight, not born from human understanding but revealed by the Father. Jesus affirms Peter's confession and declares, "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church." As a family, we are reminded that our faith, like Peter's, is built on a relationship with Christ. It is in our homes—through prayer, shared meals, conversations about God, and our lived example—that this foundation is strengthened.

Peter represents the stability and unity of the Church. In family life, we too are called to be rocks for one another—to be sources of strength, stability, and faithfulness. Parents are often like Peter, called to guide, teach, and lead their children closer to Christ, even amid their own weaknesses. Like Peter, who denied Jesus but was later restored and empowered, we are reminded that God works through our imperfections. Every family has its struggles, but with love and trust in God, we can become witnesses of His grace.

Paul, though not featured in the Gospel today, stands alongside Peter in this feast because of his immense contribution to the Church's mission. Paul's encounter with Christ on the road to Damascus transformed him from a persecutor to a passionate preacher. In family life, we all experience moments of conversion—times when we must turn away from self-centeredness and turn toward one another in love. Paul's life reminds us that no one is too far from God's mercy and that our past doesn't define our future when Christ enters the picture.

The unity of Peter and Paul, despite their different backgrounds and personalities, reminds us that families, too, are made up of different individuals—each with unique gifts, struggles, and perspectives. What binds us is our shared faith and love in Christ. Just as Peter held the keys and Paul carried the Word to the nations, each family member has a role to play in building up the domestic church.

On this feast, let us pray as families for the courage to confess Christ like Peter, and the zeal to share His love like Paul. May we support one another, forgive freely, and remain rooted in the faith that built the Church. As Jesus promised Peter, "the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it." So too, with Christ at the center, no challenge can overcome a family grounded in His truth and love.

Saints Peter and Paul, pray for our families!

Your friend in Jesus, Mogr. Zach

June 29th Responsorial: Psalm 34
The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear Him.
July 6th Responsorial: Psalm 66
Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Community Kappenings . . .

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

4[™] OF JULY TACO SALE

The Las Guadalupanas will have a taco, nacho and drink sale in the parish center on Friday, July 4th from 4pm-7pm.

3 tacos = \$10 Nachos = \$3 Drinks = separate prices



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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 or

(903) 534-1077 x137

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

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED JULY 9, 2025

The Church office will be closed all day on Wednesday, July 9th. However, it will be open all day on Thursday, July 10th and a half day on Friday July 11th.

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 Kappenings . . .

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 three dates left for July. August only has 11 days still open.

These are the dates available for July intentions: July 16, 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

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 July, 2025



WEDNESDAY, JULY 2ND ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9TH ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16THROSARY @ 6:00 P.M

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16THOUR LADY OF MT CARMEL

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23RD ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30TH ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M