

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>

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 6, 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 29, 2025

Total General Collection	\$1777.00
Regular Collection	\$ 1587.00
Online Collection	\$ 190.00
2nd Collection—Peter's Pence	\$448.00

Upcoming Special Collections

July 6, 2025- For Those in Need

July 27, 2025- Church in Africa

Gift of Gratitude St. Vincent de Paul

WEEK OF 6/26/25

Food for the poor: # of cans & packages 45
Families served: 13 (17 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 7/7/2025 – **Anita Hall**

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

Week of 7/21/2025 – **Charmaine Kresch**

Week of 7/28/2025 – **Sharon Verhalen**

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, 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

Saturday, July 26, 2025

Lector: Collette Dockery

Eucharistic Minister:

Marguerite Hawthorne

Pam Watts

Sunday, July 27, 2025

Lector: Kat Bellini

Eucharistic Ministers:

Anita Hall

Liz 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



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 (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
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
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 –July 2025

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)

Saturday, July 12- For the Repose of the Soul of
Irene Webster

(Requested by John & Collette Dockery)

Sunday, July 13- For the Parishioners of ICC
(Requested by Ladies' Altar Society)

Tuesday, July 15- For the Repose of the Soul of Susan Wise
(Requested by Ladies Altar Society)

Wednesday, July 16- For the Repose of the Soul of
Lane Fillinich

(Requested by Mike & Diane Shaw)

Thursday, July 17- For the Repose of the Soul of
CL McCoy

(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 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,

In a famous story about Groucho Marx, the American comedian, against his better judgment, was persuaded to join an elite social club. He came to regret it and wrote, resigning his membership explaining, “I don’t want to belong to any club that would have me as a member.”

Most people like to feel that they are special in some way, and it’s the custom in advertising, whatever the organization or product, to persuade people that they are somehow part of the chosen few, the elite, who alone will get access to what they are paying for. Things are “handpicked”, “exclusive products”, “for members only”. It’s part of human nature to like feeling that we are in a superior category to others, but there is no room for such thinking in the Kingdom of God.

It’s dangerous when we apply such thoughts of privilege and possession to God. We frequently see Jesus opposing this way of thinking among his disciples, when they want to be first, the greatest, the elite in his kingdom. He persists in reminding them that the kingdom belongs to the little ones: the poor, the outcast, to those who for whatever reason, are on the peripheries. He welcomes children, women, tax collectors and even soldiers of the Roman oppressor. We can understand where the disciples are coming from in their longing to be among God’s favorites: for so many years of oppression, the people of Israel had clung to their identity as God’s chosen people. It was their greatest hope, but also the source of their greatest illusion. God’s thoughts are not our thoughts and God’s criteria for greatness are not the same as those of this world, based on military power or wealth or social status. Religious history is sadly full of examples of people legitimizing their oppression of others by claiming God’s approval.

Jesus sends his disciples out to proclaim the kingdom without any of the trappings of power or wealth or privilege. He tries to convince them to rely on God alone and to trust in God’s power, shining thru their human weakness, but they take a lot of persuading.

The name “Jerusalem” includes the idea of peace flowing like a river. As the site of God’s temple, it is ideally the place from which peace should flow to the nations. It is a mother not as a figure of authority but as a figure of nurturing and embracing.

The Church that Paul established in Galatia is torn apart by bitter quarrels over whether pagan converts had to follow Jewish customs and law if they were to be accepted as Christians. He insists that it is the grace of Jesus, crucified and risen, not any human institution or category of righteousness that saves us.

Jesus sends his disciples out not as conquerors but as messengers of peace who bring reassurance and announce that God’s reign is being fulfilled on earth. It is God’s grace, at work in us, not our own power or superiority that will bring about the fulfilment of the kingdom. If we are to boast or take pride in being Christian, it is boasting in the power of Christ over sin and death. Being forgiven sinners is the root of any claim to greatness.

Your friend in Jesus,
Msgr. Zach

July 6th Responsorial: Psalm 66

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

July 13th Responsorial: Psalm 69

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

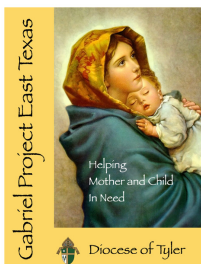
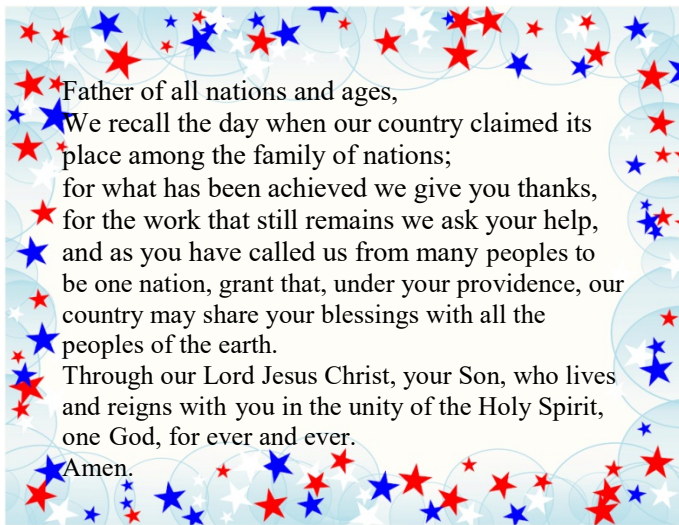
Community Happenings . . .

MEN'S CLUB BREAKFAST JULY 6TH

Everyone is invited to enjoy the delicious pancake breakfast made by the men's club on Sunday July 6th after the 9am Mass in the Parish Center.

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.



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Since 1995

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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:

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.

Men's Club Meeting July 17th

The Men's Club will have their monthly meeting on Thursday July 17th at 6pm in the Parish Center. All members are encouraged to be at this meeting so votes can be made for new officers.

Bishop's Annual Appeal Update

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

Paid to date is **\$6765**

Pledged so far: **\$14,680** which is 91.8% of our goal.

To meet our goal: **\$1320.**

21 Families have pledged so far.

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

Community Happenings . . .

Priests for Tomorrow Update

Goal: \$150,000.00

Pledged so far: \$111, 240.00

Payments Received: \$75,710

50.47 % of Goal 68.06% of pledged amount

Pledged Remaining Balance: \$35,530.00

Thank you for your contributions!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE SUMMER

Thank you for all your Mass intentions for your loved ones. We have received a number of intentions lately. July is completely full and we only have 9 days left for August.

These are the dates available for August intentions: 1st, 2nd 9am, 6th, 13th, 14th, 20th, 28th, and 29th.

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. Maria Goretti- July 6

Maria Goretti was born on October 16, 1890 in Corinaldo, in the Ancona Province in Italy. Maria's mother, brothers, and sisters worked in the fields while she cooked, sewed, kept the house clean, and watched her youngest sister Teresa. Though the family's circumstances were extremely difficult, they were very close and loved God.

On July 5, 1902, Maria was sitting outside the steps of her home sewing a shirt for her 18-year-old neighbor, Alessandro while he threshed beans in the barnyard. As she concentrated on her sewing, Alessandro surprised her and grabbed her from her steps. When he tried to rape her, Maria cried that it was a mortal sin and warned he would go to hell.

When Alessandro persisted, she fought him and screamed, "No! It is a sin! God does not want it!" At her words, Alessandro began to choke her and she said she would rather die than submit. Upon hearing her words, Alessandro pulled out a knife and stabbed her eleven times. When she attempted to reach the door, he stabbed her three more times then fled.

Maria's family returned home and found her bleeding on the floor. They quickly took her to the nearest hospital in Nettuno, where she underwent surgery without anesthesia. Unfortunately, her wounds were beyond the surgeon's ability to help.

The next day, Maria forgave Alessandro and said she wanted to see him in Heaven with her. She died that day while looking upon an image of the Virgin Mary and holding a cross to her chest.

Shortly after Maria's family discovered her, Alessandro was captured and questioned. He admitted he was unable to assault her and he was sentenced to 30 years in prison.

Alessandro remained unrepentant for his actions until he had a dream that he was in a garden. Maria was there and gave him lilies, which immediately burned in his hands. When he woke, he was a changed man. He repented his crime and lived a reformed life. When he was released 27-years-later, he went directly to Maria's mother and begged her forgiveness, which she gave, saying, "If my daughter can forgive him, who am I to withhold forgiveness?"

On June 24, 1950, Maria was declared a saint and Alessandro was present in the St. Peter's crowd to celebrate her canonization.

Maria Goretti is the patron saint of youth, young women, purity, and victims of rape.



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 16TH

ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16TH

OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23RD

ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30TH

ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M