

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>

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 13, 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 July 6, 2025

Total General Collection	\$2749.00
Regular Collection	\$ 2459.00
Online Collection	\$ 290.00
2nd Collection-For Those in Need	\$525.00

Upcoming Special Collections

July 13, 2025- For the Victims of TX Flooding
July 27, 2025- Church in Africa

Gift of Gratitude St. Vincent de Paul

WEEK OF 7/3/25

Food for the poor: # of cans & packages 29
Families served: 3 (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 7/14/2025 – **Marguerite Hawthorne**

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

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

Week of 8/4/2025 – **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 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
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 – July 2025

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)

Friday, July 18- For the Repose of the Soul of Kay Harrison

(Requested by John & Collette Dockery)

Saturday, July 19- For the Parishioners of ICC

(Requested by Ladies' Altar Society)

Sunday, July 20- For the Repose of the Soul of Joseph Gregory Roppolo

(Requested by John & Collette Dockery)

Tuesday, July 22- For All Immigrants

(Requested by Marguerite Hawthorne)

Wednesday, July 23- For Sr. Susan Catherine Kennedy

(Requested by John & Collette Dockery)

Thursday, July 24- For the Repose of the Soul of Panfilo Martinez Jr

(Requested by Irene Webster)

Friday, July 25- 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 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 this Sunday's Gospel, we are invited into one of the most beloved parables Jesus ever told—the Parable of the Good Samaritan. It's a story that speaks to both the simplicity and the challenge of Christian love. A lawyer asks Jesus a profound question: "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus points him to the law: love God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind, and love your neighbor as yourself. But then comes the second question: "Who is my neighbor?" This is where Jesus responds with the parable. As a family, let us pause and reflect on the story Jesus tells. A man is attacked by robbers and left for dead. A priest and a Levite—religious men—walk by without helping. It is a Samaritan, someone who would have been despised by the Jewish audience of Jesus' time, who shows true compassion. He stops, tends to the man's wounds, lifts him onto his own animal, and takes care of him.

This parable is more than a moral tale—it's a call to action. It challenges us to broaden our understanding of "neighbor" beyond the people we are comfortable with. For families, this message is both beautiful and difficult. It reminds us that our Christian calling is not just about attending Mass or saying prayers at home, but also about how we treat those around us, especially those in need.

In the family setting, we can begin living this parable in small but powerful ways:

By teaching our children empathy—helping them recognize when someone is hurt, left out, or in need.

By modeling generosity—whether it's helping a neighbor with yard work, donating to a local food pantry, or simply offering a kind word to someone going through a tough time.

By being present to each other—in our homes, sometimes the person needing help may be right across the dinner table, silently carrying emotional or spiritual wounds.

It's easy to walk past the needs around us when we're busy or preoccupied. This week, let's talk together as a family about who our "neighbors" are. Who might be hurting in our community, school, or parish? Who is lonely, struggling, or feeling forgotten? Let us not allow our differences—race, language, status, or opinions—to become excuses for inaction. As Pope Francis often reminds us, we are called to build a culture of encounter.

And let's not forget that sometimes *we* are the ones lying by the roadside, in need of care. May we have the humility to receive love and kindness, and the courage to extend it in return. May our homes become places where mercy is practiced, where kindness flows naturally, and where the question "Who is my neighbor?" is answered not just in words, but in the way we live our lives—every day. **"Go and do likewise."**

Your friend in Jesus,
Msgr. Zach

July 13th Responsorial: Psalm 69

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

July 20th Responsorial: Psalm 15

He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Community Happenings . . .

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.

Las Guadalupanas Breakfast on July 20th

A Hispanic breakfast will be served by Las Guadalupanas on Sunday July 20 after Mass in the Parish Center. Come and support these ladies and enjoy some delicious food and great fellowship!

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!



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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.

New Ethics & Integrity Recertification Class Aug 26th

For anyone who took the initial training in 2022, your training will be expiring in August of this year. We have a recertification class available that is **required** for all who have already taken the class on Tuesday, August 26th from 6pm to 7:30pm in the Parish Center.

This class is only for those who have previously taken the initial training class. For new classes, you will need to see the Diocese of Tyler website for dates and times. Please let Colette Hines know if you plan to attend.

Bishop's Annual Appeal Update

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

Paid to date is **\$7,799.68**

Pledged so far: **\$11,975.08** which is 74.8% of our goal.

To meet our goal: **\$4024.92.**

24 Families have pledged so far.

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

Community Happenings . . .

Ethics and Integrity Initial Training Dates

Below are some dates for the initial training for those who have never taken the training. This class is required for all who work or volunteer within the Parish or Diocese. This class must be taken before the recertification class.

Thursday, July 17th 5pm-8pm-English

Bishop Gorman School-Tyler

1405 E SE Loop 323

Tyler, TX 75701

Friday, July 18th 6pm-8pm Spanish

Our Lady of Fatima-Daingerfield

1305 Bert St.

Daingerfield, TX 5638

Wednesday, July 23rd 1pm-4pm English

St. Mary Magdalene-Flint

18221 FM 2493

Flint, TX 75762

Tuesday, July 29th 6pm-8pm English

Sacred Heart-Nacogdoches

2508 Appelby Sand Rd

Nacogdoches, TX 75965

Tuesday, August 5th 5:30pm-8pm English

Sacred Heart-Texarkana

4505 Elizabeth St.

Texarkana, TX 75503

Wednesday, August 6th 6pm-9pm Spanish

Our Lady of Victory-Paris

3300 Clarksville St.

Paris, TX 75460

St. Kateri Tekakwitha - July 14

St. Kateri Tekakwitha is the first Native American to be recognized as a saint by the Catholic Church. She was born in 1656, in the Mohawk village of Ossernenon. Her mother was an Algonquin, who was captured by the Mohawks and who took a Mohawk chief for her husband.

She contracted smallpox as a four-year-old child which scarred her skin. The scars were a source of humiliation in her youth. She was commonly seen wearing a blanket to hide her face. Worse, her entire family died during the outbreak. Kateri Tekakwitha was subsequently raised by her uncle, who was the chief of a Mohawk clan.

Kateri was known as a skilled worker, who was diligent and patient. However, she refused to marry. When her adoptive parents proposed a suitor to her, she refused to entertain the proposal. They punished her by giving her more work to do, but she did not give in. Instead, she remained quiet and diligent. Eventually they were forced to relent and accept that she had no interest in marriage.

At age 19, Kateri Tekakwitha converted to Catholicism, taking a vow of chastity and pledging to marry only Jesus Christ. Her decision was very unpopular with her adoptive parents and their neighbors. Some of her neighbors started rumors of sorcery. To avoid persecution, she traveled to a Christian native community south of Montreal.

According to legend, Kateri was very devout and would put thorns on her sleeping mat. She often prayed for the conversion of her fellow Mohawks. According to the Jesuit missionaries that served the community where Kateri lived, she often fasted and when she would eat, she would taint her food to diminish its flavor. On at least one occasion, she burned herself. Such self-mortification was common among the Mohawk.

Kateri was very devout and was known for her steadfast devotion. She was also very sickly. Her practices of self-mortification and denial may not have helped her health. Sadly, just five years after her conversion to Catholicism, she became ill and passed away at age 24, on April 17, 1680.

Her name, Kateri, is the Mohawk form of Catherine, which she took from St. Catherine of Siena. St. Kateri Tekakwitha was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on Oct. 21, 2012. She is the patroness of ecology and the environment, people in exile and Native Americans.



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

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