

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.icccjeffersonstx.org>

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 20, 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 13, 2025

Total General Collection	\$1605.00
Regular Collection	\$ 1400.00
Online Collection	\$ 205.00
2nd Collection-TX Flood Victims	\$1806.00

Upcoming Special Collections

July 27, 2025- Church in Africa
August 3, 2025- For Those in Need

Gift of Gratitude St. Vincent de Paul

WEEK OF 7/10/25

Food for the poor: # of cans & packages 8
Families served: 7 (2 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 7/21/2025 – **Charmaine Kresch**

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

Week of 8/4/2025 – **Connie Woods**

Week of 8/11/2025 – **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 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: Troy 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

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)

Saturday, July 26- For the Repose of the Soul of Mary Saner
(Requested by Ladies' Altar Society)

Sunday, July 27- For the Parishioners of ICC
(Requested by Ladies' Altar Society)

Tuesday, July 29- For the Repose of the Souls of Eric & Mary Guvernator
(Requested by Bill & Renee Speck)

Wednesday, July 30- For the Repose of the Soul of Irene Webster
(Requested by Charlie & Anita Hall)

Thursday, July 31- For Our Country
(Requested by Marguerite Hawthorne)

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,

This Sunday's Gospel from Luke 10:38–42 invites us into the familiar and warm setting of a family home in Bethany—the home of Martha, Mary, and their brother Lazarus. Jesus is not a stranger here. He is a beloved friend and a frequent guest. But in this particular visit, the contrast between the two sisters' responses to Jesus' presence offers us, especially as families, a valuable lesson on priorities, attentiveness, and the balance between work and relationship.

Imagine the scene: the kitchen is busy, pots clattering, the smell of bread baking, the pressure to host the Lord Himself. Martha, in typical older sibling fashion, is absorbed in the tasks of hospitality—wanting everything to be perfect for Jesus. Meanwhile, Mary sits peacefully at His feet, listening to His every word. To Martha, it might have seemed that Mary was being inconsiderate or lazy, but Jesus gently redirects Martha's frustration: "Mary has chosen the better part, and it will not be taken from her."

In a family setting, this story touches deeply on our daily reality. How often do we find ourselves overwhelmed with the tasks of parenting, work, household chores, appointments, and endless to-do lists? How often do we, like Martha, feel unnoticed, unsupported, or even bitter when others don't seem as "busy" as we are? And yet, how often do we forget to stop, sit, and listen—to be present to one another and especially to the Lord?

Martha's service is not wrong—Jesus doesn't rebuke her for working. Her mistake lies in her anxiety and distraction, in allowing her tasks to take precedence over her relationship with Christ. In family life, both Martha and Mary are necessary. Homes run on Marthas—the meals, the laundry, the school runs, the bills. But homes are sustained by Mary moments—quiet times of prayer, conversation, shared meals, and hearts open to one another and to God.

This Gospel encourages us as families to reevaluate our daily routines. Are we carving out time to be together not just physically, but spiritually and emotionally? Do we make space for prayer as a family—perhaps before meals, at bedtime, or even through reading Scripture together on Sunday? Are we teaching our children, not only to work hard like Martha, but to value stillness and listening like Mary?

As a family this week, let us strive to be both active and attentive, balancing the necessary demands of daily life with the "one thing" that truly matters: being in communion with Christ. Whether through a shared rosary, a quiet Sunday walk, or just sitting together in silence before a crucifix or Scripture passage, may we all choose the better part—and may it never be taken from us.

Your friend in Jesus,
Msgr. Zach

July 20th Responsorial: Psalm 15

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

July 27th Responsorial: Psalm 138

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Community Happenings . . .

LAS GUADALUPANAS BREAKFAST ON JULY 20TH

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

St. Vincent de Paul Quarterly Report April-June 2025

Number of families served: 77	Telephone Contact: 15
Total people served: 161	Home Visit: 10
Aged/Daycare visits: 0	Volunteer hours: 425
Prison visit: 0	Volunteer mileage: 725
Other/In Person visits: 6	Utility Expenses: \$ 58.27
Spiritual Aid/ Sacraments: 0	Food Expenses for Quarter: \$ 571.51
Hospital visit: 0	Expenses for Quarter: \$ 813.64
Blankets: 0	Lodging: \$ 130.00
Socks: 0	Pharmacy expense: \$ 53.86
Bags of groceries: 154	Income for quarter: \$ 1,475.18
Parish Food Drive: 921 packages	
Post Office Food Drive: 390	Balance: \$ 5,312.45

Interested in becoming Catholic? Need Sacramental Prep?

We will begin our OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) classes for those seeking to become Catholic in the beginning of September. (Date to be announced soon).

Also Sacramental prep for First Communion and Confirmation will begin in the beginning of September for youth at least in 1st grade and any others needing the Sacraments. More info coming soon.



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 unfailing 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>

Diocese of Tyler Formation Conference Aug 2, 2025

LAST DAY TO SIGN UP ONLINE IS JULY 27TH!!

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 down to 2nd page to register for 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.

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

HOMESCHOOL BLESSING MASS SEPTEMBER 5TH

The Diocese of Tyler will have a homeschool Blessing Mass on September 5th at St. Mary Magdalene Church in Flint, TX for all homeschooling families. Bishop Kelly will preside at the Mass. More information coming soon.

Welcome

to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church! We are so happy you are here with us!



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St. Mary Magdalene - July 22

St. Mary Magdalene is one of the greatest saints of the Bible and a legendary example of God's mercy and grace. The precise dates of her birth and death are unknown, but we do know she was present with Christ during his public ministry, death and resurrection. She is mentioned at least a dozen times in the Gospels.

Mary Magdalene has long been regarded as a prostitute or sexually immoral in western Christianity, but this is not supported in the scriptures. It is believed she was a Jewish woman who lived among Gentiles, living as they did.

The Gospels agree that Mary was originally a great sinner. Jesus cast seven demons out of her when he met her. After this, she told several women she associated with and these women also became followers.

There is also debate over if Mary Magdalene is the same unnamed women, a sinner, who weeps and washes Jesus' feet with her hair in the Gospel of John. Scholars are skeptical this is the same person.

Despite the scholarly dispute over her background, what she did in her subsequent life, after meeting Jesus, is much more significant. She was certainly a sinner whom Jesus saved, giving us an example of how no person is beyond the saving grace of God.

During Jesus' ministry, it is believed that Mary Magdalene followed him, part of a semi-permanent entourage who served Jesus and his Disciples.

Mary watched the crucifixion from a distance along with the other women who followed Christ during His ministry. Mary was present when Christ rose from the dead, visiting his tomb to anoint his body only to find the stone rolled away and Christ, very much alive, sitting at the place they laid Him. She was the first witness to His resurrection.

After the death of Christ, a legend states that she remained among the early Christians. After fourteen years, she was allegedly put into a boat by Jews, along with several other saints of the early Church, and set adrift without sails or oars. The boat landed in southern France, where she spent the remaining years of her life living in solitude, in a cave.

St. Mary Magdalene's feast day is July 22. She is the patroness of converts, repentant sinners, sexual temptation, pharmacists, tanners and women, and many other places and causes.



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