

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



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>

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 27, 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 20, 2025

Total General Collection	\$1574.00
Regular Collection	\$ 1309.00
Online Collection	\$ 265.00

Upcoming Special Collections

July 27, 2025- Church in Africa

August 3, 2025- For Those in Need

August 15, 2025- Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary

Gift of Gratitude St. Vincent de Paul

WEEK OF 7/17/25

Food for the poor: # of cans & packages 16
Families served: 3 (6 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 7/28/2025 – Sharon Verhalen

Week of 8/4/2025 – Connie Woods

Week of 8/11/2025 – Andrea Bautista

Week of 8/18/2025 – Collette Dockery

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 August 2025

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

Saturday, August 2, 2025

Lector: Pam Watts

Eucharistic Minister:

Marguerite Hawthorne

Theresa Bears

Sunday, August 3, 2025

Lector: Jackie Traylor

Eucharistic Ministers:

Kat Bellini

Colette Hines

Saturday, August 9, 2025

Lector: Johnette Grubaugh

Eucharistic Minister:

Doc Dockery

Collette Dockery

Sunday, August 10, 2025

Lector: Colette Hines

Eucharistic Ministers:

Anita Hall

Roger Opiela

Saturday, August 16, 2025

Lector: Collette Dockery

Eucharistic Minister:

Johnette Grubaugh

Pam Watts

Sunday, August 17, 2025

Lector: Ann Kauppi

Eucharistic Ministers:

Jackie Traylor

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/August 2025

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)

Friday, August 1- For the Repose of the Souls of

Ed Diedrich Sr & Beata

(Requested by Jeanette Murray)

Saturday, August 2 9:00am- For the Repose of the Souls of

Ed Diedrich Jr And Thereasa

(Requested by Jeanette Murray)

Saturday, August 2 5:00pm- For the Repose of the Souls of

Secundino & Concepsion Guerro

(Requested by Irene Webster)

Sunday, August 3- For the Parishioners of ICC

(Requested by Ladies' Altar Society)

Tuesday, August 5- For the Repose of the Soul CL McCoy

(Requested by John & Collette Dockery)

Wednesday August 6- For the Repose of the Souls of

Virginia & Joe Limberg

(Requested by Jo Miller)

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 (Luke 11:1–13), we are invited into a deeply personal moment between Jesus and His disciples. One of them, observing Jesus in prayer, asks, "Lord, teach us to pray." What follows is not only the gift of the Lord's Prayer but also a profound teaching on persistence, trust, and the Father's love. For families, this passage offers a beautiful model of how prayer forms the heart of our home and shapes our relationships with God and one another.

In many homes, prayer is passed down like a treasured heirloom. Parents teach their children how to make the sign of the cross, recite the Our Father, and offer bedtime prayers. These moments, often simple and quiet, are deeply formative. They are the seeds from which faith grows. When Jesus teaches the disciples to say, "Father, hallowed be your name," He invites them—and us—into an intimate, childlike relationship with God. As families, we are reminded that our heavenly Father is attentive to every need, longing to provide not only our daily bread but also the grace and strength we need to live well.

The parable that follows—the friend knocking at midnight—reminds us of the importance of perseverance in prayer. It echoes a common experience in family life: sometimes, we must keep knocking, keep asking, and keep trusting, especially during times of struggle or silence. Whether we're praying for a sick family member, a child facing difficulty, or peace within the home, Jesus encourages us not to give up. The Father always hears.

Jesus then reassures us: "Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." In the context of family life, this can be a great encouragement. As parents, we may worry about our children's future. As children, we may long for understanding and support. This Gospel assures us that God is not distant or indifferent. He is a loving Father who responds with generosity—not always with what we *want*, but with what is *good* for us. "If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children," Jesus says, "how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

The greatest gift, then, is not material but spiritual: the Holy Spirit. Families who pray together open themselves to this gift—strengthening their love, patience, forgiveness, and unity. Through shared prayer, mealtimes with gratitude, and even quiet moments of reflection, the Holy Spirit becomes the unseen presence in the home.

In our busy modern lives, it is easy to overlook prayer. But this Gospel gently reminds us that prayer is not an obligation—it is a relationship. Let us, as families, return to the simplicity and depth of the Lord's Prayer. Let us teach our children to ask, to seek, and to knock—not only with words but with hearts open to the Father's will.

This week, may each home be a school of prayer, where love of God and trust in His providence are lived out daily. And may we never forget that our Father in heaven always listens—and lovingly responds.

Your friend in Jesus,
Msgr. Zach

July 27th Responsorial: Psalm 138

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

Aug 3rd Responsorial: Psalm 90

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Community Happenings . . .

Tuesday, July 30th is Fr. Isaac's Birthday!

May your birthday be filled with happiness, love, and lots of God's blessings. Happiest of birthdays to our dear priest, who has been a guiding light, inspiration, and friend to us all.



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.

MSGR ZACH ON VACATION BEGINNING AUGUST 4TH

Msgr Zach will be away on vacation from August 4th until September 4th. All Masses will be at the same times as usual.

Please keep Msgr in your prayers for a wonderful and restful vacation and for his safe return in September.



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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.

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

Saturday, August 16th 9am-12pm English

Sacred Heart-Nacogdoches
2508 Appelby Sand Rd
Nacogdoches, TX 75965

LECTOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING

On Saturday, August 16th at 10am we will have another lector/Eucharistic Minister training in Mary's Hall for those who wish to serve the Church. Please make every effort to attend this training. Contact Colette Hines if you are interested in this class.

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?

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St. Martha - July 29

"Jesus loved Martha and Mary and Lazarus." This unique statement in John's gospel tells us of the special relationship Jesus had with Martha, her sister, and her brother. Apparently Jesus was a frequent guest at Martha's home in Bethany. We read of three visits in Luke 10:38-42, John 11:1-53, and John 12:1-9.

Many of us find it easy to identify with Martha in the story Luke tells. Martha welcomes Jesus and his disciples into her home and immediately goes to work to serve them.

Hospitality is paramount in the Middle East and Martha believed in its importance. Imagine her frustration when her sister Mary ignores the rule of hospitality and Martha's work in order to sit and listen to Jesus. Instead of speaking to her sister, she asks Jesus to intervene.

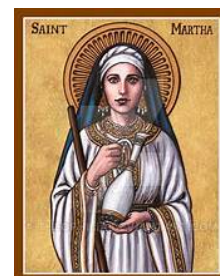
Jesus' response is not unkind, which gives us an idea of his affection for her. He observes that Martha is worried about many things that distract her from really being present to him. He reminds her that there is only one thing that is truly important -- listening to him. And that is what Mary has done.

The next visit shows how well Martha learned this lesson. She is grieving the death of her brother with a house full of mourners when she hears that Jesus has just come to the area. She gets up immediately and leaves the guests, leaves her mourning, and goes to meet him.

Her conversation with Jesus shows her faith and courage. In this dialogue she states clearly without doubt that she believes in Jesus' power, in the resurrection, and most of all that Jesus is the Son of God.

Jesus tells her that he is the resurrection and the life and then goes on to raise her brother from the dead. We hear how Mary causes a commotion at dinner by anointing Jesus with expensive perfume. But all we hear about Martha is the simple statement: "Martha served." She isn't in the spotlight, she doesn't do showy things, she doesn't receive spectacular miracles. She simply serves Jesus.

We know nothing more about Martha and what happened to her later. Martha is the patron saint of servants and cooks.



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