

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.icccjeffersonsx.org>

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 3, 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 27, 2025

Total General Collection	\$1122.00
Regular Collection	\$ 957.00
Online Collection	\$ 165.00

Upcoming Special Collections

August 3, 2025- For Those in Need

August 15, 2025- Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary

Gift of Gratitude St. Vincent de Paul

WEEK OF 7/24/25

Food for the poor: # of cans & packages 7
Families served: 2 (4 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 8/4/2025 – **Connie Woods**

Week of 8/11/2025 – **Andrea Bautista**

Week of 8/18/2025 – **Collette Dockery**

Week of 8/25/2025 – **Johnette Grubaugh**

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, 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

Saturday, August 23, 2025

Lector: Pam Watts

Eucharistic Minister:

Theresa Beard

Marguerite Hawthorne

Sunday, August 24, 2025

Lector: Liz Opiela

Eucharistic Ministers:

Ann Kauppi

Kat Bellini

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
*Mary Ann Haynes	Monica Bautista

Family & Friends

Carolyn Bostick	*Gaye Christy
Charles Cancellare	* Ginny Reordan
Imogene Cancellare	* Lance Reordan
Zach Hartfield	Rev. Joseph Nasser
Melissa Jo Haynes	*Marsha Hinson
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 –August 2025

Saturday, August 2 9:00am- For the Repose of the Souls of Ed Diedrich Jr & Theresa
(Requested by Jeanette Murray)

Saturday, August 2 5:00pm- For the Repose of the Souls of Secundino & Concepcion 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 of CL McCoy
(Requested by John & Collette Dockery)

Wednesday August 6- For the Repose of the Souls of Virginia & Joe Limberg
(Requested by Jo Miller)

Thursday, August 7- For the Repose of the Soul of Irene Webster
(Requested by Charlie & Anita Hall)

Friday, August 8- For the Repose of the Souls of Eric & Mary Guvernator
(Requested by John & Collette Dockery)

Saturday, August 9- For the Repose of the Soul of Joseph Gregory Roppolo
(Requested by John & Collette Dockery)

Sunday, August 10- For the Parishioners of ICC
(Requested by Ladies' Altar Society)

Tuesday, August 12- For the Souls in Purgatory
(Requested by Marguerite Hawthorne)

Wednesday, August 13- For the Repose of the Soul of Archie Jones
(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 August 2025

For mutual coexistence

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

A Message from Msgr. Zach

Dear Friends,

In today's Gospel from Luke 12:13–21, Jesus tells the parable of the rich fool—a man whose land yields a bountiful harvest. Rather than using his wealth to bless others or glorify God, he chooses to store it all away, saying to himself, “*You have many good things laid up for many years. Rest, eat, drink, be merry!*” But God responds, “*You fool! This night your life will be demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?*”

This passage invites us to reflect deeply on the role of material wealth in our lives, especially within the family. In our homes, conversations about financial stability, savings, and providing for the future are not only normal—they're necessary. Parents work hard to ensure their children have what they need: education, clothes, meals, and sometimes even the extras. But Jesus' message today gently warns us not to let our lives revolve around *possessing more*, but rather *becoming more*—more generous, more loving, more attuned to God and one another.

A family recently shared that they decided to simplify their Christmas tradition. Instead of many gifts, they chose to focus on spending meaningful time together—cooking, playing board games, attending Mass, and serving at a local shelter. The joy and peace that filled their home that Christmas surpassed any gift money could buy. The children, surprisingly, didn't feel like they missed out. Instead, they talked about how they felt closer as a family and more grateful for what they already had.

This is the kind of richness Jesus is pointing us toward—richness that builds treasure in heaven. Our homes are the first place where the values of generosity, detachment, and eternal perspective are learned. Parents model this when they prioritize time together over extra hours at work, when they share their blessings with those in need, and when they teach their children that “having more” isn't the measure of a successful life.

In the parable, the rich man never once considers others. His entire dialogue is with himself. In contrast, the Christian life is about communion—with God and with one another. A family gathered around the dinner table, a child helping a sibling, or a couple supporting an elderly neighbor—these are the moments where the Gospel is lived.

Jesus concludes by saying, “*So it is with the one who stores up treasure for himself but is not rich in what matters to God.*” What matters to God is not the size of our bank account, but the size of our hearts. Are we rich in compassion? In mercy? In faith? In love?

As families, may we use today's Gospel to examine our own priorities. What kind of legacy are we building—not just financially, but spiritually? Let us remember that everything we have is a gift, and one day, we will be asked how we used it—not just for ourselves, but for the Kingdom of God. May our homes be filled with the riches that truly last: faith, hope, love, and the presence of Christ in all we do.

Your friend in Jesus,
Msgr. Zach

Aug 3rd Responsorial: Psalm 90

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

Aug 10th Responsorial: Psalm 33

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be His own.

Community Happenings . . .

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.

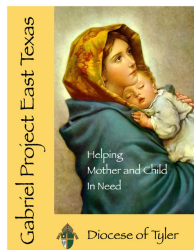
Communion Service on Tuesday, August 5th

On August 5th, there will only be a communion service at the 12:10pm service.

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>

Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary-Holy Day of Obligation

Friday, August 15th is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a holy day of obligation.

There will be a vigil Mass on Thursday, August 14th at 6:00pm. (There will still be the 9am Mass on Thursday but this **does NOT count towards the obligation of the Assumption.**) The Assumption Mass will be on Friday August 15th at 9:00am.

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.

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.

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, 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

For more class times, see the Diocese of Tyler website under the Events Calendar.

Mass Intentions for August

Thank you for all the Mass intentions for your loved ones during the month of August. There are only 3 dates left in August for intentions; Aug 14, Aug 20, and Aug 28. However there are still several dates available in September.

If you would like to have your loved one, living or deceased, remembered during a Mass, please fill out a Mass intention envelope and either put it in the collection basket or drop it in the mail slot of the office door.

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. John Vianney – Aug 4

Jean-Baptiste-Marie Vianney, known as John in English, was born May 8, 1786 in Dardilly, France and was baptized the same day.

When he was 20-years-old, John was allowed to leave the family farm to learn at a "presbytery-school" in Écully. As his education had been disrupted by the French Revolution, he struggled in his studies, particularly with Latin, but worked hard to learn.

In 1802, the Catholic Church was reestablished in France and religious freedom and peace spread throughout the country.

Unfortunately, in 1809, John was drafted into Napoleon Bonaparte's armies. He had been studying as an ecclesiastical student, which was a protected title and would normally have exempted him from military services, but Napoleon had withdrawn the exemption in some dioceses as he required more soldiers.

Two days into his service, John fell ill and required hospitalization. As his troop continued, he stopped in at a church where he prayed. There he met a young man who volunteered to return him to his group, but instead led him deep into the mountains where military deserters met.

John lived with them for 14 months. He opened a school for the nearby village of Les Noes' children. John remained in Les Noes and hid when police came in search of deserters until 1810, when deserters were granted amnesty.

Now free, John returned to Écully and resumed his ecclesiastic studies. He was ordained a deacon in June 1815. He became a priest on August 12, 1815. His first Mass was celebrated the next day and he was appointed assistant to Balley in Écully.

When he began his priestly duties, Fr. Vianney realized many were either ignorant or indifferent to religion as a result of the French Revolution. Many danced and drank on Sundays or worked in their fields.

Fr. Vianney spent much time in confession and often delivered homilies against blasphemy and dancing. Finally, if parishioners did not give up dancing, he refused them absolution.

He spent 11 to 12 hours each day working to reconcile people with God. His fame spread until people began to travel to him in 1827. Within thirty years, it is said he received up to 20,000 pilgrims each year. In 1859, he passed away and left behind a legacy of faith and was viewed as the champion of the poor.

St. John Vianney was canonized on May 31, 1925. His feast day is August 4.



Rosary Schedule and Marian Feast Days August, 2025



WEDNESDAY, AUG 6TH

ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, AUG 13TH

ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M

FRIDAY, AUG 15TH

SOLEMNITY OF ASSUMPTION OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

WEDNESDAY, AUG 20TH

ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M

FRIDAY, AUG 22ND

QUEENSHIP OF MARY

WEDNESDAY, AUG 27TH

ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M