

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

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Phone: 903-665-2869

Wednesday 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Email: icccjefferson@sbcglobal.net

Church Website: <http://www.icccjefferson.org>

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 24, 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 August 17, 2025

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| Total General Collection | \$1272.00 |
| Regular Collection | \$ 1092.00 |
| Online Collection | \$ 180.00 |
| Assumption | \$432.00 |

Upcoming Special Collections

September 7, 2025- Catholic University of America

September 14, 2025- For Those in Need

Gift of Gratitude St. Vincent de Paul

WEEK OF 8/14/25

Food for the poor: # of cans & packages 27
Families served: 4 (10 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 8/25/2025 – **Johnette Grubaugh**

Week of 9/1/2025 – **Anita Hall**

Week of 9/8/2025 – **Marguerite Hawthorne**

Week of 9/15/2025 – **Charmaine Kresch**

If you are interested in volunteering Email us at
iccjefferson@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 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

Saturday, August 30, 2025

Lector: Johnette Grubaugh

Eucharistic Minister:

Collette Dockery

Doc Dockery

Sunday, August 31, 2025

Lector: Kat Bellini

Eucharistic Ministers:

Colette Hines

Roger Opiela

If you are interested in becoming a Lector, Eucharistic Minister,
Altar Server, Usher, or Cantor please let us know.

Email us @ iccjefferson@sbcglobal.net



Together We Pray

Prayer List

Please remember in your prayers those who need prayers in our Parish Family and Community.

Parishioners

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| Anna Bode Family | Judith Lensch |
| Rufe Brewton | Jo Miller |
| JR Procell | Amil Murray |
| Maria & Cesar Chapa | Ron Remedies |
| Sharon Deangelo | Rebecca Cornett Sistrunk |
| Mary Dorgan | Watts Family |
| Dawn Fuquay | John Wix |
| Fred Griffin | Doris Wong |
| Troy Hines | Johnette Grubaugh |
| Darrell Lensch | David Roberts |
| Mike Lakey | Monica Bautista |
| Mary Ann Haynes | |

Family & Friends

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| 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 | Barbara Sontag |
| Todd Holt | Noelia Thomas |
| Gerald Kennie | Beverly Sheman |
| Roy Hunter | Mary Rike |
| Hector Garza | Kenneth Hudson |
| Miguel Aranda | Marilyn Hines |
| Chris Wood | * Matt Kauppi |
| Kenny Mills | * Rita Hatten |
| Brandy Campbell | * Jerry Hatten |

Active Military from our Community

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| 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 16- For the Repose of the Soul of Orlando Martinez
(Requested by Irene Webster)

Sunday, August 17- For the Parishioners of ICC
(Requested by Ladies' Altar Society)

Tuesday, August 19- For the Repose of the Soul of Susan Wise
(Requested by Ladies Altar Society)

Wednesday, August 20- For the Repose of the Soul of Archie Mallette
(Requested by Marguerite Hawthorne)

Thursday, August 21- For the Repose of the Soul of Irene Webster
(Requested by Jackie Traylor)

Friday, August 22- For the Repose of the Soul of Martha Vrla
(Requested by Ken & Suzanne Vrla)

Saturday, August 23- For the Repose of the Soul of Mary Saner
(Requested by Ladies' Altar Society)

Sunday, August 24- For the Parishioners of ICC
(Requested by Ladies' Altar Society)

Tuesday, August 26- For the Repose of the Soul of Jonathan Collander
(Requested by Marguerite Hawthorne)

Wednesday, August 27- For the Repose of the Soul of Irene Webster
(Requested by Charlie & Anita Hall)

Friday, August 29- For the Repose of the Souls of Virginia & Joe Limberg
(Requested by Jo Miller)

Saturday, August 30- For the Repose of the Soul of Orlando Martinez
(Requested by Irene Webster)

Sunday, August 31- For the Parishioners of ICC
(Requested by Ladies' Altar Society)

Please submit your mass intentions in the envelopes provided.

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 this Sunday's Gospel, Luke tells us that as Jesus made His way through towns and villages toward Jerusalem, someone asked Him, "Lord, will only a few be saved?" Jesus replied, "Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able." (Luke 13:24)

This passage challenges us deeply, especially within the context of family life. Often, we assume that simply being part of the Church or a Christian family means we are automatically "inside" the Kingdom. Yet Jesus' words remind us that entering the Kingdom of God requires more than proximity — it requires commitment, effort, and relationship.

In every family, there are doors we walk through daily — doors of our homes, bedrooms, schools, and workplaces. But how often do we pay attention to the "narrow door" Jesus speaks of? Within our households, the narrow door can look like the small choices we make each day: forgiving when we've been hurt, choosing patience over anger, turning off distractions to really listen, and praying together even when it's inconvenient.

Jesus warns of a time when people will knock on the door and say, "We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets," but He will reply, "I do not know where you come from." (Luke 13:26–27) It's not enough to merely be near Jesus or be familiar with His teachings; He wants us to truly know Him and be transformed by that relationship. For families, this means helping each other live out faith authentically, not just performing religious routines.

In many ways, our homes are like little domestic churches. They are the first place where we learn to love, forgive, and serve. Parents and grandparents plant the seeds of faith, but each member must respond freely. It is here, in the daily messiness and beauty of family life, that we learn to "strive" — not through grand gestures but through simple, faithful love.

Jesus also speaks of a great reversal: "Some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." (Luke 13:30) This reminds us not to become complacent. It challenges us to examine our hearts. Are we nurturing a living faith or relying on family traditions alone? Are we showing our children and loved ones what it means to truly follow Jesus by example, even when the way is narrow and hard?

Today's Gospel is not meant to fill us with fear but with hope and holy urgency. The door is narrow, yes, but it is open — Christ Himself holds it open for us. As a family, let us encourage one another to keep our eyes on that door, to lift each other when we stumble, and to remind each other that our true home is found not in this world but in the Kingdom that awaits us.

May our families be places where the narrow door is not just spoken about, but walked through together.

Your friend in Jesus,
Msgr. Zach

Aug 24th Responsorial: Psalm 117

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

Aug 31st Responsorial: Psalm 68

God, in Your goodness, You have made a home for the poor.

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.

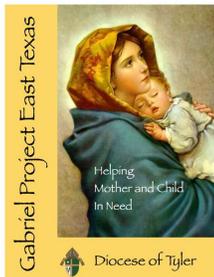
“Understanding the Scriptures” Class begins Sept 24th

Fr. Isaac’s Class “Understanding the Scriptures” will resume on Wednesday September 24th at 5pm in the library of the parish center. He will be covering the New Testament section. If you didn’t make the first half, but would like to join for the 2nd half of the class, please contact the church office to order a book.

Books are \$20 each.

Mary’s Hall in use on September 13th

On Saturday, September 13th, Mary’s Hall will be in use for an event from 12pm to 6pm. Please do not enter the Hall during these times. Thank you.



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Since 1995

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unexpected pregnancy
888-300-5112 24/7

<https://gabrielprojecteasttexas.org>

Our new faith formation classes including OCIA and Sacramental Prep will begin on Sunday, September 21st

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) classes for those seeking to become Catholic or to learn more about the Catholic faith will start on Sunday, September 21st at 10:45am in the parish center downstairs classroom.

Also Sacramental prep for First Communion and Confirmation will also be held at the same date and time in the parish center classroom by the elevator.

Classes will be on Sundays from 10:45am to 12pm.

SIGN-UP FOR YOUTH SACRAMENTAL PREP

To sign up for youth age 2nd grade to 7th grade for Sacramental prep classes, please scan the below QR Code or go to https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1m-kF1z3g5_uUPgaNIODY9gdNEwHme1mtqTG7T9FQDEc/edit

Please fill out the entire form and submit it.



Meet & Greet the new formation team Sept 14!

We have a new Faith formation team! Come meet those who will be helping with the OCIA and Sacramental Prep classes on Sunday, September 14th after Mass in the Parish Center. Breakfast will be provided for everyone.

All those who will be taking the classes are encouraged to come meet the formation team. But everyone is invited!



Mass Intentions for September

Thank you for all the Mass intentions for your loved ones for September. We only have a few dates still available (Sept 3rd, 5th, 6th-9am, 19th, 23rd, 24th, and 30th). Fill out an envelope and drop in collection basket or put in office mail slot.

Community Happenings . . .

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.

HOMESCHOOL BLESSING MASS

Bishop Gregory Kelly will be celebrating a Homeschool Blessing Mass for all homeschooling families in the Diocese of Tyler. The Mass will be at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Flint on **Sept. 5, 2025 at 12:30 p.m. This event is hosted in collaboration with the Catholic Family Adventure Club. A light reception will follow in the parish hall. Please register here: <https://www.catholicfamilyadventureclub.com/info/rm/127949>**

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. Augustine of Hippo – August 28

St. Augustine of Hippo is the patron of brewers because of his conversion from a former life of loose living, which included parties, entertainment, and worldly ambitions. His complete turnaround and conversion has been an inspiration to many who struggle with a particular vice or habit they long to break.

This famous son of St. Monica was born in Africa and spent many years of his life in wicked living and in false beliefs. Though he was one of the most intelligent men who ever lived and though he had been brought up a Christian, his sins of impurity and his pride darkened his mind so much, that he could not see or understand the Divine Truth anymore.

Through the prayers of his holy mother and the marvelous preaching of St. Ambrose, Augustine finally became convinced that Christianity was the one true religion. Yet he did not become a Christian then, because he thought he could never live a pure life. One day, however, he heard about two men who had suddenly been converted on reading the life of St. Antony, and he felt ashamed of himself. "What are we doing?" he cried to his friend Alipius. "Unlearned people are taking Heaven by force, while we, with all our knowledge, are so cowardly that we keep rolling around in the mud of our sins!"

Full of bitter sorrow, Augustine flung himself out into the garden and cried out to God, Just then he heard a child singing, "Take up and read!" Thinking that God intended him to hear those words, he picked up the book of the Letters of St. Paul, and read the first passage his gaze fell on. It was just what Augustine needed, for in it, St. Paul says to put away all impurity and to live in imitation of Jesus. From then on, Augustine began a new life.

He was baptized, became a priest, a bishop, a famous Catholic writer, Founder of religious priests, and one of the greatest saints that ever lived. He became very devout and charitable, too. St. Augustine overcame strong heresies, practiced great poverty and supported the poor, preached very often and prayed with great fervor right up until his death in 430. "Too late have I loved You!" he once cried to God, but with his holy life he certainly made up for the sins he committed before his conversion. His feast day is August 28th.



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