

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.

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

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 21, 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 September 14, 2025

Total General Collection	\$2056.00
Regular Collection	\$ 1751.00
Online Collection	\$ 305.00
For Those in Need	\$708.00

Upcoming Special Collections

September 28, 2025-St. Vincent de Paul Black Bag

October 5, 2025- For Those in Need

October 19, 2025- World Mission Sunday

Gift of Gratitude St. Vincent de Paul

WEEK OF 9/11/25

Food for the poor: # of cans & packages 20
Families served: 7 (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 9/22/2025 – Sharon Verhalen

Week of 9/29/2025 – Connie Woods

Week of 10/6/2025 – Andrea Bautista

Week of 10/13/2025 – 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 September 2025

Saturday, September 6, 2025

Lector: Collette Dockery

Eucharistic Minister:

Pam Watts

Johnette Grubaugh

Sunday, September 7, 2025

Lector: Sharon Verhalen

Eucharistic Ministers:

Anita Hall

Maria Velazquez

Saturday, September 13, 2025

Lector: Doc Dockery

Eucharistic Minister:

Theresa Beard

Marguerite Hawthorne

Sunday, September 14, 2025

Lector: Roger Opiela

Eucharistic Ministers:

Ann Kauppi

Sharon Verhalen

Saturday, September 20, 2025

Lector: Pam Watts

Eucharistic Minister:

Collette Dockery

Doc Dockery

Sunday, September 21, 2025

Lector: Dan Kauppi

Eucharistic Ministers:

Jackie Traylor

Kat Bellini

Saturday, September 27, 2025

Lector: Johnette Grubaugh

Eucharistic Minister:

Pam Watts

Theresa Beard

Sunday, September 28, 2025

Lector: Jackie Traylor

Eucharistic Ministers:

Liz Opiela

Colette Hines

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

Email us at icccjefferson@sbcglobal.net

or call 903-665-2869



Together We Pray

Prayer List

Please remember in your prayers those who need prayers in our Parish Family and Community. (* = Newly added)

Parishioners

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	David Roberts
Darrell Lensch	Monica Bautista
Mike Lakey	Mary Ann Haynes
Fr Gabriel Uzundu	* Dennis Dozier

Family & Friends

Eliana Faith England	Becky Hargrove
*Trish Cancellare	Ginny Reordan
Jessica Sistrunk	Lance Reordan
Melissa Jo Haynes	Rev. Joseph Nasser
Guadalupe Hernandez	Marsha Hinson
Sue Holt	Carter Davis
Todd Holt	Barbara Sontag
Gerald Kennie	Noelia Thomas
Roy Hunter	Beverly Sheman
Hector Garza	Mary Rike
Miguel Aranda	Kenneth Hudson
Chris Wood	Marilyn Hines
Kenny Mills	Matt Kauppi
Brandy Campbell	Rita Hatten
Melvin Williams	Jerry Hatten
	David Hollis

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 –September 2025

Wednesday, September 17- For the Repose of the Soul of Irene Webster
(Requested by Charlie & Anita Hall)

Thursday, September 18- For the Repose of the Soul of Yvonne Thompson
(Requested by Jackie Traylor)

Friday, September 19- For the Repose of the Soul of Gloria Lampkin
(Requested by Pam Watts)

Saturday, September 20- For the Repose of the Soul of Rusty Webster
(Requested by Irene Webster)

Sunday, September 21- For the Parishioners of ICC
(Requested by Ladies' Altar Society)

Tuesday, September 23- For the Repose of the Soul of Tammy Martin
(Requested by Pam Watts)

Wednesday, September 24- For the Repose of the Soul of Glenda Davis
(Requested by Pam Watts)

Thursday, September 25- For the Repose of the Souls of Robert & Birdie Traylor
(Requested by Jackie Traylor)

Friday, September 26- For the Repose of the Soul of Irene Webster
(Requested by Charlie & Anita Hall)

Saturday, September 27- For the Repose of the Soul of Emmie Marie Peralta
(Requested by John & Collette Dockery)

Sunday, September 28- For the Parishioners of ICC
(Requested by Ladies' Altar Society)

Tuesday, September 30- For the Repose of the Soul of Wayman Moore
(Requested by Pam Watts)

Please submit your mass intentions in the envelopes provided. Cards are available in the office to notify recipients and/or families of the intentions you have submitted for them.

Pope Leo Prayer Intentions September 2025

For our relationship with all of creation
Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

A Message from Msgr. Zach

Dear Friends,

This Sunday's Gospel presents us with one of Jesus' more challenging parables—the story of the dishonest steward. At first glance, it may sound confusing. Why would Jesus praise a steward who squandered his master's property and then acted cleverly to secure his own future? Yet, as with many of His teachings, Jesus is inviting us to look deeper. He is not praising dishonesty but rather pointing out the steward's foresight and shrewdness in preparing for what was to come.

In a family context, this passage encourages us to reflect on how we use the gifts, resources, and opportunities God has entrusted to us. Just as the steward had responsibility over his master's goods, we too are stewards—of our families, our time, our talents, and our faith. Parents, for example, are entrusted with the gift of children. How wisely do we invest in their growth—not only in education, sports, or hobbies—but more importantly, in their spiritual lives? Do we take time to pray with them, teach them about God's love, and show them what it means to live honestly and generously?

Jesus reminds us that no one can serve two masters: “You cannot serve both God and mammon.” In our modern world, families often face the temptation of materialism. The desire for financial security, possessions, or social status can quietly become the driving force in our homes. Yet, the Gospel challenges us to place God first, to let Him be the true Master of our household. When God is at the center, material things take their rightful place—as tools to serve, not idols to control us.

Practical stewardship begins with small, daily choices. Families who budget not only for their needs but also for charitable giving teach their children that money has a higher purpose than personal gain. Families who dedicate time each week to Sunday Mass, family prayer, or acts of service show that their treasure truly lies in God. Even the simple act of sharing a meal together without distractions can be a way of stewarding time wisely, creating space for love, listening, and gratitude.

This Gospel also speaks about faithfulness in little things. Jesus tells us, “The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones.” Within family life, the “small matters” are often the everyday responsibilities—helping with chores, keeping promises, speaking kindly, showing respect. These seemingly ordinary actions prepare us for greater responsibilities in life. A child who learns honesty in small tasks grows into an adult capable of integrity in the workplace and in society.

Ultimately, Jesus calls us to be “children of light”—wise in planning for eternal life. The dishonest steward worked hard to secure his future in this world. How much more should we strive, as families, to prepare for the Kingdom of God? Our true treasure is not in possessions, but in the love we share, the faith we hand on, and the witness we give to others. This week, let us ask ourselves: How are we stewarding the blessings in our families? Are we serving God with our time, our resources, and our hearts?

Your friend in Jesus,
Msgr. Zach

Sept 21 Responsorial: Psalm 113
Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.
Sept 28 Responsorial: Psalm 146
Praise the Lord my soul!

Community Happenings . . .

"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. Classes will be Wednesdays at 5pm.

Las Guadalupanas Tamale Sale

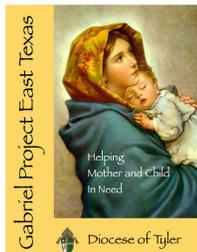
The Las Guadalupanas will be delivering the pre-ordered tamales on September 20th and 21st. Contact Andrea Bautista with any questions.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BLACK BAG COLLECTION

The Black Bag collection benefiting our local St. Vincent de Paul Conference will be held the weekend of **September 27-28, 2025**. This collection is usually held in the month of September in remembrance of the death of our founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, on September 8, 1853.

In 1833, Ozanam, and the original members realized they needed money to fund their good works of charity. Because the giving capacity of the members varied, they decided to pass around a simple black bag so that each member could discreetly donate what they could afford to give. Today, we continue this tradition.



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Introducing our new Faith Formation team



We have a great team who will be teaching and assisting with both the youth formation and the adult OCIA. Please support them all in their new ministry at our Church.

From left to right: Leslie Barton (hospitality), Craig Barton (OCIA), Dan Kauppi (OCIA), Taylor Davis (Youth-7th grade and up), Ann Kauppi (Youth 2nd-6th grade), Maria Velazquez (Assistant), Anita Hall (Assistant), Troy Hines (OCIA) and Sapphira Velazquez (Assistant)

Las Guadalupanas Breakfast-Sunday September 21st

The Las Guadalupanas will be serving a Hispanic breakfast this Sunday, September 21st in the parish center after Mass. All are invited to enjoy delicious food and wonderful fellowship.

Our new faith formation classes including OCIA and Sacramental Prep begins this 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 begin this Sunday, September 21st at 10:45am in the parish center downstairs classroom.

Also Sacramental prep for First Communion and Confirmation begins at the same date and time in the parish center. Youth 2nd-6th grade will meet in the classroom by the elevator. Youth 7th grade and older will meet in the classroom upstairs next to the library.

Blessing of the Gabriel Closet and Respect Life Sunday Oct 5th

Sunday October 5th is Respect Life Sunday which kicks off the celebrations of Respect Life Month (October). To start this month dedicated to valuing all human life, there will be a special blessing of the Gabriel Closet following the 9am Mass in Mary's Hall. Come celebrate the opening of the Gabriel Project-Margie's Closet, supporting mother and child in need.

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.

Ethics and Integrity Updates

Thank you to everyone who came to the Recertification training in August. There are still a few people (listed below) who need to complete either a background check or take the recertification training to be completely up to date on your training.

Background checks:

Joe Bellini
Kat Bellini
Jack Dellinger
Dirk Domas
BR McCoy
Liz Opiela

Training:

JR Beard
Walter Martin
Jack Dellinger
Dirk Domas
Anita Hall
Charlie Hall

Sign into your virtusonline.org account to do your background check and to sign up for a training class. Contact Colette Hines with any questions.

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. Padre Pio – September 23rd

St. Padre Pio was born Francesco Forgione, on May 25, 1887, in Pietrelcina, Italy. As a child, he was very religious and by the age of five he reportedly made the decision to dedicate his life to God.

From his tender age, Francesco had a peculiar ability. He could see guardian angels and spoke with Jesus and the Virgin Mary. This occurred so naturally that he assumed other people could see them too.

Francesco's family was very poor, which required that he work. He spent many years as a child tending to a small flock of sheep owned by his family. Unfortunately, the work meant he was unable to attend school regularly. Francesco was also very sickly as a child.

In 1897, after three years of schooling, Francesco expressed to his parents that he wanted to become a friar. His parents visited a nearby community of monks and asked if Francesco could join them. He was evaluated and was told that he needed more education before he could join.

At the age of 15, Francesco was finally ready and he entered the novitiate of the Capuchin friars at Morcone. He took the name of "Pio" in honor of Pope Pius I, whose relic he often saw at his local chapel.

Brother Pio became a priest in 1910, but was permitted to remain at home because of his poor health.

On September 20, Padre Pio was hearing confessions when he felt pain in his hands and feet. He noticed the stigmata appearing on his hands and feet. The experience was very painful. The wounds smelled of roses, and although they continued to weep, they never became infected.

Padre Pio became popular with the people he encountered and soon began to attribute supernatural occurrences to him. For example, he was said to levitate, and able to perform miracles.

His popularity became a source of concern for the Church and the Vatican began to restrict his activities to minimize public interaction. A Church investigation into his stigmata concluded that his condition was not faked.

By 1934, the Vatican began to change its attitude towards Padre Pio and he was again allowed to perform public duties.

Padre Pio died on September 23, 1968. His funeral was attended by over 100,000 people.

Pope John Paul II canonized Padre Pio on June 16, 2002. His feast day is September 23. He is the patron of civil defense volunteers, adolescents, and the village of Pietrelcina.



Rosary Schedule and Marian Feast Days September, 2025



WEDNESDAY, SEPT 3RD

ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M

MONDAY, SEPT 8TH

BIRTH OF MARY

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 10TH

ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M

FRIDAY, SEPT 12TH

MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY

MONDAY, SEPT 15TH

OUR LADY OF SORROWS

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 17TH

ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 24TH

ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M