

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.icccjeffersonstx.org>

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 12, 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 October 5, 2025

Total General Collection	\$2443.00
Regular Collection	\$2153.00
Online Collection	\$290.00
For Those in Need	\$639.00

Upcoming Special Collections

October 19, 2025- World Mission Sunday
November 1, 2025- All Saints Day
November 2, 2025- For Those in Need

Gift of Gratitude St. Vincent de Paul

WEEK OF 10/2/25

Food for the poor: # of cans & packages 6
Families served: 15 (36 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 10/13/2025 – Collette Dockery

Week of 10/20/2025 – Johnette Grubaugh

Week of 10/27/2025 – Anita Hall

Week of 11/3/2025 – Marguerite Hawthorne

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 October 2025

Saturday, October 4, 2025

Lector: Collette Dockery

Eucharistic Minister:

Doc Dockery

Marguerite Hawthorne

Sunday, October 5, 2025

Lector: Colette Hines

Eucharistic Ministers:

Dan Kauppi

Maria Velazquez

Saturday, October 11, 2025

Lector: Pam Watts

Eucharistic Minister:

Johnette Grubaugh

Theresa Beard

Sunday, October 12, 2025

Lector: Ann Kauppi

Eucharistic Ministers:

Anita Hall

Sharon Verhalen

Saturday, October 18, 2025

Lector: Doc Dockery

Eucharistic Minister:

Collette Dockery

Pam Watts

Sunday, October 19, 2025

Lector: Liz Opiela

Eucharistic Ministers:

Ann Kauppi

Kat Bellini

Saturday, October 25, 2025

Lector: Johnette Grubaugh

Eucharistic Minister:

Marguerite Hawthorne

Collette Dockery

Sunday, October 26, 2025

Lector: Philip Verhalen

Eucharistic Ministers:

Jackie Traylor

Roger Opiela

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	* Marguerite Hawthorne
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
*Lyndsey Dozier	Greyson Allen
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
Brad McEnley	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 –October 2025

Saturday, October 11- For the Parishioners of ICC
(Requested by Ladies' Altar Society)

Sunday, October 12- For the Repose of the Soul of
Irene Webster
(Requested by Charlie & Anita Hall)

Tuesday, October 14- For Trish Cancellare
(Requested by Ladies' Altar Society)

Thursday, October 16- For the Repose of the Souls of
Natale & Caroline Tersigni
(Requested by Jackie Traylor)

Friday, October 17- For Marguerite Hawthorne
(Requested by Ladies' Altar Society)

Saturday, October 18- For the Parishioners of ICC
(Requested by Ladies' Altar Society)

Sunday, October 19- For Troy Hines
(Requested by Colette Hines)

Tuesday, October 21- For the Repose of the Soul of
Susan Wise
(Requested by Ladies' Altar Society)

Wednesday, October 22- For the Repose of the Soul of
Irene Webster
(Requested by Charlie & Anita Hall)

Thursday, October 23- For the Repose of the Soul of
Robin Anderson
(Requested by Jackie Traylor)

Saturday, October 25- For the Repose of the Soul of
Mary Saner
(Requested by Ladies' Altar Society)

Sunday, October 26- For the Parishioners of ICC
(Requested by Ladies' Altar Society)

Tuesday, October 28- For the Repose of the Soul of
Irene Webster
(Requested by Charlie & Anita Hall)

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 October 2025

For collaboration between different religious traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

A Message from Msgr. Zach

Dear Friends,

In today's Gospel, we hear the story of the ten lepers who cried out to Jesus for healing. With compassion, Jesus listened to their plea and sent them to the priests, and along the way, they were cleansed. Yet, only one of them - an outsider, a Samaritan - returned to give thanks and praise to God. Jesus acknowledges the faith and gratitude of this man and blesses him with not just physical healing but salvation: "Your faith has saved you."

This passage invites us, as Catholic families, to reflect on the power of gratitude in our daily lives. In many households, it is easy to fall into routines where blessings are taken for granted - food on the table, shelter, clothing, health, or even the presence of one another. Just as the lepers received healing, we too experience countless blessings each day, often without realizing it. Yet, like the nine who went their way without returning to thank Jesus, we can sometimes forget to pause, to acknowledge, and to offer thanks to God, the source of all good gifts.

Gratitude is not only a personal virtue; it is a family practice. Families that learn to say "thank you" to one another cultivate respect, humility, and joy. A child who grows up in a home where gratitude is expressed - whether for a home-cooked meal, a helping hand with chores, or simply for love and support - learns to recognize and appreciate the goodness in others. In the same way, families who pray together in thanksgiving help each member to see life through the lens of God's blessings rather than through complaints or dissatisfaction.

In our busy world, it is easy to focus on what we lack - more time, more resources, more convenience. But today's Gospel turns our gaze toward what we already have and reminds us to see it as a gift. The Samaritan leper shows us that thanksgiving deepens our relationship with God. His healing was more than skin deep; his faith and gratitude opened the door to a deeper union with Christ. So it is with our families: gratitude heals wounds, strengthens bonds, and brings peace into the home.

Practical ways of fostering gratitude can be simple but powerful. Families might consider beginning or ending the day by naming one blessing they are thankful for. Mealtime prayers can go beyond a ritual and become moments to remember the many people who worked to bring the food to the table. Parents can model thanksgiving by acknowledging their children's efforts, while children can learn to express thanks to their parents for the sacrifices made daily.

Ultimately, gratitude keeps us grounded in God's love. It reminds us that our lives are not built solely on our own achievements, but on God's providence and mercy. Just as the Samaritan returned to Jesus, families are called to return again and again to the Lord in thanksgiving - through prayer, worship, and acts of love.

May we, as families of faith, imitate the grateful leper by recognizing God's gifts in our lives and returning daily to say, "Thank you, Lord." In doing so, we will find not only healing but the joy of salvation, which is the greatest blessing of all.

Your friend in Jesus,
Msgr. Zach

Oct 12 Responsorial: Psalm 98

The Lord has revealed to the nations His saving power.

Oct 19 Responsorial: Psalm 121

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Community Happenings . . .

Gabriel Project Diaper Drive-Month of October

Beginning October 5th Gabriel Project will be sponsoring a Diaper Drive during the entire month of October. They need Diapers, size New Born and #1- #3 and wipes. Drop off diapers in the Church foyer, Mary's Hall, or the Parish Center. Thank you for your support.



America Needs Fatima Rosary October 11th

(NOTE: Time Change)

On Saturday, October 11th at 4:30pm there will be a rosary for America Needs Fatima in the prayer garden. All are invited to come and pray together.



Las Guadalupanas Breakfast on Sundays

Each Sunday (except on first Sundays) after Mass, the Las Guadalupanas will be offering a breakfast in the parish center to allow those in faith formation classes to eat something before class. Please allow the youth, adults in OCIA and instructors for these classes to get in the food line first so they can make it to their class on time.

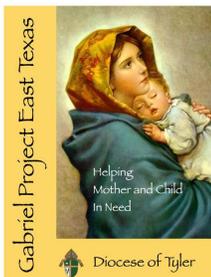
PICK UP BASKETBALL GAMES ON SUNDAYS

Do you want to play some basketball? Beginning this Sunday, October 12th, anyone age 15 and older is invited to come shoot some hoops every Sunday from 7pm to 8pm in the Parish Center. Please no one under age 15 for their safety.

JUBILEE MASS FOR CHILDREN OCTOBER 25TH

Bishop Gregory Kelly will celebrate a **Jubilee Mass for Children** on Saturday, October 25, at 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. During this Jubilee Year of Hope, the Children's Jubilee Mass will highlight the role of young people in carrying hope into families, schools, and communities. Bishop Kelly will encourage children to encounter Christ in a special way, celebrating the gifts they bring to the Church.

The Diocese of Tyler welcomes all families to join in this celebration marking the Jubilee with a renewed spirit of hope for the future. The children and youth that attend will receive a special gift from Bishop Kelly.



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 unending 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>

Thank you to all who participated in the Life Chain and Supported the Dedication of the new Gabriel Closet!

Your support and love is greatly appreciated. Thank you for making both of these events very special and meaningful!



Community Happenings . . .

Come Celebrate Msgr Zach's 50th Ordination Anniversary!

St Joseph Church is hosting this event on **Sunday, October 26th at 3pm** in the St. Joseph Parish Hall located at 410 N. Alamo Blvd, Marshall.

Please RSVP to 903-935-2536

PRIESTS FOR TOMORROW UPDATE

Goal: **\$150,000**

Pledged so far: **\$111,240**

Received: **\$76,710** which is 51.14% of the goal and 68.96% of the pledged amount

Remaining to meet goal: **\$34,530**

Bishop's Annual Appeal Update

Our Goal for the Bishop's Annual Appeal is **\$16,000.**

Paid to date is **\$10,244.88**

Pledged so far: **\$12,875.08** which is 80.5% of our goal.

To meet our goal: **\$3124.92.**

If you have not yet made a pledge please prayerfully consider donating to this campaign.

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. Ignatius of Antioch – October 17th

St. Ignatius, the second Bishop of Antioch, Syria, was a disciple of the beloved Disciple John and was consecrated Bishop around the year 69 by the Apostle Peter, the first Pope. He always made it his special care to defend “orthodoxy” (right teaching) and “orthopraxy” (right practice) among the early Christians.

In 107, during the reign of the brutal Emperor Trajan, Ignatius was wrongfully sentenced to death because he refused to renounce the Christian faith. He was taken under guard to Rome where he was to be brutally devoured by wild beasts in a public spectacle. During this time he wrote seven letters of encouragement, instruction and inspiration to the Christians in the communities of Asia Minor and Greece.

The letters addressed the hierarchy and structure of the Church as well as the content of the orthodox Christian faith. It was Bishop Ignatius who first used the term “catholic” to describe the whole Church. These letters connect us to the early Church and the unbroken, clear teaching of the Apostles which was given to them directly by Jesus Christ.

In his pastoral letters he regularly thanked his brother and sister Christians for their concern for his well-being but insisted on following through in his final witness of fidelity: “I know what is to my advantage. At last I am becoming his disciple. May nothing entice me till I happily make my way to Jesus Christ! Fire, cross, struggles with wild beasts, wrenching of bones, mangling of limbs-let them come to me, provided only I make my way to Jesus Christ.”

Bishop Ignatius was not afraid of death. He knew that it had been defeated by the Master. He wrote to the disciples in Rome: “Permit me to imitate my suffering God ... I am God's wheat and I shall be ground by the teeth of beasts, that I may become the pure bread of Christ.” The beauty of this Eucharistic symbolism in these words reflects the deep theology of a mystic. He was dedicated to defending the true teaching handed down by the Apostles so that the early Christian communities would never be led astray by false teaching. He urged them to always listen to their Bishops because they were the successors of the Apostles.

He died a Martyrs death in Rome in 107, devoured by two lions.



Rosary Schedule and Marian Feast Days October, 2025



WEDNESDAY, OCT 1ST

ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M

TUESDAY, OCT 7TH

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

WEDNESDAY, OCT 8TH

ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M

SUNDAY OCT 12TH

OUR LADY OF THE PILLAR

WEDNESDAY, OCT 15TH

ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M

WEDNESDAY, OCT 22ND

ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M

WEDNESDAY, OCT 29TH

ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M