

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

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903-806-5164

Rev. Father Gabriel Uzundu

903-907-1446

Immaculate Conception Parish Office

209 W Lafayette St

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Wednesday 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Thursday 9:00am – 12:00pm

Email: icccjefferson@sbcglobal.net

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

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 19, 2026



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 April 12, 2026

Total General Collection	\$2272.00
Regular Collection	\$2012.00
Online Collection	\$260.00
Those in Need	\$459.00

Upcoming Special Collections

April 26, 2026- Catholic Home Missions
May 3, 2026- Those in Need

Gift of Gratitude St. Vincent de Paul

WEEK OF 4-9-26

Food for the poor: # of cans & packages 29
Families served: 8 (17 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 04/20/26 – **Charmaine Kresch**

Week of 04/27/26 – **Sharon Verhalen**

Week of 05/04/26 – **Connie Woods**

Week of 05/11/26 – **Andrea Bautista**

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 April, 2026

Saturday, April 11, 2026

Lector: Collette Dockery

Eucharistic Minister:

Johnette Grubaugh
Marguerite Hawthorne

Sunday, April 12, 2026

Lector: Ann Kauppi

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sharon Verhalen
Maria Velazquez

Saturday, April 18, 2026

Lector: Doc Dockery

Eucharistic Minister:

Pam Watts
Collette Dockery

Sunday, April 19, 2026

Lector: Colette Hines

Eucharistic Ministers:

Jackie Traylor
Kat Bellini

Saturday, April 25, 2026

Lector: Pam Watts

Eucharistic Minister:

Theresa Beard
Johnette Grubaugh

Sunday, April 26, 2026

Lector: Philip Verhalen

Eucharistic Ministers:

Colette Hines
Maria Velazquez

Saturday, May 2, 2026

Lector: Johnette Grubaugh

Eucharistic Minister:

Marguerite Hawthorne
Collette Dockery

Sunday, May 3, 2026

Lector: Kat Bellini

Eucharistic Ministers:

Roger Opiela
Anita Hall

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. (* = Newly added)

Parishioners

Anna Bode Family	Jo Miller
Rufe Brewton	Amil Murray
JR Procell	Ron Remedies
Maria & Cesar Chapa	Rebecca Cornett Sistrunk
Sharon Deangelo	Watts Family
Mary Dorgan	John Wix
Mike Shaw	Doris Wong
Artie Hawthorne	David Roberts
Troy Hines	Monica Bautista
Darrell Lensch	Mary Ann Haynes
Mike Lakey	Evelyn Rose Dozier
Fr Gabriel Uzundu	Walter Martin
Blanca Guel	

Family & Friends

Eliana Faith England	Jason Watson
Trish Cancellare	Lance Reordan
Jessica Sistrunk	Rev. Joseph Nasser
LaVern Beard	Laura Wood
Lyndsey Dozier	Paul Gonzalez
Sue Holt	Sonia Alonzo
Todd Holt	Kenneth Hudson
Roy Hunter	Marilyn Hines
Hector Garza	Mary Rike
Miguel Aranda	Francisco Chaidez
Chris Wood	Hailey Blunt
Brandy Campbell	*Rouselle Morris
Melvin Williams	Mary Dixon
Brad McEnley	Jim Cordell
Bryan McCracken	Eleya Lynn Defatta
	Everly Ferry

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 - April 2026

Friday, April 17- For Marguerite Hawthorne
(Requested by Pam Watts)

Saturday, April 18- For Taylor Watts
(Requested by Pam Watts)

Sunday, April 19- For the Parishioners of ICC
(Requested by ICC)

Tuesday, April 21- For the Bereaved members of the
Altar Society
(Requested by Ladies Altar Society)

Wednesday, April 22- For the Repose of the Soul of
Jon Green
(Requested by Marguerite Hawthorne)

Thursday, April 23 For the Repose of the Soul of Russ Faller
(Requested by Jeanette Murray)

Friday, April 24- For the Repose of the Soul of Charlie Hall
(Requested by Jo Miller Family)

Saturday, April 25- For the Parishioners of ICC
(Requested by ICC)

Sunday, April 26- For the Repose of the Soul of
Karen Cartier
(Requested by Troy & Colette Hines)

Tuesday, April 28- For Tony Bailey

Wednesday, April 29- For the Repose of the Soul of
Charlie Hall
(Requested by Jo Miller Family)

Thursday, April 30 For Trish Cancellare
(Requested by Marguerite Hawthorne)

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 April 2026

For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of
crisis in their vocation, that they may find the
accompaniment they need and that communities may
support them with understanding and prayer.

A Message from Msgr. Zach

Dear Friends,

On this Third Sunday of Easter, the Gospel of Luke presents the beautiful and deeply human story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus. It is a journey of confusion, disappointment, and ultimately, transformation. As we reflect on this passage, we are invited to see our own family journeys mirrored in theirs—journeys marked by hope, struggle, and the quiet presence of the Risen Lord.

The two disciples are walking away from Jerusalem, the place where their hopes seemed to have died. They had believed in Jesus, trusted in Him, and perhaps even imagined a brighter future because of Him. But now, everything feels lost. How often do families experience similar moments? There are times when expectations fall apart—plans fail, relationships strain, illness strikes, or grief enters the home. In such moments, like the disciples, families may walk in sadness, confusion, and even discouragement.

Yet, the Gospel tells us that Jesus Himself draws near and walks with them, though they do not recognize Him. This is a powerful reminder for every family: even when we do not feel His presence, the Risen Christ is walking beside us. In the ordinary routines of family life—sharing meals, going to work or school, facing daily challenges—He is there, quietly accompanying us.

The turning point in the story comes as Jesus explains the Scriptures to them. Their hearts begin to burn within them. This moment highlights the importance of God's Word in family life. When families take time to read Scripture, reflect together, or even share simple faith conversations, something changes. Hearts are rekindled. Hope is restored. Faith is strengthened. The Word of God has the power to transform confusion into clarity and sorrow into joy.

Finally, the disciples recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread. This moment points us directly to the Eucharist, where Christ reveals Himself fully. For families, participation in the Mass is not just an obligation but a source of life and unity. Gathering together at the table of the Lord strengthens the bonds within the family and deepens their relationship with Christ. It is in these sacred moments that families are nourished, healed, and sent forth renewed.

After recognizing Jesus, the disciples immediately return to Jerusalem to share the good news. Their despair is replaced with mission. In the same way, every family is called not only to encounter Christ but also to witness to Him. This can happen in simple ways—through acts of kindness, forgiveness, patience, and love within the home and beyond. A family that lives its faith becomes a light to others.

The Emmaus story reminds us that every family journey includes moments of doubt and difficulty, but it also holds the promise of encounter and renewal. Christ walks with us, speaks to us through His Word, and reveals Himself in the breaking of the bread. When families open their hearts to Him, even the most ordinary path can become a road to deeper faith and joy. As we continue this Easter season, let us pray that our families may recognize the presence of the Risen Lord in our midst, walk with Him in trust, and joyfully proclaim His love in our daily lives.

Your friend in Jesus,
Msgr. Zach

Apr 19 Responsorial: Psalm 16
Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Apr 26 Responsorial: Psalm 23
The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall
want.

Community Happenings . . .

CELEBRATE OUR NEW CATHOLICS APRIL 19TH

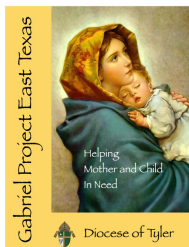
On Sunday, April 19th there will be cake for all of our new Catholics in the Parish Center after Mass. Please come by and congratulate them all and make them feel welcome to the church.

LAS GUADALUPANAS BRKFST APRIL 19TH

The Las Guadalupanas will have their Hispanic breakfast next Sunday, April 19th after Mass in the Parish Center. All are invited to come enjoy some delicious food and fellowship.

Called by Name Campaign- Honoring faithful young men in the Diocese of Tyler

Next weekend is Called by Name Sunday, an initiative to honor faithful young men who may be open to the priesthood. Bishop Kelly has written a letter to us about this important campaign, which we encourage you to read in our bulletin. Next Sunday, the bishop is inviting all parishioners to submit names of young men who exhibit leadership and a heart for service. These men will receive a letter from the bishop, invitations to discernment events, and ongoing support from our vocation team.



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888-300-5112 24/7

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Congratulations to Our Newest Catholic!



We are so happy to welcome our newest member to Immaculate Conception. Jan Argentine received Confirmation and First Communion last Saturday, April 11th. (Jan is to the right of Fr. Isaac)

May God be with you always as you continue this wonderful journey and may you continually be drawn closer to Christ!

Do you know of someone interested in the Catholic faith?

If you know of anyone who would be interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or who is desiring to become Catholic, please have them contact Fr. Isaac to set up a time for him to meet with them.

Bishop's Appeal for Ministries Update

Our Goal for the Bishop's Annual Appeal is **\$16,800.**

Paid to date is **\$8507.40**

Pledged so far: **\$8542.40** which is 51% of our goal.

To meet our goal: **\$8257.60.**

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

A letter from the bishop was mailed on April 10th to anyone who contributed in the past between 2021 and 2025. Please look for this letter and pray for ways to help support this year's appeal.

Mass Intentions

All dates for Mass intentions for April and May are completely full. There are only 3 dates left in June. **June 6th at 9am, June 26th 9am, and June 30th at 12:10pm.** There are plenty of dates open for July. Thank you for your continued support of the Mass intentions for your loved ones.

Grow in Faith

What does the genuflection actually mean

You enter the church. You dip your hand in holy water. You move toward your seat. And somewhere along the way...you make a quick genuflection. A slight bend. A fast movement. Almost automatic.

But pause. Do you know what just happened? Because that moment is not ordinary.

Genuflection is not a custom. It is a confession

When you genuflect, you are not greeting furniture. You are not acknowledging a building. You are confessing a truth: Christ is here. Not symbolically. Not emotionally. Christ is really present in the Eucharist.

Your knee bends because your faith speaks.

One Knee...Before One King

Why one knee? Because in ancient times bending the knee was reserved for a king. Not casually. Not quickly. It was deliberate, reverent, and total.

So when you genuflect you are declaring: "You are my King."

Heaven recognizes what many on earth forget

"At the name of Jesus every knee should bow... in heaven and on earth and under the earth" (Philippians 2:10)

That means: angels bow, saints bow, and all creation bows.

But here is the question: Do we still bow with awareness? Or have we reduced it to a quick habit with no heart?

The Tabernacle is not a symbol, it is a Presence

The reason you genuflect is not the altar. It is not the priest. It is the Tabernacle. Because inside it: Christ dwells. So that small movement of your knee is directed to a Person.

The Hard Truth

Many genuflect but do not encounter. The knee bends. The mind is distracted. The heart is absent. So the gesture remains, but the meaning is lost.

Next time you genuflect, do this:

Slow down. Face the Tabernacle and say silently: "My Lord and my God." Then bend your knee like you know who is there.

Because He is.

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St George— April 23rd

It is uncertain when Saint George was born. However, his death date is estimated to be April 23, 303 A.D. George was born to Gerontios and Polychronia, a Roman officer and a Greek native of Lydda. Both were Christians from noble families of the Anici and George was raised to follow their faith.

When George was old enough, he was welcomed into Diocletian's army. By his late 20's, George became a Tribunus and served as an imperial guard for the Emperor at Nicomedia. On February 24, 303 A.D., Diocletian, who hated Christians, announced that every Christian the army passed would be arrested and every other soldier should offer a sacrifice to the Roman gods.

George refused to abide by the order and told Diocletian, who was angry but greatly valued his friendship with George's father. When George announced his beliefs before his peers, Diocletian was unable to keep the news to himself. In an effort to save George, Diocletian attempted to convert him to believe in the Roman gods, offered him land, money and slaves in exchange for offering a sacrifice to the Roman gods, and made several other offers that George refused.

Finally, after exhausting all other options, Diocletian ordered George's execution. In preparation for his death, George gave his money to the poor and was sent for several torture sessions. He was lacerated on a wheel of swords and required resuscitation three times, but still George did not turn from God.

On April 23, 303 A.D., George was decapitated before Nicomedia's outer wall. His body was sent to Lydda for burial, and other Christians went to honor George as a martyr.

Saint George and the Dragon

There are several stories about George fighting dragons, but in the Western version, a dragon or crocodile made its nest at a spring that provided water to Silene, believed to be modern-day Cyrene in Libya.

The people were unable to collect water and so attempted to remove the dragon from its nest on several occasions. It would temporarily leave its nest when they offered it a sheep each day, until the sheep disappeared and the people were distraught.

This was when they decided that a maiden would be just as effective as sending a sheep. The townspeople chose the victim by drawing straws. This continued until one day the princess' straw was drawn.

The monarch begged for her to be spared but the people would not have it. She was offered to the dragon, but before she could be devoured, George appeared. He faced the dragon, protected himself with the sign of the Cross, and slayed the dragon. After saving the town, the citizens abandoned their paganism and were all converted to Christianity.



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

Rosary Schedule and Marian Feast Days

April, 2026



WEDNESDAY, APR 1ST

ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, APR 8TH

ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, APR 15TH

ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, APR 22ND

ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, APR 26TH

MARY, MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL

WEDNESDAY, APR 29TH

ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.