

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH SPARKS, NV



“
LET IT BE
DONE UNTO
ME ACCORDING
TO YOUR WORD.
”

MOTHER OF GOD

- ST. MARY



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

2023

NEW YEAR PRAYER:

Thank You Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead.
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.
Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend,
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty,
Help me fill it with good things
Each new day filled with joy
And happiness it brings.
Amen.

January 1, 2023

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH 2900 NORTH MCCARRAN BLVD SPARKS NV 89431



MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of Immaculate Conception Parish, are called to be Holy, and to serve all people faithfully with compassion and respect.

OUR MOTTO

“Diversitas intra Unitatem”
“Diversity within Unity”

THE CHURCH

Pastor	Fr Philip George
Deacon	Ron Klonicke
Pastoral Assistant	Maria Hernandez
Bookkeeper	Suzanna Corral
Receptionist	Margarita Jauregui
Communications/Receptionist	Meredith Michel
Custodian	Rachel Dixon
Parish Office	358-5977
Fax	775-403-2174
Email	office@icsparks.org
Parish Website	icsparks.org
Diocesan Website	www.renodiocese.org
Office Hours	M-F: 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Fr. Philip George	Leo Carew	Malou Alano
Fran Harris	Joseph Allen	Tom Ball
Clay Vatikani	Theresa Currivan	
Cintia Teglia	Melissa Flores	

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Fr. Philip George	Judy Jennings
Lois Crook	William Sousa
Gilles Tousignant	

CORPORATE BOARD MEMBERS

Bishop Daniel Mueggenborg	William Sousa
Fr. Chuck Durante	Joseph Allen
Fr. Philip George	

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am, 2:00 (Spanish), & 5:00 pm

Weekdays: 9:00 am and 4:00 pm

Holy Day Masses: 4:00 pm (Vigil Mass), 9:00 am,
12:10 & 4:00 pm

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

Baptism We welcome all families with young children. The 1st step for the parents is to attend a class; they are held on the 1st Wednesday of every month at 6:00 pm. When choosing your child's Godparents, they must be baptized, confirmed, receive communion regularly in the Church, and if married, must be married in the Catholic Church. Must be registered in the parish.

Clases para Bautizo (Español) se imparten en el primer miércoles de cada mes a las 6:00 horas en la sala. Para obtener más información, por favor llame 358-5977. Necesita estar registrado en la parroquia.

Weddings Couples should allow 4-6 months or more for preparation prior to the anticipated wedding date. Call for appointment. Must be registered in the parish for 6 months prior to wedding.

Funerals A representative of the deceased should contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

Confession Monday-Friday after 9:00 am Daily Mass;
Saturday 2:00-3:30 pm or by appointment.

CELEBRATIONS

Celebraciones Quinceañeras

Necesita estar registrado en la parroquia. Para los arreglos, por favor llame 358-5977

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR OUR YOUTH

Elementary/Middle/High School Director

358-5989 ext 13

High School Confirmation Director

358-5989 ext 14

GIFT SHOP

Hours: Sunday after Mass

Manager: Sergio Cortes cortessergio765@sbcglobal.net

MASS INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 1

Saturday, December 31

9:00 pm Antonio Reyes Happy Birthday

4:00 pm + Jose Cuellar Gomez

Sunday, January 1

7:30 am + Mary Venti

9:30 am Blessing for Huynh & Kiev Families

11:30 am + Emilia Rivera

2:00 pm + Emilia Rivera

5:00 pm + Teodoro Paredes

Monday, January 2

9:00 am + Living & Deceased Members of the Idiart & Aledo Families

4:00 pm Lori Pagni Happy Birthday

Tuesday, January 3

9:00 am + Genoveva Iniguez

4:00 pm + James Grady

Wednesday, January 4

9:00 am + Gust Jordan Jr.

4:00 pm + Victor Balancier

Thursday, January 5

9:00 am + Veronica Garcia & all who suffer from Downs Syndrome

4:00 pm + Kevin St. Mary

Friday, January 6

9:00 am Rosalio Everhart

4:00 pm + Maria de los Angel Herrea & Jose Diaz Fabela

Saturday, January 7

9:00 pm Adelani Ramirez Happy Birthday

4:00 pm + Chesloy Holmes



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Mary, The Holy Mother of God

We hide ourselves and our secrets from God because we are afraid. Even Mary can seem too perfect to approach. The shepherds find the strength to speak to Mary and Joseph at the moment they see the child in the manger. They open their hearts and share what they've experienced. Saint Luke writes of the shepherds, "When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child."

When I was a college student, I visited Rome. Beggars often approached and said, "Mangia? Mangia?" I didn't speak Italian and thought, "Why are they speaking about the Christmas nativity scene?" My friend said, "Mangia means eat. They're hungry." That's when I realized more deeply than ever before that Mary puts her baby in a place designed for hungry animals to eat.

See that baby in the manger in your heart. Imagine Mary kneeling nearby looking at you with love. She doesn't cling to God for herself. In that cave, from the beginning, she quietly offers her son to hungry souls. The manger means vulnerable self-offering love. That's the sign. This week that same manger opens our hearts to tell Mary about our lives, too.

— Father John Muir ©LPI

DONATIONS FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES

The Ladies Guild will be collecting specific donations each month for Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada.

December: Sleeping Bags, Scarves, Gloves, Knitted Caps, Socks, Hand Warmers

Please bring your donations to the Parish Office.

Thank you for your support!

SAFETY NOTE:



Please be courteous to fellow parishioners who need these spaces. To use these spaces appropriately the vehicle must have a current handicap license plate or a handicap card hanging from the mirror or clearly visible on the dashboard (not partially hidden under papers, ball caps, etc.). Thank you for your consideration.

THANK YOU FROM MARY'S CLOSET AND THE PARISH TO ANGEL TREE DONORS

We would like to thank all of the parishioners who donated Christmas gifts to the children on the Angel Tree sponsored by Mary's Closet and the tree sponsored by the parish. Your generosity and thoughtfulness provided clothing, toys, books, and essential items to youngsters whose Christmas would not have been so merry without your kindness. The 5 pm Mass on Sunday, February 12, will be offered for all the Angel Tree donors. Thank you so much!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SAFETY AWARENESS TEAM (ICSAT)



Safety is Everybody's Business

Mission Statement: To develop church safety and emergency preparedness procedures for the Parish through awareness education of our parishioners in order to mitigate, prepare, respond, and recover from unexpected events by promoting personal, family, and parish preparedness resulting in a culture of safety and preparedness awareness for the individual and the Immaculate Conception family. For more information, please contact the Parish Office

BAPTISM CLASS

The **next Baptism Class** for parents of infants will be Wednesday, January 4, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the hall.

Clases para Bautizo (Español) :

La clase será el Miercoles, 4 de Enero, 2023 a las 6:00 pm en la sala.



DIOCESAN CONFERENCE

Registration now open! "The Eucharist: Source and Summit of Life" is being held January 6 & 7, 2023 at the Nugget Casino Resort in Sparks. Registration forms are available in the Gathering Space.

UPCOMING FIRST AID CLASSES

(American Red Cross Certification)

First Aid and CPR/AED for Adult and Infant

Upcoming Class

January 21, 2023, 8 AM to 1:30 PM

Cost: \$55.00

Faith Formation Building (East end of the parking lot)

Full or partial scholarships are available for Employees, Ushers, and Catechists. Payment is made in cash and checks only on the day of class. Make checks payable to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church at time of class. Contact icsafetyministry@gmail.com to register or

for more information. Please register no later than 3 calendar days before class. A class will be canceled if less than 3 participants register.

Email: To: icsafetyministry@gmail.com

Subject: First Aid

Your name, email address, and phone number

Date of Class you would like to attend



Licensed Training Provider

PARISH MINISTRIES

Please call the Parish Office to have a Ministry Leader contact you.

Prayer Groups

ICC Filipino Ministry/BLD Charismatic Group

Malou Alano

Padre Pio Ministry

Meets every third Thursday at 6:00 pm in the parlor

Disciples of Jesus & Mary Jeannie Keyes, Michele Jenkins

Divine Mercy Committee Maria Hernandez

Grupo de Oracion Maria Hernandez

Lay Carmelites Eileen Dana

Prayer and Life Workshop Maria Hernandez

Prayer Tree Laurie Jones, George Mankowski

Social Groups

Comité Guadalupano Vicky Camacho

Meets 4th Monday of the month at 6:00 pm in the parlor.

Tongan Community Clay Vatikani lvatikani@hotmail.com

Youth Group youthgroup@icsparks.org

Parish Outreach Groups

Hospital visits Please call the Parish Office

Martha Mary Ministry Call if you are homebound, death in family, senior rides to Mass, home from the hospital, etc.

Karol Davis, Connie Reid

Mary's Closet Wednesdays 12:00 - 4:00 pm or by appointment in the parish office for those who need information/support for choosing life for their babies. We have pregnancy information, resources, small baby items, and a supportive listening ear for women and men facing a difficult situation or who just need information. Donations for Mary's Closet can be brought to the parish office.

Respect Life Committee Toni Berry

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Ladies Guild President Gloria Salcido

Meets 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm in the social hall.

All ladies of the parish are welcome.

Knights of Columbus Meets 2nd Tuesday of the month in

the hall. 6PM Rosary, 6:30PM to 7PM Business Meeting,

7PM to 8PM "Into the Breach" **(All Men are welcome)**

Grand Knight Leo Carew III carewiii@yahoo.com

LEARN YOUR FAITH/RCIA

An Invitation for Conversion & Full Initiation into the Church

If you are someone or do you know someone who . . .

- ◇ has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- ◇ was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated Confirmation & Eucharist?
- ◇ would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith?
- ◇ Everyone is welcome to attend!
- ◇ For more info or to register and receive your books, contact Theresa Currivan, Director - rcia@icsparks.org



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Monday,</u> <u>January 2</u>	Parish Office Closed 6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Tuesday,</u> <u>January 3</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Wednesday,</u> <u>January 4</u> 	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass 6:00 pm Baptism Class (Hall)
<u>Thursday,</u> <u>January 5</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Friday,</u> <u>January 6</u>	6:00 am - 8:30 am Saturday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Saturday,</u> <u>January 7</u>	4:00 pm Sunday Vigil Mass
<u>Sunday,</u> <u>January 8</u>	7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 am, 5:00 pm Mass 2:00 pm Spanish Mass

WALK FOR LIFE

January 21, 2023

The Walk for Life in San Francisco will happen on January 21, next month. Once again, the Knights of Immaculate Conception Catholic church will be sponsoring a bus to attend the Walk. This year the Diocese will be co-sponsoring only three buses to the rally, so seats will be limited. We will be signing up riders for the Walk after all Masses. To sign up at other times, please contact the church office, or Tom Ball (775-826-2146 or bazzo23@protonmail.com). The cost is \$40 per seat. A release of liability and medical disclosure will be required. If you cannot join us on the ride to San Francisco, consider sponsoring a seat on the bus for one of our youth participants.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Listen. Think. Act.


That is a mantra or slogan for many different groups. Some seek to battle prejudice and bias. Other groups hope to eliminate poverty or reduce crime. I have even found some companies use it as a way of increasing engagement among their employees. In a nutshell, it is about taking in what you have heard and then reflecting on it before you act. The most fruitful actions are those that take place after careful reflection.

This is an important thing to remember for those trying to live a stewardship way of life. If we are honest with ourselves, too often most of us jump to conclusions too quickly or act in ways that cause friction because we didn't really think about the consequences of our actions. We are moving too fast in a world that seems to be moving ever faster.

When the shepherds came to visit Jesus, the newborn King, they told Mary everything that the angels had told them. Luke tells us that after hearing all this, she "kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." No response. No panic. No action. Her reflection was the appropriate response.

In this New Year, you and I would do well to remember this Gospel account of Mary, the Mother of God. Let us resolve to listen more, reflect often, and then act accordingly. We are called to use our gifts wisely, sowing them in good soil. If we just throw them out, allowing them to simply fall wherever they may, have we really used them for God's glory?

We need to listen. Think. Then act.



Respect Life Rosary

It's no secret...
Life begins at conception

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2023
AT 10:30 A.M.
ACROSS FROM THE
WEST END WOMEN'S CENTER
5915 TYRONE RD, RENO, NV

DIRECTIONS: FROM BUSINESS US 395, TURN EAST ON NEIL RD, TURN RIGHT AT MEADOW WOOD LANE, THEN TURN RIGHT ONTO TYRONE RD.

MASS READINGS

For the Week of January 1

Monday: 1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28
Tuesday: 1 John 2:29-3:6; John 1:29-34
Wednesday: 1 John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42
Thursday: 1 John 3:11-21; John 1:43-51
Friday: 1 John 5:5-13; Mark 1:7-11
Saturday: 1 John 5:14-21; John 2:1-11
Sunday: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6/Matthew 2:1-12



PROJECT RACHEL

A Post-Abortion Healing Ministry



Project Rachel is a post-abortion healing ministry, a nonjudgmental and confidential Catholic outreach to women and men of all religions who have experienced the trauma of abortion. Anyone who has emotional, mental, and spiritual pain can find truth and healing. Project Rachel is named after the Old Testament figure Rachel, who weeps inconsolably for her children “who are no more” until God came to her, offering hope for her future (Jeremiah 31:15-17). God is all loving, forgiving, and merciful, and in His name the Church reaches out to you with compassion and hope. Please find out more about us at www.renodiocese.org

VOCATIONS



Vocation Prayer Crosses are in the gathering space. Bring a cross home to pray for vocations for 1 week and then return.

YOUTH NIGHT TONIGHT



January 1st

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

All youth, grades 6-12 are invited to our Youth Night. The event will be held in the church hall after the 5:00 pm Sunday mass.

PARENTS YOUTH GROUP

Parents - you're invited to Parent Youth Group!

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

The first Sunday of every month in the nursery. Grow in community and discuss the last 2 topics of youth group. For questions email youthgroup@icsparks.org or text 916-572-4597

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



Children's Liturgy will be offered during the Sunday 11:30 am Mass.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday - Thursday 6:00 am - 10:00 pm

Friday 6:00 am - 8:30 am Saturday

Please sign the sheet each time
you visit with our Lord.

ADORACIÓN DEL SANTÍSIMO

Lunes-Jueves 6:00 am - 10:00 pm

Viernes 6:00 am - 8:30 am Sábado

Por favor firme la hoja cada
vez que visite con
nuestro Señor

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Adoration

Emily Robbins

Adult Choir

Andrea Santos

Family Choir

Joe Mudd

Filipino-American Choir

Leo Molino

Multicultural Choir

Teresa Bouldin

5:00 pm Tongan Choir

Liuaki Tausinga

Altar Servers

Gloria Salcido

Eucharistic Minister Coordinator

Please call the Parish Office

Homebound Eucharistic Ministers

For parishioners who are homebound or in a nursing home and cannot attend Mass.

Lector Coordinator

Maria Reames

Debbie Havey

Sound/Video Coordinator

Himanshu Patel

Usher Coordinator

Dalene Melzer

*Please call the Parish Office to have a
Ministry Leader contact you*

PRAYER LIST

Your prayers are needed for the recovery . . .



Angie Pinard, Mayra Fam, Mark Gardiner Fam, Forrest Mitchell Fam, Davis Fam, David Rincon, Ethan James Noin, Julia Garcia, Manuela & Guadalupe Rodriguez, Francine Roche, Marie Mazza, Rubino Fam, Sandi Puliti, Mary Janet Kennedy, Miguel Rivera, Guadalupe Martinez, Rickey McDowell, Sherry Simas, Alma Garcia, Karen Prukop, Sergio Carillo-Lopez, Nanette Smith, Tellers Fam, Raul Debora, Jared Rutherford, Nelson Recinos, Mario Mendez, Ryan Cowles, Rebekah Lucey, Elba Quiñonez, Jo & Ken Barrett, Katherine O'Dwyer, Guillermo Romero, Jim Jones, Liz Kuhn, John Dively, Ken Dixon, Sandra-Wayne Families, Julita D. Gonzales, Donna Strong, Charlie Becerra, Allan Lucas, Tina Pacheco, Mary Farias, Gabriel Nerey, Bernie Cendana, Jean Cracraft, Melanie Cooper, Lupito Espinoza, Mary Salas, Jaime Rodriguez, Rachel Rapier, Marge DeCarbonel, John Peschetti, Don B, Mary Ward, Justin Siaz, Sylvia Jauregui, Jose Refugio Barajas Heredia, Jose Carlos Barreiro, Maurice O'Brien, Rosario Cervantez, Jennifer Gomolka, Carolyn Brock, Maria Bautista, Martha Antonia Pena, Diana Arellano, Fatima de la Riva Gallegos, Jamie Phelps Fam, Alexander Alonzo Halangahu, Amelia Orozco, Nick Becerra, John Harn, Sally Ann Milburn Fam, Carusso Family, Dennis Thompson, Gloria Lorelli, George Kuz, Richard Mann, Arturo & David Orozco, Jodi Blambury, Heriberto Morfin Rodriguez, Rafaela Rivera, Angela Rivera, Christine M, Phillip Heath, Pablo Detimofeev, Donna Macabee, Brent Erichsen, Phyllis Erichsen, Yesenia Quinonez, Carla Beier, Jeffrey & Rafael Lemus, Jim & Leota Madding, John Menicucci, Susan Song, Jessica Linde, Michel Linde, Lisa Salcido, Gerardo & Maria Ojeda, Glen Heywood, Janet Grauvogel, Larry Madera, Bob Teixeira, John Bilka, Abraham Bravo Pena, Marie Mazza, Analy Gonzales, Sean Wilkins, Casey Foster, Mary Carter, Bob Whalen, Trini de Leon, Elosia Cervantes, Cervantes Family, Ana Mora, Devon Bodine, Sam Maccaluso
Please call when they recover ...

MILITARY PRAYER LIST



Navy: Max McGuire, Julian Carrillo, Joe Amper, Alex Foster

Air Force: Joshua Cox, Lucas Cusato, Chad Gogle, Nelida Mendoza, Richard Martinez, Jesse Roy Ladaban

Marines: Hunter DeFabrizio, Patrick McGuire, Mariano Liano, Christian Monarrez

Army: Ryan Long, Anthony Ross, Adonis Oldenburg, Spencer Stockton

Coast Guard: Mason Misquez
Please pray for their safe return . . .

MASS TIMES WHEN TRAVELING
Visit www.masstimes.org
for church locations and worship times
anywhere in the world.