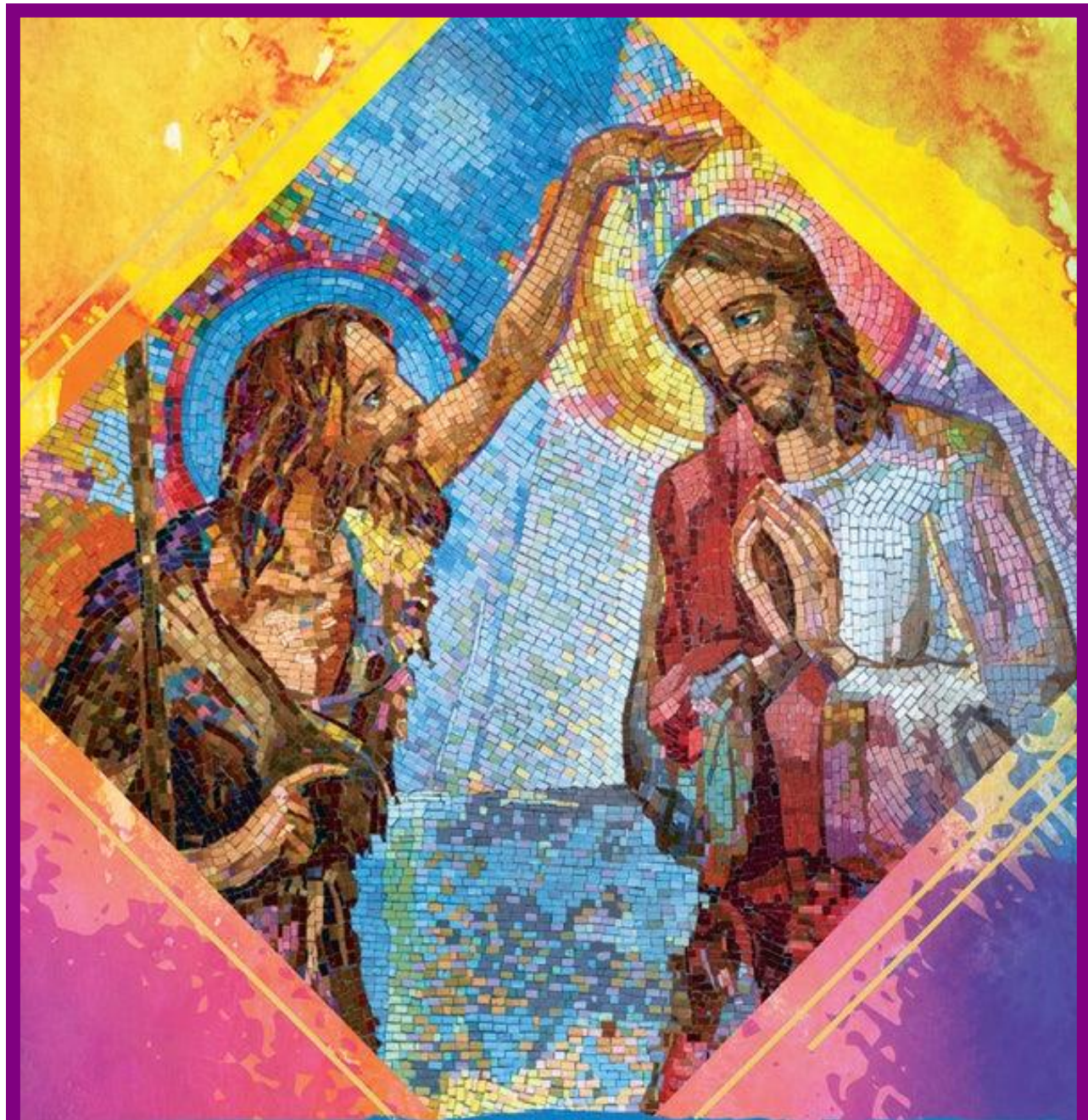


IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH SPARKS, NV



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away
the sin of the world.” - Jn 1:29

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January 15, 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 15**Saturday, January 14****9:00 am** End of Abortion**4:00 pm** Special Intentions for Roberto Guerrero**Sunday, January 15****7:30 am** For the Healing of Finnegan**9:30 am** Gerald L. Saver in Thanksgiving**11:30 am** + Myrna Puno Orpiada**2:00 pm** + Alvaro Romo and the Living & Deceased Members of the Romo-Artega Family**5:00 pm** + Felipe Morillo, & Richard Morillo**Monday, January 16****9:00 am** + Danice Baumann**4:00 pm** + Margaret Johnson**Tuesday, January 17****9:00 am** George & Joyce Minster in Thanksgiving**4:00 pm** + Living & Deceased Members of the Serafino Donati Family**Wednesday, January 18****9:00 am** + Margaret Currivan**4:00 pm** Special Intentions for Allan Lucas and Family**Thursday, January 19****9:00 am** Susan M. Kelly in Thanksgiving**4:00 pm** Juan Luis Montes Oca Happy Birthday and + Juan Luis Montes Oca Relion, + Lupita Mendioca, + Diego Montes De Oca Sosa, + Rodrigo Palacios Sosa**Friday, January 20****9:00 am** + Kelly Grennan, & Teresa Ramos**4:00 pm** + Carol Embreoi-Johnson**Saturday, January 21****9:00 am** + Tom Schwarzlander**4:00 pm** + Living & Deceased Members of the Rادتke & Ramos Family**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE****2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

When I was a kid, I remember the priest at Mass announcing, "The Lamb of God!" Frankly, it struck me as nonsense. I thought: Why in the world does God have a lamb? And where is this lamb?

John the Baptist sees Jesus coming toward him and announces, "Behold the lamb of God." His Jewish listeners knew what he meant. God's lamb is the thing that is sacrificed at the Jewish Passover and consumed by the participants. For almost a thousand years, lambs were ritually slaughtered and eaten in Jerusalem at Passover. The lamb meant sacrifice, freedom from sin, and communion with God. The Baptist is saying in effect, "This man will be ritually sacrificed and consumed so that God's people may be free from sin and united to God."

It's crucial to relate to Jesus as a friend, brother, teacher, and Lord of our lives. But we should also learn to interact with Him as our lamb of God. That means we intentionally place on him our sins, sadnesses, and hopes, and offer him to God. Then we consume him to make us free. This is what we do at every Mass. That's why he is the Lamb of God.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all of our new and current volunteers! If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please come to the parish office to give us your information. It is the policy of the

Diocese of Reno that all paid personnel of the Diocese and all volunteers who have any contact with minors in the performance of their duties must submit a background check and complete the Virtus Protecting God's Children Program. After completion of the Awareness Session, you are required to read bulletins and complete a Re-certification Review. If you need to complete the Safe Environment requirements please go to: <https://www.virtusonline.org> to register for the online training or live training. If you have any questions, please contact Elda Juarez at 775-326-9445 or Lizzy Ramos at 775-326-9420.

Upcoming Training**February 8, 2023 at 5:30 pm****February 13, 2023 at 5:30 pm (Spanish)****SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS**

The Knights of Columbus has been helping young people obtain this freedom since our founding. During the past year, the Supreme Council provided nearly \$1 million in scholarships to students attending colleges, universities, and seminaries. Learn more about what is offered and how to apply. Join us at: www.kofc.org

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, February 1, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the hall.

Clases para Bautizo (Español) :

La clase será el Miercoles, 1 de Febrero, 2023 a las 6:00 pm en la sala.



DONATIONS FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES

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

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

Please bring your donations to the Parish Office. Thank you for your support!

UPCOMING FIRST AID CLASSES

(American Red Cross Certification)

First Aid and CPR/AED for Adult and Infant

Upcoming Class

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

Saturday, February 18, 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



American Red Cross

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

<p><u>Monday,</u> <u>January 16</u></p> 	<p>Parish Office Closed 6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass</p>
<p><u>Tuesday,</u> <u>January 17</u></p>	<p>6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass</p>
<p><u>Wednesday,</u> <u>January 18</u></p>	<p>6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass</p>
<p><u>Thursday,</u> <u>January 19</u></p>	<p>6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass</p>
<p><u>Friday,</u> <u>January 20</u></p>	<p>6:00 am - 8:30 am Saturday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass</p>
<p><u>Saturday,</u> <u>January 21</u></p>	<p>4:00 pm Sunday Vigil Mass</p>
<p><u>Sunday,</u> <u>January 22</u></p>	<p>7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 am, 5:00 pm Mass 2:00 pm Spanish Mass</p>

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 \$45 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

Play That One Again

How many times have you sung the church song, “Here I Am, Lord”? If you grew up Catholic and are around my age (still 50!), the answer is more than you can count. The song that quotes various verses of Scripture is sung using guitar, piano, or organ, by cantors and choirs, in traditional and modern churches. It is truly a Catholic greatest hit of the modern Church. The question is how many times when singing the refrain have you really taken to heart what you were singing. “Here I am, Lord; is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.” Like the biblical figure Samuel, we are responding to the call of God by asking for clarification that we are indeed the one being called. We then follow up the question with a profound statement: “I will go if You lead me.” It is profound because we are pledging to our God that we are willing to go wherever He wants. We are accepting the challenge put forth in the U.S. Bishops’ pastoral letter, “Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response,” to become mature disciples who respond to the call of Jesus Christ regardless of the cost. We have sung this pledge repeatedly for many years. We never have any idea what God will call us to do and where to go. Sometimes the request can ask us for quite a lot. Hopefully, we respond like a mature disciple. If not, maybe we should reflect more the next time this song is played. The melody will not allow for the words, “I will see if I am busy and then decide to go if you lead me.” Then again, I don’t want to sing that to God, the source of all life anyway. Do you?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



MASS READINGS

For the Week of January 15

Monday: Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 2:18-22

Tuesday: Hebrews 6:10-20; Mark 2:23-28

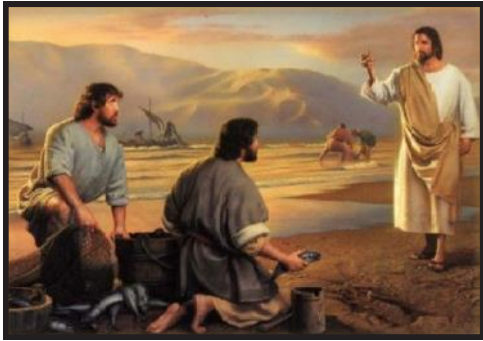
Wednesday: Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17; Mark 3:1-6

Thursday: Hebrews 7:25-8:6; Mark 3:7-12

Friday: Hebrews 8:6-13; Mark 3:13-19

Saturday: Hebrews 9:2-3, 11-14; Mark 3:20-21

Sunday: Isaiah 8:23-9:3; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17/
Matthew 4:12-23



PROJECT RACHEL

A Post-Abortion Healing Ministry



Project Rachel is a post-abortion healing ministry, a non-judgmental 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



"To you who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people." Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called to consider priesthood or consecrated life? Contact Father Philip George at (775) 358-5977.

"A ustedes que han sido santificados en Cristo Jesús y llamados a ser un pueblo santo." ¿Puede ser usted o alguien en tu familia está llamado al contemplar el sacerdocio o la vida consagrada? Para mas información, llamar al Padre Philip George (775) 358-5977.

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 15th

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 . . .



Nanette Smith, Tellers Fam, Raul Deborra, 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 Rapi-er, 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 Ham, Sally Ann Milburn Fam, Carusso Family, Mary Janet Kennedy, 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, Berta Lou Kelley, Bea Daccardi, Elena Anaya, Dominique Dufur
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.