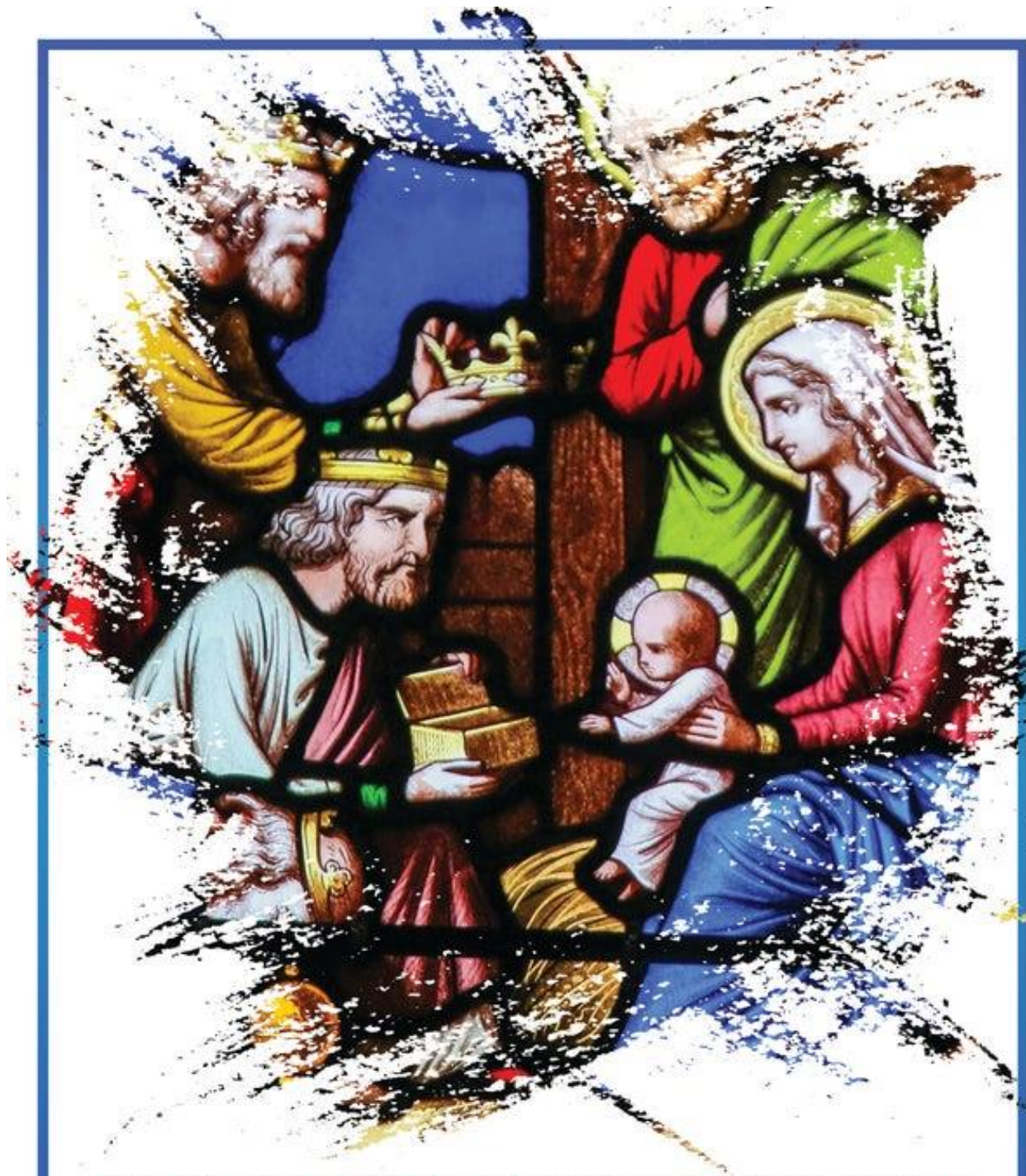


# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH SPARKS, NV



THEY WERE OVERJOYED AT SEEING THE STAR, AND ON  
ENTERING THE HOUSE THEY SAW THE CHILD WITH MARY  
HIS MOTHER.- MT 2:10

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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January 2, 2022



**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
Parochial Vicar	Fr Beda Martinez
Deacon	Ron Klonicke
Liturgical Coordinator	Maria Hernandez
Bookkeeper	Julie Masterpool
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

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR OUR YOUTH AUGUST - MAY

#### Elementary/Middle/High School Director

Dorothy Gonzalez 358-5989 ext 13

#### High School Confirmation Director

Deborah Havey 358-5989 ext 14  
debbiehavey734@gmail.com

### SCHEDULE OF MASS

**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.

**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.

**Weddings** Couples should allow 4-6 months or more for preparation prior to the anticipated wedding date. Call for appointment.

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

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

### CELEBRATIONS

#### Celebraciones Quinceaños

Para los arreglos, por favor llame 358-5977

### GIFT SHOP

Hours: Saturday/Sunday after Mass  
Manager: Sergio Cortes - 544-0593/  
cortessergio765@sbcglobal.net

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 2****Saturday, January 1**

**9:00 am** + Living & Deceased Members of the Reyes & Martinez Families

**4:00 pm** + Marian Glynn

**Sunday, January 2**

**7:30 am** Laurie Pagni Happy Birthday

**9:30 am** + Saul Perez, Bernardino Perez, & Eduardo Pedroza

**11:30 am** + Living & Deceased Members of the Muniosguren & Churruca Families

**2:00 pm** + Margo Aguirre-Madera

**5:00 pm** + Jean Nedenripp

**Monday, January 3**

**9:00 am** + Genoveva Iniguez and Happy Birthday to Joe Rivera

**4:00 pm** For the Healing of Tillie Reed

**Tuesday, January 4**

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

**4:00 pm** + Justin & Giovanni

**Wednesday, January 5**

**9:00 am** For the Souls in Purgatory

**4:00 pm** + Kevin St. Mary

**Thursday, January 6**

**9:00 am** + For the living & Deceased Members of the Cecil Courtney Family

**4:00 pm** + Victoria Rubalcaba

**Friday, January 7**

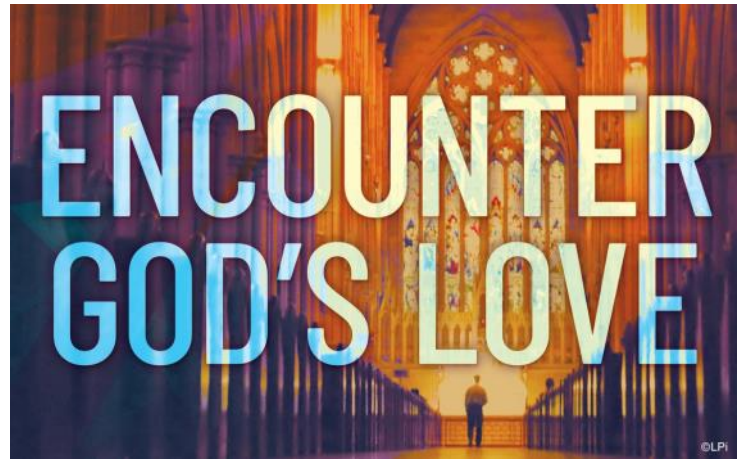
**9:00 am** Delany Ramirez Happy Birthday

**4:00 pm** For the Souls in Purgatory

**Saturday, January 8**

**9:00 am** + Charles Dome

**4:00 pm** + Eleanor Mascola

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE****The Epiphany of the Lord**

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: “Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.” Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, “Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God’s love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being.”

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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**ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON****Feast Day January 4**

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph’s Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter’s Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of “saint.”

## 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 Chuck Baker at 544-5304 or [icsafetyministry@gmail.com](mailto:icsafetyministry@gmail.com)

## BAPTISM CLASS

The **next Baptism Class** for parents of infants will be Wednesday, January 5th, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the hall.

**Clases para Bautizo ( Español ) :**

La clase será el Miercoles, 5 enero, 2022 a las 6:00 pm en la sala.



## KIDS CORNER

### PUZZLE

Unscramble these words from today's Gospel:

wise-men  
child  
born

king  
star  
worship

Mary  
gifts  
dream

wsie mne    W i s e m e n

brno    \_ \_ \_ \_

knig    \_ \_ \_ \_

derma    \_ \_ \_ \_

cildh    \_ \_ \_ \_

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Mrya    \_ \_ \_ \_

gfsti    \_ \_ \_ \_

srta    \_ \_ \_ \_

### MISSION

Visit a planetarium to learn more about the star of Bethlehem.

## PARISH MINISTRIES

### Prayer Groups

**ICC Filipino Ministry/BLD Charismatic Group**  
Malou Alano 750-4279

**Disciples of Jesus & Mary** Jeannie Keyes 626-5694;  
Michele Jenkins 870-2208

**Divine Mercy Committee** Maria Hernandez 358-5977

**Grupo de Oracion** Maria Hernandez 358-5977

**Lay Carmelites** Eileen Dana 882-2071

**Prayer and Life Workshop** Maria Hernandez 358-5977

**Prayer Tree** Laurie Jones 331-8311

George Mankowski 225-7949

### Social Groups

**Comité Guadalupano** Vicky Camacho 815-5290

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

**Tongan Community** Clay Vatikani 223-8816 or  
[Ivatikani@hotmail.com](mailto:Ivatikani@hotmail.com)

**Youth Group** Please Call the Parish Office

### 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 425-6291; Connie Reid 626-5536

**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 583-0015

## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

**Ladies Guild** President Gloria Salcido 240-1997

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 843-1040 [carewiii@yahoo.com](mailto: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 Currian, Director - [rcia@icsparks.org](mailto:rcia@icsparks.org) or 934-1010 - call or text



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

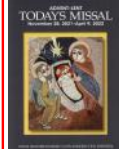
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<u>Tuesday, January 4</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Wednesday, January 5</u> 	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass 6:00 pm Baptism Class (Hall)
<u>Thursday,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

WALK FOR LIFE

January 22, 2022

The Walk for Life in San Francisco will happen on January 22, 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 begin signing up riders for the Walk beginning Saturday, December 11 at all masses. To sign up at other times, please contact the church office, or Tom Ball (775-826-2146 or [bazzo@ballinfo.com](mailto:bazzo@ballinfo.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.

MASS MISSALS



Advent - Lent (November 28 - April 9) Mass Missals are available for purchase in the Parish Office and in the Gift Shop for \$5.00 each.

MASS INTENTIONS

Due to limited availability, a maximum of 5 Mass requests will be accepted per person for the year. All Mass intentions must be requested at the Parish office during business hours.

DIOCESAN CONFERENCE 2022

**Registration Now Open!** The Annual Diocesan Conference "Blessed and Grateful" is being held January 7 & 8, 2022 at the Nugget Casino Resort in Sparks. There are a variety of virtual as well as in-person sessions to choose from. Any registrations received after Friday, December 10, 2021 will be assessed a \$10.00 late fee. Late fee applies to onsite registrations as well.

DONATIONS FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES

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

**January: Scarves, Hand Warmers, and Bus Passes**

There are barrels in the Gathering Space for donations. Thank you for your support!

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Light of the Moon

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure - but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals - Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others. Remember - the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

## MASS READINGS

### For the Week of January 2

**Monday:** 1 John 3:22-4:6; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

**Tuesday:** 1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44

**Wednesday:** 1 John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52

**Thursday:** 1 John 4:19-5:4; Luke 4:14-22a

**Friday:** 1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16

**Saturday:** 1 John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30

**Sunday:** Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38/  
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22



## CHILDREN'S LITURGY



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

## YOUTH NIGHT TONIGHT



**Sunday, January 2, 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.

**Youth Night will be held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday every month.**

### 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



## PROJECT RACHEL

### A Post-Abortion Healing Ministry

project rachel  
Peace starts here

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](http://www.renodiocese.org)

## VOCATIONS



"Opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts." Are you beginning to see your life as a gift to be given to the Lord as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother? Contact Father Philip George at (775) 358-5977.

"Abriendo sus cofres del tesoro, le ofrecieron regalos." ¿Empieza a ver su vida como un regalo que se le debe dar al Señor como sacerdote, diácono, religioso o hermano? Para mas informacion, llamar al Padre Philip George 775-358-5977.

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

### Adoration

Emily Robbins 626-6398

### Adult Choir

Andrea Santos 762-8779

### Family Choir

Joe Mudd 391-9650/muddjoseph8@gmail.com

### Filipino-American Choir

Leo Molino 358-1694

### Multicultural Choir

Teresa Bouldin 310-462-8045

### 5:00 pm Choir

Liuaki Tausinga 379-8087

### Altar Servers

Gloria Salcido 240-1997/gworm4156@yahoo.com

### 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.

Parish Office 358-5977

### Lector Coordinator

Maria Reames / aljoba@sbcglobal.net

Debbie Havey 232-4973 / debbiehavey734@gmail.com

### Sound/Video Coordinator

Himanshu Patel 358-5977

### Usher Coordinator

Dalene Melzer 342-2702

**PRAYER LIST**

**Your prayers are needed for the recovery . . .**



Fr Jim Fugle, Sr Mora McGarry, Sr Gertrude, Chicago Fam, Corinna Osgood, Kristy Burch-Weinberg, Maureen Flynn, Marie Kiley, Kehmeier Fam, Caruso/Kelly Fam, Grayson McClure, Michon Holland, Sarah Lopez, Guadalupe Lemus, Lucy Salazar, Michael Lucey, Linda Giddins, Ray Redford, Mitzkus Fam, Leathers Fam, Tammy Henderson, John Marsala, Angie Franco, Hummel Fam, Mary Carter, Barbara Lydon, Brenda Thompson, Kuykendall Fam, Jose Gastelum, Aaron Martinez, Hernandez Fam, Alisa Cerda, Freddy Mercado, Laura Kurtz, Irene LaRocca, Richard Manion, Catalina Sanchez, Jerry Joyce, Alan Blain Davis, Barbra Gonzales, John Carniglia, Michael Lazzarini, Ardith Lance, Angie Pinard, Mayra Fam, Dereck Machabee, 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, Kingston Doss, Judy Medek, Julianna Strauss, Rita Russo, Miguel Rivera, Guadalupe Martinez, Rickey McDowell, Sherry Simas, Alma Garcia, Karen Prukop, Sergio Carillo-Lopez, Nanette Smith, Tellers Fam, Raul Debo- ra, Jared Rutherford, Nelson Recinos, Olga & John Rubino, Mario Mendez, Mark Magee, Ryan Cowles, Sam Macaluso, Bruce Osgood, Rebekah Lucey, Elba Quiñonez, Jo & Ken Barrett, Katherine O'Dwyer, Guillermo Romero, Gloria Lorelli, 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, Peggi Martin, Patty & Alan McCord, Bernie Cendana, Jean Cracraft, Jeffrey Wiin, Melanie Cooper, Lu- pito Espinoza, Mary Salas, Jaime Rodriguez, Rachel Rapier, Jim Grady, Marge DeCarbonel, John Peschetti, Don B, Mary Ward, Justin Siaz, Sylvia Jauregui, Jose Refugio Barajas Heredia, Jose Carlos Barreiro, Maurice O'Bri- en, Rosario Cervantez, Jennifer Gomolka, Carolyn Brock, Maria Bautista, Martha Antonia Pena, Diana Arellano, Fatima de la Riva Gallegos, Marge Metzler, Jamie Phelps Fam, Alexander Alonzo Halangahu, Amelia Orozco, Nick Becerra, Ryan Foster, Jesse Lee, John Ham, Derek Machabee & Fam, Sally Ann Milburn Fam 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

**Coast Guard:** Mason Misquez

Please pray for their safe return . . .

**MASS TIMES WHEN TRAVELING**  
 Visit [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org)  
 for church locations and worship times  
 anywhere in the world.