

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH SPARKS, NV



## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter  
every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be  
glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." - Mt 5:10-12a

January 29, 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 29**Saturday, January 28

9:00 am + Angela Leon Sanchez

4:00 pm + Benjamin Aguba, &amp; Dr. Romeo Tabbilos

Sunday, January 29

7:30 am + Nilda Bautista

9:30 am + Luscila F. Rosa

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

2:00 pm + Jesus Arteaga

5:00 pm Grace &amp; Darren Cachola Happy Birthday

Monday, January 30

9:00 am + Angela Leon Sanchez

4:00 pm + Guillermo Afuang

Tuesday, January 31

9:00 am + Angela Leon Sanchez

4:00 pm + Jami Davis

Wednesday, February 19:00 am + Elaine Munley & the Living & Deceased  
Members of her Family

4:00 pm + Cleo Hudson

Thursday, February 29:00 am + Living & Deceased Members of the  
Idiart & Aledo Families

4:00 pm Special Intentions for Bea Daccardi

Friday, February 3

9:00 am Maggie Jauregui Happy Birthday

4:00 pm Isabella Dominguez Happy Birthday

Saturday, February 4

9:00 am Carlos Fletes Happy Birthday

4:00 pm + Justin Lopez &amp; Giovanni Oliva

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE****4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In my parents' bedroom there were on the wall two photos of my mom and dad from their early adulthoods. The photo of my mother entranced me when I was a boy. I loved looking at it, even though I saw her in daily life. Something about that picture captured her perfectly. It was an image of the joy, wisdom, beauty, and strength that enveloped me from the start of my life. It was an icon of the woman who fed, taught, and encouraged me. I felt a deep pride that I came from such beauty.

The beatitudes of Jesus are a kind of self-portrait. But it is a strange picture. At first, the blessings of being poor, mourning, and hungering and thirsting for righteousness may seem bizarre or, worse, a religious delusion. Who wants to look like that? But if we look again, we begin to see the characteristics of Jesus' form. He becomes poor and fills it with his riches for us, he weeps and mourns for us, and fills it with his joy, he hungers and thirsts for us to be righteous, and so satisfies us. And so on. It's the way he appears on the cross.

Perhaps we should put on our bedroom room walls the words of the beatitudes next to a crucifix of the Lord Jesus. Then we can do what the beatitudes are designed for, to gaze at the joy, wisdom, beauty, and strength of the one who is our origin, and who is with us every day. And little by little, we'll start to look like him.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

I MAY BE A  
NEWBORN,  
BUT MY  
LIFE  
BEGAN 9  
MONTHS  
AGO

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 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.

**Respect Life Rosary**

**MARY'S CLOSET NEEDS YOUR HELP**

Mary's Closet is in desperate need of monetary donations so they can continue to help families who have chosen life for their babies. Donations can be brought to the Parish Office or dropped in the donation basket at Mass. Please note Mary's Closet on your check. Thank you for your ongoing support!

## 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, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:lvatikani@hotmail.com)

**Youth Group** [youthgroup@icsparks.org](mailto: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](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 Currivan, Director - [rcia@icsparks.org](mailto:rcia@icsparks.org)





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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|---|---|
| <a href="#"><u>Monday,<br/>January 30</u></a>   | 6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament<br>9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass                                 |
| <a href="#"><u>Tuesday,<br/>January 31</u></a>  | 6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament<br>9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass                                 |
| <a href="#"><u>Wednesday,<br/>February 1</u></a><br> | 6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament<br>9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass<br>6:00 pm Baptism Class (Hall) |
| <a href="#"><u>Thursday,<br/>February 2</u></a>   | 6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament<br>9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass                                 |
| <a href="#"><u>Friday,<br/>February 3</u></a>   | 6:00 am - 8:30 am Saturday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament<br>9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass                         |
| <a href="#"><u>Saturday,<br/>February 4</u></a>   | 4:00 pm Sunday Vigil Mass   |
| <a href="#"><u>Sunday,<br/>February 5</u></a>   | 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 am,<br>5:00 pm Mass<br>2:00 pm Spanish Mass   |

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)**

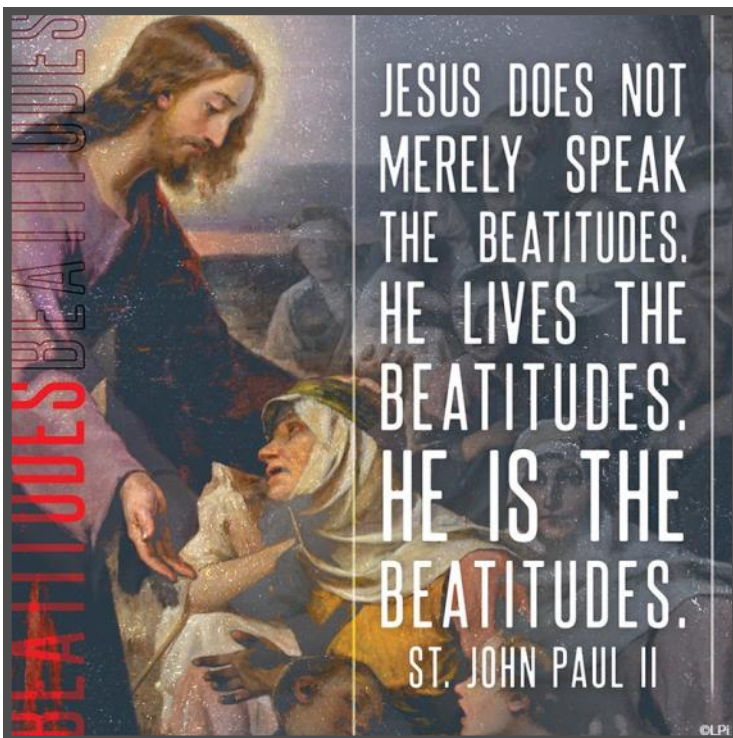
SAINT VS. BLESSED

Question:  
 What is the difference between a "Saint" and a "Blessed"?

Answer:  
 The process of proclaiming someone as a saint in the Catholic Church has evolved over the course of many centuries. In the beginning, those honored as saints were almost exclusively biblical figures or martyrs. However, after the legalization of Christianity in the fourth century, new holy women and men came to be honored as saints, and this was often done by popular acclaim or by the local bishop or abbot.

It was Pope Gregory IX (who was pope from 1227 to 1241) who officially proclaimed that only the pope had the authority to add someone to the official list (the "canon") of saints. This is the meaning of the word "canonization."

Today, the saint-making process includes several steps, including detailed studies of the person's life and a recognition that they died as a martyr or lived a life of "heroic virtue." Once someone is recognized as a martyr or if a miracle is attributed to their intercession, they will be beatified and honored as "Blessed." This means that they can be celebrated by Catholics in a particular country or region or by the members of certain religious community. If another miracle occurs and is approved, then the "Blessed" is canonized and honored with the title "Saint," meaning that they are now officially recognized as a universal model of holiness and an intercessor. ©LPi



## MASS READINGS

For the Week of January 29

**Monday:** Hebrews 11:32-40; Mark 5:1-20

**Tuesday:** Hebrews 12:1-4; Mark 5:21-43

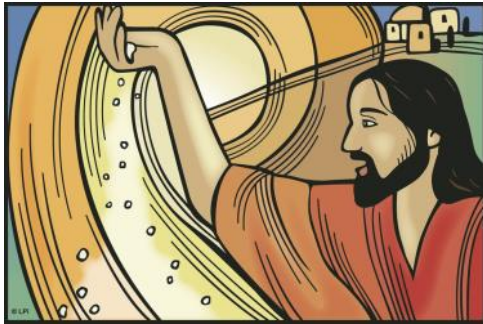
**Wednesday:** Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15; Mark 6:1-6

**Thursday:** Malachi 3:1-4; Lk 2:22-40

**Friday:** Hebrews 13:1-8; Mark 6:14-29

**Saturday:** Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21; Mark 6:30-34

**Sunday:** Isaiah 58:7-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5/Matthew 5:13-16



## YOUTH NIGHT



February 5th

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](mailto: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



## PROJECT RACHEL

### A Post-Abortion Healing Ministry

During the month of January, we pray for all mothers who are seeking abortions and those who support the decision. May they have a change of heart, decide to choose life, and reach out to the crisis pregnancy resources available. Our God is all loving, merciful, and willing to walk with them through this challenging time. The Project Rachel ministry can refer mothers to these resources, in addition to post-abortion resources. Please find out more about us at <https://www.highdesertcatholic.org/>. Click on Our Works, scroll down, click on Project Rachel. Contact our confidential, non-judgmental help line 775-324-4325 or email [KarenM@Catholicreno.org](mailto:KarenM@Catholicreno.org) to take advantage of valuable resources.

## VOCATIONS



"Consider your own calling, brothers and sisters..." We are all called to bear witness to Christ in our lives. Could you be called to do so as a priest, deacon, or consecrated religious? Contact the Parish Office at (775) 358-5977.

"Consideren su propio llamado, hermanos y hermanas..." Todos estamos llamados a ser testigos de Cristo en nuestras vidas. ¿Podría ser llamado a ser sacerdote, diácono o religioso consagrado? Para más información, favor de llamar a la oficina de la parroquia (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.

## 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 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 Craft, 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, 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](http://www.masstimes.org)  
for church locations and worship times  
anywhere in the world.