

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH SPARKS, NV

*Please join us for  
Father Ed McDonagh's 60th Ordination  
Anniversary Celebration*

*Saturday, February 5, 2022*

*Father Ed will celebrate Mass at 4:00 pm*

*Concelebrants will be*

*Bishop Daniel and all Priests.*

*A pot luck reception will follow at  
5:30 pm in the Social Hall.*

*Due to limited seating, tickets will be required for the reception.*

*Tickets are available after Mass in the Gathering Space  
and in the Parish Office (no fee)*



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

[He said to them], "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" - Lk 4:21-22

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**January 30, 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 30****Saturday, January 29**

9:00 am Immaculate Conception

4:00 pm + Octavio Ramirez Hernandez

**Sunday, January 30**

7:30 am Rocio &amp; Martin Cuellar

Happy 28th Anniversary

9:30 am + Marge McCollum

11:30 am Special Intentions

2:00 pm + Pedro Zaragoza Garcia,  
Juana Gonzalez, & Jose Garcia

5:00 pm + Angel Rojo

**Monday, January 31**

9:00 am For the Souls in Purgatory

4:00 pm Isabella Dominguez Happy Birthday

**Tuesday, February 1**

9:00 am + Jose Guadalupe Diaz-Elizondo

4:00 pm For the Souls in Purgatory

**Wednesday, February 2**

9:00 am Special Intentions for Roseli Komaz

4:00 pm + Regina Cardenas

**Thursday, February 3**

9:00 am + Judy Medik

4:00 pm Margarita Jauregui Happy Birthday

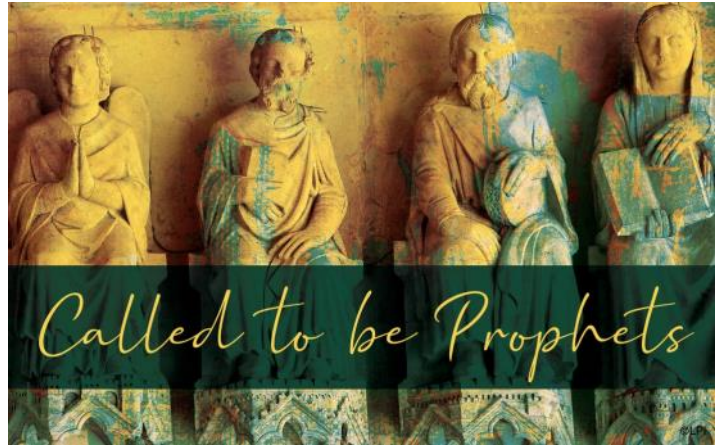
**Friday, February 4**9:00 am + Living & Deceased Members of the  
Idiart & Aledo Families

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

**Saturday, February 5**

9:00 am Parishioners &amp; Benefactors by our Pastor

4:00 pm + Lourdes Dulay

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

St. Oscar Romero (1917-1980) was a “Salvadoran Roman Catholic archbishop who was a vocal critic of the violent activities of government armed forces, right-wing groups, and leftist guerrillas involved in El Salvador’s civil conflict (Encyclopedia Britannica).” As a voice of the voiceless, he was an outspoken champion of the poor who were the ones most affected by the civil unrest and violence. His advocacy provoked several attempts on his life. Nonetheless, St. Oscar Romero was convinced that before all else his faith in the resurrected Christ and the values of the Gospel trumped any earthly concern or worry. He walked with complete confidence and trust. On March 24, 1980, St. Oscar Romero was assassinated while celebrating Mass. Such is often the fate of those who challenge the socio-political agendas of the day. We may look at the example of witness of St. Oscar Romero as something extraordinary. In one sense it is. Through the power of God, an ordinary human being did extraordinary things. But, in and of himself, St. Oscar Romero was simply a humble, loving servant of God. Oscar knew not only the power of love but the risk that comes when loving unconditionally. The beauty of God’s message was able to shine in and through him because he was able to step out of the way and be a vessel. One can assume that for St. Oscar Romero, one’s earthly life has no merit when faith, integrity, conviction, zeal and love are jettisoned. Fear and apprehension had no grip on this man who not only saw but spoke the truth.

Do we speak the truth? It makes us feel good to speak of God as love. But have we ever considered the ramifications of this radical message? There are assaults on human life occurring daily. More and more the value and worth of a human being is being reduced and minimized. We are becoming widgets in the production of life. In our whole simple humble ways, we too are called to be prophets. Knowing who you are and what is within your means to do, how can you make God’s love real, stand up for what is right, and give witness to the sacredness of all that is around you?

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**ST. BLAISE****Feast Day February 3**

You may be familiar with the annual “blessing of throats” that many parishes in the United States use to commemorate the beloved bishop and martyr. St. Blaise lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was forced to flee and hide in a cave in the back country in order to save his life. History has it that one day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St. Blaise was living. They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by wolves, lions, and bears that he had tamed. The legend has it that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise’s command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived.

Today we remember the saint on his feast day by taking two candles, crossing them against the throat, and saying the following prayer:

Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## 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, February 2, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the hall.

**Clases para Bautizo (Español) :**

La clase será el Miercoles, 2 febrero, 2022 a las 6:00 pm en la sala.



## 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

[lvatikani@hotmail.com](mailto:lvatikani@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

*Join us to pray the Rosary.*


**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2022 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.**

*Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord,  
the fruit of the womb a reward. Psalm 127:3*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Monday, January 31</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Tuesday, February 1</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Wednesday, February 2</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, February 3</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Friday, February 4</u>	6:00 am - 8:30 am Saturday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Saturday, February 5</u>	4:00 pm Sunday Vigil Mass
<u>Sunday, February 6</u>	7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 am, 5:00 pm Mass 2:00 pm Spanish Mass

VALENTINES DAY DINNER & DANCE

**Saturday, February 12th**  
The Knights of Columbus Our Lady of the Desert will be hosting a St. Valentine's Day Dinner Dance. Tickets are available in the Parish Office and will be on sale after all Masses in the Gathering Space.  
Social 5:00 pm - Dinner 6:00 pm - No Host Bar  
Menu NY Steak - Baked Potato - Vegies - Salad - Dessert

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.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

**First Corinthians and the Stewardship of Social Media**  
"Love is patient, love is kind ..." As familiar as these words are, they never seem to stray into the territory of becoming trite or silly. At their core they communicate a truth about us and about our Creator that never fails to inspire.

But despite the fact that you've probably heard it at many weddings over time, First Corinthians isn't just for newlyweds. It wasn't written for married folks. It's for every single one of us, in every state of life and every social situation, in every country and culture and language across the globe.

Which means that First Corinthians is even for the online world. It's for Facebook and Twitter and Instagram and all the other platforms I'm forgetting (there seems to be a new one every day, doesn't there?).

A sense of division - whether rooted in politics, culture or anything else - is growing in our world, and it's never more obvious than when we observe interactions online. It is far easier, after all, to remember what love is when a human being of flesh and blood stands before us. When all we see is an avatar or a profile picture on a screen - especially accompanied by an opinion with which we vehemently disagree - even the most loving Christians can throw First Corinthians out the window. As everyday stewards we know that we are charged to be not only gracious but grateful. We receive others but we also give thanks for what they bring to us - even if that's an opportunity to "strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts." So before the next time you post anything online, I suggest giving First Corinthians a read - and remember, love never fails.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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BLESSING OF THROATS



Feast of St Blaise

In commemoration of the Feast of St. Blaise, we will have Blessing of Throats at all Masses on Thursday, February 3rd, the 4:00 pm Vigil Mass on Saturday the 4th, and all Masses on Sunday the 6th.

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.

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!

## MASS READINGS

For the Week of January 30

**Monday:** 2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mark 5:1-20

**Tuesday:** 2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3;  
Mark 5:21-43

**Wednesday:** Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18/Luke 2:22-40

**Thursday:** 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; Mark 6:7-13

**Friday:** Sirach 47:2-11; Mark 6:14-29

**Saturday:** 1 Kings 3:4-13; Mark 6:30-34

**Sunday:** Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

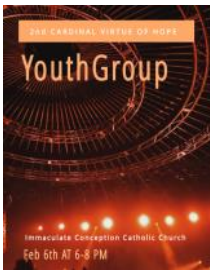


## CHILDREN'S LITURGY



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

## YOUTH NIGHT



**Sunday, February 6**  
**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

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 and 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 [www.renodiocese.org](http://www.renodiocese.org) Click on Our Works, scroll down, click on Project Rachel. Contact our confidential, nonjudgmental help line 775-324-4325 or email [KarenM@Catholicreno.org](mailto:KarenM@Catholicreno.org) to take advantage of valuable resources.

## VOCATIONS



"Before you were born, I consecrated you." If you think that you may be set apart by the Lord to serve Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, Contact Father Philip George at (775) 358-5977. "Antes de que nacieras, te consagré." Si cree que puede ser apartado por el Señor para servirle como sacerdote, diácono o en la vida consagrada, 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](mailto:aljoba@sbcglobal.net)

Debbie Havey 232-4973 / [debbiehavey734@gmail.com](mailto: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, 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, Lupito 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'Brien, 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, Gene St. Mary 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 . . .

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 for church locations and worship times  
 anywhere in the world.