

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

## 2900 NORTH MCCARRAN BLVD SPARKS, NV



### 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
Office Admin	Karen Becerra
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: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR OUR YOUTH

<b><u>Elementary Director</u></b>	<b>Dorothy Gonzalez</b>
Wednesdays 4:00 - 7:30 pm	358-5989
August - May	
<b><u>Middle/High School Director</u></b>	<b>Dorothy Gonzalez</b>
Mondays 6:00 - 7:30 pm	358-5989
August - May	
<b><u>Confirmation Director</u></b>	<b>Deborah Havey</b>
Sundays 1:30 - 4:30 pm	358-5989
August - May	

### SCHEDULE OF MASS

**Saturday:** 4:00 pm  
**Sunday:** 7:30, 9:30, & 11:30 am, and 2:00 pm (Spanish)  
**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 6:30 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.

**Español bautismo las clases** 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 Quinceañeras**  
Para los arreglos, por favor llame 358-5977

### GIFT SHOP

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

**November 1, 2020**



## MISSION APPEAL

### Support of the Seminarians in the Diocese of Muvattupuzha, India

November 7 & 8



Subsidy Request for the Support of the Seminarians in the Catholic Diocese of Muvattupuzha. Brief Background of the Diocese: The Catholic Diocese of Muvattupuzha is bifurcated from

the mother Archdiocese Tiruvalla and was established in 2003. It was really a milestone in the stable development of the Malankara Syrian Catholic Church in India. Since then, the Diocese has been making steady progress.

The apostolates among the Non-Catholic as well as the Non-Christians (Ministry of Evangelization and Reunion) are going on fruitfully. Several Parishes and Mission Stations have been started throughout the Diocese during the last 15 years. Recently we could reunite a number of priests and faithful from the non-Catholic Churches. The Diocese has at present nearly 14,000 faithful, 62 diocesan priests, 10 religious priests, 71 parishes/mission stations, 90 Religious Sisters, several schools, and some charitable institutions. By God's Grace, the various activities of the Diocese continue with good results.

Our Catholics are generally small farmers and daily-wage workers, speaking different languages. Among our Catholics there are a good number of people belonging to socially, educationally, and economically backward communities. Unfortunately, we lack income generating sources and institutions. Hence in the missions our pastoral work necessarily includes development works all over.

Most Rev. Dr. Yoohanon Mar Theodosius, the present bishop was installed on June 12, 2019. Due to the financial crisis, especially Bank Loans, the diocese is struggling for the support of the seminarians. Therefore, we seek your special preference and assistance for the support of our Seminarians. Because of Covid-19 pandemic, our faithful are also helpless.

Brief Statistics of our Seminary: Our Minor Seminary is called Gurusannidhi, (a Sanskrit word) which means "being in the presence of Almighty." Currently it

functions in our Bishop's House at Muvattupuzha while it lacks its own separate structures. With God's grace the diocese is having 11 seminarians both in the Minor and the Major Seminary. The Major Seminarians do their formation in different seminaries. There are four batches in our Minor Seminary with limited students. Three of the seminarians are pursuing Higher Secondary Education in a private school, 14 kilometers away from the Bishop's House. After their school education they must undergo another year (fourth year) of formation in the Seminary itself.

Then they will be sent to different seminaries in India for Philosophical studies so that they get a broad outlook with the other Rites and culture. The theology students do their studies in the Malankara Major Seminary, Trivandrum. The students have 11 years of formation, including Regency.

The Diocese of Muvattupuzha is very young and not financially sound to meet the various day to day expenses of the seminarians such as food, accommodation, tuition fee, medicine etc. The families from where the seminarians come are also not in a position to assist their formation and studies completely. Hence, the situation forces us to seek your generous help.

Since it is a new diocese, it has no income generating resources and we find it very difficult to support our seminarians. Being poor, most of our people can contribute very little for the support of the Church, even when they have good will. Thus, we do depend on financial assistance from outside the diocese for carrying out many of our pastoral as well as developmental works.

Your helping hands will highly enable us in the building up of the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ here in this part of the World. We earnestly pray that God may continue to shower His richest blessings upon you.



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 1****Saturday, October 31**

**4:00 pm** Living & Deceased Members  
David Burch & Esposito Families

**Sunday, November 1**

**7:30 am** Living & Deceased Members  
Churruca Family

**9:30 am +** Martin Guerrero-Lopez  
& Casullo Guerrero-Velasquez

**11:30 am** Parishioners by our Pastor

**2:00 pm** Living & Deceased Members  
Iniguez, Jauregui, Diaz, & Herrera Families  
& Souls of Justin & Giovanni

**Monday, November 2**

**9:00 am** All Souls Triduum

**12:10 pm** All Souls Triduum

**4:00 pm** All Souls Triduum

**Tuesday, November 3**

**9:00 am +** Jovey, Lolita, Jose, & Richard

**4:00 pm +** Jim Gold

**Wednesday, November 4**

**9:00 am** Ludy Del Villar

**4:00 pm** Juan Ortega-Gonzalez

**Thursday, November 5**

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

**4:00 pm +** Sara Echeverria

**Friday, November 6**

**9:00 am +** Robert Russell

**4:00 pm** End of Abortion

**Saturday, November 7**

**4:00 pm +** Merle Fiscus

**ALL SAINTS DAY**

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They will receive blessing from the Lord,  
and vindication from the God  
of their salvation. (Isaiah 61:1)

Today is the feast of All Saints. It originated circa 609 when Pope Boniface IV dedicated the Pantheon to honor the Virgin Mary and the martyrs, although the day was celebrated May 13. However, Pope Gregory III consecrated a basilica in the Vatican to honor all saints, and he chose Nov. 1 as their feast. Pope Gregory IV decided the entire church would observe the feast on that day. All Saints'

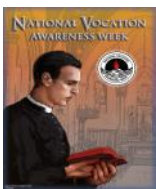
Day is a holy day of obligation.

The Solemnity of All Saints today reminds us of who we are and what a bright future can be ours. As we celebrate today all the saints, both those canonized and those who are unknown, we are joyful that they have reached the goal of life, heaven. They remind us to keep our sights fixed high, to remember who we are and the glorious possibility that God offers us.

The saints encourage us in our own struggles because like us they also endured struggles, they grew from strength to strength, they matured in the Lord as they grew in years. We also see this journey of growth in the great people of the Bible. We could think of Abraham whom Genesis tells us pretended his wife was his sister because he was afraid, but Abraham grew to become our father in faith. Moses had a speech impediment and had murdered and protested being called by God, but he led his people to the Promised Land. In the Gospels Peter is impulsive and does not want the Lord to suffer but in Acts he is totally transformed and considers it an honor to suffer for the Lord.

Noah was a drunk... Abraham was too old... Isaac was a daydreamer... Jacob was a liar... Leah was ugly... Joseph was abused... Moses had a stuttering problem... Gideon was afraid... Samson had long hair and was a womanizer... Rahab was a prostitute... Jeremiah and Timothy were too young... David had an affair and was a murderer... Elijah was suicidal... Isaiah preached naked... Jonah ran from God... Naomi was a widow... Job went bankrupt... Peter denied Christ... The disciples fell asleep while praying... Martha worried about everything... The Samaritan woman was divorced... Zacchaeus was too small... Paul was too religious... Timothy had an ulcer... **LAZARUS WAS DEAD! Every saint has a past and every sinner has a future!** Do You Seriously Think God Can't Use You?

Fr. Philip George, Pastor

**VOCATIONS****National Vocations Awareness Week November 1 - 7**

We at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church are blessed to have caring, nurturing, and holy men as our parish priests and shepherds. We thank them for their many years of unselfish commitment to sharing the Good News with the people of God.

- \* Reverend Philip George – Pastor 21 years
- \* Reverend Beda Martirez – Parochial Vicar 30 years
- \* Reverend Edward McDonagh – Retired Priest 55 years

Pray for those who are discerning a call to proclaim the hope of the Resurrection as religious brothers, sisters, priests or deacons. If you feel God is offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact Father Philip George at (775) 358-5977.





All Souls' Day

## ALL SOULS' DAY

The importance of All Souls Day was made clear by Pope Benedict XV (1914-22) when he granted all priests the privilege of celebrating three Masses on All Souls Day: one for the faithful departed; one for the priest's intentions; and one for the intentions of the Holy Father.

While All Souls Day is now paired with All Saints Day, which celebrates all of the faithful who are in Heaven, it originally was celebrated in the Easter season, around Pentecost Sunday (and still is in the Eastern Catholic Churches). By the tenth century, the celebration had been moved to October; and sometime between 998 and 1030, St. Odilo of Cluny decreed that it should be celebrated on November 2 in all the monasteries of his Benedictine congregation. Over the next two centuries, other Benedictines and the Carthusians began to celebrate it in their monasteries as well, and soon the commemoration of all the Holy Souls in Purgatory spread to the entire Church.

Praying for the dead is a Christian obligation. In the modern world, when many have come to doubt the Church's teaching on Purgatory, the need for such prayers has only increased. The Church devotes the month of November to prayer for the Souls, and participation in the Mass of All Souls Day is a good way to begin the month. *"Receive in tranquility and peace, O Lord, the souls of your servants who have departed this present life to come to you. Grant them rest and place them in the habitations of light, the abodes of blessed spirits. Give them the life that will not age, good things that will not pass away, delights that have no end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."* *Prayer for the Dead by Saint Ignatius of Antioch.*

We will celebrate All Souls Day with 9:00 am, 12:10 & 4:00 pm Masses. Please bring your All Souls envelopes with remembrances for the altar. We will leave them on the altar for the month of November to be mentioned at all Masses. Envelopes are available in the gather space if you did not receive one in the mail.

Fr. Philip George, Pastor

## DON'T WORRY, RETIRE HAPPY!

**Seven Steps to Retirement Security with Tom Hegna** November 9th at 6:30 pm in the Hall. Provides people with practical information they can use to reduce their worries about retirement planning and give them the confidence to retire happily ever after. During the sixty-minute program, retirement income expert and best-selling author Tom Hegna shares his insight on retirement planning. Tom Hegna's homespun wit and exorbitant personality adds excitement to the program. This is for all the Parish to enjoy and is the first in a series of personal planning seminars. Whether you are about to retire, or have retired, or retirement is a long way off, this is a program for you. For more information: Mike at 742-1454.

## 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 673-5975

### Social Groups

**Comité Guadalupano** Vicky Camacho 815-5290

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

**MOM'S Group** Jacqueline Costa 762-7512

**Tongan Community** Clay Vatikani 223-8816 or

lvatikani@hotmail.com

**Youth Group** Debbie Havey 358-5977

### Parish Outreach Groups

**12-Step Recovery Ministry** Frank Gomez 224-1764

**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 put in the bin in the gathering space or parish office.

**Prison Ministry** Chaplain's Office 328-2976;

Maria C Hernandez 359-5674 or 356-9222

**Respect Life Committee** Toni Berry 583-0015

## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

**Ladies Guild** President Marissa Jauregui 510-508-5780

Meets 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm in the social hall. All ladies of the parish are welcome.

**Knights of Columbus** GK Leo Carew III 843-1040 or carewiii@yahoo.com

Meets 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Religious Ed bldg.

## 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!
- ◇ Thursdays 7:00 - 8:30 pm
- ◇ Theresa Currivan, Director - rcia@icsparks.org or 934-1010 - call or text



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Monday, November 2</u>	8:00 am - 6:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Tuesday, November 3</u>	8:00 am - 6:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Wednesday, November 4</u> 	8:00 am - 6:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass 6:30 pm Baptism Class - hall
<u>Thursday, November 5</u>	8:00 am - 6:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass 7:00 pm RCIA Class
<u>Friday, November 6</u>	8:00 am - 5:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass 7:00 pm B.L.D. Charismatic Community
<u>Saturday, November 7</u>	4:00 pm Sunday Vigil Mass
<u>Sunday, November 8</u>	7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am Mass 2:00 pm Spanish Mass

**BAPTISM CLASS**

The next **Baptism Class** for parents of infants will be Wednesday at 6:30 pm in the hall.

**Las clases para bautismo en español:**

La clase será el Miércoles a las 6:30 pm en la sala.



**VETERANS CELEBRATION 2020**



Please join us as we celebrate our Veterans at 2 Masses: Sunday, November 8th, at 9:30 am and Wednesday, November 11th, at 9:00 am. A special recognition of Veterans, a Roll Call, Presentation of the Colors, Service Song Salute,

Special Reflective Address, and Blessings. For more information contact Mike Masterpool at 742-1454.

**RETIREMENT DINNER**

After 23 years of faithful service, our Parish Secretary, Karen Becerra, will be retiring at the end of November. We will be having a farewell celebration and potluck dinner following the 4:00 pm Mass on November 28th.



**Immaculate Conception Parish Christmas Boutique**

**Saturday, December 5th**

10:00 am - 6:00 pm

**Sunday, December 6th**

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Gift Baskets \* Baked Goods & Treats**

**Holiday Décor & Novelties**

**Handmade Quilts \* Silent Auction**

**\$\$\$ Cash Raffle \$\$\$**

A fundraiser for Immaculate Conception Church We are asking for your help! Donations of baskets, baked goods, and items to fill the gift baskets. We are also accepting cash donations to help in the purchase of items to make our baskets nice! You may drop your donations off at the Parish Office.

**Tamale Pre-order/Pre-pay form**

Tamales will be available by pre-order only and pick up will be Saturday, December 5th and Sunday, Decemeber 6th. \$25/dozen - orders must be pre-paid by November 20th. Orders can be placed by dropping this form with payment in the collection basket or to the parish office. Orders without payment will not be accepted. Please indicate half (1/2 not 6) or whole dozens (1, 2, 3, etc).

pork \_\_\_\_\_ chicken \_\_\_\_\_

chilli cheese (vegetarian) \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

phone #: \_\_\_\_\_



## MASS READINGS

For the Week of November 2

**Monday:** Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11 ; John 6:37-40

**Tuesday:** Philippians 2:5-11; Lk 14:15-24

**Wednesday:** Philippians 2:12-18; Luke 14:25-33

**Thursday:** Philippians 3:3-8a; Luke 15:1-10

**Friday:** Philippians 3:17—4:1; Luke 16:1-8

**Saturday:** Philippians 4:10-19; Luke 16:9-15

**Sunday:** Wisdom 6:12-16; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18;  
Matthew 25:1-13



## INDIVIDUAL COMMUNION



Anyone who is unable to fully participate in the Celebration of Mass due to the pandemic may call the Parish Office to schedule a time Monday - Friday, between 12:00 pm and 3:00 pm to receive our Lord individually.

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Mon - Thu 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

Fri 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

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

### ADORACIÓN DEL SANTÍSIMO

Lunes-Jueves 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

Viernes 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

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

### ROSARY

Mon - Fri 8:30 am; Wed 5:30 pm;  
Español Rosario Miércoles 6:30 pm  
en la capilla. Todos son bienvenidos.



## PROJECT RACHEL

project rachel  
Peace starts here

### A Post-Abortion Healing Ministry

In October we keep in mind the pain, both emotionally and physically, which accompanies a decision to have an abortion. We pray that those involved in the decision may reach out for help to receive the support of the ministry and encounter the love, mercy, and compassion of God. Find out more about us at [renodiocese.org](http://renodiocese.org) Click on Our Works, scroll down, click on Project Rachel. Contact our confidential, nonjudgmental help line 324-4325 or email [KarenM@Catholicreno.org](mailto:KarenM@Catholicreno.org) to take advantage of valuable resources.

Forgive me my sins, O Lord, forgive me my sins: the sins of my youth, the sins of my age, the sins of my soul, the sins of my body, my idle sins, my serious voluntary sins, the sins I know, the sins I do not know; the sins I have concealed so long, and which are hidden from my memory. I am truly sorry for every sin, mortal and venial, for all the sins of my childhood up to the present hour. I know my sins have wounded your Tender Heart, O my Savior, let me be freed from my bonds of evil through the most bitter passion of my Redeemer. O my Jesus, forget and forgive what I have been. Amen.

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

### Adoration

Pat Souza 358-7269 or Emily Robbins 626-6398

### Adult Choir

Andrea Santos 762-8779

### Family Choir

Joe Mudd 391-9650/[muddjoseph8@gmail.com](mailto:muddjoseph8@gmail.com)

### Filipino-American Choir

Leo Molino 358-1694

### Multicultural Choir

Teresa Bouldin 310-462-8045 or

Liuaki Tausinga 379-8087

### Teen Choir

Eng Image 544-9558/[Xy2dimage@aol.com](mailto:Xy2dimage@aol.com)

### Altar Servers

Gloria Salcido 240-1997/[gworm4156@yahoo.com](mailto:gworm4156@yahoo.com)

### Eucharistic Minister Coordinator

Kathy Daily 626-0793

### Homebound Eucharistic Ministers

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

Parish Office 358-5977

### Lector Coordinator

Maureen Barron 846-0512/[mbarron@washoeschools.net](mailto:mbarron@washoeschools.net)

Bob Cross 530-591-7250

[bobcrosscommunications@gmail.com](mailto:bobcrosscommunications@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, John Michael Langley, Maureen Flynn, Marie Kiley, Kehmeier Fam, Caruso/Kelly Fam, Grayson McClure, Michon Holland, Sarah Lopez, Paul Freitag, 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, Clare Kennedy, Angie Pinard, Mayra Fam, Dereck Machabee, Mark Gardiner Fam, Forrest Mitchell Fam, Davis Fam, David Rincon, Ethan James Noin, Julia Garcia, Alec Robles, Manuela & Guadalupe Rodriguez, Francine Roche, Marie Mazza, Rubino Fam, Ofelia Maldonado, Sandi Puliti, Gary Dahlke, Mary Janet Kennedy, Pam Swanson Fam, Kingston Doss, Judy Medek, Helen Balliette, Julianna Strauss, Rita Russo, Miguel Rivera, Guadalupe Martinez, Rickey McDowell, Sherry Simas, Alma Garcia, Karen Prukop, Sergio Carillo-Lopez, Nanette Smith, Tellers Fam, Raul Deborra, Jared Rutherford, Joyce Woolhether, Nelson Recinos, Olga & John Rubino, Mario Mendez, Mark Magee, Ryan Cowles, William Barclay, Sam Macaluso, Bruce Osgood, Rebekah Lucey, Elba Quiñonez, Jo & Ken Barrett, Katherine O'Dwyer, Guillermo Romero, David Balleweg, Gloria Lorelli, Jim Jones

Please call when they recover . . .

**MILITARY PRAYER LIST**



**Navy:** Max McGuire, Julian Carrillo

**Air Force:** Joshua Cox, Lucas Cusato, Chad Gogle, Nelida Mendoza, Richard Martinez

**Marines:** Hunter DeFabrizio, Patrick McGuire, Mariano Liano, Christian Monarrez, Alec Robles

**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.