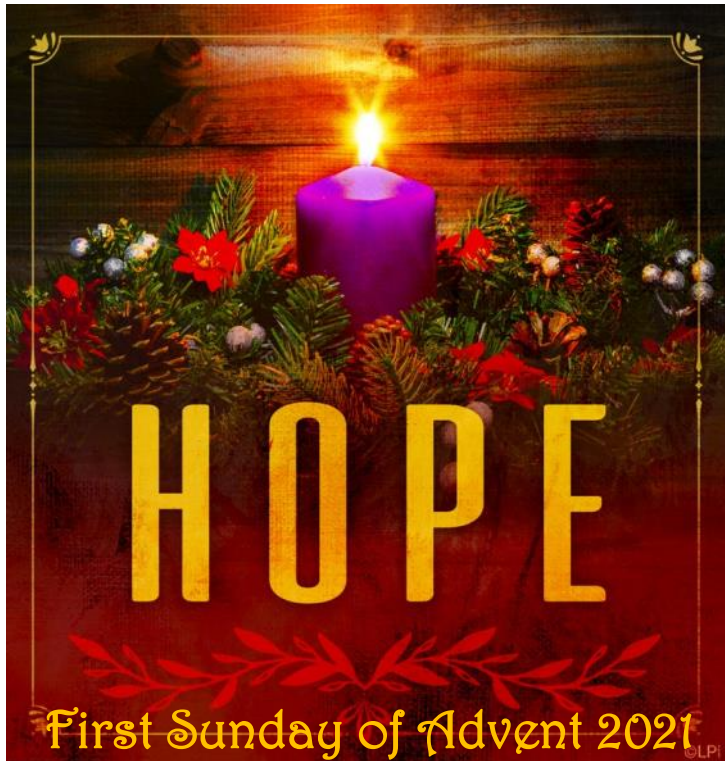


IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH SPARKS, NV



Celebrations for the
Solemnity of the
Immaculate Conception
Wednesday, December 8th
8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Mass
4:00 pm Mass with the Most Rev.
Bishop Muegggenborg
5:00 pm Stations of the Nativity
(by our CCD children)
5:30 pm Parish Potluck with
Bishop Muegggenborg
Please bring a dish for ten people

**Immaculate Conception
Parish Christmas Boutique**
Saturday, December 4th
10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sunday, December 5th
8:00 am - 7:00 pm
Gift Baskets * Silent Auction
Handmade Quilts
Baked Goods & Treats
Holiday Décor & Novelties
\$\$\$ Cash Raffle \$\$\$

We are asking for your help! Donations of baskets, 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. The Ladies Guild is once again delighted to assist the Parish with baked goods for the Christmas Boutique. Although we have many Guild members that are bringing their delicious baked specialties, we know we have many talented parishioners that are fantastic bakers. We are asking for donations to contribute to the sale that will take Place December 4th and 5th. These may be dropped off at the parish office anytime 12/1-3, and we will also take your items on the actual days of the sale as well, early is better. Bring your Cakes, Pies, Cookies, Specialty breads, Fudge, Cupcakes, etc. Please contact Maria Ammirati, Bake Sale Chair, at 775-345-4298 with any questions.

November 28, 2021



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

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

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 Quinceañeras
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 NOVEMBER 28Saturday, November 27

9:00 am Special Intentions for Brianna Guerrero

4:00 pm Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, November 28

7:30 am + Fr. Dan Redmond

9:30 am + Sven Oahqvist

11:30 am + Living & Deceased Members of the Serafino & Donati Families

2:00 pm + Cecilia Avalos

5:00 pm Parishioners & Benefactors by our Pastor

Monday, November 29

9:00 am + Edmon Carreon

4:00 pm Special Intentions for Craig Brown

Tuesday, November 30

9:00 am + David Cantor

4:00 pm + Pat Pettinary

Wednesday, December 1

9:00 am + Ramon Jauregui

4:00 pm Special Intentions for Jeff Hendry

Thursday, December 2

9:00 am + Eduardo Carreon

4:00 pm + Dolores Moredo

Friday, December 3

9:00 am David Solomon Happy Birthday

4:00 pm + Justin & Giovanni

Saturday, December 4

9:00 am + Valarie Meehan

4:00 pm Andy Salazar-Jauregui Happy Birthday

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**1st Sunday of Advent**

Staying awake can often be a challenge, especially when we are exhausted. Life's demands have a way of zapping every last bit of energy out of us. When we are tired it affects us not only physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. All of our senses are dulled and diminished. We can overlook details, become disinterested, lethargic and apathetic, and detached. Getting sufficient physical rest only helps so much. We need to be rejuvenated, refreshed, and reenergized in other ways. If we are psychologically exhausted, we need to understand what is draining our emotions and taxing our relationships. If we are spiritually tired, we need to find the necessary "shot in the arm" to put us back in touch with God. Unfortunately, exhaustion is seldom limited to just one part of who we are. When we lack energy and zeal it is usually the case that everything suffers. We not only are affected physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. In short, when we run out of gas the engine stops.

And yet, our Lord's directive is clear, "Be vigilant at all times." Even Jesus knew what "the anxieties of daily life" can do to us. One day pours into another and time quickly flies by. Any one of us can take a moment and reflect on how many wonderful, creative opportunities we miss because there is always so much "stuff" to do and so little time to do it. Usually these are missed moments of love, and if we are missing love encounters we are also missing God. Sleepwalking through life, we check the boxes next to our list of "must and have to dos" and justify it all by convincing ourselves that tomorrow is another day and there'll be more time. It may surprise us, but tomorrow is here, and time is running out. While we may like to believe that we have an "eternity" of time to do all those things that require the focus, energy, and desire we do not currently have, we don't. We're on a limited ride and time is short.

Jesus is also clear on another point. "That day [will] catch you by surprise like a trap." If we are going to be judged on love and so easily justify not having all that much time to do so, then it seems we must shift focus a bit. St. Teresa of Calcutta tells us, "We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas-time, not in a cold manner of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another." Getting to this place doesn't "just happen." It requires vigilance and discipline both with a knowledge of what is really of importance and what really needs to be the focus of our energy and time. Pray, starting now and not tomorrow, that we can stay alert, be strengthened in our faith, and prepared for whatever will come. Don't miss another opportunity to love. ©LPi

CHRISTMAS BASKETS**Apply at Parish Office**

If there is a parish family who needs help this year with a Christmas basket, please contact the parish office. We are accepting donations of non-perishable items and cash donations to help fill the baskets. You may drop your non-perishable donations at the Parish Office and monetary donations in the Sunday collection.

ANGEL TREE

Mary's closet will have a table set up during our Parish Christmas Boutique for our Angel Tree this year. Please stop by and take an ornament to take shopping with you. Please bring the new, unwrapped gift back with the tag by December 17th.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SAFETY AWARENESS TEAM (ICSAT)



Safety is Everybody's Business

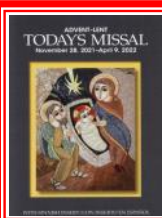
Mission Statement: To develop church safety and emergency preparedness procedures for the Parish through awareness education of our parishioners in order to mitigate, prepare, respond, and recover from unexpected events by promoting personal, family, and parish preparedness resulting in a culture of 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

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 Miércoles, 5 enero, 2022 a las 6:00 pm en la sala.



MASS MISSALS

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

KIDS CORNER



PUZZLE

Help this child find the path to God.





MISSION

Write down one thing that scares you. Tell God about it, and ask him to help you to be brave.

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

Youth Group Please Call the Parish Office

Parish Outreach Groups

12-Step Recovery Ministry Please call the Parish Office

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 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

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 or 934-1010 - call or text



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Monday, November 29</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Tuesday, November 30</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Wednesday, December 1</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Thursday, December 2</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Friday, December 3</u>	6:00 am - 8:30 am Saturday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Saturday, December 4</u>	4:00 pm Sunday Vigil Mass
<u>Sunday, December 5</u> 	7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am, 5:00 pm Mass 2:00 pm Spanish Mass

GIFT SHOP RAFFLE

Win a beautiful Nativity!



Tickets: \$15.00 available for purchase in the Gift Shop, the Gathering Space after all Masses, and the Parish Office
Drawing: December 12, 2021 after the 5:00 pm Mass

DONATIONS FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES

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

November: Stocking Stuffers or Filled Stockings for babies - teens

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

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Preparing the Manger

Where do you fall in the “Christmas-songs-in-November” debate — do you like them, tolerate them, or outright hate them? There’s no theological problem with Christmas songs in November outside of worship, even if it’s not everyone’s cup of tea. But there is a problem with getting so caught up in the baggage of the season — the trimmings, the gifts, the celebrations, all of which are marvelous in their own way — that you forget to prepare the manger.


Every good Catholic knows that Lent is a penitential season. It’s hard to miss that point — Lent doesn’t even have any fun songs you can groove to on the radio. We are pretty good at recognizing that Lent calls us to examine ourselves. To deny ourselves. To give of ourselves. And most of all, Lent calls us to prepare, as a good steward does, for the return of our master.

It’s harder for us to remember that with Advent, but Advent is just as much of an opportunity for penance, preparation, and reconciliation to God — and just as much reason, too. The very name of the season — “advent” — encourages us to focus on what is coming, not what is already here. Be on guard, the readings tell us today, “so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and (the coming of the Lord) catch you unexpectedly, like a trap.”


So let us not forget — our master’s advent is upon us. And let us ask ourselves: how can we prepare the manger?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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PRAY TO END ABORTION




The wonder of life!

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2021 AT 10:30 A.M.
ACROSS FROM THE WEST END WOMEN'S CENTER
5915 TYRONE RD, RENO, NV**

**NOTE: THE GUIDELINES WILL BE FOLLOWED FOR
SOCIAL DISTANCING AND WEARING FACIAL
MASKS WHEN THE ROSARY IS PRAYED..**

**DIRECTIONS: FROM BUSINESS US 395, TURN EAST
ON NEIL RD, TURN RIGHT AT MEADOW WOOD
LANE, THEN TURN RIGHT ONTO TYRONE RD.**



MASS READINGS

For the Week of November 28

Monday: Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 8:5-11

Tuesday: Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22

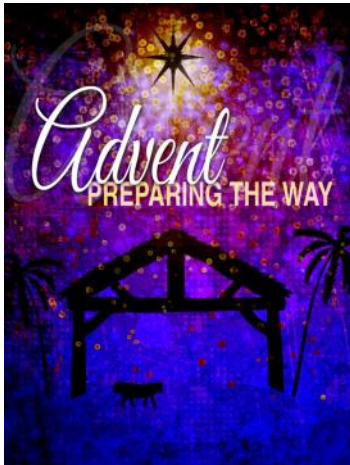
Wednesday: Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday: Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31

Saturday: Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26;
Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11/
Luke 3:1-6



CHILDREN'S LITURGY



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

Note: No children's Liturgy on 12/5

YOUTH NIGHT



Sunday, December 5, 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. The next Youth Night will be on December 19th.

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

The month of November we remember the Holy Souls and pray for all aborted babies and the mothers who are deceased as a result of an abortion procedure. We also pray for all those impacted by abortion in any way. We are filled with gratitude to God who is all-loving, merciful, forgiving, and waiting to heal those who reach out for help. Please find out more about us www.renodiocese.org: click on Our Works, scroll down, and click on Project Rachel. Contact our confidential, nonjudgmental help line 775-324-4325 or email KarenM@Catholicreno.org to take advantage of valuable resources.

VOCATIONS



"We are the clay and you the potter; we are all the work of your hands." Being chosen to serve as a priest or in the consecrated life is an amazing work of the Lord. Ask the Holy Spirit and our Blessed Mother to help you recognize and be faithful to your vocation. Contact Father Philip George at (775) 358-5977. "Padre, nosotros somos la obra de tus manos." ¿Sientes en tu interior que Dios te está llamando para servirle como sacerdote, diácono o religioso/a? 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, John Michael Langley, 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 Debora, 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, 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
Please call when they recover . . .

MILITARY PRAYER LIST



Navy: Max McGuire, Julian Carrillo, Joe Amper

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
for church locations and worship times
anywhere in the world.

