

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH SPARKS, NV



FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

December 11th

7:00 pm Procession * 8:00 pm Vigil
Mass, Reception to follow
9:30 pm Church will be open for
Private devotions

December 12th

7:30 pm Mass, Reception to follow

11 de Diciembre

7:00 pm Procepción * 8:00 pm Misa de
vigilia, Recepción a seguir
9:30 pm La estará abierta para
devociones personales

12 de Diciembre

7:30 pm Misa, Recepción a seguir



December 11, 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
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 Daily Mass;
Saturday 2:00-3:30 pm or by appointment.

CELEBRATIONS

Celebraciones Quinceaños

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 DECEMBER 11Saturday, December 10

9:00 am + Shari Albin

4:00 pm + Jazmine Avila Falcon

Sunday, December 11

7:30 am + Chuck Johnson and Living & Deceased Family Members

9:30 am + Kenneth Robbins and Living & Deceased Family Members

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

2:00 pm + Maria Guadalupe Lomeli & Manuel Flores-Montes

5:00 pm + Perfecto Avalos

Monday, December 12

9:00 am + Deceased Members of the Lopez-Barajas, Medina, & Mercado Families

4:00 pm + Catarino Castorena

Tuesday, December 13

9:00 am Poor Souls in Purgatory

4:00 pm + Elaine Munley

Wednesday, December 14

9:00 am + Guadalupe Lemus

4:00 pm + Maria Carpio

Thursday, December 15

9:00 am + Remedios Pecina, Tony Jay "TJ" Tutay, & Teresita "Baby" Fan

4:00 pm + Erlinda Guansing

Friday, December 16

9:00 am + Esperansa Davis

4:00 pm + Jose Flores

Saturday, December 17

9:00 am + Frank Chacon

4:00 pm + Margaret Currivan

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE****3rd Sunday of Advent**

Life can leave us feeling dark and desolate. Sandy was just twenty-eight when her husband, Rob, died, leaving her to raise their two young children. She was without paid employment. Rob went to work one morning and never returned home. Sandy, though, had faith and trusted that somehow God would help her through, even though most days brought deafening, piercing loneliness. She persevered, and the darkness gave way to light. Remarkable one day to a friend hesitant to commit to a relationship, Sandy shared her wisdom. Even if she knew the outcome would be the same, she would marry Rob again. She assured her friend that she would even do this if eight years could only be eight minutes. We are being led by God and God transforms the darkness into light. "Be strong, fear not!" Those are easy words to say. Putting them into practice is the challenge. When our paths are dark and life's roads become treacherous, we can easily complain about life's unfinished nature. When will the pain go away? Will the loneliness ever cease? Will I experience happiness again? As the farmer needs to exercise patience with the soil, we need to do the same with our lives. We have to wait for the early and late rains to come, properly tend to our gardens, and ensure that the rich nutrients of God's merciful and tender presence continue to enrich us. God is not done. God has only just begun his work in us.

We cannot allow life to hold us captive. The systems, agendas, protocols, regulations, expectations, and unfinished business can distract us from what it means to be God's child. Life can leave us feeling cheated, negative, and parched. All times and seasons of our spiritual and liturgical lives lead us to three virtues: faith, hope and love. Stop complaining about what is wrong and look to what God can make right! Joy that flows from the Baptist's message: in Jesus, the one mightier than he, are found healing, reconciliation, and freedom. Christ will save us from life's distortions, illusions, and disappointments. Do you believe this? ©LPi

DIOCESAN CONFERENCE

Registration now open! "The Eucharist: Source and Summit of Life" is being held January 6 & 7, 2023 at the Nugget Casino Resort in Sparks. Registration forms are available in the Gathering Space.

**Friday, December 16th at 7:00 pm**

We will have priests available who speak several different languages. Please note there will be no confessions on Saturday, 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 the Parish Office

SAFETY NOTE:



Please be courteous to fellow parishioners who need these spaces. To use these spaces appropriately the vehicle must have a current handicap license plate or a handicap card hanging from the mirror or clearly visible on the dashboard (not partially hidden under papers, ball caps, etc.). Thank you for your consideration.

UPCOMING FIRST AID CLASSES

(American Red Cross Certification)

First Aid and CPR/AED for Adult and Infant

Upcoming Classes

December 17, 2022, 8 AM to 1:30 PM

OR

January 21, 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 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

Subject: First Aid

Your name, email address, and phone number

Date of Class you would like to attend



American Red Cross

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

Youth Group 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

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Monday, December 12</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Tuesday, December 13</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Wednesday, December 14</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Thursday, December 15</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am, 12:10 & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Friday, December 16</u>	6:00 am - 8:30 am Saturday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass 7:00 pm Penance Service
 <u>Saturday, December 17</u>	4:00 pm Sunday Vigil Mass
<u>Sunday, December 18</u>	7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 am, 5:00 pm Mass 2:00 pm Spanish Mass

ANGEL TREE FOR MARY'S CLOSET



Thank you for sponsoring a child from our Mary's Closet Angel tree! Please bring the unwrapped gift to the church by December 19 and leave it with the receptionist in the church office during office hours. Please remember to attach the Angel ornament to the gift when you bring it so we can make sure it gets to the right child. Another way you can help is by donating diapers and baby wipes to Mary's Closet. Size 4, 5 and 6 diapers are especially needed. All of the volunteers at Mary's Closet thank you and wish you a Merry Christmas.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Season That Gives Back

I don't have anything left to give.
You can't pour from an empty cup.
All I do is give. Who is giving to me?
Raise your hand if these thoughts have ever run through your head. I'm sure they occur to all of us from time to time. We can become so easily depleted by the fast pace of life and whatever vocation God has called us to, whether that's parenthood, a demanding professional career or the caretaking of friends and family (or as so often happens, a hybrid of all three). Many of us also undergo certain seasons — seasons of the year, but also seasons of life — that seem to sap us of energy and leave us totally empty.

In these times, it seems impossible to continue in the spirituality of Everyday Stewardship. Graciousness, mindfulness, prayerfulness, gratitude, accountability — maintaining some semblance of these characteristics in our daily life feels not only overly optimistic, but totally impossible.

The Church gives us certain liturgical seasons that are meant to fill us up, almost like spiritual pit stops. Advent is one such season, and the Scriptural passages we reflect on at Mass during these four weeks are filled with images of nature defied. We see the dry steppe blooming. We see the weak made firm. We see the frightened made strong. We see the lame walk. We see the Virgin give birth.

If you think you don't have anything left to give this Advent, think again. This is the season of miracles when what we thought was depleted brings new life.
— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

DONATIONS FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES

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

December: Blankets, Socks, Tarps

Please bring your donations to the Parish Office.
Thank you for your support!

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.

MASS READINGS

For the Week of December 11

Monday: Zechariah 2:14-17; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday: Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13; Matthew 21:28-32

Wednesday: Isaiah 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Luke 7:18b-23

Thursday: Isaiah 54:1-10; Luke 7:24-30

Friday: Isaiah 56:1-3a, 6-8; John 5:33-36

Saturday: Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Matthew 1:1-17

Sunday: Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7/Matthew 1:18-24



YOUTH NIGHT



December 18th

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.

For questions email 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 seasons of Advent and Christmas, we pray for the many small deaths which occur over and over again in the lives of women and men who cannot accept the healing and/or sacramental forgiveness of God. Where there is brokenness there can be healing. Where there are hearts of stone, there can be hearts of flesh (Ezekiel 36:26). 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 to take advantage of valuable resources.

VOCATIONS



"I send my messenger ahead of you to prepare your way before you." Are you called to be sent by Jesus as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Contact Father Philip George at (775) 358-5977.

"Envío a mi mensajero por delante de ti para prepararle su camino por delante." ¿Está contemplando su vocación al sacerdocio o la vida consagrada? Para mas información, llamar al Padre Philip George (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 . . .



Angie Pinard, Mayra Fam, 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, 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, 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 Cracraft, 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, 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
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
 for church locations and worship times
 anywhere in the world.