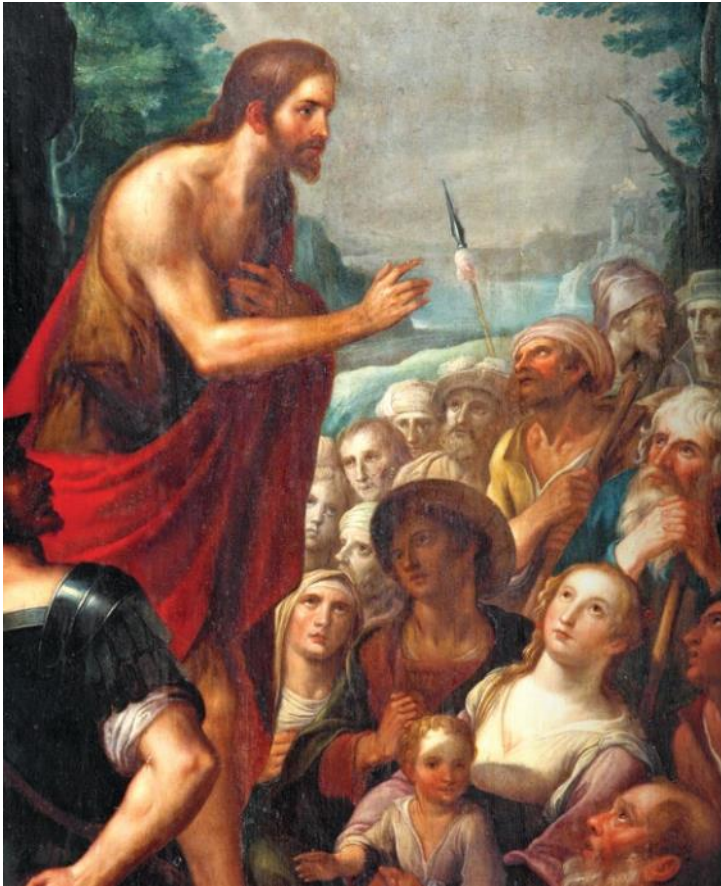


IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH SPARKS, NV



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16

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FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

December 11th

6:00 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

6:00 pm Procesión * 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 12, 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 DECEMBER 12**Saturday, December 11**

9:00 am For the Healing of Chuck & Walter Johnson
4:00 pm + Living & Deceased Members of the Alaimo & Calerami Families

Sunday, December 12

7:30 am Delaiza Beltran Happy 3rd Birthday
9:30 am For the Healing of John Pescetti
11:30 am End of Abortion & Parishioners by our Pastor
2:00 pm + Living & Deceased Members of the Lopez-Barajas Family
5:00 pm + Omar Carranza

Monday, December 13

9:00 am + Living & Deceased Members of the Steve Thomas & Christ Families
4:00 pm + Arsenia Calma

Tuesday, December 14

9:00 am + Phyllis Basso
4:00 pm + Ofelia Maldonado

Wednesday, December 15

9:00 am + Timothy Wolfe
4:00 pm + Jorge Garcia

Thursday, December 16

9:00 am + Joseph Tousignant
4:00 pm Santana Ixcali Rubio Happy 1st Birthday

Friday, December 17

9:00 am + Lupe Elizondo
4:00 pm + Catherine Hernandez & Allan Lucas

Saturday, December 18

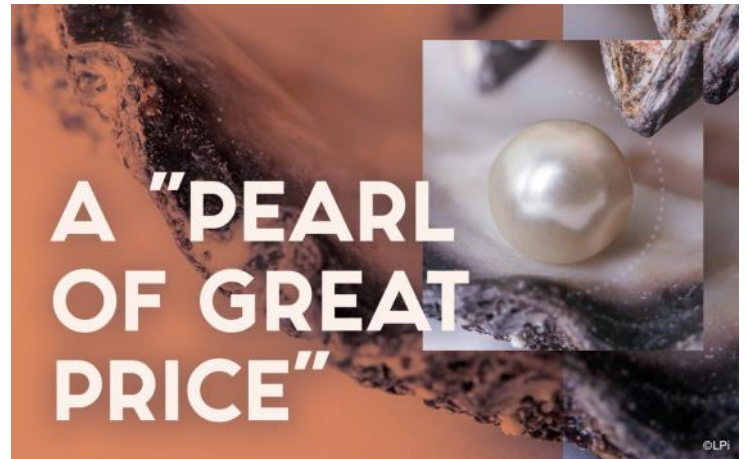
9:00 am + Patrick James Walls
4:00 pm + Margaret Currivan

REMEMBERING OUR TROOPS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

The Blue Star Mothers of Spanish Springs continue to prepare food and gift packages for active military personnel stationed overseas during the holiday season. Knights of Columbus, Lady of the Dessert Council 12877 has long sup-

ported this program by encouraging school-age children, our members, friends, and family to make and complete holiday cards with uplifting messages that are inserted in these "care packages." Our Holiday Cards for the Troops program continues by utilizing commercial Christmas cards. Additional program information, card completion guidelines, and the depository for completed holiday cards, are all available in the Gathering Space near the Knights counter.

Don't let this tradition fade into the past.

**A "PEARL OF GREAT PRICE"****GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE****3rd Sunday of Advent**

"From silly devotions and sour-faced saints, good Lord, deliver us!" St. Teresa of Avila

We've all heard the adage, "Laughter is the best medicine." In many ways, it really is. When was the last time you really laughed? The gift of imagination allows us to see possible things that are yet to be. Imagine a world filled with laughter. We take life too seriously sometimes. Fear, uncertainty, pressure, negativity, disappointment, and myriad other human experiences can rob us of the joy needed for laughter. God never promised us an easy road, and we do have to take the course of our lives seriously. However, there is a balance to be sought and a possible joy that can be brought even to the darkest and most challenging of encounters.

St. Therese of Lisieux reminds us that, "Joy is not found in the material objects surrounding us but in the inner recesses of the soul. One can possess joy in a prison cell as well as in a palace." Falling in love with God, who is present in all of creation, allows us to bring a depth of understanding to everything we do and experience. We can more easily see above and beyond things while pursuing the only One who can truly satisfy our hearts. When we realize that God, the king of Israel, is in our midst and with us, there is no further misfortune to fear. We can celebrate the wonder and beauty of God's gift of joy. It is no wonder that many saints radiate joy and have no reservations expressing laughter. They are happy because they have found a pearl of great price.

We celebrate with joy today with hearts filled with expectation, wonder, awe, and beauty as we ready ourselves, even more excitedly, for the coming of our Savior. Do not fear and do not be discouraged. If you haven't laughed in a while, why? Something is preventing you from expressing the magnificence of your soul and the presence of God who dwells within. God's power and presence within us assures us that we are loved and kept in that presence. What more is really needed? Rejoice and laugh in the presence of God! It really is the best medicine and a most perfect way to convince others that God is really with us. "Go ahead, laugh! Live your life with joy and serve the Lord with laughter! Joy, with peace, is the sister of charity. Serve the Lord with laughter." (St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina)

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



PENANCE SERVICE

Friday, December 17th at 7:00 pm

We will have priests available who speak several different languages. Please note there will be no confessions on Saturday, December 18th.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Thank You!

We'd like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who donated to and helped put together the Thanksgiving Baskets, especially Theresa and Cleo!

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.

KNIGHTS CORNER

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting or participating in the following upcoming events.

⇒**Blood Drive** - December 12th in the Church parking lot.

If you are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, please contact Grand Knight Leo Carew III at 843-1040 or Deputy Grand Knight Richard Matoza at 399-8389

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.

MOM'S Group Bertha Espana 775-412-3072

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, December 13</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Tuesday, December 14</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Wednesday, December 15</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am, 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Thursday, December 16</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Friday, December 17</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 18</u>	4:00 pm Sunday Vigil Mass
<u>Sunday, December 19</u>	7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am, 5:00 pm Mass 2:00 pm Spanish Mass

SIMBANG GABI CHRISTMAS NOVENA

December 15-23

"Simbang Gabi" is a Filipino Christmas tradition consisting of nine masses in preparation for the birth of Jesus Christ. Please join the Filipino Community at the following Masses to celebrate this beautiful Christmas tradition. Everyone is welcome!

Flyers available in the Gathering Space.

SIMBANG GABI NOVENA MASS SCHEDULE 2021					
DAY	DATE	TIME	VENUE	HOST ORG.	CELEBRANT
WED	15 Dec	6:00pm	*ICC	*FDCR	Most Rev Daniel H. Mueggenborg
THU	16 Dec	6:00pm	ICC	*OLOS	Fr. Chris Kanowitz
FRI	17 Dec	6:00pm	*STCLF	STCLF	Fr. Paul McCullom
SAT	18 Dec	6:00pm	ICC	STCLF	Fr. Arlon Vergara, OSA
SUN	19 Dec	6:15pm	ICC	ICC	Fr. Philip George
MON	20 Dec	6:00pm	ICC	ICC	Fr. Beda Martirez
TUE	21 Dec	6:00pm	ICC	*SAG	Fr. Honesto Agustin
WED	22 Dec	6:00pm	ICC	SAG	Fr. Loy Torrente
THU	23 Dec	6:00pm	ICC	FDCR	Fr. Joseph Infante

DIOCESAN CONFERENCE 2022

Registration Now Open! The Annual Diocesan Conference "Blessed and Grateful" is being held January 7 & 8, 2022 at the Nugget Casino Resort in Sparks. There are a variety of virtual as well as in-person sessions to choose from. Register now to avoid late fee. Any registrations received after Friday, December 10, 2021 will be assessed a \$10.00 late fee. Late fee applies to onsite registrations as well.

MASS MISSALS

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

ANGEL TREE

There is an angel tree in the Gathering Space to help our Mary's Closet families with needed items for their babies and to stock our shelves for the new 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 17.

DONATIONS FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES

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

December: Gloves, Hats, Blankets, and Sleeping Bags

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

WALK FOR LIFE

January 22, 2022

The Walk for Life in San Francisco will happen on January 22, next month. Once again, the Knights of Immaculate Conception Catholic church will be sponsoring a bus to attend the Walk. This year the Diocese will be co-sponsoring only three buses to the rally, so seats will be limited. We will begin signing up riders for the Walk beginning Saturday, December 11 at all masses. To sign up at other times, please contact the church office, or Tom Ball (775-826-2146 or bazzo@ballinfo.com). The cost is \$40 per seat. A release of liability and medical disclosure will be required. If you cannot join us on the ride to San Francisco, consider sponsoring a seat on the bus for one of our youth participants.

MASS READINGS

For the Week of December 12

Monday: Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a; Matthew 21:23-27

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

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

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

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

Saturday: Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-25

Sunday: Micah 5:1-4a; Hebrews 10:5-10/Luke 1:39-45



PROJECT RACHEL

A Post-Abortion Healing Ministry

Project Rachel is a post-abortion healing ministry, a nonjudgmental and confidential Catholic outreach to women and men of all religions who have experienced the trauma of abortion. Anyone who has emotional, mental, and spiritual pain can find truth and healing. Project Rachel is named after the Old Testament figure Rachel, who weeps inconsolably for her children "who are no more" until God came to her, offering hope for her future (Jeremiah 31:15-17). God is all loving, forgiving, and merciful, and in His name the Church reaches out to you with compassion and hope. Please find out more about us at www.renodiocese.org

VOCATIONS



"All were questioning in their hearts." Are you considering a vocation as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Father Philip George at (775) 358-5977.

"Todos estaban cuestionando en sus corazones."

¿Está considerando una vocación como sacerdote, diácono o en la vida consagrada? Para mas informacion, llamar al Padre Philip George 775-358-5977.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



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

YOUTH NIGHT



Sunday, December 19, 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 January 2, 2022.

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

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, 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, Peggy 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

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.

