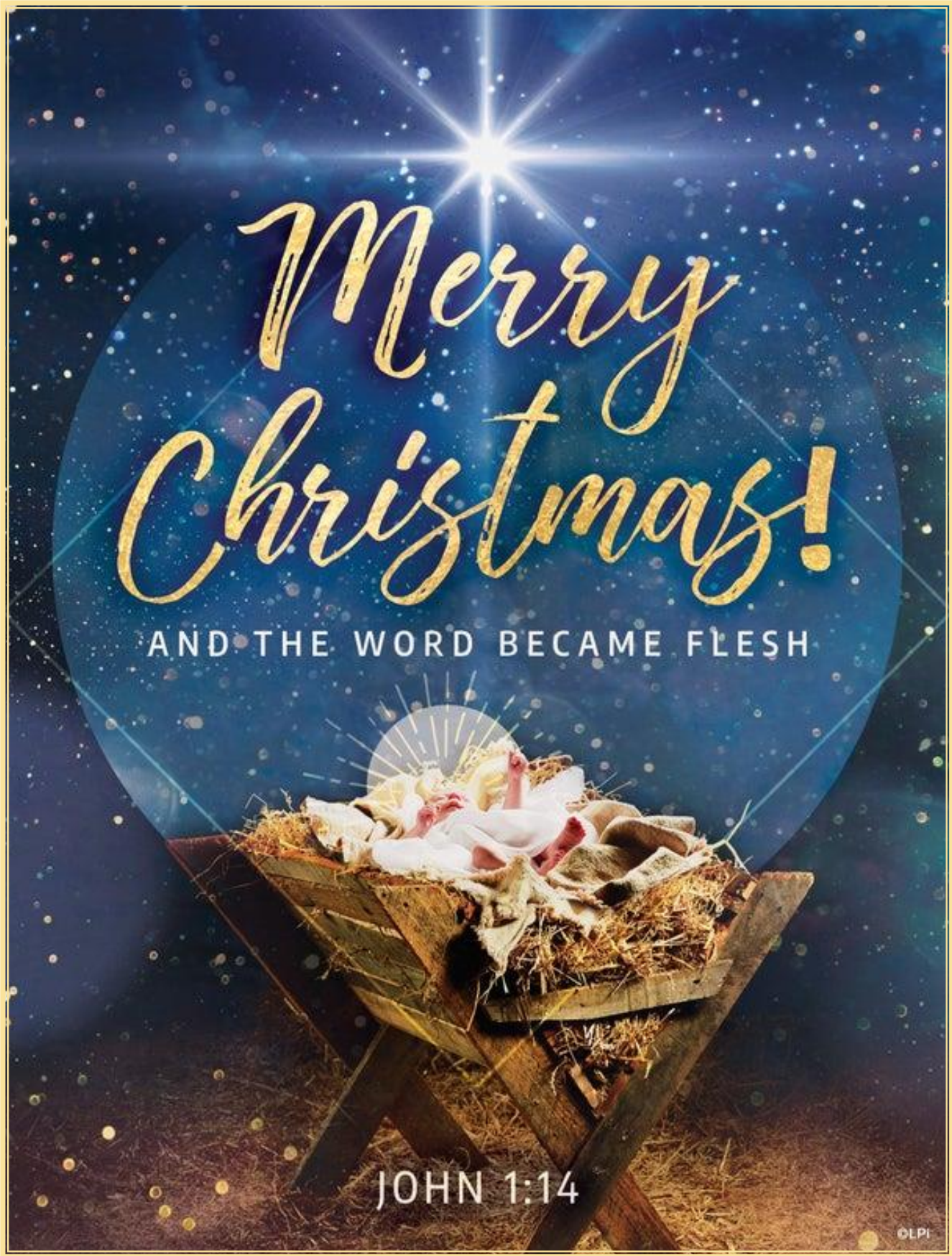


IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH
SPARKS, NV



December 25, 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 Quinceañeras

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 25**Saturday, December 24**

4:00 pm Children & Youth of the Church

6:30 pm Parishioners & Benefactors by our Pastor

9:00 pm Holy Souls of Purgatory

12:00 am Families of the Church

Sunday, December 25

7:30 am + August Marlia

9:30 am + Angel Rojo & Regina Cardenas

11:30 am + Living and Deceased Members of the Lopez-Barajas Family and the Holy Souls of Purgatory

2:00 pm + Canuto, & Maria y Christian Perez

5:00 pm + Armando (Barney) & Elsie Martini

Monday, December 26

9:00 am + Frank Russo

4:00 pm + Milda Michel

Tuesday, December 27

9:00 am + Thomas Kennedy

4:00 pm + Emilia Rivera

Wednesday, December 28

9:00 am + Lola Lynch

4:00 pm Darren Cachola Happy Birthday

Thursday, December 29

9:00 am For the Healing of Concepcion Figueroa

4:00 pm + Ruby Lytle Balancier

Friday, December 30

9:00 am For the Healing of Concepcion Figueroa

4:00 pm + Sanh Kiu

Saturday, December 31

9:00 pm Antonio Reyes Happy Birthday

4:00 pm + Jose Cuellar Gomez

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE****The Nativity of the Lord**

As we age, time seems to pass more quickly. Years seemingly fly by as one holiday flows into the next, January quickly becomes December and life maintains its hectic pace. What do we accomplish in all of that busyness? Perhaps technology is responsible for some of the frenzy, keeping us isolated in our social media worlds, communicating through texts rather than in person, and always connected to world events. We're over stimulated in many ways by information, noise, opinions, and ideologies. Yet, we still find the time to decorate our homes, purchase gifts, and plan Christmas gatherings. We know, however, that the true meaning of Christmas is not found in twinkling lights, beautifully adorned trees, perfectly set tables or exchanged gifts. We are being called to something deeper and more authentic.

Christmas reminds us to look for God along the way of our lives and not get distracted by the illusions around us. Our world's complexity can leave us feeling displaced, desperate, alone, neglected, and unimportant. Joseph and Mary felt that way too. In the midst of all that captures and intrigues us in our self-created virtual worlds, is this longing for the anchor of faith to keep us grounded and make sense of it all. Only faith can give us the perspective to see what truly matters in life. We discover our divinely blessed humanity. The uncertain and challenging journey to Bethlehem gives way to the tender moments of birth and its embrace. Christmas softens us and slows us down a bit. It shows us Jesus as the light who enlightens everyone. It shows us the truth.

The faith that comes from Christmas calms our fears and allows us to go into the nighttime of our lives courageously. We are never lost or alone. We need to stop and savor more of life's moments before they slip away in time. God is with us, loving us, and leading us where we need to be. God is born again and again in every soul willing to give birth to His presence. God connects us and provides us with a place where we feel safe and welcome: home. Merry Christmas! ©LPi

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.

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.

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

BAPTISM CLASS

The **next Baptism Class** for parents of infants will be Wednesday, January 4, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the hall.

Clases para Bautizo (Español) :

La clase será el Miercoles, 4 de Enero, 2023 a las 6:00 pm en la sala.



DONATIONS FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES

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

December: Blankets, Sleeping Bags, Scarves, Gloves, Knitted Caps, Socks, Tarps

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

UPCOMING FIRST AID CLASSES

(American Red Cross Certification)

First Aid and CPR/AED for Adult and Infant

Upcoming Class

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



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 26</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Tuesday, December 27</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Wednesday, December 28</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Thursday, December 29</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Friday, December 30</u>	Parish Office Closed 6:00 am - 8:30 am Saturday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Saturday, December 31</u>	4:00 pm Sunday Vigil Mass
<u>Sunday, January 1</u> 	7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 am, 5:00 pm Mass 2:00 pm Spanish Mass

WALK FOR LIFE

January 21, 2023

The Walk for Life in San Francisco will happen on January 21, 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 be signing up riders for the Walk after all Masses. To sign up at other times, please contact the church office, or Tom Ball (775-826-2146 or bazzo23@protonmail.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.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD



Sunday, January 1, 2023

Regular Sunday Mass schedule.

ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE

Feast Day December 27

Saint John was one of the Twelve, part of Jesus' inner circle, among the few that witnessed the Transfiguration, the raising of Jarius' Daughter, and the Agony in the garden at Gethsemane. He and his brother James were the sons of Zebedee and Salome. When Jesus called them, they left their father mending nets and followed him. Jesus called the brothers "Boanerges," meaning "sons of thunder" — they were passionate in their faith and Jesus had to rebuke them for their fiery zeal on more than one occasion. John, the younger brother, possibly the youngest disciple, was the only one present at Jesus' death.

Saint John the Apostle is traditionally thought to be the author of the fifth Gospel, the three Epistles of John, and the Book of Revelation. However, there has been some debate among scholars from antiquity to the present. Tradition also gives him the title Beloved Disciple and John's Gospel sees him seated next to Jesus at the last supper and the one to whom Jesus gives the care of Mary at the crucifixion.

Although Church tradition says that John survived the other disciples, living a long life, much of it is steeped in myth and legend. Some say he retired to Ephesus after the crucifixion with Mary and remained there until he died. But in other traditions he is more active. For a time he remained in Jerusalem with the other disciples, then founded churches in Asia Minor. In a legend of his persecution, during the reign of the Emperor Domitian, John is taken to Rome and thrown into a cauldron of boiling oil but preserved from death. He is then exiled to the island of Patmos where the Book of Revelation was written.

Most accounts agree that after his exile and the Assumption of Mary he returned to Ephesus where he died sometime after 98, during the reign of the Emperor Trajan.

Respect Life Rosary



SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2023

AT 10:30 A.M.

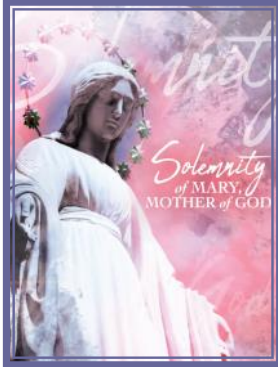
ACROSS FROM THE
WEST END WOMEN'S CENTER
5915 TYRONE RD, RENO, NV

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

MASS READINGS

For the Week of December 25

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Matthew 10:17-22
Tuesday: 1 John 1:1-4; John 20:1a, 2-8
Wednesday: 1 John 1:5-2:2; Matthew 2:13-18
Thursday: 1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35
Friday: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23
Saturday: 1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18
Sunday: Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7/Luke 2:16-21



YOUTH NIGHT TONIGHT



January 1st

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.

PARENTS YOUTH GROUP

Parents - you're invited to Parent Youth Group!

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

The first Sunday of every month in the nursery. Grow in community and discuss the last 2 topics of youth group.

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



"He gave power to become children of God." If you think you may be called to share the Father's love as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact Father Philip George at (775) 358-5977.

"Él dio el poder de hacerse los niños de Dios." Si usted piensa que puede ser llamado a compartir el amor del Padre como sacerdote, diácono o en 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.