

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH SPARKS, NV



THE HOLY FAMILY

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

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**Happy New Year!
2022**

NEW YEAR PRAYER:

Thank You Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead.
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.
Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend,
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty,
Help me fill it with good things
Each new day filled with joy
And happiness it brings.
Amen.

December 26, 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

<u>Elementary Director</u>	Dorothy Gonzalez
August - May	358-5989
<u>Middle/High School Director</u>	Dorothy Gonzalez
August - May	358-5989
<u>Confirmation Director</u>	Deborah Havey
August - May	358-5989

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 26**Saturday, December 25**

- 7:30 am Special Intentions for Jo and Ken Barrett
 9:30 am + Living & Deceased Members of the Neilson & Menicucci Families
 11:30 am + Living & Deceased Members of the Dow & Churruca Families
 2:00 pm Las Almas Del Purgatorio
 5:00 pm + Living & Deceased Members of the Mascola Family
 + Olga Rubino

Sunday, December 26

- 7:30 am + Jose Cuellar Gomez
 9:30 am Rino Anthony David in Thanksgiving
 11:30 am + Nery Lydia Pungpalan Endrada
 2:00 pm + Living & Deceased Members of the Garcia-Perez & Hernandez Families
 5:00 pm Special Intentions for Raymond & Beverly Blankus

Monday, December 27

- 9:00 am + Thomas Kennedy
 4:00 pm + Dennis P. DeMartini

Tuesday, December 28

- 9:00 am + Lula Lynch
 4:00 pm + Dennis P. DeMartini

Wednesday, December 29

- 9:00 am + Aurore Pelletier
 4:00 pm + Dennis P. DeMartini

Thursday, December 30

- 9:00 am Special Intentions for Judith Medina-Lopez
 4:00 pm For the Souls in Purgatory

Friday, December 31

- 9:00 am For the Souls in Purgatory
 4:00 pm Antonio Reyes Happy Birthday

Saturday, January 1

- 9:00 am + Living & Deceased Members of the Reyes & Martinez Families
 4:00 pm + Marian Glynn

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE****The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness. Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

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SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**Saturday, January 1, 2022**

This is not a day of obligation. Daily Mass will be celebrated at **9:00 am** and **12:10 pm**.

**MASS MISSALS**

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

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.



KIDS CORNER



PUZZLE

Find the way that leads to church!



MISSION

I will always let my parents know where I am, so they won't worry.

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

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.

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 Currian, Director - rcia@icsparks.org or 934-1010 - call or text



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Monday, December 27</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Tuesday, December 28</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Wednesday, December 29</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Thursday, December 30</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Friday, December 31</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, January 1</u> 	9:00 am & 12:10 pm Mass 4:00 pm Sunday Vigil Mass
<u>Sunday, January 2</u>	7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 am, 5:00 pm Mass 2:00 pm Spanish Mass

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.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

All in the Family

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating - who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful - perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us. But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother? The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?

Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter? We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well. - Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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. Any registrations received after Friday, December 10, 2021 will be assessed a \$10.00 late fee. Late fee applies to onsite registrations as well.

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!

MASS READINGS

For the Week of December 26

Monday: 1 John 1:1-4; John 20:1a, 2-8
Tuesday: 1 John 1:5-2:2; Matthew 2:13-18
Wednesday: 1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35
Thursday: 1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40
Friday: 1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18
Saturday: Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7/Luke 2:16-21
Sunday: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6/Matthew 2:1-12



PROJECT RACHEL

A Post-Abortion Healing Ministry

project rachel
 Peace starts here

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 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



"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, sister or brother, contact Father Philip George at (775) 358-5977.

"Él dio poder para llegar a ser hijos de Dios." Si cree que puede ser llamado a compartir el amor del Padre como sacerdote, diácono, hermana o hermano religioso, para más información, 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, January 2, 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.

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.

