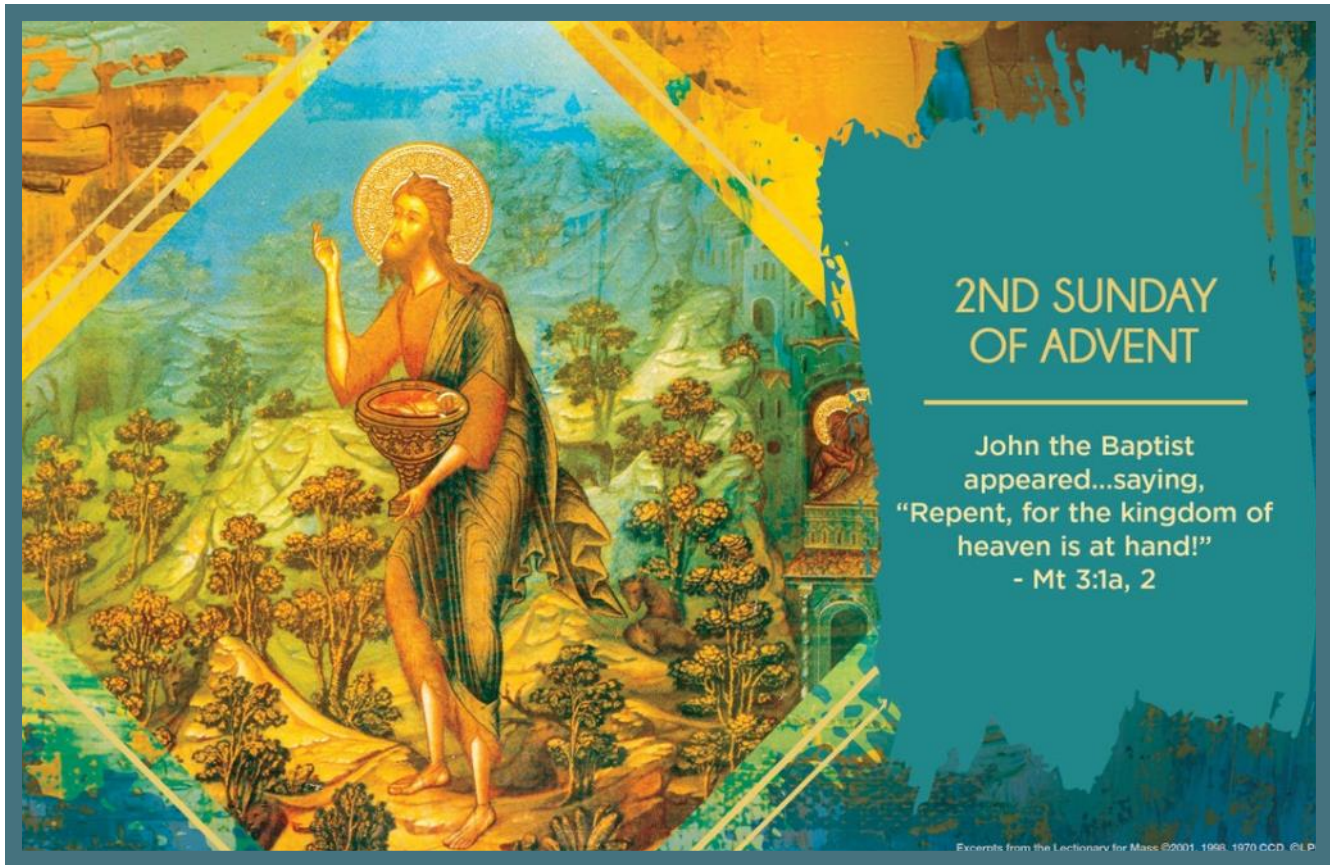


IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH SPARKS, NV



Celebrations for the
Solemnity of the
Immaculate Conception
Thursday, December 8th
8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Mass
12:10 pm Mass
4:00 pm Mass
5:00 pm Parish Potluck
Please bring a dish for
ten people

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 4, 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

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|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Fr. Philip George | Leo Carew | Malou Alano |
| Fran Harris | Joseph Allen | Tom Ball |
| Clay Vatikani | Theresa Currivan | |
| Cintia Teglia | Melissa Flores | |

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

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|-------------------|---------------|
| Fr. Philip George | Judy Jennings |
| Lois Crook | William Sousa |
| Gilles Tousignant | |

CORPORATE BOARD MEMBERS

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|---------------------------|---------------|
| 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 4**Saturday, December 3**

9:00 am David Solomon Happy Birthday

4:00 pm Blessings for Khoa Huyn

Sunday, December 4

7:30 am + John & Bernice Sheehan

9:30 am + Oscar Andres Salazar Happy Birthday

11:30 am + Anne & Clark Wooldridge

2:00 pm + Justin Lopez & Giovanni Oliva

5:00 pm Parishioners & Benefactors by our Pastor

Monday, December 5

9:00 am + Jazmine Avila Falcon

4:00 pm + Carol Schellin

Tuesday, December 6

9:00 am + Federico Reyes

4:00 pm + Pedro Jovani Cervantes Galvan

Wednesday, December 7

9:00 am Ramos Benavides Family in Thanksgiving

4:00 pm + Cleo Hudson

Thursday, December 8

9:00 am Pat Johnson Happy Birthday

4:00 pm + Living & Deceased Members of the
Mankowski Family**Friday, December 9**

9:00 am + Jeff Ferguson

4:00 pm Jesus Jauregui Happy Birthday

Saturday, December 10

9:00 am + Shari Albin

4:00 pm + Jazmine Avila Falcon

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE****2nd Sunday of Advent**

At sixty years of age, Maria and Paul had a beautiful life. High school sweethearts, they had four children, five grandchildren, a successful business, good friends and a fabulous beach house. They felt very blessed. Their strong faith in God saw them through some difficult challenges. Without warning, Paul died suddenly. Maria was devastated. Why did God do this? Why did God allow this to happen? An indescribable depth of sadness weighed heavily upon her heart. She felt betrayed by the God she thought was looking out for her. She was overwhelmed by despair. Have you ever experienced such incredible and deafening sadness? Where is God in all of the pain?

We often want God to fix things or intervene and change nature's course. When He doesn't act as we desire, it shakes our faith. We do not always understand or appreciate why things happen as they do. There is much that is beyond our control. John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus and Jesus is the way to God. There is something more going on in life than what we can see with human eyes. We are on a sacred path, and God is with us. God is with us in our confusion, suffering, doubts, and intense sadness. Jesus announced God's vision for humanity and taught people to see God and themselves for who they are. There is a way through and beyond all hardship and suffering. God does not abandon us.

God has a clear vision for the future, both for us individually and for our world. It is a vision of harmony and gentleness where all will live as one and the "wolf shall be a guest of the lamb." God is not indifferent. He is the God of "endurance and encouragement." In God, we see what we may be, what may come and who we can become. When Maria opened herself to God's creative presence, she learned to trust. She began to realize that she could endure more than she had imagined. She also discovered a spark of encouragement, bringing her through the sadness to where she could be. In retrospect, Maria knew that God's reassuring presence was with her. ©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.

ST. NICHOLAS**Feast Day December 6**

St. Nicholas of Bari (March 15, 270 – December 6, 343), the bishop of Myra in the fourth century, is the saint that Santa Claus is modeled after. Known for his kindness and generosity to the poor, the story has it that St. Nicholas once tossed bags of gold through the open window of a poor man's house to help his daughters avoid a life of prostitution.

According to legend, the gold landed in stockings dangling on the corners of the beds, which is why many of us celebrate St. Nicholas Day by hanging stockings and filling them with candy, fruit, and small toys. Not much else is known about this beloved saint, but regardless, his reputation as a generous man continues today. ©LPi

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

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!

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.



KIDS CORNER

PUZZLE

Help the baby find his way to the priest for his baptism.



MISSION

Write a prayer to God, asking him to help you stop doing those things that are bad, and start being honest, giving and kind.

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

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| <u>Monday, December 5</u> | 6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass |
| <u>Tuesday, December 6</u> | 6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass |
| <u>Wednesday, December 7</u> | 6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass |
| <u>Thursday, December 8</u>  | 6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am, 12:10 & 4:00 pm Mass 5:00 pm Parish Potluck |
| <u>Friday, December 9</u> | 6:00 am - 8:30 am Saturday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass |
| <u>Saturday, December 10</u> | 4:00 pm Sunday Vigil Mass |
| <u>Sunday, December 11</u>  | 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 am, 5:00 pm Mass 2:00 pm Spanish Mass 7:00 pm Procession 8:00 pm Vigil Mass |




ADVENT
Penance Service

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.

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!

ANGEL TREE



Mary's Closet is sponsoring an Angel Tree for the Mary's Closet families. If you would like to provide a gift for a child, please take an angel from the tree in the foyer. 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.

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.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

How Much Is Enough?
I've got some great news for some of you: Jesus Christ doesn't care what name you bear. He doesn't care where you were born, and he doesn't care what your family tree looks like. He doesn't care where you grew up or where you went to school. I've also got some bad news for some of you: See above. It's so easy to take our salvation for granted. The mercy of God makes it so. Look at John the Baptist — he was pouring water on everybody who wanted it. Everybody but one group: those who expected it. Those who thought it was a given because of who they were, because of what they were. Those who had no intention of doing the work of repentance. Sometimes, because God is so faithful, we make the mistake of forgetting that He is also just.
I am baptized, we think. I made my First Communion, and I was Confirmed. That's enough.
I went to Catholic school. I know all the Ten Commandments and I can tell you anything you want to know about the Popes. That's enough.
I'm on parish council. I put money in the basket, and I volunteer. That's enough.
None of it is enough. It would never be enough. And before we look upon the Pharisees and Sadducees with too much judgment, we need to remember: the work of repentance is ongoing. It is a process that we must commit to within ourselves, continuously.
God is the missing element to this equation. He is the one who raises children to Abraham from the stones. If we rely only on our own abilities, our own merits, our own offerings, it will never be enough.
— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

MASS READINGS

For the Week of December 4

Monday: Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26

Tuesday: Isaiah 40:1-11; Matthew 18:12-14

Wednesday: Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday: Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12/
Luke 1:26-38

Friday: Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19

Saturday: Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10; James 5:7-10/Matthew 11:2-11



YOUTH NIGHT TONIGHT



December 4th

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



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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



Are you called to be "A herald's voice in the desert" preparing the way of the Lord in the hearts of His people? If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact Father Philip George at (775) 358-5977. ¿Está llamado a ser "la voz que llame en el desierto" para preparar el camino del Señor en los corazones del mundo? ¿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, 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, 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, Derek Machabee & Fam, Sally Ann Milburn Fam, Steven Wagstaff, 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 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.