

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH SPARKS, NV

Celebrations for the
Solemnity of the
Immaculate Conception
Wednesday, December 8th

8:30 am Rosary

9:00 am Mass

4:00 pm Mass with the Most Rev.

Bishop Muegggenborg

5:00 pm Stations of the Nativity
(by our CCD children)

5:30 pm Parish Potluck with

Bishop Muegggenborg

Please bring a dish for ten people

Second Sunday of Advent



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 Procesi3n * 8:00 pm Misa de vigilia, Recepci3n a seguir
9:30 pm La estar3 abierta para devociones personales

12 de Diciembre

7:30 pm Misa, Recepci3n a seguir



December 5, 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 Quinceaños

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 5**Saturday, December 4**

9:00 am + Valarie Meehan

4:00 pm Andy Salazar-Jauregui Happy Birthday

Sunday, December 5

7:30 am Parishioners & Benefactors by our Pastor

9:30 am + Katherine Francis

11:30 am + Cleo Hudson

2:00 pm + Beatrice Vasquez

5:00 pm For the Healing of John Pescetti

Monday, December 6

9:00 am + Carol Schellin

4:00 pm + Federico Reyes

Tuesday, December 7

9:00 am Souls in Purgatory

4:00 pm + Ken Barrett

Special Intentions for Jo Barrett

Wednesday, December 8

9:00 am + Ada Menicucci

Sister Mariette Happy Birthday

12:10 pm + Living & Deceased Members of the Mankowski Family

4:00 pm Special Intentions for Pat Gruhler, Pat Souza, and Pat Johnson

Thursday, December 9

9:00 am Jesus Jauregui Happy Birthday

4:00 pm + Adelaida Burwell

Friday, December 10

9:00 am + Jeff Ferguson, Jean Nedenripp

4:00 pm + Severino David

Saturday, December 11

9:00 am For the Healing of Chuck and Walter Johnson

4:00 pm + Living & Deceased Members of the Alaimo & Calerami Families

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

St. Ambrose shares some wisdom on our need to prepare the way and open the door for Christ. "You see that when the Word of God knocks hardest on your door, it is when his hair is wet with the dew of the night. In fact, he chooses to visit those who are in tribulation and trial, lest one of them be overwhelmed by distress. So, his head is covered with dew, with drops, when his body is laboring hard. It is important to keep watch so that when the Bridegroom comes, he is not shut out. If you are asleep and your heart is not keeping watch, he will go away without knocking; but if your heart is alert for his coming, he knocks and asks for the door to be opened to him." When life gets overwhelming and difficult and we find ourselves feeling a bit downhearted and miserable, these words can bring great comfort.

We sometimes choose to remain stuck in our uncomfortable darkness and being stuck becomes our norm. In this time of self-focus our hearts are closed to the graces and life God desires to give us. Wrapped in the robe of mourning and misery, we fail to see the mercy, justice, and love the Bridegroom wants to bring. If we take seriously the need to prepare the way for Christ and open our hearts in preparation for his visit, we can hear God's gentle voice calling us deep within. It beckons us to seek out its source and discover the inner calm and peace that can prevail over the darkness of despair. Sometimes our darkness is so dark that it may seem unsurmountable. Trusting in the spiritual friends who journey with us, and God's promise may bring a glimmer of light even when it is most difficult to keep our hearts' doors open. Sometimes, the only light in the darkness is found in trusting the faith of others both past and present.

We have to trust that God has already begun the accomplishment of good work in us and that humanity is on an incredible journey to something wonderful and awesome. God is not done. When we open the doors of our hearts, straighten the paths of our lives, and prepare the way, Jesus can come with God's simple gifts of peace, grace, and joy. Life throws a great deal at us. It is easy to get tired and confused. We have to train our hearts to keep watch, discern what is of value, and forge ahead. Not allowing ourselves to become so weighed down by things and brought out of focus is a tremendous goal to achieve this Advent season. God is knocking. Answer the door. You will see and understand life in ways you never thought possible before.

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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.

ANGEL TREE

Mary's closet will have a table set up during our Parish Christmas Boutique for our Angel Tree this 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 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 Chuck Baker at 544-5304 or icsafetyministry@gmail.com

SAFETY NOTE:



The Church has noticed an increasing number of vehicles using the handicap spaces. At one Mass recently 7 vehicles were parked in Handicap spaces without an appropriate placard or license plate. As a gentle reminder, here is a summary of the parking rules here at Church:

- Vehicles in a handicapped spot must display a current handicap license plate or a red or blue handicap placard hanging from the mirror or clearly visible on the dashboard (not partially hidden under papers, ball caps, etc).
- The hatched areas next to van accessible spots must be kept clear
- Vehicles should not be in 2 parking spaces (over the line) There is no parking in Fire Zones (red curbs)
- Any vehicle "waiting" in a Fire Zone must have a driver with the vehicle at all times. (Commercial delivery drivers exempted while delivering)
- No vehicle shall be parked which blocks movement of another vehicle
- There is no overnight parking unless approved by Fr. Philip directly.
- Abandoned vehicles will be towed away at the owner's expense

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated by your fellow parishioners

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.



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. Call Vitalant at (877) 258-4825 or go online to schedule a time
- ⇒ **Knight's Christmas Dinner** - December 10th. Call Billy for details at 775-544-0514

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 6</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Tuesday, December 7</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Wednesday, December 8</u> 	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am, 4:00 pm Mass 5:00 pm Stations of the Nativity 5:30 pm Potluck in the Hall
<u>Thursday, December 9</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Friday, December 10</u>	6:00 am - 8:30 am Saturday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Saturday, December 11</u>	4:00 pm Sunday Vigil Mass 7:00 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration
<u>Sunday, December 12</u> 	7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am, 5:00 pm Mass 2:00 pm Spanish Mass 7:30 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

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.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

God's Personal Assistants

If you have ever planned a large-scale event, whether it's a musical performance or a religious conference, you may have dealt with someone's personal assistant. Possibly this person would be a representative of the keynote speaker or the master of ceremonies for the local bishop; perhaps it's even the staffer of a local politician or the lackey of a well-known musical act. Personal assistants are masters of stewardship - overseeing things in their boss' absence. They prepare the way. This person's job is to get everything ready for the person in charge, so that when he or she shows up - whoever he or she is - it's smooth sailing for them to do whatever it is they need to do: sing, speak, pray, mingle, what-have-you. It's usually a big job full of little things, a gig where attention to detail is key. God is the guest of honor in our life, the keynote speaker, the main event. And what He wants - what He needs - to do is to change our hearts. Constantly, over, and over, and over again. We are all His personal assistants in this endeavor. We need to prepare the way of the Lord, to make straight His paths. We need to make everything ready so that when He shows up - however He shows up, whether it's in the form of a neighbor in need or a burning bush right in front of us - everything is ready for Him to do His job. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

 **MASS MISSALS**
Advent - Lent (November 28 - April 9) Mass Missals are available for purchase in the Parish Office

GIFT SHOP RAFFLE
Win a beautiful Nativity!
 **Tickets:** \$15.00 available for purchase in the Gift Shop, the Gathering Space after all Masses, and the Parish Office
Drawing: December 12, 2021 after the 5:00 pm Mass

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 5

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

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

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

Thursday: Isaiah 41:13-20; Matthew 11:11-15

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

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

Sunday: Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Philippians 4:4-7/Luke 3:10-18



CHILDREN'S LITURGY



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

Note: No children's Liturgy 12/5

YOUTH NIGHT TONIGHT!



Sunday, December 5, 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 December 19th.

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

project rachel

Peace starts here

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 seeking "knowledge and full insight to help you determine" your vocation in Christ as a priest, deacon or in consecrated life? Contact Father Philip George at (775) 358-5977.

¿Está buscando "conocimiento y una visión plena que le ayude a determinar" su vocación en Cristo como sacerdote, diácono o en la vida consagrada? Para mas informacion, llamar al Padre Philip George 775-358-5977.

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

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.

