

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH SPARKS, NV



## 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Blessed are you who are now hungry,  
for you will be satisfied.  
Blessed are you who are now weeping,  
for you will laugh."  
- Lk 6:21

February 13, 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
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 AUGUST - MAY

#### Elementary/Middle/High School Director

Dorothy Gonzalez      358-5989 ext 13

#### High School Confirmation Director

Deborah Havey      358-5989 ext 14  
debbiehavey734@gmail.com

### 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      cortessergio765@sbcglobal.net

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 13****Saturday, February 12**

9:00 am + Richard Ignatius Havey

4:00 pm + Jesus Iniguez

**Sunday, February 13**

7:30 am Rocio Cuellar Rivera Happy Birthday

9:30 am + Maurice &amp; Rachel Melvin

11:30 am + Aurora Cortez Eustaquio

2:00 pm + Alejandro Lara-Lomeli

5:00 pm For all who donated to the Angel Tree

**Monday, February 14**

9:00 am + Bernice Gower

4:00 pm + Genoveva Martinez

**Tuesday, February 15**9:00 am John Rubino and +Olga Rubino  
on their Anniversary

4:00 pm Souls in Purgatory

**Wednesday, February 16**

9:00 am Martha Sylvia Reyes Happy Birthday

4:00 pm Special Intentions for Roberto Guerrero &  
Jonathan and Jacob Barajas**Thursday, February 17**9:00 am + Living & Deceased Members of the  
Ken Robbins Family4:00 pm Angelica Vasquez-Garcia  
Happy 9th Birthday**Friday, February 18**

9:00 am + Margaret Curriuan

4:00 pm + Living & Deceased Members of the  
Rosa Estefania Valdez-Medina Family**Saturday, February 19**

9:00 am Betty Hendon Happy Birthday

4:00 pm End of Abortion

**ST. CONRAD OF PIACENZA****Feast day February 19**

The history of St. Conrad of Piacenza is quite fascinating. A member of one of the most noble families of Piacenza, he was known for his utmost honesty. One day while out hunting with friends, he thought he saw some game in an area of brush and ordered his attendants to set fire to the brush in order to scare it out of hiding. Unfortunately, the dry brush quickly ignited, and fire started to spread. Soon, the surrounding area was engulfed in flames. Unfortunately, a known arsonist happened to be in the same area as the fire. This man was later imprisoned, tried, and condemned to death for the damage. But on his way to his execution, St. Conrad of Piacenza, full of guilt, stopped the proceedings and confessed to the fire. To make restitution for the damages, Conrad had to sell all his belongings, which reduced him to poverty. Soon after, he decided to retire to a hermitage, where he became a hermit of the Third Order of St. Francis, and his wife entered the Order of Poor Clares. ©LPi

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE****6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

What has been the most difficult challenge you faced in your life? Many difficult human experiences can “turn up the heat” in our lives, causing us to question the why of things or even fall into despair. Some people just somewhat passively accept what life brings, even death, and chalk difficult experiences up to happening “because they do.” They seemingly endure and move on. Taking life at face value, there really is no ultimate meaning to things. It’s easier to ignore that inner prompting calling us to understand why. It’s there whether we admit it or not. To question or not to question — that is the question! People sometimes give up the God search because it causes too many questions. Once we open the door to the possibility of God’s existence, then all of the awkward, challenging, and tragic pieces of life have to find their place. It gets messy. But the search is so important to living. We can easily dry up and become arid, abandoning any hope for purpose and meaning because it’s too difficult and non-rational at times. In searching for answers to the how and why of life, human beings also embark on a search for God. When one finally stumbles upon the real living tangible presence of God, then that discovery allows life’s ironies and tensions to be held side by side with the all-encompassing totally unconditional, unmerited love of God! Then when life’s heat gets turned up, difficulties and challenges abound, dryness and heartache become the norm, the soul remains in joyful repose. There is no fear. The beatitudes celebrate life’s ironies and tensions, holding them all together in the Kingdom of God. Poverty, hunger, weeping, being insulted and hated are not things we would normally associate with being God’s friends. But they are! In fact, those who experience these uncomfortable realities of life are actually better off than those who do not. This is what makes Jesus’ message so intriguing! Don’t give up questioning. Questioning the apparent inequities and polarities of human experience will certainly challenge one’s faith. But it’s the only way to deepen it. ©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 Chuck Baker at 544-5304 or [icsafetyministry@gmail.com](mailto:icsafetyministry@gmail.com)

## BAPTISM CLASS

The next **Baptism Class** for parents of infants will be Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the hall.

**Clases para Bautizo (Español) :**

La clase será el Miercoles, 4 de Mayo, 2022 a las 6:00 pm en la sala.



## SCAM ALERT

**Email and text message scams targeting church members by impersonating clergy**

This is an all too familiar headline in church bulletins across the country. Several of our parishioners have received email or text messages which appear to be from Father Philip. Although this has been happening over the last couple years there seems to be an increase in the number of parishioners being contacted. If you receive an email that appears to be from Father Philip or another priest/deacon/lay minister, asking you to take unusual action such as clicking on a link or download an attachment you didn't request, purchase gift cards, and reply with the serial numbers, or simply to reply quickly, be careful this could be a form of email phishing known as whaling. Phishing involves sending a fraudulent email to a large group of people hoping someone will respond. Whaling is like phishing but is referencing a high-level executive (the big fish or "whale") who is seeking help. For us this usually means the Pastor or someone else in authority.

The message may describe an urgent need for help to aid a distressed individual. Instead of helping a fellow parishioner you will be turning your over money or perhaps your personal information to a swindler.

**So, what can we do?**

**Do not reply** to the suspicious email or text.

**Verify the "From" email address** – does it look familiar – hover over the "From" name with your cursor to see the email address it originated from

**Confirm the need with a conversation** either in person or by phone with the perceived sender

**For more information or to report fraud**

**Contact the Federal Trade Commission (FTC)** at

<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov>

**Nevada Attorney General Bureau of Consumer Protection** at (702) 486-3132

## PARISH MINISTRIES

*Please call the Parish Office to have a Ministry Leader contact you.*

### Prayer Groups

**ICC Filipino Ministry/BLD Charismatic Group**

Malou Alano

**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](mailto:lvatikani@hotmail.com)

**Youth Group** [youthgroup@icsparks.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:rcia@icsparks.org)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Monday, February 14</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Tuesday, February 15</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Wednesday, February 16</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Thursday, February 17</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Friday, February 18</u>	6:00 am - 8:30 am Saturday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Saturday, February 19</u>	4:00 pm Sunday Vigil Mass
<u>Sunday, February 20</u>	7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 am, 5:00 pm Mass 2:00 pm Spanish Mass

COMMUNAL WEDDING

SAVE THE DATE!

August 13, 2022 at 11:00 am

We will have a communal wedding celebration for those couples wanting to be married in the Catholic Church. For more information please contact the Parish Office.

DONATIONS FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES

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

**February: Socks and Underwear**

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

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.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Planted Near Water

We all know that there are times when life can feel, as Jeremiah writes, empty and wasted. There are moments when we think we resemble a barren bush, thirsting in the desert sun.

That's why it is imperative for us to know the location of our water source. I promise you, it's closer than you think. God never planted a seed in barren ground. For me, it's the Mass. Going to Mass is where I find total peace and renewal. I don't have any great theological explanation for this — Mass is simply where I can truly rest in God for a time, where nothing and no one in the world can touch me. And wouldn't you know it, it's in the toughest times that I need Mass the most — that my roots stretch harder for that water.

Woe to the rich, says Jesus — woe to the popular, to the content, to the happy. It's not because He hates to see us smile. It's because He knows our humanity. He knows our limitations. He knows that when things are going really well, we often stop looking for God.

What replenishes you as a disciple, as a steward, as a Christian? If it feels far away or hard to reach, why is that? How can you bring it closer?

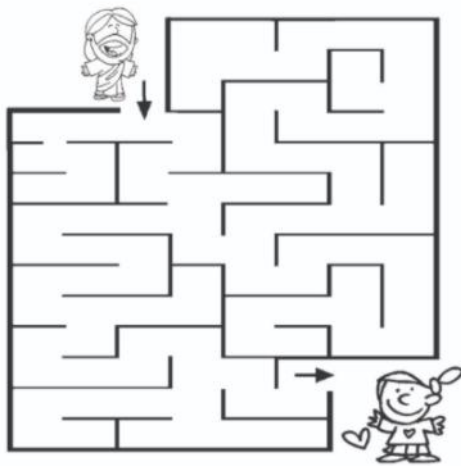
We are all trees planted near water, to yield our fruit in due season. Let's pray for the strength to know where our water source is, and to seek it both in good times and in bad.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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PUZZLE

Find the way that leads to heaven.



MISSION

If I get money for a gift, I will share it with the needy.

## MASS READINGS

For the Week of February 13

**Monday:** St. James 1:1-11; Mark 8:11-13

**Tuesday:** St. James 1:12-18; Mark 8:14-21

**Wednesday:** St. James 1:19-27; Mark 8:22-26

**Thursday:** St. James 2:1-9; Mark 8:27-33

**Friday:** St. James 2:14-24, 26; Mark 8:34-9:1

**Saturday:** St. James 3:1-10; Mark 9:2-13

**Sunday:** 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23;

1 Corinthians 15:45-49/Luke 6:27-38



## CHILDREN'S LITURGY



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

## YOUTH NIGHT



Sunday, February 20

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



## PROJECT RACHEL

### A Post-Abortion Healing Ministry

**project rachel**  
Peace starts here

During the month of February, we pray for all marriages which have been negatively impacted by the scars of an abortion. May these couples reach out for help so they can experience the willingness of God to walk with them through this challenging time, His immeasurable love, and His mercy. Please find out more about us at [www.renodiocese.org](http://www.renodiocese.org) Click on Our Works, scroll down, click on Project Rachel. Contact our confidential, nonjudgmental help line 775-324-4325 or email [KarenM@Catholicreno.org](mailto:KarenM@Catholicreno.org) to take advantage of valuable resources.

## VOCATIONS



"Blessed are those who trust in the Lord." Are you being called to deepen your trust in the love of the Lord by serving Him as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Contact Father Philip George at (775) 358-5977.

"Bienaventurados los que confían en el Señor." ¿Está siendo llamado a profundizar su confianza en el amor del Señor sirviéndole como sacerdote, diácono, hermana o hermano? Para más información, llamar al Padre Philip George (775)-358-5977.

## 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 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 . . .



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, Derek 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 Debo-  
ra, 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, 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, Peggi 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, Ryan Foster, Jesse Lee, John Ham, Derek Machabee & Fam, Sally Ann Milburn Fam, Gene St. Mary 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

**Coast Guard:** Mason Misquez

Please pray for their safe return . . .

## MASS TIMES WHEN TRAVELING

Visit [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org)  
for church locations and worship times  
anywhere in the world.

