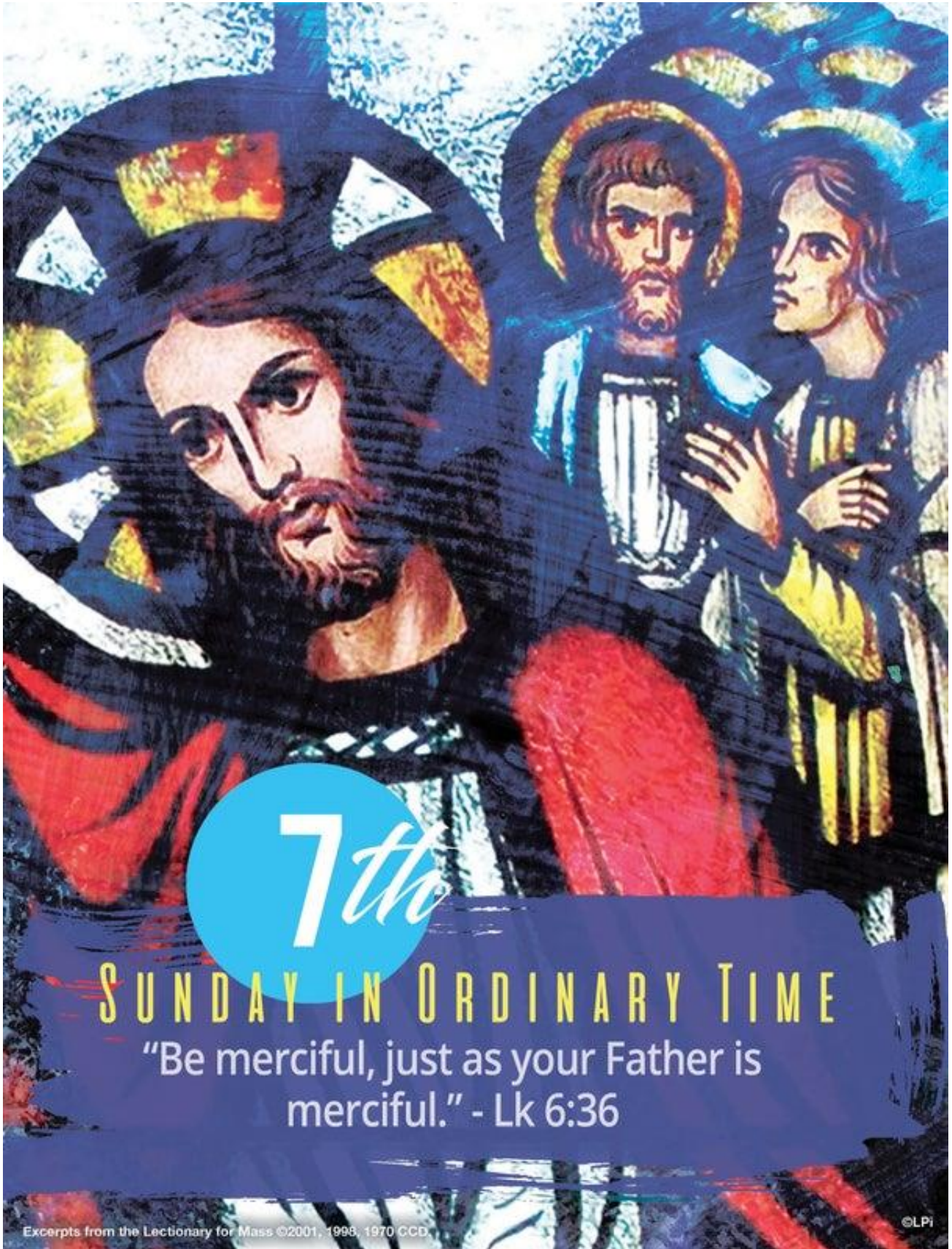


IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH SPARKS, NV



7th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Be merciful, just as your Father is
merciful." - Lk 6:36

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February 20, 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 20**Saturday, February 19**

9:00 am Betty Hendon Happy Birthday

4:00 pm End of Abortion

Sunday, February 20

7:30 am + Gregorio Moreno Estrada

9:30 am For all who donated to the Angel Tree

11:30 am + Aurora Cortez Eustaquio

2:00 pm + Omar Carranza

5:00 pm Parishioners & Benefactors by our Pastor and
+ Thomas Weber**Monday, February 21**

9:00 am + Juanita Chacon

4:00 pm + Harold Stone

Tuesday, February 229:00 am + Living & Deceased Members of the
Ruth Dicus Family

4:00 pm Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, February 23

9:00 am + Aurelio Nunez

4:00 pm Special Intentions for Briana Guerrero

Thursday, February 24

9:00 am + Beatrice Vasquez & Adolfo Tejada

4:00 pm + Jorge Garcia

Friday, February 259:00 am + Living & Deceased Members of the
Mankowski Family

4:00 pm + Paul Edward Reed

Saturday, February 26

9:00 am Michelle Orum Happy Birthday

4:00 pm + Cleo Hudson

ST. POLYCARP OF SMYRNA**Feast day February 23**

As a disciple of St. John, the Evangelist, St. Polycarp was able to hear about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection directly from those who witnessed it. Because Polycarp was ordained as Bishop of Smyrna by St. John, he is one of three chief Apostolic Fathers, along with Clement of Rome and Ignatius of Antioch.

During his life Polycarp defended the Church against heresies. His important writing, the Letter to the Philippians, quoted the Gospels and Acts of the Apostles, stressing Paul's authority in the Church and setting out clear arguments against the gnostic heresy that denied Christ's divinity.

The early period of the Church was a dangerous time to be a Christian and like many, St. Polycarp was martyred. He was captured by Romans and sentenced to burn at the stake. However, the fire did not touch him, instead rising up like sails around him. Seeing that the flames would not injure Polycarp, the Romans stabbed him instead. The Martyrdom of Polycarp is perhaps the earliest fully preserved account of a Christian martyr. ©LPi

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE****7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sometimes, Jesus' teachings don't seem to make practical sense. When we hear things like love your enemies and do good to them, turn the other cheek when struck, give to anyone who asks, do to others as you would have them do to you, be merciful, stop judging, forgive, and give to others, we get a bit unsettled. After all, it's okay for God to do all of these things, but does He really want us to do them, too? Many good-hearted Christians really draw the line with some of these ideals and say, "No way!" They even remark that if someone did something hurtful to someone they loved, they would have no reservations seeking severe retribution. There is still this persistent thinking, even among those who consider themselves Christian, that a violent action deserves a violent response. Somehow, we continue to justify this.

Yet, it is most clearly against the very grain of the Gospel. Part of our difficulty has more to do with understanding God's love. We wrongly think that sinful or hurtful actions and evil people somehow are seen as lesser in God's eyes. They are not. God loves the sinner as much as He does the saint. And, both of these inclinations exist in every human being, even those who consider themselves holy. Both the capacity for good and the disposition toward evil exist in every one of us. Viktor Frankl has this to say when reflecting on the Holocaust: "Our generation is a realistic generation because we have learned what a human being really is. When all is said and done, man is that same creature who invented the gas-chambers of Auschwitz; but he is also that being who walked upright into those chambers with the prayer 'Shema Yisrael' on his lips."

If we believe in God, we have to act like God. Whether we like that idea is another issue. If we don't then perhaps, we need to reconsider our faith and whether we really believe in Jesus Christ. We are made in the image of God, not the image of ourselves. The Christian must, at all costs, leave resentment and the need for retaliation behind, lose defensiveness and bring into the mind and heart the realization of who we represent in this world.

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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

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!

KIDS CORNER



PUZZLE

Unscramble these words from today's Gospel:

love	pray	lend
good	give	reward
bless	kind	pity

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gvie _ _ _ _

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godo _ _ _ _

pary _ _ _ _

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MISSION

When someone hurts your feelings this week, instead of getting even, pray for that person.

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

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

<p><u>Monday, February 21</u></p> 	<p>Parish Office Closed 6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass</p>
<p><u>Tuesday, February 22</u></p>	<p>6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass</p>
<p><u>Wednesday, February 23</u></p>	<p>6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass</p>
<p><u>Thursday, February 24</u></p>	<p>6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass</p>
<p><u>Friday, February 25</u></p>	<p>6:00 am - 8:30 am Saturday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass</p>
<p><u>Saturday, February 26</u></p>	<p>4:00 pm Sunday Vigil Mass</p>
<p><u>Sunday, February 27</u></p>	<p>7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 am, 5:00 pm Mass 2:00 pm Spanish Mass</p>

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, March 2nd

Ashes will be sprinkled on top of people's heads rather than making a cross on people's foreheads. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am, 12:10, 3:00, & 5:30 pm. Spanish Mass will be celebrated at 7:30 pm.

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO WERE LEFT OUT

Wednesday, February 23 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Reno City Plaza by the BELIEVE sign

The Life, Peace, and Justice Commission for the Diocese of Reno will be hosting this special event.

52 Houseless Residents of Washoe County Died in 2021

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO WERE LEFT OUT

Please join us for a 1-hr. candlelight vigil, remembering those in our community who silently left this world while having no safe and warm housing. Every person is sacred. Every life holds value.

Wednesday, February 23, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Reno City Plaza, by the BELIEVE sign.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Thanking God for Missing Spears

Imagine how Saul must have felt when he awoke from his sleep and saw his spear missing from its resting place. Now imagine how he felt when he realized that the person who had it was the same person seeking his life - and there he sat, safe and sound. Now there's a day you don't forget your morning prayers.

I think if we look, we can all find a "missing spear moment" in our lives, when it hits us right in the gut that God has kept us safe from an impending disaster. This can be physical disaster, sure - but more commonly, I think it is spiritual disaster. Often the salvation comes through the gift of a person, or people, through whom God reveals His mercy.

When I was in high school, I had a circle of friends who were really into their faith. We were all in youth ministry together, and the bond we shared taught me a lesson that changed me as a person: we become those with whom we associate. I can look back now, all these years later, and see that these people are evidence of God's hand in my life.

Take a look at your life. In whose love has God shown you comfort? By whose hand has God brought you closer to Him, or kept you away from harm? Through whose friendship has God shaped you into the person you are? Let's strive to remember to thank God for these people - and to thank them, too.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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MASS READINGS

For the Week of February 20

Monday: St James 3:13-18; Mark 9:14-29

Tuesday: 1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19

Wednesday: St James 4:13-17; Mark 9:38-40

Thursday: St James 5:1-6; Mark 9:41-50

Friday: St James 5:9-12; Mark 10:1-12

Saturday: St James 5:13-20; Mark 10:13-16

Sunday: Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58/Luke 6:39-45



CHILDREN'S LITURGY



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

YOUTH NIGHT TONIGHT



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 Click on Our Works, scroll down, click on Project Rachel. Contact our confidential, nonjudgmental help line 775-324-4325 or email

VOCATIONS



"I give you a new commandment says the Lord: love one another as I have loved you." Are you being called to strengthen His body through a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or the consecrated life? Contact Father Philip George at

(775) 358-5977.

"Les doy un mandamiento nuevo, dice el Señor: amaos unos a otros como yo los he amado." ¿Estás llamado a fortalecer su cuerpo a través de la vocación al sacerdocio, al diaconado o a la vida consagrada? Para mas informacion, 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, 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 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 Bar-
jas Heredia, Jose Carlos Barreiro, Maurice O'Brien, Rosario Cervantez, Jen-
nifer 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, Spencer Stockton

Coast Guard: Mason Miguez

Please pray for their safe return . . .

MASS TIMES WHEN TRAVELING

Visit www.masstimes.org
for church locations and worship times
anywhere in the world.

