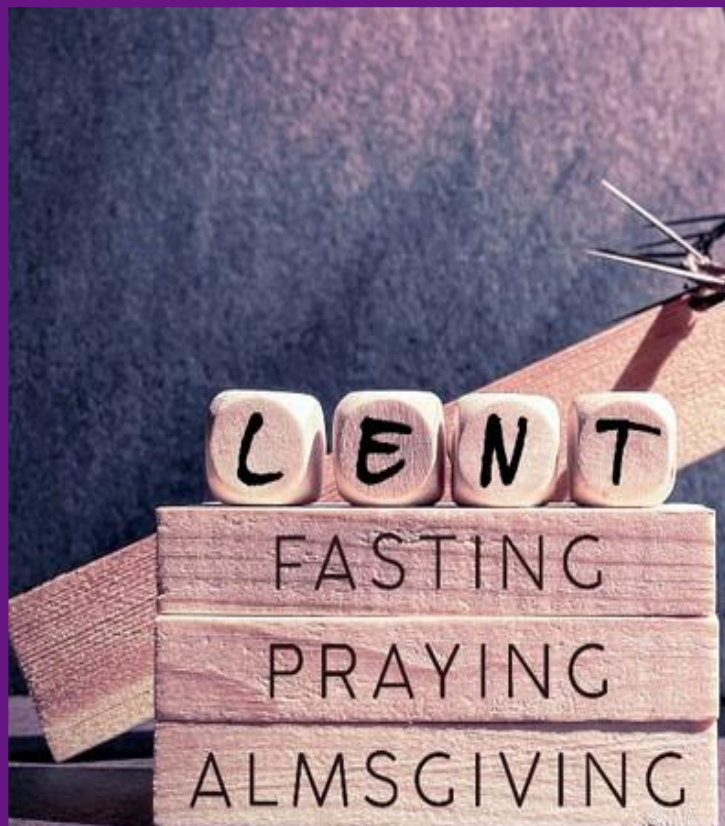
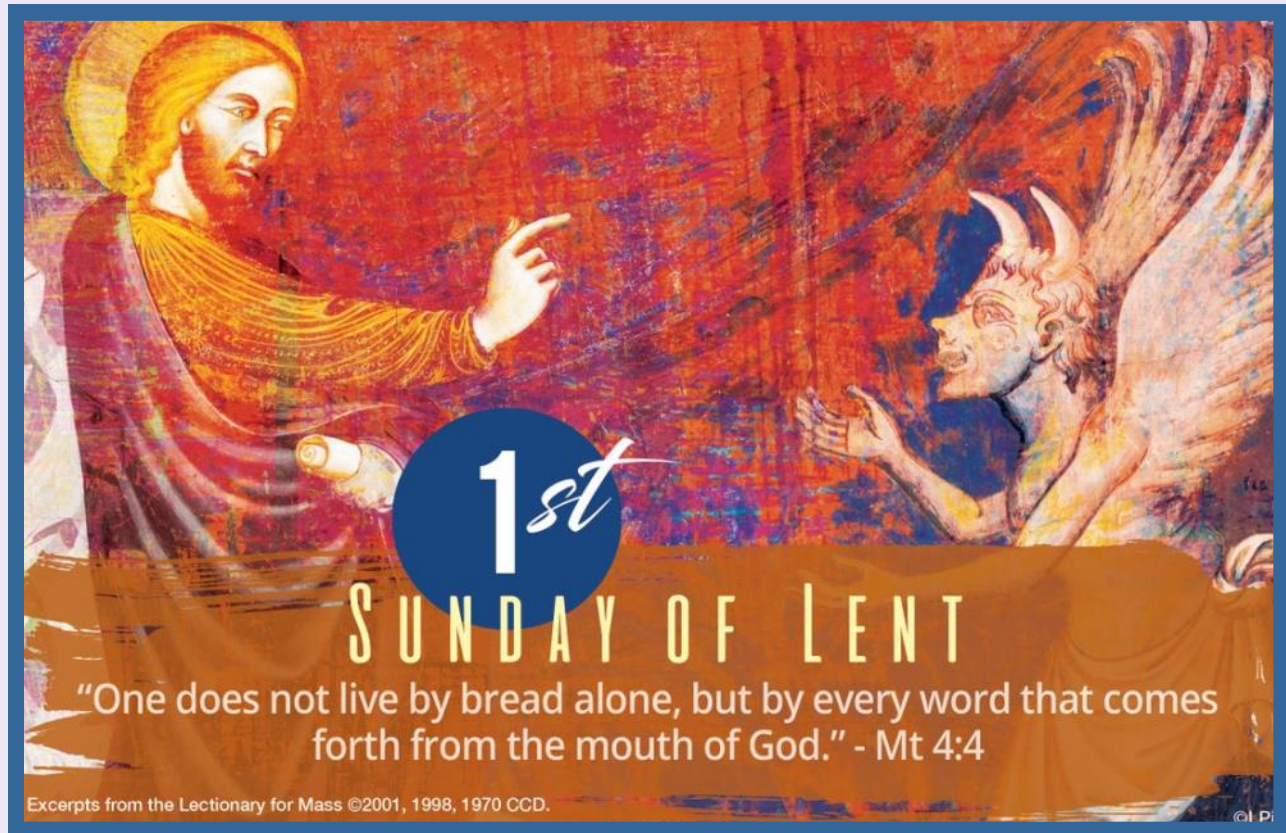


# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH SPARKS, NV



## Lenten Schedule

### Soup and Salad

Fridays at 6:00 pm in the Hall  
Sign-up Sheets in the Gathering Space

### Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 7:00 pm  
Holy Monday, April 3 at 7:00 pm  
Holy Tuesday, April 4 at 7:00 pm  
Holy Wednesday, April 5 at 7:00 pm

### Vía Crucis Estaciones

Miércoles, 7:00 pm

### Parish Reconciliation Service

Tuesday, March 28 at 6:30 pm  
No Confession on Saturday, April 1

### Palm Sunday, April 2

Vigil Mass, Saturday, April 1, 4:00 pm  
April 2, Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

**February 26, 2023**

# 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

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

### PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

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

### CORPORATE BOARD MEMBERS

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 9:00 am 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 FEBRUARY 26****Saturday, February 25**

**:00 am** + Degul Okafur, Susanna Ezenwa,  
Theresa Ikeabbah, & Onyinye Geraldine Ikeabbah

**4:00 pm** + James Hagala

**Sunday, February 26**

**7:30 am** Nonye & Chiduben Ezenwa Happy Birthday

**9:30 am** + Ramon Jauregui & Special Intentions for  
Margarita Jauregui on their 45th Wedding Anniversary

**11:30 am** Special Intentions for Tim Haley

**2:00 pm** + Gonzalo & Arturo Vasquez

**5:00 pm** + Jami Davis

**Monday, February 27**

**9:00 am** + Jami Davis

**4:00 pm** + Elvira Serrano Menor

**Tuesday, February 28**

**9:00 am** Special Intentions for Michael Solton

**4:00 pm** + Josefina Lopez-Puga

**Wednesday, March 1**

**9:00 am** + Living & Deceased Members of the  
Ken Robbins Family

**4:00 pm** + Madeline Colautti Leonard

**Thursday, March 2**

**9:00 am** Jesus Alejandro Martinez Happy Birthday

**4:00 pm** + Josefina Iniguez

**Friday, March 3**

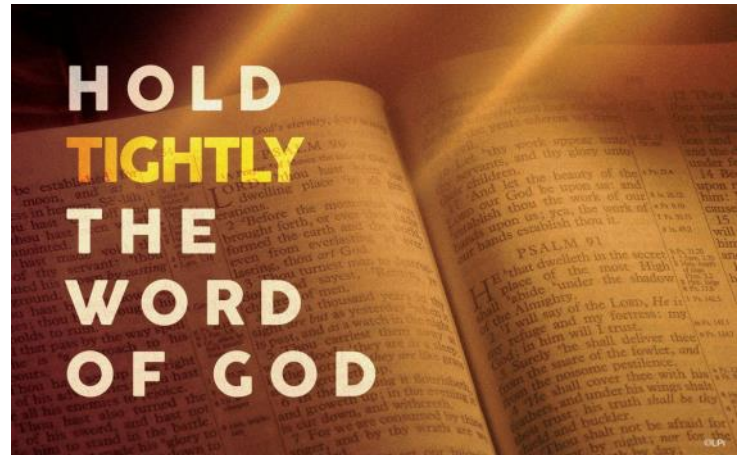
**9:00 am** + Living & Deceased Members of the  
Idiart & Aledo Families

**4:00 pm** + Kevin St. Mary

**Saturday, March 4**

**9:00 am** Marissa Jauregui Happy Birthday

**4:00 pm** + Jami Davis

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE****1st Sunday of Lent**

The Spirit leads Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the devil, and we hear this: “He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry.” Seems like a questionable battle preparation plan. When I fast, I usually feel grouchy at best, and at worst, like I might pass out from longing for a hamburger. Isn’t it better to be well-fed and fully hydrated, especially to face spiritual struggles? Why fast?

This might help. The origin of the word “fast” means to “hold firmly.” We still use it that way when we say, “I held fast to my original decision.” We human beings are a bundle of desires which vie for our attention: food, drink, comfort, safety, sex, laughter, beauty, and so on. If we can’t manage to have firm grip on them, in short order they’ll have a firm grip on us. By fasting from our lower desires, we learn to firmly grip on to what is greater. Fasting leads to us to a firmer hold on our body and mind.

Jesus fasts for us. He’s showing us that his grace can help us regain this firm hold of our lives, which makes it more difficult for the devil to tempt us. But take it one more step. Fasting also teaches us to finally hold fast to Jesus, the Word of God in flesh. “Man does not live by bread alone,” he says, “But by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.” Jesus’ fasting reveals his fast hold to the Father in everything. May our fasting help us to grasp ourselves more firmly, and then to hold fast to Jesus alone. — Father John Muir ©LPi

**GENEROUS DONOR FOR MARY’S CLOSET**

All monetary donations made to Mary’s Closet during the month of March will be MATCHED by a very generous anonymous donor! Please bring your donations to the parish office or place in the Sunday collection basket. Thank you for your generosity.

**PREPARING FOR DIVINE MERCY**

May your mind and heart be fed with this message of Divine Mercy that St. Faustina received from Jesus and shared in her diary: “Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death.” (Diary 687)

**THE MEANING OF THE MASS****Tuesday, March 21 at 6:00 pm**

The Knights of Columbus will be meeting on the third Tuesday every month for Adoration in the worship space followed by discussion of the Meaning of the Mass. The Meaning of the Mass Study Guide, Prepared by: Most Rev. Bishop Daniel Mueggenborg, can be found on the Diocese of Reno website.

## 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

## BAPTISM CLASS

The next **Baptism Class** for parents of infants will be Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the hall.

**Clases para Bautizo ( Español ) :**

La clase será el Miercoles, 3 de Mayo, 2023 a las 6:00 pm en la sala.



### Financial Stewardship

Weekend of	1st Collection	2nd Collection	2nd Collection Benefiting
Feb 4th	\$23,549.86	\$3,654.43	Priest's Relief
Feb 11th	\$13,266.85		No 2nd Collection
Feb 18th			No 2nd Collection
Feb 25th			Building Fund

## Respect Life Rosary



**SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2023**  
**AT 10:30 A.M.**  
**ACROSS FROM THE**  
**WEST END WOMEN'S CENTER**  
**5915 TYRONE RD, RENO, NV**

**DIRECTIONS: FROM BUSINESS US 395, TURN EAST ON NEIL RD, TURN RIGHT AT MEADOW WOOD LANE, THEN TURN RIGHT ONTO TYRONE RD.**

## 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](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

<a href="#"><u>Monday, February 27</u></a>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<a href="#"><u>Tuesday, February 28</u></a>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<a href="#"><u>Wednesday, March 1</u></a>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<a href="#"><u>Thursday, March 2</u></a>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<a href="#"><u>Friday, March 3</u></a> 	6:00 am - 8:30 am Saturday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass 6:00 pm Soup & Salad 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
<a href="#"><u>Saturday, March 4</u></a>	4:00 pm Sunday Vigil Mass
<a href="#"><u>Sunday, March 5</u></a>	7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 am, 5:00 pm Mass 2:00 pm Spanish Mass

TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS



Thank you to all of our new and current volunteers! If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please come to the parish office to give us your information. It is the policy of the Diocese of Reno that all paid personnel of the Diocese and all volunteers who have any contact with minors in the performance of their duties must submit a background check and complete the Virtus Protecting God's Children Program. After completion of the Awareness Session, you are required to read bulletins and complete a Re-certification Review. If you need to complete the Safe Environment requirements please go to:

<https://www.virtusonline.org> to register for the online training or live training. If you have any questions, please contact Elda Juarez at 775-326-9445 or Lizzy Ramos at 775-326-9420.

Upcoming Training

March 6, 2023 at 5:30 pm (Spanish)

March 8, 2023 at 5:30 pm

DONATIONS FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES

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

**February: Sleeping Bags, Tarps, Scarves, Gloves, Knitted Caps, Socks, Hand Warmers**

Please bring your donations to the Parish Office.

Thank you for your support!

RELICS OF THE PASSION TOUR

Friday, March 3rd



The Apostolate for Holy Relics will be presenting their program, Call from the Crucified Heart: A Program with Relics from the Passion, after the 9:00am Mass on March 3rd.

A total of 8 reliquaries, containing relics from the Passion of our Lord, will be in the Worship Space with a presentation immediately following the Mass and concluding with Veneration.

All are welcome!

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Can you believe Lent is here already? It seems like not that long ago I was decorating a Christmas tree! Time waits for no one and that is why it is important to make a mindful commitment now to not let this Lenten season pass you by. It is a great time to focus on growing as an everyday steward. The temptations are always there to procrastinate or to give in to spiritual laziness, but the Church's observation of Lent offers us so many tools to help us get on track. Increased devotions such as Stations of the Cross, various parish missions, or Lenten-focused literature are all gifts that your parish may be offering to assist you in this season.

With the Passion being the focus of Lent, it is easy to contemplate the value of true generosity. How could someone give more than Jesus? He gave until his life was spent on a cross. When contemplating how we can increase our generosity in all aspects of our life, we only need to look to the cross. Of course, this also brings home to us that more may be asked of us than we bargained. The temptation is to not give too much, out of fear that we might face persecution or worse.

But we take solace in the fact that we are disciples of One who had the same temptations. He overcame those temptations. He rejected the easy way out. His love and generosity could not be contained. He gave it all so that you and I have the chance to do the same. This Lent, look to the greatest example of stewardship that ever lived. Jesus will show us the way to observe a Lent that will soon bring forth great Easter fruit.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © LPi

## MASS READINGS

For the Week of February 26

**Monday:** Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Matthew 25:31-46

**Tuesday:** Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15

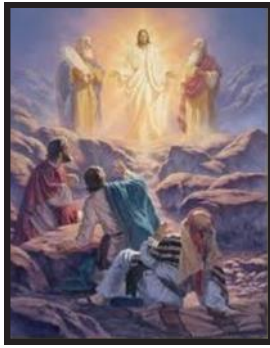
**Wednesday:** Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32

**Thursday:** Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Matthew 7:7-12

**Friday:** Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26

**Saturday:** Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48

**Sunday:** Genesis 12:1-4a; 2 Timothy 1:8b-10/Matthew 17:1-9



## YOUTH NIGHT



March 5th

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.

## PARENTS YOUTH GROUP

Parents - you're invited to Parent Youth Group!

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

The first Sunday of every month in the nursery. Grow in community and discuss the last 2 topics of youth group. For questions email [youthgroup@icsparks.org](mailto: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



## PROJECT RACHEL

### A Post-Abortion Healing Ministry

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 <https://www.highdesertcatholic.org/>. Click on Our Works, scroll down, click on Project Rachel. Contact our confidential, non-judgmental help line 775-324-4325 or email [KarenM@Catholicreno.org](mailto:KarenM@Catholicreno.org) to take advantage of valuable resources.

## VOCATIONS



Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the state in life God has prepared for you? If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact the Parish Office at (775) 358-5977. Jesús fue conducido por el Espíritu Santo al desierto durante cuarenta días de oración y ayuno. ¿Está dispuesto a ser conducido por el Espíritu Santo hacia la vida que Dios ha preparado para usted? Si contempla una vocación al sacerdocio o a la vida consagrada, para mas información, favor de llamara la oficina de la parroquia (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 / Liuaki Tausinga

### 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 . . .



John Dively, Ken Dixon, Sandra-Wayne Families, Julieta 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, Sally Ann Milburn Fam, Carusso Family, Mary Janet Kennedy, 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, Liz Kuhn, 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, Sean Wilkins, Mary Carter, Bob Whalen, Trini de Leon, Elosia Cervantes, Cervantes Family, Devon Bodine, Sam Maccaluso, Berta Lou Kelley, Bea Daccardi, Elena Anaya, Dominique Dufur, Michael Benedetti  
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 Misqueuz

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.

