

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH SPARKS, NV



5th Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." - Lk 5:5

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Valentine's Day

Dinner & Dance

Saturday, February 12th

The Knights of Columbus Our Lady of the Desert will be hosting a St. Valentine's Day Dinner Dance.

Tickets are available in the Parish Office and will be on sale after all Masses in the Gathering Space.

Social 5:00 pm - Dinner 6:00 pm - No Host Bar
NY Steak - Baked Potato - Veggies - Salad - Dessert

February 6, 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 6

Saturday, February 5

9:00 am Parishioners & Benefactors by our Pastor

4:00 pm + Lourdes Dulay

Sunday, February 6

7:30 am Carlos Rivera Happy Birthday

9:30 am Giovanni Garcia-Perez Happy Birthday

11:30 am + Living & Deceased Members of the Muniosguren & Churruca Families

2:00 pm Pedro, Juan & Joshua Zaragoza Happy Birthday

5:00 pm + Erik Anderson

Monday, February 7

9:00 am For the End of Abortion

4:00 pm + Pedro Jovani Cervantes Galvan

Tuesday, February 8

9:00 am + Erik Anderson

4:00 pm + Judy Medik

Wednesday, February 9

9:00 am + David & Rosemary Holman

4:00 pm Liv Ledesma Happy Birthday

Thursday, February 10

9:00 am + Gary Dalcher

4:00 pm + Alex Muratalla

Friday, February 11

9:00 am Cathy Kudra Happy Birthday

4:00 pm + Frank Russo

Saturday, February 12

9:00 am + Richard Ignatius Havey

4:00 pm + Jesus Iniguez



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man,” these words, uttered by Simon Peter, can be found on any one of our lips. What real significance do I have in the big picture of God’s Divine plan? Even though we try our best to hide it, we all suffer from a lack of faith. We get tired, confused, and often lack any sincere desire to put anything into our relationship with God. It’s easier to simply reap whatever benefits the world has to offer and call it a day. Floating along on the superficial currents of life doesn’t require much effort and seems to get us through the day. Confronting our own infidelity, apathy, weakness of spirit, and doubt in God’s providence, how can we even remotely be considered a worthy vessel of God’s presence or credible voice for His message?

This is the irony of faith. God doesn’t seek the perfect vessels. He likes the broken ones. There is something to be said about living honestly and sincerely, and wrestling with sin, imperfection, and weakness rather than skipping through the peripheries of life with pretention, arrogance, and mendacity. If we believe ourselves to be our own “god” and serve only ourselves, we close the door to ever being used by the real and only True God. But, if we at least acknowledge that there is One greater than ourselves, then even in our deepest poverty and lowliness, God can enter.

Lessons are best learned from those who suffer. Only someone who has been lonely and lost can attest to the beauty of both Divine and human friendship. Only those who have really lost their way know what happens when they are found. Only those who are afraid know what it is to be calmed by God. The Gospel is messy because life is messy. There are no black and white solutions to problems and challenges that are hazy and gray. When our hesitancy to encounter God gets replaced by friendship with God, we become more aware of our dignity and the fact that we are loved just as we are. We cannot be afraid to share our struggles, reservations, fears, and sinfulness with others. Our genuineness and sincerity will speak of the God who blesses us in our weakness.

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**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!

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

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

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

<u>Monday, February 7</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Tuesday, February 8</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Wednesday, February 9</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Thursday, February 10</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Friday, February 11</u>	6:00 am - 8:30 am Saturday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Saturday, February 12</u>	4:00 pm Sunday Vigil Mass
<u>Sunday, February 13</u>	7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 am, 5:00 pm Mass 2:00 pm Spanish Mass

ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

Feast day February 8

The story of St. Josephine Bakhita (1869-1947) is a story that many people taken into slavery have experienced. Born in the Darfur region of Sudan, she was kidnapped at the age of 8 and sold into slavery many times. As she passed from owner to owner, she experienced the moral and physical humiliations associated with slavery. It was only at the age of 13 that her suffering was alleviated after she was bought for the Italian Consul in Sudan. It was here that she was fortunate to receive kindness, respect, and peace from her new master.

She was later handed over to the Canossian Sisters when she made the case that slavery had been outlawed in Italy for years. She was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic Church in 1890, where she took the name Josephine. She later entered the Institute of St. Magdalene of Canossa in 1893 and made her profession three years later. St. Josephine Bakhita's next 50 years were spent serving people through cooking, sewing, embroidery, and house-keeping. She was a source of encouragement and her constant smile won people's hearts, as did her humility and simplicity. Today she is known as the patron saint of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking. ©LPi

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The gift of the Mission

Early on in my work in parish ministry, I had to deal with a tough human resources situation, letting some staff members go and stepping into a role that demanded more of my time and energy.

In moments like this, stewardship can feel burdensome. Things take a turn we didn't expect, perhaps in spite of our best efforts. Maybe more is asked of us than we want or feel prepared to give.

But that's when we need to remember that stewardship isn't a job that we apply for. It's a gift bestowed directly from God, the Creator of all, and that can be scary all on its own, if we are preoccupied with our own unworthiness. What we might want to do is fall on our knees like Simon Peter and announce, "Depart from me, Lord — I am sinful."

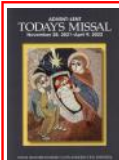
But what if we stop looking in the mirror and look instead to God?

All those years ago, when I was faced with that ministerial challenge, I asked my wife to join me. What started as a tough situation turned into a decade of shared ministry with her — an experience I wouldn't trade for anything. It was a burden that became a gift.

We must remember that God knows what He is about. In His mercy, He gives us what we need as everyday stewards. When God calls out, "Whom shall we send?" we — in all our sinfulness — are allowed to cry out "Send me, Lord!" And He sends us out and behold — our nets tear with the bounty we harvest in His name.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

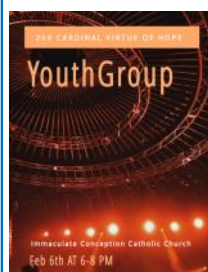
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MASS MISSALS

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.

YOUTH NIGHT TONIGHT



Sunday, February 6

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.

MASS READINGS

For the Week of February 6

Monday: 1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13; Mark 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Mark 7:1-13
Wednesday: 1 Kings 10:1-10; Mark 7:14-23
Thursday: 1 Kings 11:4-13; Mark 7:24-30
Friday: 1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19; Mark 7:31-37
Saturday: 1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mark 8:1-10
Sunday: Jeremiah 17:5-8; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20/
 Luke 6:17, 20-26



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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



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

VOCATIONS



“They left everything and followed Jesus.” If you sense that Christ may be calling you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, contact Father Philip George through the Parish Office at 775 358-5977.

“Dejaron todo y siguieron a Jesús.” Si siente que Cristo puede estar llamándolo al sacerdocio, al diaconado o a la vida consagrada, para mas informacion, llamar al Padre Philip George 775-358-5977.

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

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 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

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.