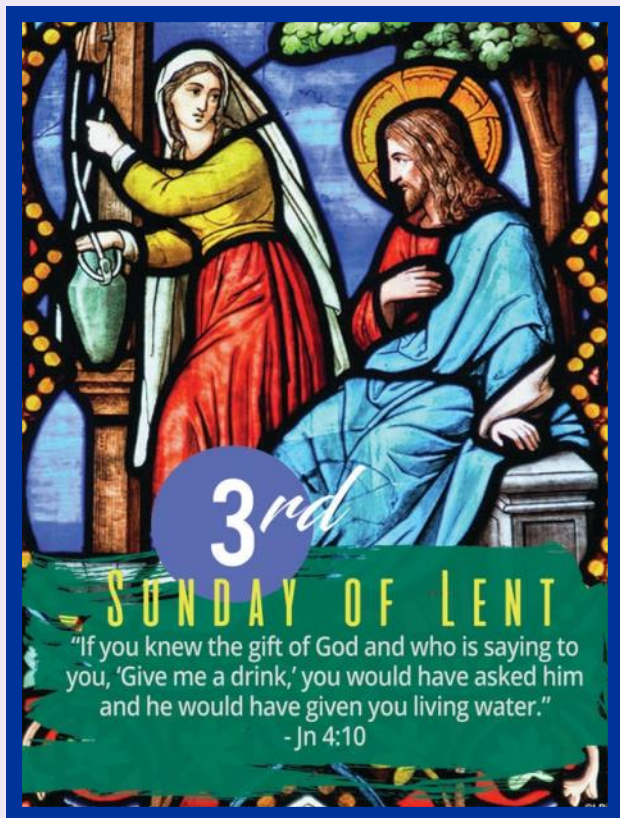


# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH SPARKS, NV



## St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Saturday, March 18th

Entertainment by the  
Shamrock Irish Dancers

Doors open at 5:00 pm

Dinner Served after the Dancers

Get your tickets in the Parish Office  
or the Gathering Space after Mass

\$30 for Adults

\$20 for Children

Menu: Corned Beef - Cabbage - Potatoes -

Carrots Fresh Green Salad - Soda Bread

Dessert - Irish Beer & Irish Coffee Beer

Wine Soda



### 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

#### Via 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

March 12, 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	Gloria Salcedo
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 Quinceañeras**

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 MARCH 12****Saturday, March 11**

**9:00 am** Special Intentions for Rev. Ed McDonagh  
**4:00 pm** + Blaine McCusker

**Sunday, March 12**

**7:30 am** Martin Rivera Happy Birthday  
**9:30 am** + Dave Pastorino  
**11:30 am** + Living & Deceased Members of the  
 Churruca & Munisguren Families  
**2:00 pm** Benditas Animas Del Purgatorio y  
 La Convercion Del Mundo Entero  
**5:00 pm** End of Abortion

**Monday, March 13**

**9:00 am** + Cleo Hudson & the Living & Deceased  
 Members of the Baca - Martine Families  
**4:00 pm** For the Healing of Esteban & Perla Cabrera

**Tuesday, March 14**

**9:00 am** Special Intentions for Phyllis Matz &  
 Living & Deceased Family  
**4:00 pm** For the Healing of Caroline Lush

**Wednesday, March 15**

**9:00 am** + Eric Bourke  
**4:00 pm** + Heladio Najera Munoz

**Thursday, March 16**

**9:00 am** + Randy Wolfe &  
 Living & Deceased Members of his Family  
**4:00 pm** Thanksgiving for Grant & Denise Colby

**Friday, March 17**

**9:00 am** + Juan Ricardo Valdez Medina &  
 Living & Deceased Members of his Family  
**4:00 pm** Juliet & Max Happy 22nd Anniversary

**Saturday, March 18**

**9:00 am** + Judy Beard and  
 Happy Birthday to Patrick Burdon  
**4:00 pm** + Margaret Currivan

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE****3rd Sunday of Lent**

When I became the pastor of a large parish, I soon found myself, for the first time in my life, riddled with anxiety, headaches, difficulty making decisions, and fatigue. I called a therapist friend and told her my symptoms and asked if she thought I needed a serious medical exam. She said, "How much water do you drink?" I told her, "I haven't had time to drink water lately." She responded, "You're chronically dehydrated. Drink eighty-five ounces a day and call me in a week." I started guzzling water and in a week all my symptoms went away. I felt great. Like me, the people in the Exodus wanderings were dehydrated. But unlike me, they knew it. Their symptoms were bad. They fight with each other. They accuse God of being a monster who wants them and their children to die of thirst. Their thirst drives them to plot the bloody assassination of the man who rescued them. God responds by using Moses to strike a rock from which rivers of living waters flow to quench their thirst for years to come.

The Holy Spirit is the living water of love which flows from the pierced side of Jesus, the new Moses. What symptoms in your life suggest you're spiritually dehydrated? Anger at God? Cynicism at your leaders? Bitter rivalry and bickering with others? Don't panic. Of course we have those symptoms. Ask God to provide his water to quench your spiritual thirst, and he will. And all those symptoms will soon disappear. — 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: The souls that say this chaplet will be embraced by My mercy during their lifetime and especially at the hour of their death." (Diary 754)

**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

### SONS & DAUGHTERS OF ITALY SCHOLARSHIP & CHARITABLE DONATIONS FUNDRAISER

**Saturday, March 25**

6:00 pm No Host Cocktails

7:00 pm Dinner (Antipasto, Salad, Garbanzo Beans, Pasta, Cornish Game Hen, Bread, Wine, Dessert)

Raffle & Silent Auction

Adults \$40 Children 12 & Under \$20

Reservations Only - Please call Marianne Campbell by 3/20/23 at 775-560-8199

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

#### Everyday Stewardship

When I think about the story of the Samaritan woman at the well, I think of my father. This Gospel reading that we use every year for the First Scrutiny of the RCIA was always my favorite to discuss with those who would be baptized in just a few weeks at the Easter Vigil. Not that many years ago, my father was one of those elect. That year, the story was more powerful than ever. The woman went frequently to the well looking to get the water that would sustain her body. But in the story, Jesus tells her of a different kind of water, one that gives life and quenches even the driest of thirsts. The story tells us that she put down her water jar and ran to the town telling of her encounter with the One who may be the Christ. She left that jar at the well. She did not need it anymore.

I encounter people all the time that spend their days going up the hill to draw water. They are tired and spent. My father was one of those. But with the gift of baptismal water, that constant chore is now over. There is no need to travel up that hill.

This Lent, if you are one of the baptized, reclaim the gift of your baptism. Stop climbing that hill in search of something that can only quench your thirst temporarily. You encountered Christ and have the everlasting, living water already. Put down that water jar. Your new life has only just begun.

Tracy Earl Welliver, © LPi

## 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 Curriuan, Director - [rcia@icsparks.org](mailto:rcia@icsparks.org)



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

<a href="#"><u>Monday, March 13</u></a>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<a href="#"><u>Tuesday, March 14</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 15</u></a>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass 7:00 pm Vía Crucis Estaciones
<a href="#"><u>Thursday, March 16</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 17</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 18</u></a>	4:00 pm Sunday Vigil Mass
<a href="#"><u>Sunday, March 19</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**  
**April 3, 2023 at 5:30 pm (Spanish)**  
**April 12, 2023 at 5:30 pm**

**EASTER BOUTIQUE**



The Ladies Guild is asking for donations of large, white baskets, chocolate Easter candy, and stuffed animals to help them prepare baskets for the boutique. If you're able to help, please bring your donations to the parish office.

**BAKE SALE!**

As we look forward to Spring and Easter, we are preparing for the Ladies Guild Bake Sale. We welcome all baked good donations for the sale, especially pies, cupcakes and homemade cookies of all kinds. Easter themed goodies; Where are my Fudge making ladies? Gluten Free & Sugar free items are also in high demand! Baked donations can be brought to the Parish Office beginning Thursday, March 30th.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
 FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATION**

On Wednesday, March 29 the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Founders Day celebration in honor of The Blessed Michael J McGivney. All are welcome to this dinner. Come to learn more about the Knights Of Columbus. We will have guest speakers and celebrity appearances by different priests of the diocese. We would like to get a headcount no later than Friday, March 24th. Please contact the parish office or Leo Carew at 775-843-1040. There is no charge for the event, just come, listen and learn.

**ST. PATRICK**

**Feast Day March 17**

Whether you know him as the man who brought Christianity to Ireland or simply as a reason you eat corned beef and cabbage in March, St. Patrick (415 – 493) is a well-known saint around the world.

St. Patrick was born in Britain of a Romanized family. At the age of 16, he was kidnapped by Irish raiders from the villa of his father, a deacon and local official, and brought into slavery in Ireland. He spent six long years there as a herdsman, during which he turned to his faith for strength. He later escaped back to Britain on a ship, where he was eventually reunited with his family.

His years of captivity changed him and brought out a zeal for God and a yearning to spread the message of Jesus Christ. Despite the constant danger of martyrdom, he continued to travel throughout Ireland where he baptized and confirmed in the name of Christ. ©LPi

## MASS READINGS

For the Week of March 12

**Monday:** 2 Kings 5:1-15ab; Luke 4:24-30  
**Tuesday:** Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35  
**Wednesday:** Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19  
**Thursday:** Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23  
**Friday:** Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34  
**Saturday:** Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14  
**Sunday:** 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ephesians 5:8-14/  
 John 9:1-41



## YOUTH NIGHT



April 2 (March 5 & 19 Canceled)

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 March, we pray to St. Joseph for all men who have been involved in a woman's abortion in any way. May they reach out for help so they can experience healing through God's mercy and love. 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



"But whoever drinks the water I shall give, will never thirst." Are you thirsting for an understanding of your vocation? If you think Jesus may be inviting you to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact Father Philip George at (775) 358-5977.  
 "Pero el que beba del agua que yo le daré, nunca tendrá sed."  
 ¿Está usted sediento de entender su vocación? Si usted piensa que Jesús puede estarle llamando al sacerdocio o la vida consagrada, para mas información, llamar al Padre Philip George (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 . . .



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 Ham, 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 Miguez

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.

