

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH SPARKS, NV



## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." - Lk 9:34-35

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## St Patrick's Day Dinner

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus

Saturday, March 19th

Doors Open 5:00 pm

Dinner Served 6:30 pm

Corned Beef & Cabbage

Irish Stew

Salad

Soda Bread

Dessert

50/50 Drawing

Shamrock Irish Dancers

Tickets are \$20 adults/\$10 children

Available 3/5 and 3/6 after Mass

or in the Parish Office

### Lenten Schedule

#### Stations of the Cross

Fridays, 7:00 pm

Fridays, March 18, 25, April 1, 8

Monday, April 11 at 7:00 pm

Tuesday, April 12 at 6:00 pm

#### Via Crucis Estaciones

Miércoles, 7:00 pm

Marzo 16, 23, 30, Abril 6, 13

#### Parish Reconciliation Service

Tuesday, April 12, 7:00 pm

#### Palm Sunday, April 10

Vigil Mass, Saturday, April 9, 4:00 pm

April 10, Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

*\* Please note the date change for the  
Reconciliation Service*

March 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

Debbie Havey 358-5989 ext 14  
debbieh@icsparks.org

### 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 MARCH 13****Saturday, March 12**

9:00 am + Kurt Dembrowitz

4:00 pm + Micky Stille

**Sunday, March 13**

7:30 am Martin Rivera Happy Birthday

9:30 am + Living & Deceased Members of the  
Bruce Osgood Family

11:30 am + Leodovico Image Sr.

2:00 pm + Presentacion Chaidez

5:00 pm Parishioners by our Pastor

**Monday, March 14**

9:00 am + Pablo A. Caliva

4:00 pm + Peregrino Mansayon

**Tuesday, March 15**

9:00 am Edgar Rodriguez Happy Birthday

4:00 pm + Theresa Wolfe, Tom Weber, Naleta Chehidze

**Wednesday, March 16**

9:00 am Thanksgiving for Debbie &amp; Ted Wilton

4:00 pm + Jim Monohan

**Thursday, March 17**9:00 am + Josefina Cardenas-Arguello &  
Juan Ruiz Flores

4:00 pm + Juan Ricardo Valdez-Medina

**Friday, March 18**

9:00 am + Margaret Currivan

4:00 pm + Cleo Hudson

**Saturday, March 19**9:00 am Nonye, Chiduben, & Chinelo Ezenwa  
Happy Birthday

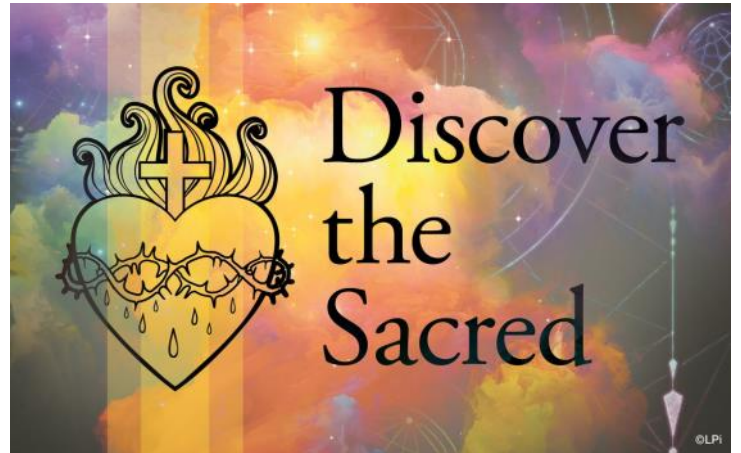
4:00 pm + Efrain Reyes

**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.

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**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE****2nd Sunday of Lent**

There is so much wisdom in the first commandment. The daily demands of life, current political ideologies and dynamics, social expectations, corporate philosophies, and even technology can easily become lesser gods. We can find ourselves beholden to and held captive by these secular constructs and systems. Even for those who profess a faith in the one true God, these lesser, attractive but false gods are a temptation. Being overly preoccupied and even obsessed with the state of our present lives, we lose sight of our real destiny and purpose.

Jesus showed his disciples a glimpse of this destiny when he was transfigured before their eyes. In fact, Peter was so caught up in the brilliance, awe, and sacredness of these fleeting moments that he wanted to extend them as long as possible. Wonderful things happen when we leave our illusions and discover something that is true. This is why creating some sacred space in our lives for reflection, prayer, renewal, refreshment, centering ourselves, and disconnecting from the noise is so important. It shows us how false and shallow our lives can be and what is really of importance. Do you create some kind of sacred space in your life? Lent is a perfect time to do so. St. Irenaeus, one of the early fathers and martyrs of the Catholic Church, said that, “he who was the Son of God became the Son of Man that man ... might become the son of God.” We mistakenly believe that life is all about us. It’s not. Ours is a journey of transformation in which we become more and more one with the mind of Christ and Christ himself. St. Augustine saw this same transformation occurring when the Eucharist is received. In receiving the Eucharist, we become what we eat, the Body of Christ. Honestly acknowledging false gods that we cling to can open the door for God to show us the wholeness and holiness to which we are called. Take time to discover the sacred. When we do, we will want to stay there for a while. Then, when we return to our personal affairs, we will see more clearly.

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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](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.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATION

On Tuesday, March 29 the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Founders Day celebration and honor of The Blessed Michael J McGivney. All are welcome to this spaghetti dinner with all the fixings and a chance to get 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 25th. Please contact the parish office or Leo Carew at 775-843-1040.

There is no charge for the event, just come, listen and learn.

## PARISH DONATIONS

**Please Note:**

Only identifiable donations (envelopes or online) from registered parishioners will be recorded. Check with the Parish Office to verify you are registered.

Please check the bulletin board in the gathering space for events, job opportunities, and other information not listed in the bulletin.

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

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

**The Resurrection and Spiritual Hangriness**

I want to talk about being hangry. I'll give you a quick description of hangriness, though I warn you, it doesn't come from the Oxford English Dictionary. Hangriness is when you're so hungry you get angry. You turn into a real piece of work. You can't get anything done and you're probably not a joy to be around, at least until you grab a snack. Everybody gets this way sometimes.

We can be this way in our souls, too. It's so easy to get distracted by the hungers of this world: greed, pride, anxiety. We can become ruled by the needs of our bodies and the desires of our mind and, in doing so, neglect the needs and the desires of our souls.

Everyday stewardship calls us to a constant reflection on the truth that we are not made for this world, as Christ clearly shows us in his Transfiguration. He reveals himself in his heavenly glory, just before he is going to be deprived of all earthly needs and wants — even his very life. He shows us that this is what we were meant for.

This is what we are striving for.

Lent exists to remind us that we are not made for this world. When you become spiritually hangry — or as Scripture more eloquently puts it this week, when your mind is “occupied with earthly things” — turn your thoughts to the Transfiguration. I promise you, it's even better than grabbing an energy bar.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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**EASTER BAKE SALE & CAKE CONTEST CALLING ALL PARISH BAKERS!**

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!

*Additionally*, we will have the second annual ICC Cake Contest. To enter your cake in the contest, it will need to be brought to the church anytime April 9th or **no later than 12 noon on April 10th.**

The cakes will be judged after the 11:30am Mass. The contest cakes will be sold as part of the bake sale as well. Please price your cake, add your name and contact information as well.

Prior to it being picked up by the purchaser, it will be judged. There will be 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and honorable mention. A trophy, and recognition in the bulletin for all winners!

Winners to be announced in the bulletin, trophies will be available for pick up at the parish office.

**DONATIONS FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

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

**March: Filled Easter Baskets or items to fill baskets for babies to teens for Operation Easter Basket**

Please bring your donations to the Parish Office.

Thank you for your support!

**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.

## MASS READINGS

For the Week of March 13

**Monday:** Daniel 9:4b-10; Luke 6:36-38  
**Tuesday:** Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Matthew 23:1-12  
**Wednesday:** Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28  
**Thursday:** Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31  
**Friday:** Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a;  
 Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46  
**Saturday:** 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16;  
 Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22/ Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a  
**Sunday:** Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12/  
 Luke 13:1-9



## CHILDREN'S LITURGY



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

## YOUTH NIGHT



Sunday, March 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

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](http://www.renodiocese.org)

## VOCATIONS



"This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" If in your listening to the Lord you are sensing the invitation to follow Christ as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, contact Father Philip George at (775) 358-5977.

"Este es mi Hijo, mi Elegido; ¡Escúchalo a Él!" Si al escuchar al Señor siente la invitación a seguir a Cristo como sacerdote, diácono, hermana o hermano, 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 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, Steven Wagstaff, Caruso Family, Dennis Thompson  
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.

