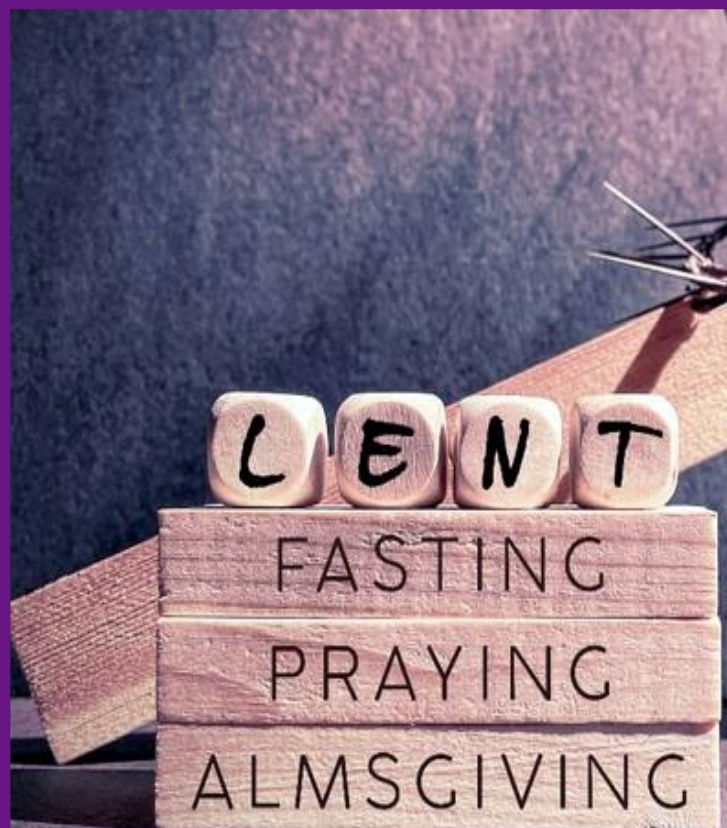
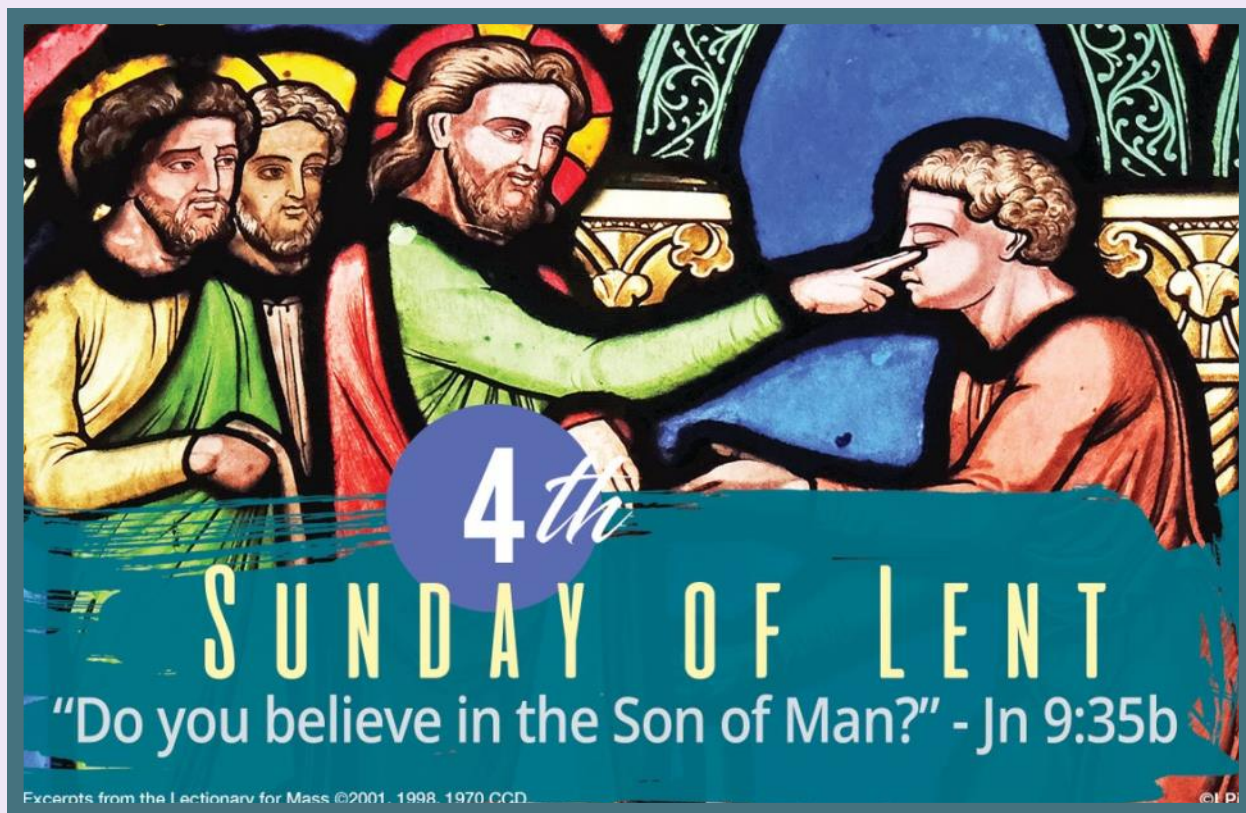


IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH SPARKS, NV



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

March 19, 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 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 MARCH 19**Saturday, March 18**

9:00 am + Judy Beard and
Happy Birthday to Patrick Burdon

4:00 pm + Margaret Currivan

Sunday, March 19

7:30 am + August Marlia

9:30 am + Jami Davis

11:30 am + Francisco & Miguel Perez, &
Maria Rodriguez

2:00 pm Jorge & Ramona Mallanes
Happy 46th Anniversary

5:00 pm + Living & Deceased Members of the
Lopez Barajas Family

Monday, March 20

9:00 am Chinelo Ezenwa & Innocent Ezenwa
Happy Birthday

4:00 pm + Omar de Jesus Carranza

Tuesday, March 21

9:00 am + Cleo Hudson & the Living & Deceased
Members of the Baca - Martine Families

4:00 pm + John Hector Pasqual

Wednesday, March 22

9:00 am Joe Bayless Happy Birthday

4:00 pm For the Healing of Esteban & Perla Cabrera

Thursday, March 23

9:00 am + Barbara Lydon

4:00 pm + Oscar Orlando Acosta

Friday, March 24

9:00 am Sandra Martinez Happy Birthday

4:00 pm + Living & Deceased Members of the
Baca - Martine Families

Saturday, March 25

9:00 am + Eric Anderson

4:00 pm + Maria Del Carmen Becerra

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE****4th Sunday of Lent**

God asks a rhetorical and slightly sarcastic question to Samuel, the prophet: “How long will you grieve for Saul, whom I have rejected as king of Israel?” Like us, Samuel is depressed that the old king failed. It’s painful to admit that the old regime is done. But God won’t let us wallow our pity-party forever. “I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem,” announces the Lord, “for I have chosen my king from among his sons.” Samuel finally goes and anoints the young David as the new king. And his kingdom is glorious; it’s the golden age of Israel’s earthly history.

How discouraging to see that my own selfish ego is no longer in charge! How long will I grieve that money, power, pleasure, and reputation have been rejected as the ruler of my life? How wonderful that God has a new future in store for you and me. He is sending us to Bethlehem to anoint the new David as our king. His kingdom won’t fail us. He’ll slay our goliaths, unite our dispersed energies, and build a Temple where God himself will dwell.

So how long will you grieve? How long?

— 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: “Souls who spread the honor of My mercy...at the hour of death I will not be a judge for them, but the Merciful Savior.” (Diary 1075)

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

Talking about discipleship and truly being a disciple are two very different things. It is easier to know what we should do than to carry out. Many saints from our tradition have had much to say about this struggle to do what they know they must do, and not do that which they know they shouldn't. It is part of being human.

Without God, we have no chance to overcome this predicament. Without God, our actions can ring hollow, or often we are too immobilized to act at all.

Without God, we suffer with blindness to the truth of what is important and eternal.

The story in John 9 of Jesus healing the blind man is about more than a physical healing and just one man. It is about how each of us can find healing of our blindness by turning to Jesus Christ. Are you someone that has been saying, "I don't understand all this talk of discipleship and stewardship; what's the big deal?" We all have a blindness that needs to be healed, and the body of Christ needs you so that God's presence in our world can be seen in a more profound manner. The reality is that God heals the blindness of those who seek him so that, in turn, they may be vehicles by which others may see as well.

This Lent, you are invited to bring your blindness to Jesus. All the written reflections in the world will not give you new eyes. Those eyes can only be found in Jesus.

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

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 Curriivan, Director - rcia@icsparks.org



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Monday, March 20</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Tuesday, March 21</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Wednesday, March 22</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass 7:00 pm Vía Crucis Estaciones
<u>Thursday, March 23</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Friday, March 24</u>	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
<u>Saturday, March 25</u>	4:00 pm Sunday Vigil Mass
<u>Sunday, March 26</u>	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.

THE SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH



On March 19th, we celebrate the holiness in the midst of unpredictable fatherhood. We first meet Joseph when he discovers his betrothed is pregnant...and not by him! St. Joseph does not know who the father is (yet), but he knows the punishment for adultery is death. He decides to divorce Mary quietly, and thus save her life. When an angel appears to reveal that Mary is pregnant by the Holy Spirit, St. Joseph trusts his dream and marries her. As a new foster father, Joseph must help his wife give birth in a stable. Later, he needs to escape the threats to his son's life by immigrating with his family to a foreign land. We know that St. Joseph is faithful, brave, and willing to sacrifice for those he loves. On the solemnity of St. Joseph, we don't merely celebrate a carpenter. We celebrate a hero!

MASS READINGS

For the Week of March 19

Monday: 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22/Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a
Tuesday: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-16
Wednesday: Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30
Thursday: Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47
Friday: Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10/Luke 1:26-38
Sunday: Ezekiel 37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11/John 11:1-45



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 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 to take advantage of valuable resources.

VOCATIONS



"...if someone is God-fearing and does His will, He listens to him." Are you being called to do the deeds of Christ as a priest or in the consecrated life, proclaiming the reign of the loving mercy of God our Father?

Contact Father Philip George at (775) 358-5977.

"...si alguien es temeroso de Dios y hace su voluntad, él lo escucha". ¿Estas llamado a hacer las obras de Cristo como sacerdote o en la vida consagrada, proclamando el reino de la amorosa misericordia de Dios nuestro Padre? 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 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.

