

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH SPARKS, NV



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus said to them in reply,
"Do you think that because
these Galileans suffered in
this way they were greater
sinners than all other
Galileans? By no means! But I
tell you, if you do not repent,
you will all perish as they
did!" - Lk 13:2-3

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Lenten Schedule

Stations of the Cross

Fridays, 7:00 pm
Fridays, March 25, April 1, 8
Monday, April 11 at 7:00 pm
Tuesday, April 12 at 6:00 pm

Vía Crucis Estaciones

Miércoles, 7:00 pm
Marzo 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 20, 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 20Saturday, March 199:00 am Nonye, Chiduben, & Chinelo Ezenwa
Happy Birthday

4:00 pm + Efrain Reyes

Sunday, March 20

7:30 am Parishioners & Benefactors by our Pastor

9:30 am + Living & Deceased Members of the
Carol Walker Family

11:30 am + Maria Rodriguez & Librado Vasquez

2:00 pm Jorge & Ramona Magallanes

Happy 45th Wedding Anniversary

5:00 pm + Omar Carranza

Monday, March 21

9:00 am Holy Souls of Purgatory

4:00 pm + Amelia Esperante

Tuesday, March 22

9:00 am Joe Bayless Happy Birthday

4:00 pm + Theresa Wolfe

Wednesday, March 23

9:00 am Holy Souls of Purgatory

4:00 pm For the Unity of the Bohem Perez Family

Thursday, March 24

9:00 am + Jorge Garcia

4:00 pm Holy Souls of Purgatory

Friday, March 25

9:00 am + Maria Del Carmen Becerra Flores

4:00 pm + Niall Foley

Saturday, March 26

9:00 am + Christopher Allen

4:00 pm + Aurelio Torres Jr.

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

Deserts can be lonely, isolated, and treacherous places. When a person wanders in a desert, they can easily get disoriented, dehydrated, confused, lost, and vulnerable. Temptation is at its peak, especially when confronted with something that may offer some respite or relief, even a mirage. Deserts can bring us to our weakest moment and tempt our faith. The Christian journey can be described as a desert experience as we vacillate back and forth, falling victim to the mirages of our lives versus the true, life-giving water offered by God. We need a burning bush experience in our lives that convinces us of the power of God and reveals Him as the "I am" of all existence. Moses was leading his flock across the desert when he found himself at Mount Horeb. Mountains give us a fuller perspective of life, a panoramic view of what would otherwise be hidden from the limitations of our sight. That's when Moses met God. We have to find our way to a mountain experience where our vantage point can take on a wider view of life. Many things can do this for us: the birth of a child, the death of someone we love, the joy that comes from marveling at the beauty of God's work, the pondering of life's mysteries, and the ache of longing found deep within our souls. There are many things in life that can wake us up, give us a clearer, better view of things and become occasions where a bush may burn and God's presence as the eternal uncreated One is revealed.

God is very patient and gives us the time and space we need to figure things out and bear some good fruit. He doesn't rush to cut us down or get frustrated with our barrenness. But we have to remember that the desert journeys of our lives come with some risks. The major risk is that we will mistakenly believe that the mirages are real. Thus, we fall victim to thinking that the respite and refreshment we seek is discovered in a place other than where it actually is. Our faith and the life of the Church are the safeguards we need to keep us properly orientated so that we don't get lost or confused and stay on course.

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CHRISM MASS

Thursday, April 7, 2022 at 5:30 pm

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church

Please join Bishop Daniel H. Mueggenborg as he blesses and consecrates the Holy Oils used for Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders, and Anointing of the Sick during the upcoming year. After they are blessed, the oils are distributed and used at all the churches and hospitals in the diocese. The priests of the diocese participate by renewing the promises they made on their ordination day. It is their vocation to serve the people of God faithfully, to be men of prayer, and to be faithful to their bishop. It is a powerful moment in the priests' lives, and the lay faithful are called to renew their commitment and pray for their priests.

Please join us via Livestream at
bit.ly/ChrimMassReno2022

**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.

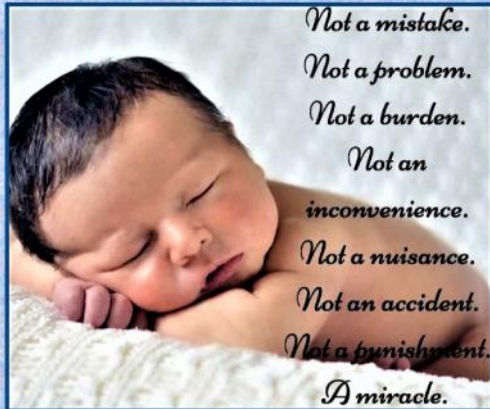
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SAFETY AWARENESS TEAM (ICSAT)



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

Join us to pray the Rosary



SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2022 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.

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP, JOINT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, COUNCIL 12877 AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

Deadline Friday, May 6th, 2022

Annual college scholarships from a pool of \$4,000 to qualified high school seniors who attend Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Scholarship Applications are available in the gathering space by the bulletin board.

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 Currivan, Director - rcia@icsparks.org



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Monday, March 21</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Tuesday, March 22</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Wednesday, March 23</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 24</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Friday, March 25</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 26</u>	4:00 pm Sunday Vigil Mass
<u>Sunday, March 27</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

Stoking the Lenten Fire

I think we all can acknowledge that there's a certain fatigue that comes over us all as we near the end of the Lenten season. Next week is Laetare Sunday, and I find that as soon as those pink vestments start coming out of storage, our collective motivation begins to wane.

I get that. Maybe you're fatigued — I am, too. Maybe you're doing well in your resolutions and devotions but you're in danger of coasting. Or maybe, like many of us this year or in past years, you don't feel that you have even really begun your Lenten journey.

Either way, chances are that the fire that was in your belly on Ash Wednesday is burning a bit low. All fires eventually do, once they consume whatever fuels them. So here we would do well to remember what fuels our Lenten fire.

Sometimes we make resolutions that have the appearance of being spiritual, but also have an earthly motive. We give up chocolate hoping to lose weight. We stop gossiping so our friends may like us more. There is nothing wrong with these sacrifices — just with their motivations.

As Moses removes his sandals to approach the burning bush, he sees that the fire burns brightly, strongly — but does not consume. It is propelled by something inexhaustible, something which is not of this world.

Is your Lenten fire fueled by God? Are you daily surrendering yourself to the same voice that boomed from the bush in Genesis — the voice that commanded the Israelites to do what seemed like the impossible?

— 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.

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.

MASS READINGS

For the Week of March 20

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: Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10/Luke 1:26-38

Saturday: Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14

Sunday: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21/
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



PROJECT RACHEL

A Post-Abortion Healing Ministry

During the month of March we pray for all women who have acted against their values and been forced to get an abortion either by her family, friends, the father of the baby or other outside influences. May these women hold fast to the hope which is always offered by God and is so desperately needed by those who suffer the pain of Post-Abortion Syndrome. Find out more about us at www.renodiocese.org Click on Our Works, scroll down, click on Project Rachel. Contact our confidential, nonjudgmental help line 775-324-4325 or email KarenM@Catholicreno.org to take advantage of valuable resources.

VOCATIONS



"I AM has sent me to you." Could the Lord be calling you to proclaim His name as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Father Philip George at (775) 358-5977.

"YO SOY me ha enviado a ti." ¿Podría el Señor estar llamándote a proclamar Su nombre como sacerdote, diácono o en la vida consagrada? Para mas informacion, llamar al Padre Philip George 775-358-5977.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



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

YOUTH NIGHT TONIGHT



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

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, Ardiith 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, 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, 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 Harn, Derek Machabee & Fam, Sally Ann Milburn Fam, Gene St. Mary, Steven Wagstaff, Carusso Family, Dennis Thompson, Gloria Lorelli, George Kuz
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
for church locations and worship times
anywhere in the world.

