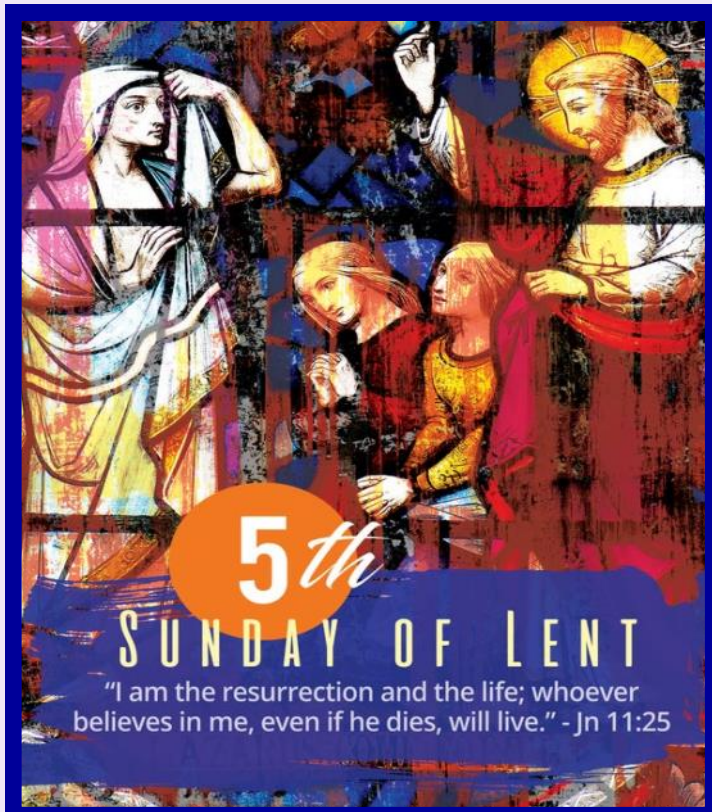


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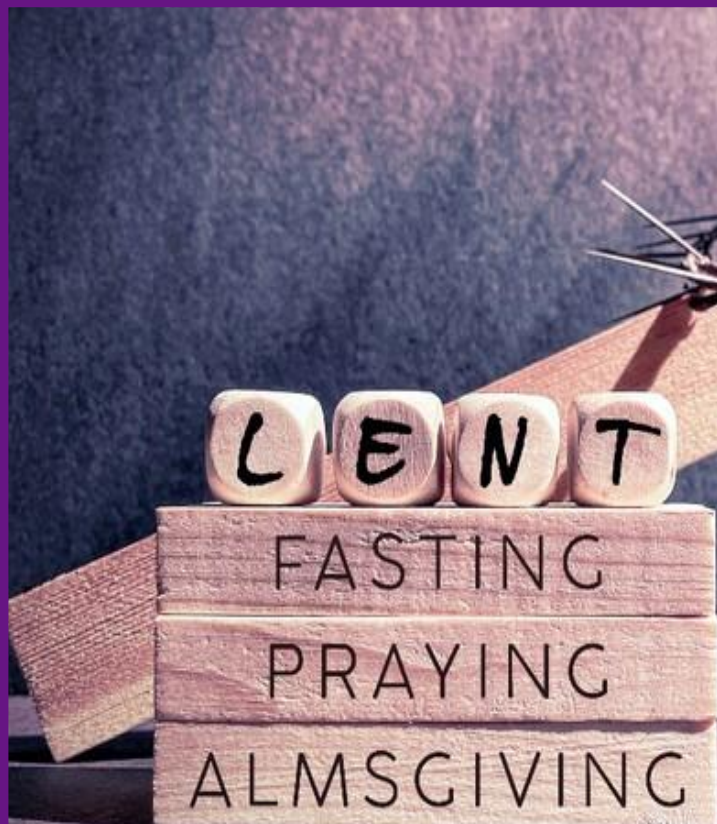


**SATURDAY, APRIL 1: 10AM - 5PM**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 2: 7AM - 7PM**

Easter Baskets  
Spring/Easter Décor and Gifts  
Baked Goodies  
Quilter Creations  
Dinner Basket Raffle  
Dinner Food Plates

We welcome all baked good donations for the sale, especially pies, cupcakes and homemade cookies of all kinds. Baked donations can be brought to the Parish Office beginning Thursday, March 30th.



## **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 26, 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
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 Curriuan	
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

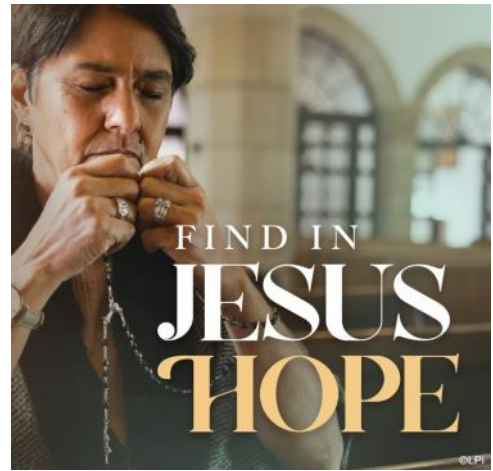
### High School Confirmation Director

358-5989 ext 14

## GIFT SHOP

Hours: Sunday after Mass

Manager: Sergio Cortes cortessergio765@sbcglobal.net

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR MARCH 26****Saturday, March 25****9:00 am** + Eric Anderson**4:00 pm** + Maria Del Carmen Becerra**Sunday, March 26****7:30 am** Ricardo & Miguel Rivera Happy Birthday**9:30 am** + Maria de la Defensa Echeverria Aguilar and  
For Thanksgiving**11:30 am** Special Intentions for Rev. Ed McDonagh**2:00 pm** + Jonathan Martinez & Alfonzo Martinez**5:00 pm** For the Healing of Esteban & Perla Cabrera**Monday, March 27****9:00 am** Special Intentions for Rafael Sanchez**4:00 pm** Special Intentions for Annette Price**Tuesday, March 28****9:00 am** + Michael Reynolds**4:00 pm** Special Intentions for Rafael Sanchez**Wednesday, March 29****9:00 am** Special Intentions for Mary Anne Galza**4:00 pm** + Cleo Hudson & the Living & Deceased  
Members of the Baca Martine Families**Thursday, March 30****9:00 am** + Living & Deceased Members of the  
Soto Perez & Marcos Families**4:00 pm** +**Friday, March 31****9:00 am** + Gail Hicks**4:00 pm** + Jami Davis**Saturday, April 1****9:00 am** Giancarlo Rubio Happy Birthday**4:00 pm** + Ida Martini & Ernest Solis**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER  
UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE****5th Sunday of Lent**

Of all Jesus' miracles, the most unsettling might be when he made a dead person alive. We know of three times when he did so: a girl, a young man, and Lazarus. The miracle teaches us he has the power of life and death. He anticipates his resurrection. Sin hurts us. Some sin kills us, spiritually. The three miracles reveal to us that no matter our circumstances, Jesus can give life to us. The three miracles are instructive of the three ways we feel dead. The little dead girl symbolizes sin before it has time to mature. She's in bed and, once alive, gets right back to her life. The young man is lying in his casket in a funeral procession. This is sin allowed to fester, to grow and become somewhat normalized. Once raised, he has a short walk back home. Lazarus, a full-grown dead man, lies wrapped in burial bands in the tomb. Once he is raised, much needs to be done. He'll need to remove those bands, find new clothes, and travel all the way back home. That is sin allowed to go all the way, unchecked for months or years. It's the most spectacular of the three and reveals Jesus' glory more than the others. What hope that should give us, for us and those whom we love! Jesus knows our sin hurts us and can even kill us spiritually. No matter the extent of the damage, he is always ready for the miracle of making the dead fully alive. — Father John Muir ©LPi

**CHRISM MASS**

**Thursday March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at Saint Rose of Lima**, Bishop Daniel Mueggenborg will celebrate the annual Chrism Mass. The Chrism Mass centers around the blessing of the three Holy Oils that will be used in Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick, and Holy Orders

(Ordination) for the following year. After the blessing of the Holy Oils, they will be distributed to each Catholic Parish in the Diocese. Additionally at this Mass the Priests of the Diocese- in the presence of the Bishop- renew their promise of priestly ministry. This is a unique Mass in the Church's liturgical calendar and is a great way to prepare for Holy Week. Please join us for 5:30PM Chrism Mass at Saint Rose of Lima on March 30th.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 12877  
ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Our Lady of the Desert Council is offering a \$2,000 community college or university scholarship to a high school senior who attends Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Scholarship Applications are available in the gathering space by the bulletin board.

## 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

## BAPTISM CLASS

The **next Baptism Class** for parents of infants will be Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the hall.

**Clases para Bautizo ( Español ) :**

La clase será el Miercoles, 3 de Mayo, 2023 a las 6:00 pm en la sala.



## 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.

## SECOND COLLECTION GOOD FRIDAY

**Good Friday, April 7th**

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few. The pandemic hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit [www.myfranciscan.org](http://www.myfranciscan.org) or [www.custodia.org](http://www.custodia.org)

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





## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u><a href="#">Monday, March 27</a></u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u><a href="#">Tuesday, March 28</a></u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass 6:30 pm Penance Service
<u><a href="#">Wednesday, March 29</a></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><a href="#">Thursday, March 30</a></u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u><a href="#">Friday, March 31</a></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><a href="#">Saturday, April 1</a></u>	4:00 pm Sunday Vigil Mass
<u><a href="#">Sunday, April 2</a></u>	7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 am, 5:00 pm Mass 2:00 pm Spanish Mass

## Respect Life Rosary



John 1:3 Through him all things came into being, not one thing came into being except through him.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2023  
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.**

## 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**

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

When I am driving throughout the United States, I enjoy seeing the billboards that dot the highways speaking for God. A couple of my favorites: "Life is short. Eternity is not. --God"; and "Let's meet at my house this Sunday, before the game. --God." God must have a pretty big advertising budget because he has billboards in pretty much every state!

One billboard I saw read, "You asked God for a sign, and here it is!" After a chuckle, I realized that we are always looking for a sign. We say we believe, but sometimes, we act like we just want to be sure.

In the Gospels, Jesus performs miracles and healings so that people would believe. The healing of Lazarus was surely a profound moment for all who were there. Jesus was able to show that he has power over even death itself, a foreshadowing to his resurrection that will occur in the not too distant future. For all who doubt, be assured that Jesus is the giver of life. He has given living water to the woman at the well, sight to the blind, and now has raised a man from the grave.

As Easter draws ever closer, how many more signs do you need? What else can Jesus do to convince you that his call on your life comes from the source of all life? As the US Bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship lays out, we have been challenged, we are asked to choose, and then our lives will be transformed. May all the signs of God around us, even billboards on the side of the road, move us to choose a path of giving of ourselves like Jesus. Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## DONATIONS FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES

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

**April: Deodorant and Sunscreen**

Please bring your donations to the Parish Office.

Thank you for your support!

## MASS READINGS

For the Week of March 26

**Monday:** Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; John 8:1-11

**Tuesday:** Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30

**Wednesday:** Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31-42

**Thursday:** Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59

**Friday:** Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42

**Saturday:** Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56

**Sunday:** Matthew 21:1-11/Isaiah 50:4-7/Philippians 2:6-11;  
Matthew 26:14-27:66



## YOUTH NIGHT



April 2

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



"Did I not assure you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" Do you believe Christ may be calling you to see the glory of the Blessed Trinity through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Contact Father

Philip George at (775) 358-5977.

"No le aseguré que si creías verías la gloria de Dios?" ¿Cree que Cristo puede llamarlo a ver la gloria de la Santísima Trinidad a través de su vocación 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 Harn, 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](http://www.masstimes.org)  
for church locations and worship times  
anywhere in the world.

