

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH SPARKS, NV



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

“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” - Mt 17:5b

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### 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 5, 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 5****Saturday, March 4**

9:00 am Marissa Jauregui Happy Birthday  
4:00 pm + Jami Davis

**Sunday, March 5**

7:30 am Thanksgiving  
9:30 am + Living & Deceased Members of the Summers & Bartels Families  
11:30 am + Librado Vasquez, Maria Rodriguez, & Adolfo Tejeda

2:00 pm + Presentacion Chaidez, & Catalina Mendoza Alcazar

5:00 pm + Justin Lopez & Giovanni Oliva

**Monday, March 6**

9:00 am + Peggy Martin

4:00 pm Mariel Del Villar Happy Birthday

**Tuesday, March 7**

9:00 am + Living & Deceased Members of the Ruth Dicus Family

4:00 pm + Cleo Hudson

**Wednesday, March 8**

9:00 am Poor Souls of Purgatory

4:00 pm Valerie Block in Thanksgiving

**Thursday, March 9**

9:00 am Special Intentions for Donelle Nicoson

4:00 pm + John Hector Pasqual

**Friday, March 10**

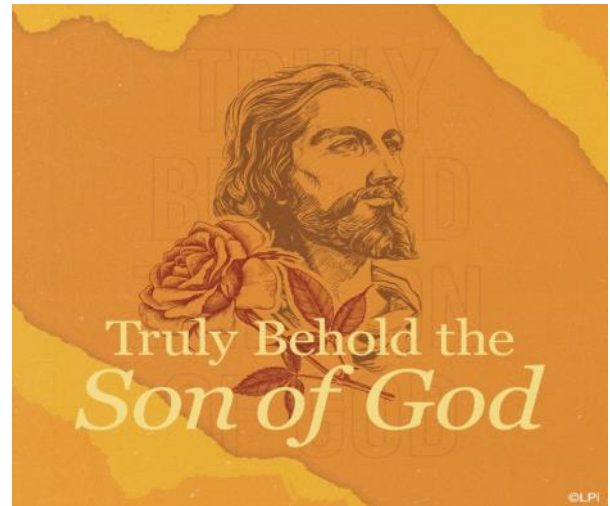
9:00 am + Theresa Moreno & Ricardo Lopez

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

**Saturday, March 11**

9:00 am Special Intentions for Rev. Ed McDonagh

4:00 pm + Blaine McCusker

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

As a kid I remember looking at my sister and thinking, “No man is ever going to marry her. She is way too...my sister!” I couldn’t see her as anything except my goofy, emotional, cooties-laden sister. Years later, on her wedding day, I remember seeing how her husband looked at her, he was totally in love with her, his watery eyes full of overwhelmed joy, drinking in her beauty and grace. He was the one who actually saw her. Blinded by familiarity, I had not been able to see her until now. She was glorious. I finally saw how beautiful my sister really was. Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James, and John. His face shone like the sun and his clothes dazzle with heavenly light. If it’s a miracle, it is so related to the apostles’ perception of the glory of Jesus. The physical spectacle reveals how the Father perceives the Son, so to speak: “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to him.” The Son is always bathed in the Father’s love. It’s only just now that they finally perceive it. Who could possibly give his or her heart totally to Jesus? If we perceive him to be just another teacher, symbol, or moral example, we can’t. But if the Holy Spirit gives us eyes to see that he is the Beloved Son of God, who makes our humanity not just pleasing to God but filled with glory ... then who can resist him? Perhaps only the lovers are the ones who properly see.

— 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: “Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace for My infinite mercy... I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy.” (Diary 687)

**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

## 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.



### Financial Stewardship

Weekend of	1st Collection	2nd Collection	2nd Collection Benefiting
Feb 4th	\$23,549.86	\$3,654.43	Priest's Relief
Feb 11th	\$13,266.85	-	No 2nd Collection
Feb 18th	Coming soon		No 2nd Collection
Ash Wed	Coming		Building Fund

 **PUZZLE**  
Help Jesus find his father!



 **MISSION**  
When I am afraid, I will remember that God is always with me.

## 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**

<u><a href="#">Monday, March 6</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 7</a></u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u><a href="#">Wednesday, March 8</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 9</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 10</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, March 11</a></u>	4:00 pm Sunday Vigil Mass
<u><a href="#">Sunday, March 12</a></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**

**March 6, 2023 at 5:30 pm (Spanish)**

**March 8, 2023 at 5:30 pm**

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

**Everyday Stewardship**

Catherine Doherty said, "Yes, stewardship pertains to everything and I am responsible for my part of that everything." I am reminded of that quote when I read the words from Paul's Second Letter to Timothy, "Beloved: Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God." Both point to our own responsibility as a disciple, as well as the reality that we are not alone. We live with God in community. We each have our part to play in the kingdom of God. Lent is an important time to focus on how our stewardship way of life causes us to sacrifice and, at times, experience hardship. If we find that we never seem to feel our sacrifice, then it is a good time to ask ourselves if we really are fully living as good stewards, cultivating what we have been given, and then offering it all back to God. If we only give from our excess, then we will never understand the meaning behind the words of St. Paul and Catherine Doherty.

This is why we must challenge ourselves. We must push ourselves to go that extra mile. It really is a way of exercising our stewardship muscles. So as this Lenten season is still in its first weeks, what can you attempt to do that really pushes you out of your comfort zone? Can you double or triple your prayer time during the season? Can you search your household and give to charity more than just things you don't need anymore, but also things you still want? Is there someone to visit a few times before Easter than can no longer get out? Whatever it is, the strength will come from God to take greater care of your part of his everything.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © LPi

**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.

**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

## MASS READINGS

### For the Week of March 5

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: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32  
 Next Sunday: Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8/John 4:5-42



## PROJECT RACHEL

### A Post-Abortion Healing Ministry



Project Rachel is a post-abortion healing ministry, a non-judgmental 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



“He saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works but according to his own design...” If you think God is offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact the Parish Office at (775) 358-5977.

Jesús fue conducido por el Espíritu Santo al desierto durante cuarenta días de oración y ayuno. ¿Está dispuesto a ser conducido por el Espíritu Santo hacia la vida que Dios ha preparado para usted? Si contempla una vocación al sacerdocio o a la vida consagrada, para mas información , favor de llamara la oficina de la parroquia (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.

## 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

## 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.

