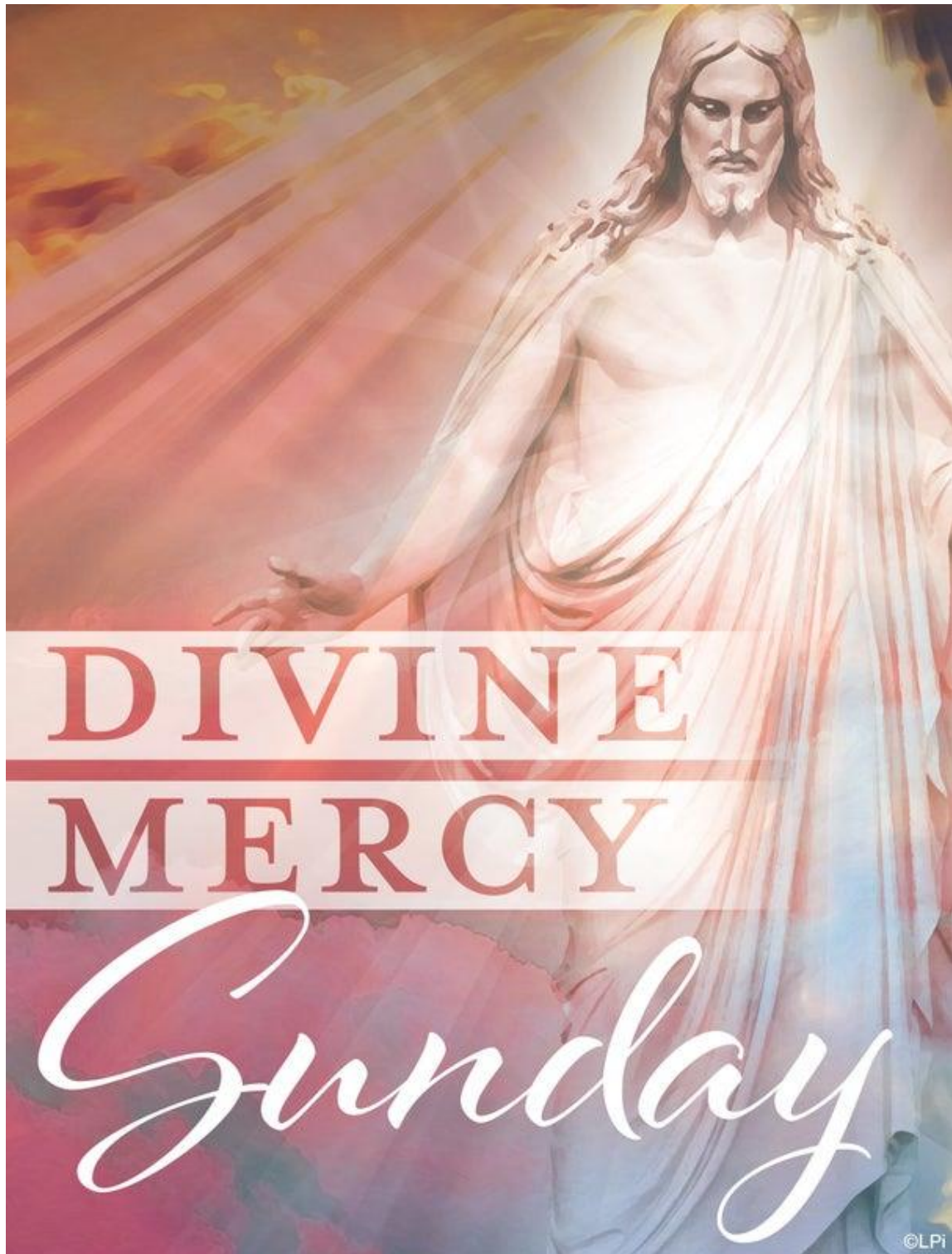


IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH  
SPARKS, NV



**Divine Mercy Mass today at 2:00 pm.**

**All are welcome!**

**April 11, 2021**



**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: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR OUR YOUTH

**Elementary Director**      **Dorothy Gonzalez**  
Wednesdays 4:00 - 7:30 pm      358-5989

August - May

**Middle/High School Director**      **Dorothy Gonzalez**  
Mondays 6:00 - 7:30 pm      358-5989

August - May

**Confirmation Director**      **Deborah Havey**  
Sundays 1:30 - 4:30 pm      358-5989

August - May

### 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 6:30 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 Quinceañeras**

Para los arreglos, por favor llame 358-5977

### GIFT SHOP

Hours: Saturday/Sunday after Mass

Manager: Sergio Cortes - 544-0593/

cortessergio765@sbcglobal.net

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR APRIL 11**Saturday, April 10

9:00 am + Jorge Toofie Mansoor &amp; Alexander Aboochible

4:00 pm + Living &amp; Deceased Members Albino Mascola Family

Sunday, April 11

7:30 am + Alfredd Panelli

9:30 am + Ernie Solis

11:30 am + Baudelia Santillan-Martinez

2:00 pm Special Intentions Maria Hernandez

5:00 pm + Sara Echeverria

Monday, April 12

9:00 am + Phyllis Basso

4:00 pm Craig Daily & Family  
Happy Birthday, Craig!Tuesday, April 13

9:00 am + Jeff Ferguson

4:00 pm + Maria Parina Ines

Wednesday, April 14

9:00 am + Maria del Carmen Becerra

4:00 pm Joseph Anmarrati Happy Birthday

Thursday, April 15

9:00 am + Phyllis Basso

4:00 pm + Jorge Garcia

Friday, April 16

9:00 am Amy Aguilar for Petition

4:00 pm Juliana Bermudez-Navarro Happy Birthday!

Saturday, April 17

9:00 am Special Intentions for David Tellers

4:00 pm + Ibarra Villanueva

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE****2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)**

What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. "Mercy is the heart of God," Pope Francis tells us. The image of a heart has been used to point to the very life source of a person as it is the organ that allows life to flow through our veins and sustain us. Mercy is the heart of God. Imagine this dynamic, powerful, compassionate, piercing, embracing, loving, propelling, penetrating, absorbing, and enveloping, transforming presence of God flowing into the very depth of our souls. It is God's mercy that allows blood to flow through our veins. It is God's mercy that forms every atom of our being and leads us to what is true. God's mercy reveals all superficiality and falsehood, and lays bare all distortions, empty promises, weakness, and sin.

"Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope," Pope Francis continues. God's all forgiving, compassionate love is with us. When we finally believe and accept that Christ's resurrected transfigured presence resides with us, we then find within us a strong confidence to accept life's imperfections and disappointments and move on. Every day is a new adventure in new life. God leaves the past behind and opens doors to the future. It doesn't matter how many mistakes we made yesterday. All that matters is what we do tomorrow and what we learn along the way. It is so easy to remain tethered and mired in the past, but there is no need to do so. God is all about tomorrow and the work God has yet to do in our lives.

Mercy gives birth to hope. Hope for the greatest of sinners and hope for the worst of disasters. There is nothing God cannot do and nothing God cannot fashion. After all, everything we know and treasure was once nothing, and look what God did with the nothing God had! The resurrected Christ stands before us with nail marks in his wrists and wounds on his body as a testament that not even injustice, suffering and death can trample over and destroy God's mercy. What have we to fear? Why do we keep ourselves from peace? Our lack of faith prevents us from going forward and fully receiving the holiness God desires to breathe upon us. Breathe in God's mercy, allow the wind of God's presence to kiss all of your sins and caress all of your fears. Exhale peace.

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**POPCORNOPOLIS PARISH FUNDRAISER****April 12th - May 21st**

Buy the world's most delicious gourmet popcorn! 50% of all purchases goes towards supporting our Parish. For more information or to order your popcorn, visit or call the Parish Office. 358-5977

**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.

**LADIES GUILD EASTER BASKET & BAKE SALE**

The Easter Bake Sale was a great success, grossing just over \$4,000 in proceeds to benefit our parish! Thank you to all the Ladies for their hard work and to all who

bought the baskets and baked goods.

**Cake Decorating Contest****1st Place:** Rocío Cuellar**2nd Place:** Margaret Kozonich**3rd Place:** Fikemi Aderinola**Honorable mention:** Gloria Loreli

## 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 5th at 6:30 pm in the hall.

### Clases para Bautizo (Español) :

La clase será el Miércoles, 7 abril, a las 6:30 pm en la sala.



## THE BREACH IN THE CHURCH

In the past two decades, more than 14 million Catholics have left the faith. In the face of these losses, Catholic men are called to put aside any hesitation to live a life of mission. We must enter into the breach.

### Called to Conversion

Christ calls us to a life of continued formation so that, with grace, we can seriously engage the war for our souls. That's why the Knights have produced *Into the Breach*, a video series inspired by Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted's apostolic exhortation of the same name.

### Ready for Battle

Prepare yourself for the spiritual battle raging around you. To step into the breach requires every man to have faith and take action. The *Into the Breach* series challenges men to seek greatness and to be heroically virtuous, to have a character marked by goodness and truth, strength and courage.

### Building a Brotherhood

"Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another" (*Proverbs 27:17*). Through shared experience and small group discussion, men build a brotherhood through *Into the Breach*, strengthening them in their mission as disciples.

### All Men of the Parish Are Invited

Join us as we watch and discuss *Into the Breach*. Through small group discussions, we'll learn how to be stronger fathers, better husbands and men fit for the breach.

**Location:** Immaculate Conception Hall

Date: *2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month*

### After the Knights of Columbus Meeting

Time: 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

**Contact:** [joe.allen@att.net](mailto:joe.allen@att.net) / 775-772-7522

## PARISH MINISTRIES

### Prayer Groups

**ICC Filipino Ministry/BLD Charismatic Group**

Malou Alano 750-4279

**Disciples of Jesus & Mary** Jeannie Keyes 626-5694;  
Michele Jenkins 870-2208

**Divine Mercy Committee** Maria Hernandez 358-5977

**Grupo de Oracion** Maria Hernandez 358-5977

**Lay Carmelites** Eileen Dana 882-2071

**Prayer and Life Workshop** Maria Hernandez 358-5977

**Prayer Tree** Laurie Jones 331-8311

George Mankowski 225-7949

### Social Groups

**Comité Guadalupano** Vicky Camacho 815-5290

Meets 4th Monday of the month at 6:00 pm in the parlor.

**MOM'S Group** Jacqueline Costa 762-7512

**Tongan Community** Clay Vatikani 223-8816 or  
[lvatikani@hotmail.com](mailto:lvatikani@hotmail.com)

**Youth Group** Debbie Havey 358-5977

### Parish Outreach Groups

**12-Step Recovery Ministry** Please call the Parish Office

**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 425-6291; Connie Reid 626-5536

**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 put in the bin in the gathering space or parish office.

**Prison Ministry** Chaplain's Office 328-2976;

Maria C Hernandez 359-5674 or 356-9222

**Respect Life Committee** Toni Berry 583-0015

## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

**Ladies Guild** President Gloria Salcido 240-1997

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 843-1040 [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!
- ◇ Thursdays 7:00 - 8:30 pm
- ◇ Theresa Currivan, Director - [rcia@icsparks.org](mailto:rcia@icsparks.org) or 934-1010 - call or text

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

<u><a href="#">Monday, April 12</a></u>	8:00 am - 6:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u><a href="#">Tuesday, April 13</a></u>	8:00 am - 6:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u><a href="#">Wednesday, April 14</a></u>	8:00 am - 6:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u><a href="#">Thursday, April 15</a></u>	8:00 am - 6:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u><a href="#">Friday, April 16</a></u>	8:00 am - 8:00 am Saturday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u><a href="#">Saturday, April 17</a></u>	4:00 pm Sunday Vigil Mass
<u><a href="#">Sunday, April 18</a></u>	7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am, 5:00 pm Mass

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

**Question:**

Where did the feast of Divine Mercy come from?

**Answer:**

If you were born well before the year 2000, you know the feast of Divine Mercy has not always been celebrated in the Church. In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers — the Divine Mercy Chaplet — and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world.

Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young woman, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, “a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind with experience in the years to come.”

**THANK YOU!**

We’d like to extend a huge thank you to all the ministries that helped make our Easter Mass celebrations such a beautiful experience!



**YOUTH NIGHT**



**Sunday, April 18th, 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. Enjoy food, fun, and worship in a socially distanced environment!

**CAR RAFFLE**

2002 Buick Century  
22,140 Miles

Date: June 12th at 7:00 pm during the Fundraiser Dinner  
Tickets \$40 each or 3 for \$100  
Available in the Parish Office

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

## MASS READINGS

For the Week of April 11

**Monday:** Acts 4:23-31; John 3:1-8

**Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7b-15

**Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21

**Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36

**Friday:** Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15

**Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21

**Sunday:** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 John 2:1-5a/Luke 24:35-48



## CHILDREN'S LITURGY



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

## INDIVIDUAL COMMUNION



Anyone who is unable to fully participate in the Celebration of Mass due to the pandemic may call the Parish Office to schedule a time Monday - Friday, between 12:00 pm and 3:00 pm to receive our Lord individually.

### **ADORATION - GOOD NEWS!**

Make the Blessed Sacrament part of your life We will be extending our Adoration hours as soon as all times are filled. Sign up for your weekly day and time in the Gathering Space.

Monday-Thursday 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm Silent  
Silence breaks Friday evenings. Join groups in praying the Rosary starting at 8:30 pm.

### **CURRENT HOURS FOR ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

Friday 8:00 am - 8:00 am Saturday

Please sign the sheet each time you visit with our Lord.

### **ADORACIÓN DEL SANTÍSIMO**

Lunes-Jueves 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

Viernes 8:00 am - 8:00 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 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



"As the Father has sent Me, so I send you." Do you have a growing interest in sharing the Lord's saving mission as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life?

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

"La Paz esté con ustedes. Así como el Padre me ha enviado, así también los envío Yo." ¿ Responderás al llamado de Dios de ser enviado como sacerdote, hermana o hermano que proclama la Verdad y la paz de Cristo Jesús? Para mas información, llamar al Padre Phillip George 775-358-5977.

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

### **Adoration**

Emily Robbins 626-6398

### **Adult Choir**

Andrea Santos 762-8779

### **Family Choir**

Joe Mudd 391-9650/muddjoseph8@gmail.com

### **Filipino-American Choir**

Leo Molino 358-1694

### **Multicultural Choir**

Teresa Bouldin 310-462-8045

### **Altar Servers**

Gloria Salcido 240-1997/gworm4156@yahoo.com

### **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.

Parish Office 358-5977

### **Lector Coordinator**

Maureen Barron 846-0512/mbarron@washoeschools.net

Debbie Havey 232-4973 / debbiehavey734@gmail.com

### **Sound/Video Coordinator**

Himanshu Patel 358-5977

### **Usher Coordinator**

Dalene Melzer 342-2702

**PRAYER LIST**

Your prayers are needed for the recovery . . .



Fr Jim Fugle, Sr Mora McGarry, Sr Gertrude, Chicago Fam, Corinna Osgood, Kristy Burch-Weinberg, John Michael Langley, Maureen Flynn, Marie Kiley, Kehmeier Fam, Caruso/Kelly Fam, Grayson McClure, Michon Holland, Sarah Lopez, Paul Freitag, 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, Clare Kennedy, Angie Pinard, Mayra Fam, Dereck Machabee, Mark Gardiner Fam, Forrest Mitchell Fam, Davis Fam, David Rincon, Ethan James Noin, Julia Garcia, Alec Robles, Manuela & Guadalupe Rodriguez, Francine Roche, Marie Mazza, Rubino Fam, Ofelia Maldonado, Sandi Puliti, Mary Janet Kennedy, Pam Swanson Fam, 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 Debora, Jared Rutherford, Joyce Woolhether, 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, David Balleweg, Gloria Lorelli, Jim Jones, Liz Kuhn, John Dively, Ken Dixon, Sandra-Wayne Families, Julita D. Gonzales, Donna Strong, Charlie Becerra, Allan Lucas, Tina Pacheco, Mary Farias, Ron Thibodeau, Gabriel Ne-rey, Peggi Martin Please call when they recover . . .

**MILITARY PRAYER LIST**



**Navy:** Max McGuire, Julian Carrillo, Joe Amper

**Air Force:** Joshua Cox, Lucas Cusato, Chad Gogle, Nelida Mendoza, Richard Martinez, Jesse Roy Ladaban

**Marines:** Hunter DeFabrizio, Patrick McGuire, Mariano Liano, Christian Monarrez, Alec Robles

**Army:** Ryan Long, Anthony Ross, Adonis Oldenburg

**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

