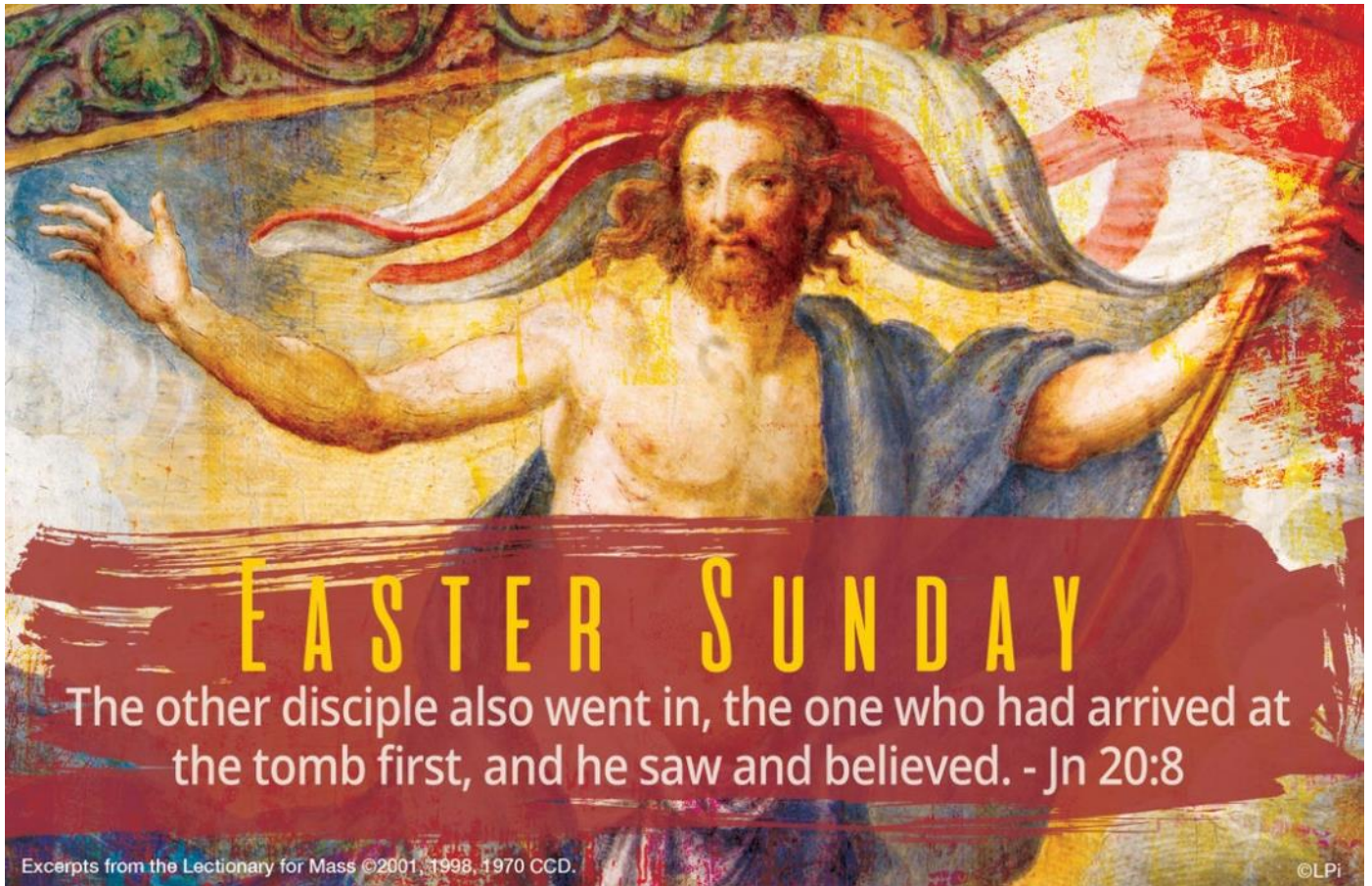


IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH SPARKS, NV



Divine Mercy

Divine Mercy Novena

Daily at 3:00 pm

through Saturday, April 23rd

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 24th

Divine Mercy Bilingual Mass at 2:00 pm

Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Veneration of

Divine Mercy Image & Relic of

St Faustina at 3:00 pm

April 17, 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	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

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 APRIL 17**Saturday, April 16****9:00 am** Thanksgiving for Raoul & Loraine Doucette**4:00 pm** + Jacqueline P. Souza**Sunday, April 17****7:30 am** Marylynn Cuellar & Alicia Rivera

Happy Birthday

9:30 am + Lewellyn & Living & Deceased Members of
The Mascola Family**11:30 am** + Remedios Recina & Tony Jay Tutay**2:00 pm** + Baudelia Santillan Martinez &
Miguel Guzman**5:00 pm** Parishioners & Benefactors by our Pastor**Monday, April 18****9:00 am** + Margaret Currivan**4:00 pm** + Nora Flores**Tuesday, April 19****9:00 am** Special Intentions for Leana Rangel**4:00 pm** Sara B. Happy Birthday**Wednesday, April 20****9:00 am** + Omar Carranza**4:00 pm** + Armando & Elsie Martini**Thursday, April 21****9:00 am** + Living & Deceased Members of the
Coffey Family**4:00 pm** + Linda Robinson-Brown**Friday, April 22****9:00 am** Thanksgiving for Lucy Anguiano**4:00 pm** + Jose Dominguez**Alleluia! Christ is Risen, He is Risen indeed,**

Alleluia! I want to extend wishes of a beautiful and happy Easter to all parishioners, staff, and visitors who have gathered here at Immaculate Conception Catholic Parish, to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We have now entered into the great season of Eastertide. May we all celebrate with great joy the promise of our new life in Christ, our Risen Lord. We indeed are sons and daughters of New Life in Christ.

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

The Lord Jesus, through his cross and resurrection, has destroyed the power of sin and death and brought us into His life. Christ has won for us victory over eternal death. The Church in her wisdom asks us to keep this feast alive for fifty days. We need to reflect on this and just how much our Lord loves us. Easter is so much more than flowers, cards, Easter eggs, candy, and even beautiful music. It is the historical event that gives ultimate meaning and purpose to our lives. Because Jesus died and rose from the dead, we no longer have to fear sin and death. The victory has been won in Christ. We celebrate Jesus who is our Paschal Lamb who died, out of sheer love for us!

To those who have been away from the Church, I sincerely welcome you back home this Easter. It is my fervent hope and prayer that by worshiping with us, and celebrating Holy Mass, you will encounter the Risen Christ. In the spirit of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, I too, extend to you the love and mercy of our Risen Lord and sincerely invite you back into the fold of Holy Mother Church.

I want to welcome our newest members into the Church at the Great Vigil of Easter. What a great joy and privilege it has been walking with our catechumens and candidates this past year leading up to their coming into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church. I want to thank our parishioners for welcoming our newest members into our blessed community of faith at Immaculate Conception, Sparks.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude for your unselfish support and thank you for all your efforts, time, and financial support towards the betterment of the parish. I appreciate all your prayers, support, and your generous contributions.

May the Peace of our Risen Lord be with you all.

In His love,

Fr. Philip M George, Pastor.

WALK TO MARY**Saturday, May 7, 2022**

Mass will be at 8:00 am at St Thomas Aquinas Cathedral and the walk will start at 9:00 am. There is no fee and no need to sign up. For more information about the apparition and the Shrine, go

to championshrine.org For questions, please contact Ginger Peacock at livefatima@protonmail.com or Greg Partam at gregpartam@gmail.com

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.

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

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Dear loving friends in Christ,

I would like to express my deepest gratitude for your unselfish support and thank you for all your efforts, time, financial support towards the betterment of the parish. I hold in high regard your prayers, support, and your charitable contributions.

I would like to acknowledge and thank you for your generous support of the 2021 Catholic Service Appeal of the Diocese of Reno. Our parish has responded to the call of growing in Faith, giving in Love in a very gratifying way. Our Goal was \$111,833.00 and we received the amount of \$2,320.00 as rebate.

As always, the success of the Appeal depends in large part on the effort, enthusiasm, and commitment of the parishioners. So, I commend you for your support and all that you do to take the appeal in a positive light and to engage all parishioners in bringing the Appeal to a successful conclusion; especially amid all the challenges posed by the pandemic.

I know that you will continue to help others to see that by supporting the parish we are serving Christ Himself through the various ministries, charities, and spiritual works that benefit so many throughout the parish. Communicate my gratitude to your family and friends for their generous response, you may be assured of my prayers and best wishes and may you be lavishly blessed in 2022.

I have already included your names in my prayer intentions, in thanksgiving for your charitable contribution.

Yours in Christ

Fr. Philip M George, Pastor.

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!

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, April 18</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Tuesday, April 19</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Wednesday, April 20</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Thursday, April 21</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Friday, April 22</u>	6:00 am - 8:30 am Saturday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Saturday, April 23</u>	4:00 pm Sunday Vigil Mass
<u>Sunday, April 24</u>	7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 am, 5:00 pm Mass 2:00 pm Divine Mercy Bilingual Mass

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Leave It in the Tomb

Today, on the most important day of the liturgical year, the Apostle Paul is calling us out.

“I see you hiding in that tomb,” he says. “I see you baking with that old, stale yeast, thinking no one will notice.”

He says it a little more elegantly, I’ll grant you. But the message is this: If you want to be raised with Christ, you’d better be ready to step out of the shadows. Seek what is above — not what is on earth.

I can feel myself responding almost reflexively, “Great idea, Paul — but I’m pretty comfy here.” Because sometimes, it’s just easier to stay in the tomb. It’s easier to crouch in the shadows and look outward at everyone else, thinking of the changes they could make or the sins they could overcome.

Today we are called to embrace newness. New hearts, new lives, new futures, new chances. If there’s anything keeping you from that, you need to leave it in the tomb. It’s a little scary, sure — maybe Jesus thought so before he stepped into the light of that first Easter morning. But no loaf of bread worth eating was ever baked using stale yeast that wouldn’t rise. No new life worth having was ever lived through the broken sins of yesterday. No Easter morning ever dawned without the tomb sitting empty.

Step into the light. He is waiting for you.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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EVER THOUGHT ABOUT BEING AN USHER?



The ministry of Usher is the oldest lay ministry in the Catholic Church. Before and during the time of Christ, the doorkeepers of the Temple numbered in the hundreds and were the forerunners of today’s ushers. The more immediate predecessor of today’s usher can be found in the clerical order of Porter, instituted in the third century A.D. During those times, it was the duty of the Porters to guard the door of the church against any intruders who might disturb the service. In 1972 Pope Paul VI abolished the order of Porter and this important task was given over to the laity. Since then, men and women are invited to serve God as Ushers. Watch the Bulletin for more information in the weeks ahead to learn about this important Ministry.

The gatekeepers were Akkub, Talmon, and their kinsmen, who kept watch over the gates; one hundred and seventy-two in number. Nehemiah 11:19

MARY’S CLOSET

Thank you for your ongoing support of Mary's Closet! Currently we are in need of the following items:

- diapers sizes 4, 5 and 6
- diaper rash ointment

Donations can be brought to the parish office



COMMUNAL WEDDING

Date TBD

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.

MASS READINGS

For the Week of April 17

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Matthew 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18

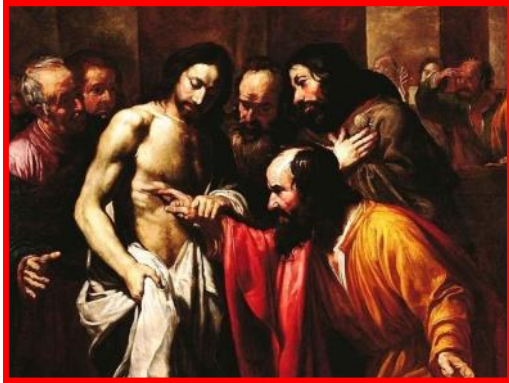
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16; Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/
John 20:19-31



YOUTH NIGHT



Sunday, May 1

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.

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.

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 April we pray for the remainder of the Lenten season and the beginning of the Easter season. God desires all those who have been impacted by abortion in any way to experience his eternal love, compassion, and everlasting mercy. Please 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



"The Lord is truly risen!" Are you being called to proclaim the truth of the Lord's resurrection as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother? Contact Father Philip George at (775) 358-5977.

"¡El Señor verdaderamente ha resucitado!" ¿Está siendo llamado a proclamar la verdad de la resurrección del Señor como sacerdote, diácono, hermana religiosa o hermano religioso? Para mas informacion, llamar al Padre Philip George 775-358-5977.

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, 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, 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 Debora, 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, Richard Mann, Arturo & David Orozco, Florence Marchand, Jodi Blambury, Heriberto Morfin Rodriguez 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.

