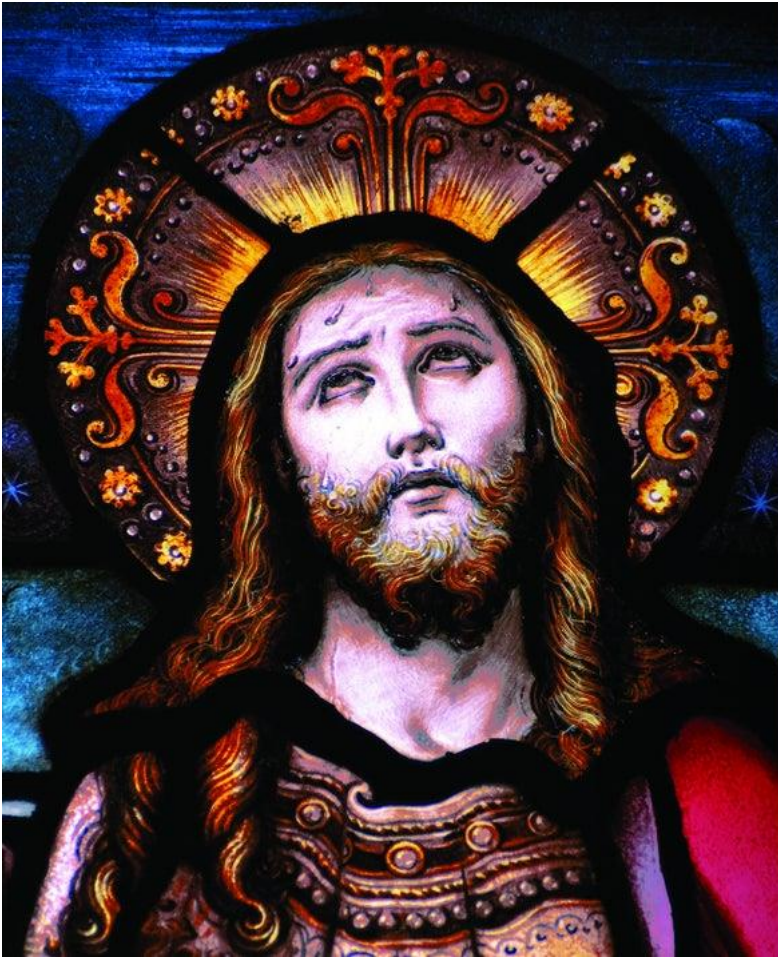


IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH SPARKS, NV



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled ... You are witnesses of these things." - Lk 24:44, 48

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NEW HOURS FOR ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 10:00 pm

Friday 8:00 am - 8:30 am Saturday

**Please sign the sheet each time
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ADORACIÓN DEL SANTÍSIMO

Lunes-Jueves 8:00 am - 10:00 pm

Viernes 8:00 am - 8:30 am Sábado

**Por favor firme la hoja cada
vez que visite con
nuestro Señor**

April 18, 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

<u>Elementary Director</u>	Dorothy Gonzalez
Wednesdays 4:00 - 7:30 pm	358-5989
August - May	
<u>Middle/High School Director</u>	Dorothy Gonzalez
Mondays 6:00 - 7:30 pm	358-5989
August - May	
<u>Confirmation Director</u>	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 Quinceaños
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 18

Saturday, April 17

9:00 am Special Intentions for David Tellers
4:00 pm + Ibarra Villanueva

Sunday, April 18

7:30 am For the End of Abortion
9:30 am + Margaret Curriuan

11:30 am + Living & Deceased Members
Sarafino & Donati Families

2:00 pm + Jesus Diaz

5:00 pm Thanksgiving for Munoz & Diaz Families

Monday, April 19

9:00 am Special Intentions for Leanna Rangel
4:00 pm + Lupe Elizondo

Tuesday, April 20

9:00 am + Living & Deceased Members
Idiart & Aledo Families

4:00 pm + Michael Balancier

Wednesday, April 21

9:00 am For the Souls in Purgatory
4:00 pm + Julia Guasp

Thursday, April 22

9:00 am + Phyllis Basso

4:00 pm + William & Mary Kay Petty

Friday, April 23

9:00 am + Paul Glass

4:00 pm + Dolores Hernandez

Saturday, April 24

9:00 am Special Intentions for Ludy Del Villar
4:00 pm + Father O'Brien

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILLS

Currently, there are two pending assisted suicide bills in the Nevada Legislature. **SB 105** and **AB 351**. Both of these bills will require physicians to inform terminally ill patients that they may request a prescription for suicide pills. Please go to the Nevada Legislature website to let our legislators know we oppose physician assisted suicide.

A letter from Bishop Calvo and Bishop Thomas is available in the gathering space along with more detailed instructions on how to submit your opinion online.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

3rd Sunday of Easter

We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don't always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life's challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world.

Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their "aha" moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively, and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.

We need our "aha" moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our "aha" moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, "peace be with you," and we feel secure. It's all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God's goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News. ©LPi

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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, April 25, 2021

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm in the Hall

Priest? *Third* *Sister?*
Nun? *Order?* *Brother?*

Want to know more about service to the Church?
Do you have questions about Vocations?
Wondering if you're being called?

Join Father Philip and Heron Kuhn in the Social Hall

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

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.

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

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: *2nd Tuesday of the month*

After the Knights of Columbus Meeting

Time: 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Contact: 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

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

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 or 934-1010 - call or text

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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<u>Tuesday, April 20</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Wednesday, April 21</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
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<u>Friday, April 23</u>	6:00 am - 8:30 am Saturday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Saturday, April 24</u>	4:00 pm Sunday Vigil Mass
<u>Sunday, April 25</u>	7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am, 5:00 pm Mass

MARY'S CLOSET

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

- wipes
- diapers sizes 3, 5 and 6
- NEW clothes for girls sizes 9 months, 18 months, 24 months/2T
- NEW clothes for boys sizes 18 months and 24 months/2T
- baby socks
- a new high chair
- 1 new stroller, foldable, with the basket underneath
- 1 lightweight summer stroller



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP



Deadline May 8th

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



YOUTH NIGHT - TONIGHT!

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

Join us to Pray to End Abortion
Saturday, May 1st at 10:30 a.m.
NOTE: NEW STARTING TIME
across from
the West End Women's Center
5915 Tyrone Rd, Reno, NV

Note: the guidelines will be followed for social distancing and wearing facial masks when the rosary is prayed.

Directions: From Business US 395, turn East on Neil Rd, turn right at Meadow Wood Lane, then turn right onto Tyrone Rd.

WALK TO MARY



Saturday, May 1

On Saturday May 1st there will be a pilgrimage walk from St. Albert the Great Catholic Church to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. This is the first Saturday in May. What a beautiful way to honor our loving Mother. For the past several years, there has been a pilgrimage walk to the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help in Champion Wisconsin, near Green Bay, on the first Saturday of May. This Shrine is the location of the only Church approved Marian Apparition in the United States. For more information about the apparition and the Shrine, go to championshrine.org For more information on the Walk to Mary in Wisconsin go to walktomary.com

MASS READINGS

For the Week of April 18

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a; John 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; John 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12; 1 John 3:1-2/John 10:11-18



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.

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PROJECT RACHEL

A Post-Abortion Healing Ministry

project rachel

Peace starts here

April is in the Easter Season. We pray for all women who have acted against their values and been pressured 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 Easter Love and Hope, which is always offered by God and is so desperately needed by those who suffer the pain of Post-Abortion Syndrome. 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



"Peace be with you." If you think you may have a vocation to follow the Risen Lord as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact Father Philip George at (775) 358-5977.

"Si cumplimos sus mandamientos estaremos seguros de conocerle" Jesús desea ser conocido a través de la vocación a la cual te invita. ¿Tú quieres obedecer a ese llamado como sacerdote o consagrado/a? 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 Misqueuz

Please pray for their safe return . . .

MASS TIMES WHEN TRAVELING

Visit www.masstimes.org
for church locations and worship times
anywhere in the world

