

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH SPARKS, NV



## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

"Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord."  
- Mt 21:9

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass #2001-1008-1070 CCD

## *Holy Week, Easter, Divine Mercy Schedule*

**Holy Monday** - Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm

**Holy Tuesday** - Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm

**Miércoles Santo** - Vía Crucis Estaciones 7:00 pm

**Holy Thursday** - Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 pm

**24 hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

8:00 am Holy Thursday - 8:00 am Good Friday

**Good Friday** - Passion of our Lord at 3:00 pm

**Easter Vigil** - Saturday at 7:30 pm

**Easter Sunday** - April 9th

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

**Divine Mercy**

**Divine Mercy Novena**

begins Friday, April 7th at 2:30 pm  
and continues daily at 3:00 pm through  
Saturday, April 15th

**Divine Mercy Sunday** - April 16th - 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am & 5:00 pm Mass

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 2, 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 APRIL 2****Saturday, April 1****9:00 am** Giancarlo Rubio Happy Birthday**4:00 pm** + Ida Martini & Ernest Solis**Sunday, April 2****7:30 am** + Living & Deceased Members of the Idiart & Aledo Families**9:30 am** Audelio Hernandez Happy Birthday**11:30 am** + Mayra Alexander-Guerrero**2:00 pm** + Ramon and Pedro Caldera, & Elena Galaviz**5:00 pm** Parishioners & Benefactors by our Pastor**Monday, April 3****9:00 am** Vivian Jauregui Happy Birthday**4:00 pm** + Patricia Anne Raspe**Tuesday, April 4****9:00 am** Sylvia & Miguel Jauregui Happy Birthday**4:00 pm** + Justin Lopez & Giovanni Oliva**Wednesday, April 5****9:00 am** + Peggy Martin**4:00 pm** + Cleo Hudson**Thursday, April 6****9:00 am** + Jose Dominguez**4:00 pm** + Cleo Hudson & the Living & Deceased Members of the Baca Martine Families**Friday, April 7****9:00 am** + Living & Deceased Members of the Burch, Esposito, & Holland Families**4:00 pm** + Jami Davis**Saturday, April 8****9:00 am** Fatima Meleane Aonga Happy Birthday**4:00 pm** For the Healing of Esteban & Perla Cabrera


GIVE  
WHAT  
THE  
MASTER  
ASKS

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE****Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

What's your car? Let's say it's a fancy silver Toyota. Now imagine you're having lunch in a restaurant and suddenly see two men outside attempting to steal it. You run outside and confront them. They respond, "The master has need of it." How do you respond? Would you just let them take it, and leave you without a car? I don't think I would.

Yet that is precisely what the owners of the colt on Palm Sunday do. Stunningly, and perhaps a little comically, Jesus instructs two of his disciples to commandeer a colt for him to ride. And when they hear the disciples say, "The master has need of it," they let them take it. Of course, Jesus knew they'd let it go. He gave them the grace to let go of what is rightfully theirs. The result? That colt became perhaps the most famous and important animal ever. The beast plays a role in the redemption of the world.

As Holy Week begins, Jesus perhaps will send people to you to ask for something valuable to you. Perhaps it's your car. More likely it's something like your attention, time, or energy. It's natural to resist at first. We've got things to do, after all. But if the interruption is from Jesus himself, listen to that voice which calmly says, "The master has need of it." And simply let it go. You'll be amazed what the master will do with it.

— Father John Muir ©LPI

**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.



## 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




## 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)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u><b>Monday, April 3</b></u>	<b>6:00 am - 10:00 pm</b> Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament <b>9:00 am &amp; 4:00 pm</b> Mass <b>7:00 pm</b> Stations of the Cross
<u><b>Tuesday, April 4</b></u>	<b>6:00 am - 10:00 pm</b> Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament <b>9:00 am &amp; 4:00 pm</b> Mass <b>7:00 pm</b> Stations of the Cross
<u><b>Wednesday, April 5</b></u>	<b>6:00 am - 10:00 pm</b> Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament <b>9:00 am &amp; 4:00 pm</b> Mass <b>7:00 pm</b> Stations of the Cross
<u><b>Thursday, April 6</b></u>	<b>8:00 am - 8:00 am Friday</b> Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament <b>7:00 pm</b> Mass of the Lord's Supper
<u><b>Friday, April 7</b></u>	<b>3:00 pm</b> Passion of our Lord
<u><b>Saturday, April 8</b></u>	<b>7:30 pm</b> Easter Vigil Mass
<u><b>Sunday, April 9</b></u> 	<b>7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 am,</b> <b>5:00 pm</b> Mass <b>2:00 pm</b> 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

**April 3, 2023 at 5:30 pm (Spanish)**

**April 12, 2023 at 5:30 pm**

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

As a Catholic, I am very grateful for the wonderful expression of the Mass. When united in this liturgical experience, we are not only present to the reality of the bread and wine becoming the real presence of Jesus, but are also connected spiritually to the institution of the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper and to the future heavenly banquet at the end of time. During the Eucharistic Prayer, this is a time to be truly as mindful as we can to what is happening in our midst. Our effort to completely surrender ourselves to the moment is a true act of stewardship.

When we hear the Gospel reading of the passion and death of Jesus at Mass, we are also being called to give of ourselves completely to the moment and to be truly caught up in the story. We should strive to be there at the events of over two thousand years ago, but also to what the reality of those events mean for us today. To do this effectively, we need to spend more time reflecting on the dynamics of the events of Jesus' passion. Hopefully, our Lent has been fruitful and we have spent time with devotions like the Stations of the Cross. Maybe we have taken time to read Scripture slowly and deliberately, taking time to let each aspect sink into our mind and spirit. If Lent has been instead a time of too much business and not much prayer and reflection, the good news is that it is never too late.

During this Holy Week, take some time to enter into the story of the Passion. Good stewardship calls us to not only give of that which can be seen, but also that which cannot be seen. Surrender your mind, body, and spirit to Jesus. He carries his cross before you and beckons you to follow him. Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS LPI

## 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!

## WALK TO MARY



**Saturday, May 6, 2023**

Mass will be at 10:00 am at St Thomas Aquinas Cathedral followed by walking 4.6mile(2mi available) of the Truckee river, returning to the Cathedral. There is no fee and no need to sign up. For

more information about the apparition and the Shrine, go to [walktomary.com](http://walktomary.com) For questions, please contact Ginger Peacock at [livefatima@protonmail.com](mailto:livefatima@protonmail.com) or call 916-591-1015



## MASS READINGS

For the Week of April 2

**Monday:** Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11

**Tuesday:** Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33, 36-38

**Wednesday:** Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25

**Thursday:** Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26/  
John 13:1-15

**Friday:** Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9/  
John 18:1-19:42

**Saturday:** Easter Vigil: Genesis 22:1-18/Exodus 14:15-15:1/  
Isaiah 54:5-14/Isaiah 55:1-11/Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28;  
Romans 6:3-11

**Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9



## 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 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

Project Rachel is a post-abortion healing ministry, a nonjudgmental 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



"Truly, this was the Son of God!" Are you being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister? If you think this may be so, contact Father Philip George at (775) 358-5977.

"¡Verdaderamente, este era el Hijo de Dios!" ¿Se siente llamado a proclamar a Jesús como un sacerdote, diácono, hermano, religioso o hermana? 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, Denis Teran  
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.

