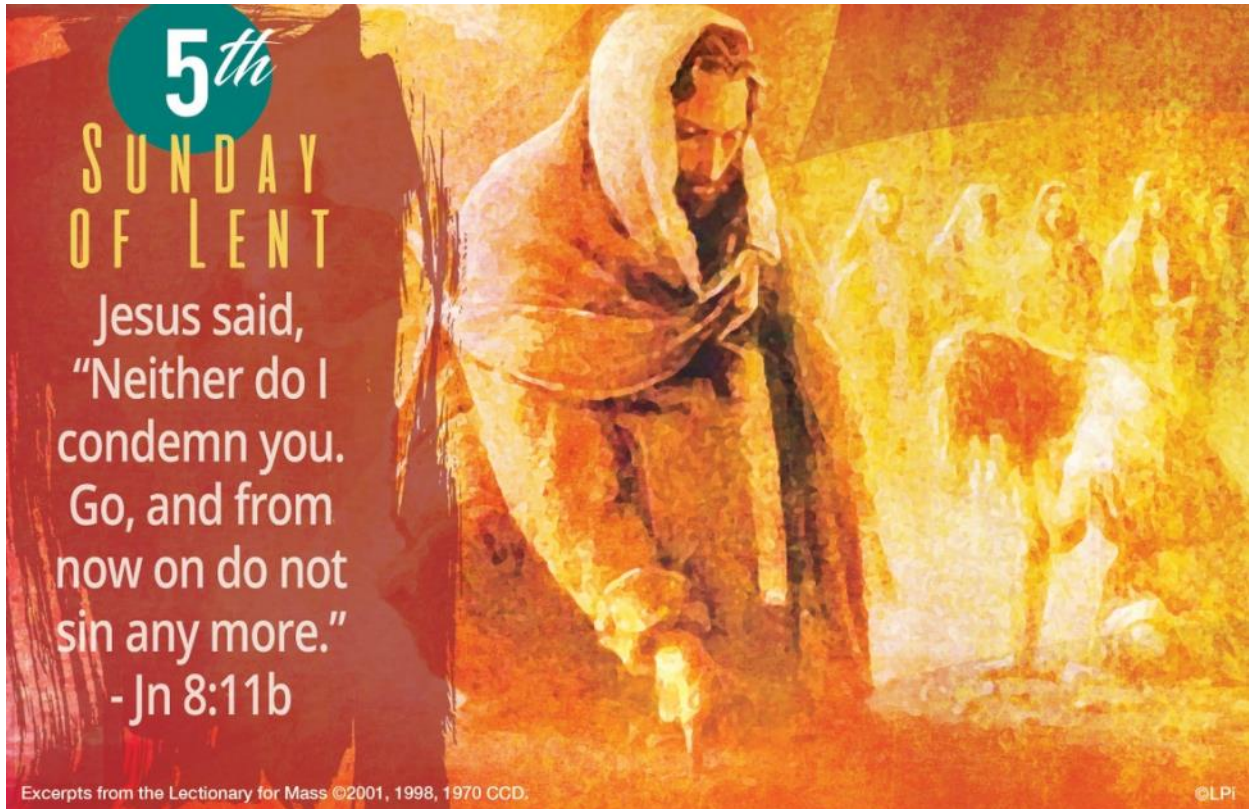


IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH SPARKS, NV



5th
**SUNDAY
OF LENT**

Jesus said,
"Neither do I
condemn you.
Go, and from
now on do not
sin any more."
- Jn 8:11b

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LG
Ladies Guild

Easter Boutique

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

SATURDAY, APRIL 9: 10AM - 5PM
SUNDAY, APRIL 10: 7AM - 7PM
SUNDAY ONLY: JOE'S FAMOUS SPAGHETTI & MIMOSAS

COME EARLY FOR THE BEST SELECTION!

Easter Baskets

Spring/Easter Decor & Gifts
Baked Goodies & Treats
Quilter Creations
Cake Contest
Dinner Basket Raffle

2900 NORTH MCCARRAN BLVD SPARKS, NV 89431

Lenten Schedule

Soup & Salad
Friday, April 8 at 6:00 pm

Stations of the Cross
Friday, April 8 at 7:00 pm
Monday, April 11 at 7:00 pm
Tuesday, April 12 at 6:00 pm

Vía Crucis Estaciones
Miércoles, 7:00 pm
Abril 6, 13

Parish Reconciliation Service
Tuesday, April 12, 7:00 pm

Palm Sunday, April 10
Vigil Mass, Saturday, April 9, 4:00 pm
April 10, Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

** Please note the date change for the Reconciliation Service*

April 3, 2022



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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: 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 3**Saturday, April 2**

9:00 am + John Strickland

4:00 pm + Kurt Dembrowitz

Sunday, April 3

7:30 am + August Marlia

9:30 am + Eric Zeitvogel

11:30 am + Living & Deceased Members of the Muniosguren & Churruca Families

2:00 pm + Por las Almas de los Ante Posados de la Familia Garcia Diaz

5:00 pm Vivian Jauregui Happy Birthday

Monday, April 4

9:00 am Sylvia Jauregui & Frank Chacon Happy Birthday

4:00 pm + Justin Lopez & Giovanni Oliva

Tuesday, April 5

9:00 am + Living & Deceased Members of the Kenneth Robbins Family

4:00 pm + Jose Dominguez

Wednesday, April 6

9:00 am Miguel Salazar Happy Birthday

4:00 pm + Pedro Jovani Cervantes Galvan

Thursday, April 7

9:00 am Holy Souls of Purgatory

4:00 pm + Living & Deceased Members of the Abraham-Andres Medina Family

Friday, April 8

9:00 am Special Intentions for Margo Davis

4:00 pm + Amelia Esperante

Saturday, April 9

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

4:00 pm + Rachel Teboe

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE****5th Sunday of Lent**

We love to make examples out of those who have erred and done wrong. Publicly punishing others serves as a means of demonstrating the consequences for what is deemed inappropriate or wrongful behavior. While this may appear an effective way of achieving conformity to established rules, it runs the real risk of distorting motivation. Obviously, we want people to do what is right and pursue healthy, virtuous behaviors and ideals. But is fear of punishment ever the best motivation for avoiding one action in favor of another?

Doing something out of fear is never healthy. Focusing exclusively on our behavior and what others expect or think, leads to living life with a self-focused superficiality. We become more concerned about protecting ourselves from something negative and unpleasant, than investing ourselves in the freedom, wonder and awe of being human! We can still find our way to the unacceptable or inappropriate behavior as long as we do not get caught! Being a whole, focused, and God-centered human being requires more. It demands an investment of the heart. Virtuous, moral, and mature lifestyles reflective of the Gospel necessitate love.

When we experience and recognize love, God's unconditional love, in the depth of our soul, we fall in love with what we have found. We then find ourselves leaving destructive and sinful actions behind in search of something more holy, dignified, true, integral, and loving. This is really "mercy realized." God's tremendous, loving, eternal forgiveness and willingness to bring us back to something more real and tender is transformational. The respect for myself that I receive from God is so life changing that it causes me to run quickly away from anything sinful and self-destructive to things that are whole and holy.

There are many people who want nothing more than to judge or criticize us. What would actually stoning the woman caught in adultery really accomplish? Nothing more than the inflation of the already self-righteous egos of a few men who think they have power. They have no power because they are sinners too, just like everyone else. What all of us have is the humble ability to express sorrow for pursuing destructive thoughts and actions and receive the power of God's mercy. Then, Jesus' request to "go and sin no more" will be one we proudly heed and follow.

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CHRISM MASS**Thursday, April 7, 2022 at 5:30 pm****St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church**

Please join Bishop Daniel H. Mueggenborg as he blesses and consecrates the Holy Oils used for Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders, and Anointing of the Sick during the upcoming year. After they are blessed, the oils are distributed and used at all the churches and hospitals in the diocese. The priests of the diocese participate by renewing the promises they made on their ordination day. It is their vocation to serve the people of God faithfully, to be men of prayer, and to be faithful to their bishop. It is a powerful moment in the priests' lives, and the lay faithful are called to renew their commitment and pray for their priests.

Please join us via Livestream at
bit.ly/ChrimMassReno2022

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

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.

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



BAPTISM CLASS

The **next Baptism Class** for parents of infants will be Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the hall.

Clases para Bautizo (Español) :

La clase será el Miercoles, 4 de Mayo, 2022 a las 6:00 pm en la sala.



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

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 4</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Tuesday, April 5</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Wednesday, April 6</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross Spanish
<u>Thursday, April 7</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Friday, April 8</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>Saturday, April 9</u>	4:00 pm Sunday Vigil Mass
<u>Sunday, April 10</u>	7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 am, 5:00 pm Mass 2:00 pm Spanish Mass

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Make a Way

What’s your comfort zone: emotionally, professionally, personally? We all have one. But did you realize that you can have one spiritually? Think about what you like and what you don’t particularly enjoy when it comes to church, prayer, and liturgy. We all have “those songs” we crinkle our noses at, either because they’re too modern or too old-fashioned. We all have “those people” in our parish whose ideas we aren’t so sure about, whether that’s because they’re trying to change too much or because they seem always to be looking toward the past. Also, when was the last time you sat on the OTHER side of the church during Mass?

As much as we may not want to admit it, even (and especially) as people of God, we get deeply attached to our own personal comfort zones — and we tend to view those outside with distrust.

But what if God had a comfort zone? What if He viewed us, in our sin and our misery, as too “far away” from Himself to reach? Thankfully, our God is a God who “opens a way in the sea and a path in the mighty waters.” Our God is a God who does “something new.”

The call to stewardship demands that we look outside of ourselves. Our thoughts, our opinions, our preferences — these things are not important to the steward. Even if there is a vast, dry desert of discord, or a seemingly endless wasteland of opposing views between us and our neighbor, God challenges us to “make a way” out of our comfort zone, that together we may announce His praise.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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**EASTER BAKE SALE & CAKE CONTEST
CALLING ALL PARISH BAKERS!**

As we look forward to Spring and Easter, we are preparing for the Ladies Guild Bake Sale. We welcome all baked good donations for the sale, especially pies, cupcakes and homemade cookies of all kinds. Easter themed goodies; Where are my Fudge making ladies? Gluten Free & Sugar free items are also in high demand!

Additionally, we will have the second annual ICC Cake Contest. To enter your cake in the contest, it will need to be brought to the church anytime April 9th or **no later than 12 noon on April 10th.**

The cakes will be judged after the 11:30am Mass. The contest cakes will be sold as part of the bake sale as well. Please price your cake, add your name and contact information as well.

Prior to it being picked up by the purchaser, it will be judged. There will be 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and honorable mention. A trophy, and recognition in the bulletin for all winners!

Winners to be announced in the bulletin, trophies will be available for pick up at the parish office.

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!

COMMUNAL WEDDING

SAVE THE DATE!

August 13, 2022 at 11:00 am

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 3

Monday: Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; John 8:12-20

Tuesday: Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30

Wednesday: Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92; John 8:31-42

Thursday: Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59

Friday: Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42

Saturday: Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56

Sunday: Luke 19:28-40; Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14-23:56



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

VOCATIONS



“Christ Jesus has made me His own.” Are you called to belong to Christ alone as a priest, deacon or through the consecrated life? Contact Father Philip George at (775) 358-5977.

“Cristo Jesús me ha hecho suyo.” ¿Estás llamado a pertenecer solo a Cristo como sacerdote, diácono o por la vida consagrada? Para mas informacion, llamar al Padre Philip George 775-358-5977.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



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

YOUTH NIGHT TONIGHT



Sunday, April 3

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.

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

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 Pinar, 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

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
for church locations and worship times
anywhere in the world.

