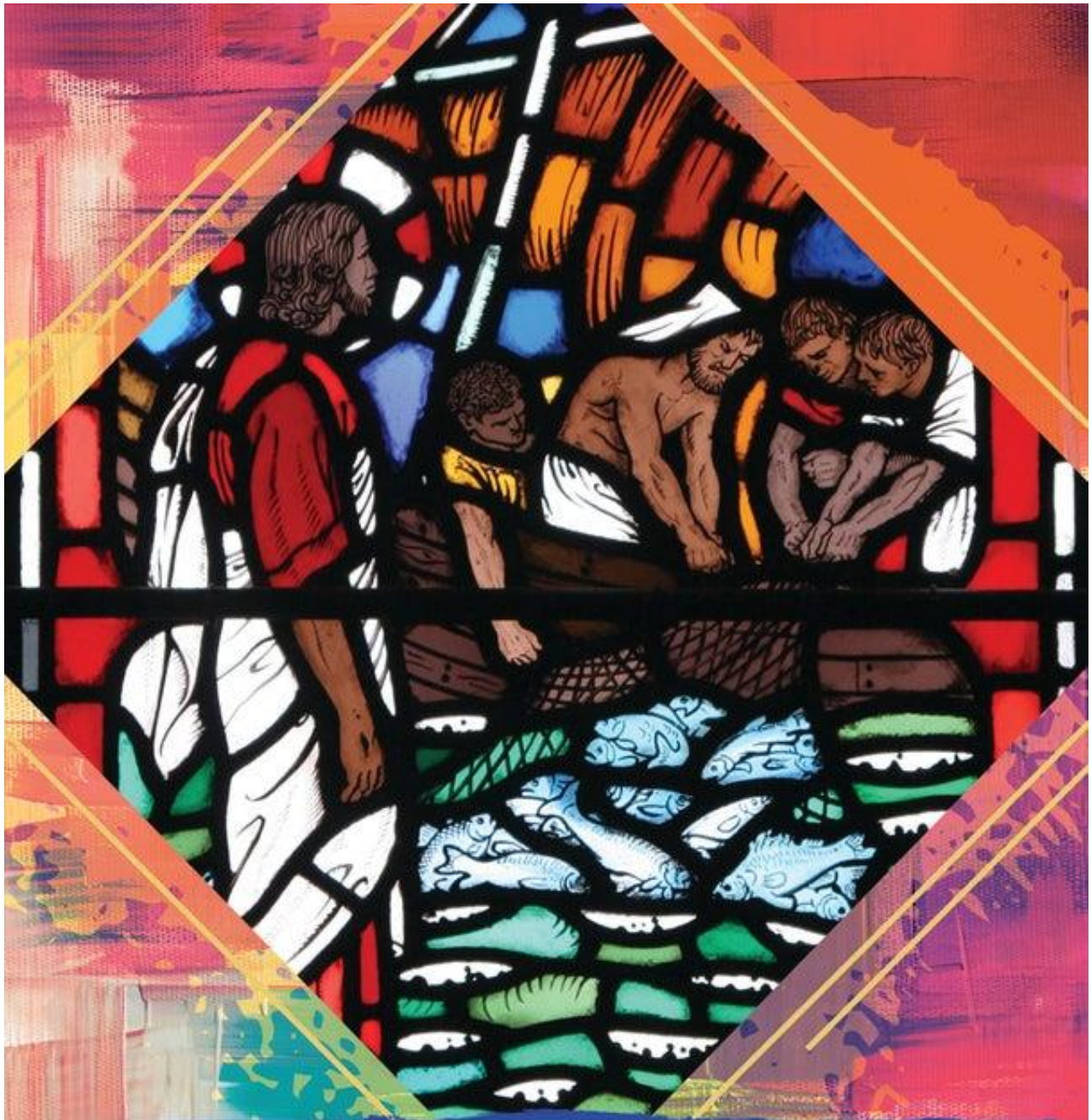


# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH SPARKS, NV



## 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. - Jn 21:12

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**May 1, 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 MAY 1****Saturday, April 30**

9:00 am + Ernest Solis

4:00 pm + Lupe Caudell

**Sunday, May 1**

7:30 am + Kevin Zeitvogel &amp; Sharon Todd

9:30 am Maria Garcia & Jennifer Garcia  
Happy Birthday11:30 am + Living & Deceased Members of the  
Muniosguren & Churruca Families2:00 pm Alejandro y Sagrario Orejel  
Feliz Anniversario 25

5:00 pm Noe Rodriguez Happy Birthday

**Monday, May 2**

9:00 am For the Healing of Ken McNeal

4:00 pm Holy Souls of Purgatory &  
MaryCruz Gomez Happy Birthday**Tuesday, May 3**9:00 am Maria Garcia & Jennifer Garcia  
Happy Birthday

4:00 pm Joe &amp; Ken Barrett Happy Anniversary

**Wednesday, May 4**

9:00 am + Efigenia Spacher

4:00 pm + Justin Lopez &amp; Giovanni Oliva

**Thursday, May 5**

9:00 am + Mary Breckenridge

4:00 pm + Victor Balancier

**Friday, May 6**9:00 am + Living & Deceased Members of the  
Idiart & Aledo Families

4:00 pm + Pedro Jovani Cervantes Galvan

**Saturday, May 7**

9:00 am + Elsie Martini

4:00 pm Hugh & Edna Redmond  
25th Wedding Anniversary**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.

**3rd Sunday of Easter**

Could it be that God's image has become so soiled and distorted that it is hard for us to see it? Our self-serving agendas have done a great job twisting God's image into what profits us. We want our agenda to be God's agenda and use prayer as the convincing leverage we need.

Worse still, our success and egocentric agenda often erases God's image completely, replacing it with our own. St. Oscar Romero instructs us that the Son of Man "dies on the cross to cleanse God's image, which is soiled in today's humanity, a humanity so enslaved, so selfish, so sinful." Striving to preserve control of our destinies at all costs, we fail to see the risen suffering servant, the Christ, standing right beside us.

Jesus, who suffered and died on a cross and was raised from the dead, corrects our soiled image of God. He shows us God as God is, not who we want to make God to be. God is the God of the poor, the weak, and the marginalized. He is the God who tenderly caresses us when we are suffering and hurting, assuring us that all will be safe and well. He is the God of equity, peace, justice, and compassion who wants happiness for each of His children, desiring their wellbeing and success. God goes where men and women are afraid to go, sitting with the lost, the broken, and the sorrowing. St. Oscar Romero challenges us to illuminate with "Christ's light ... even the most hideous caverns of the human person: torture, jail, plunder, want, chronic illness. The oppressed must be saved." The resurrection calls us to be God's microphone, a messenger, and a prophet (St. Oscar Romero). Using eyes that see beyond the limited constructs and desires of our world, we can see the true and real Jesus standing before us, calling us to transformation and change. Asking us more than once, "do you love me?" We are beckoned to give an answer. Answering in the affirmative, it is now our task to feed the sheep and the lambs who belong to God. In short, equipped with the power of the resurrection and a corrected image of God our task is to make things better, brighter, holier, more life-giving, and just for all of God's children. Considering our choices, our interactions, our philosophies, and aspirations, how can we do this?

## 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 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.



## USHER INFORMATION

**Attention all USHERS and those who have been thinking that being an Usher would be a great way to learn and to serve the Church**

There is a meeting of all current Ushers on **Saturday morning, May 21, 2022, from 9-12 in the Hall** for the first annual training session for ushers. Also invited are men and women who have served in the past as Ushers here or at other parishes, those men and women who are interested in becoming an integral part of the Liturgical team as an Usher and who meet all the following requirements. This is an outstanding way for our newly confirmed brothers and sisters in Christ, who joined the Church this past Easter Vigil, to serve His Church here at Immaculate Conception.

### Usher requirements at Immaculate Conception

Minimum age is 18 y/o or **14 y/o** with parental permission  
Must be a Confirmed Catholic **or** currently enrolled in our CCD program

Individual or family must be registered with the Parish  
Willing to commit to the necessary training and attendance requirements of the Usher Ministry for one year  
Completed Volunteer application submitted to the Parish (may be done at the 5/21 training)

Over the next couple of months, the Usher Ministry will provide training to all ushers in a wide array of areas, all dealing with becoming well-prepared in helping those at Mass. In addition to the liturgical knowledge needed, skills necessary to respond to health and safety concerns in the Sanctuary will be shared. Learning lifelong skills such as First Aid/CPR/AED and fire safety will be offered along with other enduring skills. Parents of CCD students are invited to attend all training sessions if they wish. Current ushers can contact Dalene Melzer for more information.

*So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all, but especially to those who belong to the family of the faith.*  
*Galatians 6:10*

## 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](mailto:lvatikani@hotmail.com)

**Youth Group** [youthgroup@icsparks.org](mailto: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](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!
- ◇ For more info or to register and receive your books, contact Theresa Currivan, Director - [rcia@icsparks.org](mailto:rcia@icsparks.org)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Monday, May 2</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Tuesday, May 3</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Wednesday, May 4</u> 	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass 6:00 pm Baptism Class (Hall)
<u>Thursday, May 5</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Friday, May 6</u>	6:00 am - 8:30 am Saturday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Saturday, May 7</u>	4:00 pm Sunday Vigil Mass
<u>Sunday, May 8</u>	7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 am, 5:00 pm Mass 2:00 pm Spanish Mass



**Respect Life Rosary**

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2022  
AT 10:30 A.M.  
ACROSS FROM THE WEST END  
WOMEN'S CENTER  
5915 TYRONE RD, RENO, NV

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 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](http://championshrine.org) For questions, please contact Ginger Peacock at [livefatima@protonmail.com](mailto:livefatima@protonmail.com) or Greg Partam at [gregpartam@gmail.com](mailto:gregpartam@gmail.com)

DONATIONS FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES

The Ladies Guild will be collecting specific donations each month for Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada.

**April: Shampoo & Conditioner (Trial Size)**

Please bring your donations to the Parish Office. Thank you for your support!

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Wednesday, May 25th at 6:15 pm



What does an altar server do?

- ◆ Assist the priest and deacon at Mass
- ◆ Prepares the altar
- ◆ Light candles
- ◆ Handles the special items used during Mass

Why be an altar server?

- ◆ Make a difference in an important ministry
- ◆ Become a leader in our parish
- ◆ Learn more about Mass and it will mean more to you
- ◆ It can lead to a deeper relationship with God

Questions? Call Gloria Salcido at 775-240-1997

MARY'S CLOSET

Thank you for your ongoing support of Mary's Closet!

Currently we are in need of the following items:

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



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 May 1

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

**Tuesday:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14

**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 13:14, 43-52; Revelation 7:9, 14b-17/  
John 10:27-30



## YOUTH NIGHT TONIGHT



**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.**

## ALTAR SERVER APPRECIATION DINNER

**Sunday, May 22nd at 3:30 pm in the Hall**

All Current Altar servers and their families are invited to the appreciation dinner. Please RSVP, with the number in your party, by May 8th to Gloria Salcido at 775-240-1997

### 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

Peace starts here

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



"Feed My lambs, tend My sheep." 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.

"Apacienta mis corderos, cuida mis ovejas." Si cree que puede tener una vocación para seguir al Señor Resucitado como sacerdote, diácono o en la vida consagrada, 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, 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, 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, Caruso Family, Dennis Thompson, Gloria Lorelli, George Kuz, Richard Mann, Arturo & David Orozco, Florence Marchand, Jodi Blambury, Heriberto Morfin Rodriguez, Raefaela Rivera, Angela Rivera, Jennifer Lema, Jinny Young, Christine M  
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.

