

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH SPARKS, NV



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“There is a baptism with which I must be baptized,
and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!”

- Lk 12:50

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August 14 , 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 Lucio Zuñiga
Deacon	Ron Klonicke
Pastoral Associate	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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Fr. Philip George	Leo Carew
Fran Harris	Tom Ball
Cintia Teglia	Melissa Flores
Theresa Currivan	Joseph Allen
Clay Vatikani	Malou Alano

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Fr. Philip George	Judy Jennings
William Sousa	Lois Crook
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.

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 Quinceañeras

Para los arreglos, por favor llame 358-5977

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR OUR YOUTH AUGUST - MAY

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 AUGUST 14

Saturday, August 13

9:00 am Special Intentions for Zulyana Covarrubias

4:00 pm + Steve Harmon

Sunday, August 14

7:30 am + Efigenia Spacher

9:30 am + Pius Schmalz

11:30 am End of Abortion and
Special Intentions for cousins in Ukraine

2:00 pm + Saul & Janeth

5:00 pm Parishioners and Benefactors by our Pastor and
For the Healing of Dennis Thompson

Monday, August 15

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

4:00 pm + Jorge Garcia

Tuesday, August 16

9:00 am Special Intentions for Luis Medina & Family

4:00 pm + Living & Deceased Members of the
S. Donati Family

Wednesday, August 17

9:00 am + Larry Stegmiller

4:00 pm + Gene St. Mary

Thursday, August 18

9:00 am + Margaret Currivan

4:00 pm + Erik Garcia Holstone

Friday, August 19

9:00 am + Lillian Woods

4:00 pm + Peggy Martin

Saturday, August 20

9:00 am + Leo Militant

4:00 pm + Omar Carranza

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



An inward transformation occurs in a person who decides to follow Jesus Christ. Things change. They see the world differently, understand their journey more deeply and profoundly, have their sights fixed on eternity and union with God and hold themselves to higher standards and virtues. It requires a conscious choice to be a Christian, and this choice must be renewed at least daily. While the basic premise of Jesus' message may appear heartwarming and straightforward: love of God, neighbor, and self, the implications of doing so are challenging. The true disciple is called to live radically, and often finds themselves at odds with the world or even with those in their own homes.

Holding ourselves to higher standards comes with a price. We have to leave other things behind. It is difficult to be people of faith, hope, and love in a world often fixated with its own fulfillment and self-absorption. Justice, temperance, prudence, and fortitude require sacrifice if they are to be lived with integrity. God's ways are not ours. This becomes crystal clear to those who have enough courage to stand against the tide. Putting love into action requires that we challenge accepted modes of doing business and fight complacency. This is what makes the saints stand out as witnesses. They are simply sinners, just like us, who persevere.

People do not want to be told that they're sailing their ships in the wrong direction. Clinging to their insistence and need to be correct, they can become defensive when challenged. This can happen even with those closest to us. As much as the Gospel calls us to unity, it also can easily create division. When we love seriously, we encounter more than feelings of warmth and acceptance. "What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like (St. Augustine)." Love also has the courage and honesty to tell people what they may not want to hear but need to, and model, without wavering, a life of humble, loving, and faithful service. Don't lose heart! There are many examples of faith before us and around us. If Jesus endured the voices of opposition, so too can we. There is no need to apologize for speaking the truth. ©LPi

SECOND COLLECTION FOR PROFESSIONAL SECURITY SERVICES

AUGUST 21, 2022

You may have noticed the security officer at the front of the church and around the parking lot recently. The service was obtained to address concerns by parishioners and parish leadership regarding the media announcements of potential protesting and other threats to Catholic churches in the United States. Besides providing security services during the weekend Masses, Tuebor Security Network is also covering Friday night Adoration from 7 PM Friday to 7 AM Saturday. The security presence has been very well received by parishioners, employees, and volunteers. To help offset the cost we will be holding a second collection on Sunday August 21, 2022. Your support for this service will be greatly appreciated.

INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL DONATIONS NEEDED



With the International Food Festival coming up on August 28th, we are in need of paper products (medium sized plates, bowls, cups, napkins), and plastic cutlery. If you are able to help, please drop your donations at the parish office. We will also be in need of desserts/baked goods for the festival. We will be accepting the baked good donations starting the day before the festival on August 27th. Thank you for your help!

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, September 7, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the hall.

Clases para Bautizo (Español) :

La clase será el Miercoles, 7 de Septiembre, 2022 a las 6:00 pm en la sala.



CATECHISTS NEEDED

Monday & Thursday evenings



Do you love your faith and enjoy working with children? We need catechists for Mondays - 4:15 pm & 6:15 pm for First Communion and Thursdays - 6:15 pm for Confirmation classes. Must have Protecting God's Children training or be willing to take the seminar and a background check. If you can help, please contact the parish office 358-5977 or office@icsparks.org

ADOPT A SPOT

Any ministry, family, or individual parishioner can pitch in to help keep our parish facility looking beautiful through the Adopt a Spot program here at ICC. You can have a section of our landscape to maintain for a year at a time supported by the Buildings & Grounds and biennial cleanup events. Let's support our Church and Pastor. For more information, please see the Front Office.

VOLUNTEER "HANDYMAN" SERVICES NEEDED



There are small projects around the Parish to repair, replace, and renew. We need your skills, time, and talent. Painting, plumbing, woodworking, electrical, and general repairs, please call the Front Office. Your contribution is needed and appreciated. For questions or more information, please contact William Sousa at williammesousa@icsparks.org

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, August 15</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Tuesday, August 16</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Wednesday, August 17</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Thursday, August 18</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Friday, August 19</u>	6:00 am - 8:30 am Saturday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Saturday, August 20</u>	4:00 pm Sunday Vigil Mass
<u>Sunday, August 21</u>	7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 am, 5:00 pm Mass 2:00 pm Spanish Mass

ST. STEPHEN OF HUNGARY

Feast Day August 16

Born a pagan in the 10th century Saint Stephen was baptized as a boy when his father converted to Christianity. Saint Stephen married Gisela, daughter of Duke Henry II of Bavaria who would become Saint Henry II. He succeeded his father as leader and began to transform the nation into a Christian kingdom.

Pope Sylvester II proclaimed him the first king of Hungary in 1001, sending him a crown and gold processional cross. The crown, made in the Byzantine style, has become a symbol of Hungarian nationhood.

King Stephen's reign was a relatively peaceful and prosperous time. He outlawed paganism, mandated church building, and tithing for support of the parish, and commanded all to marry except clergy and religious. He founded a Benedictine monastery, and Hungary became an important place along the route to the Holy Land for many pilgrims.

Unfortunately, Stephen's son and heir died in a hunting accident, causing much conflict over the succession when the saint died. Eventually the kingdom was won back for Christendom and father and son were canonized in 1083 by Pope St. Gregory VII. Saint Stephen I is now patron saint of Hungary.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

A Steward's Growing Pains

Have you ever written a check or seen the charge on the credit card machine that had far too many zeros on it for your comfort?

The brakes finally give up on the car you were hoping to nurse through the season. The water heater dies on the coldest week of the year. A medical procedure wasn't totally covered by insurance. We've all been here in this place, being asked to part with a not-so-small sum of money for a not-so-fun reason.

It's a little easier to bear when you're forking over dollar signs for a fun vacation or even a worthy cause like your child's education. But when it's something you weren't expecting, something negative, that uneasiness in the pit of your stomach can quickly become despair.

The next time this happens to you, embrace it. Celebrate it. Wrap your arms around it and welcome it as a growing pain.

We are often asked, in life, to give more than we wish. Our loved ones demand greater patience than we think we have. Our prayer life is stalling, and we feel God isn't holding up His end of the communication bargain. The daily grind seems to be grinding us down. We feel that uneasiness in the pit of our stomach, just as we do when we part with money we thought belonged solely to us. That place of uncertainty propels us in life, in stewardship, in relationship. All forward motion comes from that feeling. Put out your hands and let yourself be thrust into the pit — He will stoop to take you out from the mud. Spread your arms on your cross — joy is waiting for you. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL
FINAL MEETING

August 22, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Please have one representative from each food booth attend this meeting.

TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS



Thank you to all of our new and current volunteers! Protecting God's Children is required training for all of our new volunteers. The next training sessions will be:

August 10th at 5:30 pm

August 27th at 12:00 pm

September 7th at 5:30 pm

Please contact the diocese at 775-326-9410 and ask for Elda to schedule your training. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please come to the parish office to give us your information.

MASS READINGS

For the Week of August 14

Monday: Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
1 Corinthians 15:20-27/Luke 1:39-56

Tuesday: Ezekiel 28:1-10; Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ezekiel 34:1-11; Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday: Ezekiel 36:23-28; Matthew 22:1-14

Friday: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday: Ezekiel 43:1-7ab; Matthew 23:1-12

Sunday: Isaiah 66:18-21; Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13/
Luke 13:22-30



YOUTH NIGHT



August 21st

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.

DONATIONS FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES

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

August: Adult Diapers, Wipes, Laundry Detergent

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

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

The month of August we remember the Assumption of Our Lady into heaven. We pray for all women who unexpectedly become pregnant and are advised that abortion is the "logical" choice. May they open their hearts and minds to reach out for help to experience the love, mercy, and compassion of God. 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



"Run the race which lies ahead." Are you called to keep your eyes fixed on Christ and run the race of faith to heaven as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Father Philip George at (775) 358-5977.

"Corre la carrera que tenemos por delante." ¿Estás llamado a mantener los ojos fijos en Cristo y correr la carrera de la fe hacia el cielo como sacerdote, diácono o en la vida consagrada? Para mas informacion, llamar al Padre Phillip Geroqe 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, 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, Mario Mendez, 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, Bernie Cendana, Jean Cracraft, 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, Steven Wagstaff, Carusso Family, Dennis Thompson, Gloria Lorelli, George Kuz, Richard Mann, Arturo & David Orozco, Florence Marchand, Jodi Blambury, Heriberto Morfin Rodriguez, Rafaela Rivera, Angela Rivera, Jinny Young, Christine M, Aimee Schmetzer, Phillip Heath, Pablo Detimofeev, Donna Macabee, Brent Erichsen, Phyllis Erichsen, Yesenia Quinonez, Carla Beier, Jeffrey & Rafael Lemus, Jim & Leota Madding, Roger Pechacek, John Menicucci, Susan Song, Jessica Linde, Michel Linde, Lisa Salcido, Gerardo & Maria Ojeda

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.

