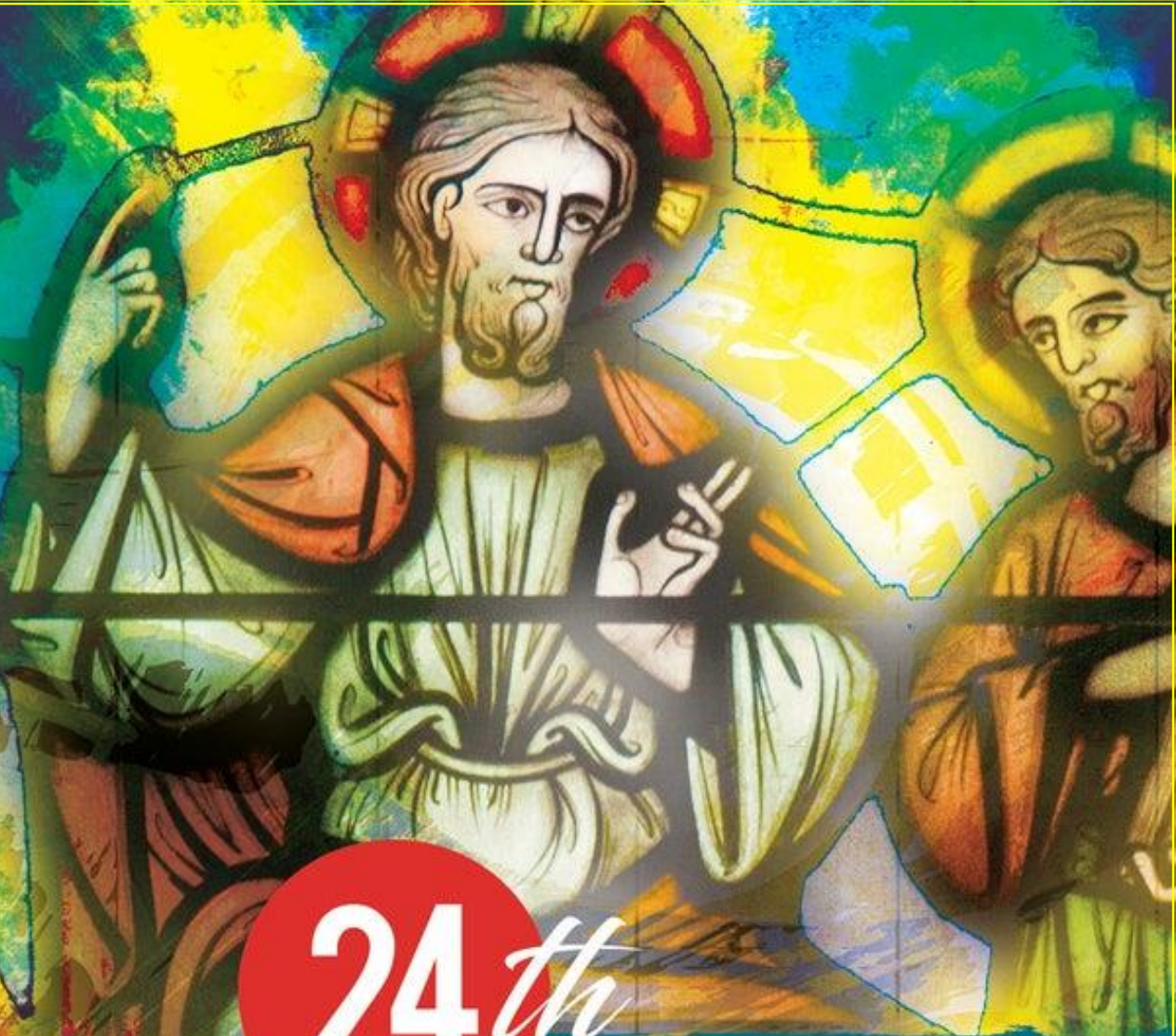


# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH SPARKS, NV



24<sup>th</sup>  
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance.”  
- Lk 15:7b

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September 11, 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	Malou Alano
Fr. Lucio Zuñiga	Fran Harris	Joseph Allen
Tom Ball	Clay Vatikani	Theresa Currivan
Cintia Teglia	Melissa Flores	

### PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Fr. Philip George	Judy Jennings
Fr. Lucio Zuñiga	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.

**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 SEPTEMBER 11**

Saturday, September 10

9:00 am + Armando Martini  
 4:00 pm Special Intentions for Jim & Mary Heffner

Sunday, September 11

7:30 am + Arturo Martinez  
 9:30 am + David Keys and Special Intentions for Jane Keys on their Anniversary  
 11:30 am Special Intentions for Catherine Hernandez & Family  
 2:00 pm Parishioners & Benefactors by our Pastor  
 5:00 pm Ernesto Restelli Happy Birthday

Monday, September 12

9:00 am + John Jr.  
 4:00 pm + Jacinto Valenzo

Tuesday, September 13

9:00 am + Carole Shellin  
 4:00 pm + Cleo Hudson

Wednesday, September 14

9:00 am For the End of Abortion  
 4:00 pm + Anne & Clark Wooldridge

Thursday, September 15

9:00 am Special Intentions for Lori Jones  
 4:00 pm + Leonardo & Lourdes Dulay

Friday, September 16

9:00 am Letisia, Susan, & Aurora Happy Birthday  
 4:00 pm + David Balleweg

Saturday, September 17

9:00 am + Noel Zeiser  
 4:00 pm + Margaret Currivan

**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](mailto:office@icsparks.org)



**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Since God created human beings, we have struggled to keep our focus on God. We wrestle with the question of “who is God” and foolishly believe some of God’s job description can be better completed by us. We wander in different directions, lose our way, think that happiness can be found elsewhere and even construct golden calves to worship. Are we simply too independent or just blatantly stubborn? It’s a good question to ask. Even with all of our silliness and distractions, God compassionately and patiently waits. He lets us assert our wills and knows that perhaps one day we will actually wake up and realize how lost we are.

“Since happiness is nothing other than the enjoyment of the highest good and since the highest good is above, no one can be made happy unless he rises above himself, not by an ascent of the body but of the heart. But we cannot rise above ourselves unless a higher power lifts us up ... Divine aid is available to those who seek it from their hearts, humbly and devoutly; and this means to sigh for it in this valley of tears, through fervent prayer (St. Bonaventure).” One of the biggest human struggles is discerning what, exactly, is the highest good. We are ordered to achieve it but if we pursue it with clouded vision, we will never truly find it.

One of the greatest obstacles to God’s power and love is a stubborn, closed heart of stone. When we are fiercely determined to set our sights elsewhere for happiness or simply ride the popular currents of the day, we will never satisfy the deep ache and longing within. We know that ache well. It is precisely why we scurry all over the place, attempting to find the next best thing to take away its pain. Nothing in the created world ever can or will. We continue our journey. One day, people may wake up and realize that they are grazing in the wrong pasture and putting themselves in harm’s way. When this awakening occurs, it will be a most joyous day as we will see God’s wide-open arms waiting to receive us. “Lead me, Lord, in your path, and I will enter in your truth. Let my heart rejoice that it may fear your name (St. Bonaventure).”

## 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, October 5, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the hall.

**Clases para Bautizo (Español) :**

La clase será el Miercoles, 5 de Octubre, 2022 a las 6:00 pm en la sala.



## 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](mailto:williammesousa@icsparks.org)

## MARY'S CLOSET

Thank you for your ongoing support of Mary's Closet! Pick-up times are Wednesdays, 12 - 4 pm only.

Currently we are in need of the following items:

⇒diaper rash ointment

⇒diapers sizes 4 and 6

⇒wipes

Donations can be brought to the parish office

*Note: We are not accepting any clothing*



## 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

<a href="#"><u>Monday, September 12</u></a>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<a href="#"><u>Tuesday, September 13</u></a>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<a href="#"><u>Wednesday, September 14</u></a>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<a href="#"><u>Thursday, September 15</u></a>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<a href="#"><u>Friday, September 16</u></a>	6:00 am - 8:30 am Saturday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<a href="#"><u>Saturday, September 17</u></a>	4:00 pm Sunday Vigil Mass
<a href="#"><u>Sunday, September 18</u></a>	7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 am, 5:00 pm Mass 2:00 pm Spanish Mass

SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Feast day September 13

Born in Antioch in the 4th century, and raised by his widowed mother, Saint John received a rigorous classical education. He was first called to the ascetic life, even spending time as an anchorite living in a cave near Antioch. However, this life of extreme mortification was hard on his physical body, and he eventually returned to the city to recover.

Saint John was ordained in 298. He spent the next 12 years preaching in the Cathedral of Antioch, and it was most likely during this time that he earned the name Chrysostom which means “golden-mouthed.”

In 397 or 398 he was made archbishop of Constantinople against his will. This post placed Saint John in the midst of imperial politics. But he would not be drawn in. He kept a modest household without extravagance and refused to serve the sumptuous suppers for political supplicants that predecessors in the position had. He preached against corruption and decadence and fought for the reform of clergy even deposing corrupt bishops.

Unfortunately, this high moral stance made enemies of powerful people at court and in the Church. They conspired against him and eventually Saint John was exiled to Armenia. He died in exile in 407. He was made a Father of the Church at the Council of Chalcedon in 451 and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1568.

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The St. John Paul II Foundation and the Diocese of Reno invite all married and engaged couples to the second annual *Together in Holiness marriage conference* on Saturday, September 24, 2022 from 10:15 am – 5:00 pm at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Sparks, NV.

Dynamic Presentations | Mass | Childcare  
Eucharistic Adoration | Reconciliation

Featuring: **Steve and Becky Greene**  
Catholic Speakers, Writers,  
and Co-hosts of “The Catholic Conversation”

Registration: \$64/couple and \$40/individual  
Early Bird discount available through August 15.  
Scholarships available upon request.  
On-site childcare (2-12yrs); pre-registration required.

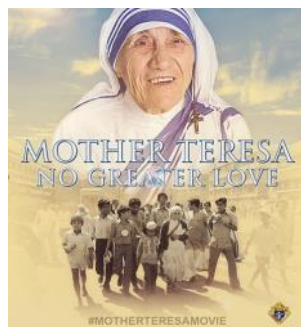
For more information, please visit [togetherinholiness.org](http://togetherinholiness.org) or email [amanda@forlifeandfamily.org](mailto:amanda@forlifeandfamily.org).

SAVE THE DATE! OCTOBER 1, 2022

A Day of Reflection and Dedication: Responding to the Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor

The Life, Peace & Justice Commission of the Diocese of Reno is sponsoring this day, open to all. It will be held at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church from 9:15am – 3:00pm.

MOTHER TERESA: NO GREATER LOVE  
GALAXY THEATER AT LEGENDS  
OCTOBER 3 AT 7:00 PM



Tickets are on sale now for **MOTHER TERESA: NO GREATER LOVE**, a documentary produced by the Knights of Columbus that tells the inspirational story of one of the world’s most revered saints, Mother Teresa of Calcutta. The film will be released in select theaters nationwide Monday, Oct. 3, and Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2022

**MOTHER TERESA: NO GREATER LOVE** reveals not just who Mother Teresa was, but how her singular vision to serve Christ in the poor continues to be realized today through the religious order she founded, the Missionaries of Charity

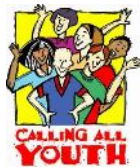
## MASS READINGS

### For the Week of September 11

**Monday:** 1 Corinthians 11:17-26, 33; Luke 7:1-10  
**Tuesday:** 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a; Luke 7:11-17  
**Wednesday:** Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11/  
 John 3:13-17  
**Thursday:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; John 19:25-27  
**Friday:** 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 8:1-3  
**Saturday:** 1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49; Luke 8:4-15  
**Sunday:** Amos 8:4-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-8/Luke 16:1-13



## YOUTH NIGHT TONIGHT



September 11

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.

**September: 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

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



"This brother of yours was dead and has come to life." Do you want to bring others to life in Christ as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother? Contact Father Philip George at (775) 358-5977.

"Este hermano tuyo estaba muerto y ha vuelto a la vida." ¿Quieres dar vida a otros en Cristo como sacerdote, diácono, hermana religiosa o hermano religioso? Para más información, 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, 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, Glen Heywood, Janet Grauvogel

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.