

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH SPARKS, NV



23rd Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:27

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September 4, 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 4

Saturday, September 3

9:00 am + Ramiro Mendoza
 4:00 pm + Charlie Alaimo and
 Special Intentions for Barbara Alaimo

Sunday, September 4

7:30 am Parishioners & Benefactors by our Pastor
 9:30 am + Raoul & Loraine Hernandez
 In Thanksgiving
 11:30 am Special Intentions for
 Yenin Carmen Hernandez
 2:00 pm + Justin Lopez & Giovanni Oliva
 5:00 pm For Thanksgiving and
 Living & Deceased Members of the
 James Wagner Family

Monday, September 5

9:00 am Special Intentions Marian Abdalla
 4:00 pm + Daniel Kraft

Tuesday, September 6

9:00 am + Pedro Jovani Cervantes-Galvan
 4:00 pm + Larry Stegmiller

Wednesday, September 7

9:00 am + Sophia Casa DeLego
 4:00 pm + Gene St. Mary

Thursday, September 8

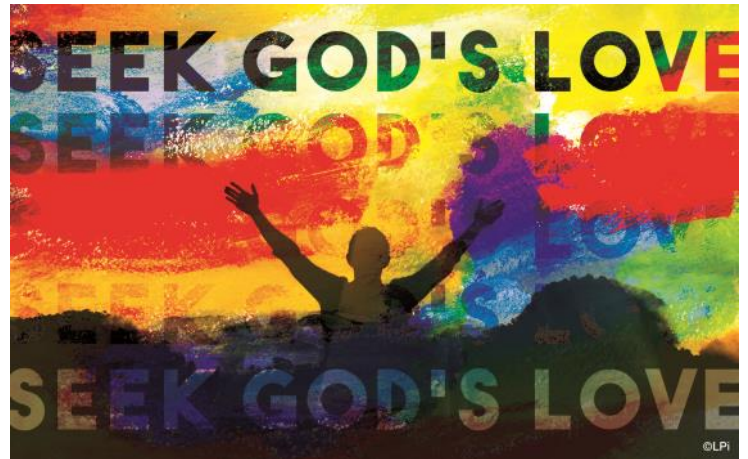
9:00 am + Jacinto Valenzo
 4:00 pm McKayla Salceda Happy 18th Birthday

Friday, September 9

9:00 am + Frank Russo
 4:00 pm + Angel Rojo

Saturday, September 10

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



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

What virtue is the cornerstone of discipleship? Love. Jesus preached about it, lived it, and summarized his greatest commandment featuring it. Love is in our DNA. To follow Jesus, then, is to follow the path of love. While this may appear to be an attractive and easy option, it most assuredly is not. Authentic love always comes with sacrifice. It is the complete giving of oneself to another. The sacrificial character of love always requires that we leave something aside and pursue something else. This is at the heart of self-denial. Love asks us to make choices that are often difficult. There is a reason Jesus asks that the love of God come first. “Charity is the right attitude of mind which prefers nothing to the knowledge of God. If a man possesses any strong attachment to the things of this earth, he cannot possess true charity (St. Maximus the Confessor).” “If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.” A devoted disciple must be single-minded in her quest for God. She cannot allow anyone or anything to have more power over her soul than God. When any earthly attachments become more important than Love, we can get ourselves into trouble.

The Gospel calls us to walk boldly into the darkness, confusion, and emptiness of the world clothed in the mantle of love. We are asked to walk with others on their journey, offering a supportive, healing, challenging, and faithful presence. Ours is not to judge. To walk this sacrificial journey means that I must put myself aside and focus on the needs of others. “A sacrifice to be real must cost, must hurt and must empty ourselves (St. Teresa of Calcutta).” Love helps us walk straight and focus to see things more clearly and help others to do so as well. Many folks struggle to find joy and meaning in life. People may simply need someone with the freedom to sit with them in their pain, so they don’t feel so alone. Through acts of kindness, gestures of acceptance, and words of compassion, burdens can be lightened. Believe in God’s love and seek it above all other things!

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MARY’S CLOSET

Thank you for your ongoing support of Mary's Closet! We’ve moved to the “nursery” on the left as you enter the side doors.

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



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.



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



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: 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.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Monday, September 5</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Tuesday, September 6</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Wednesday, September 7</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, September 8</u>	6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Friday, September 9</u>	6:00 am - 8:30 am Saturday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
<u>Saturday, September 10</u>	4:00 pm Sunday Vigil Mass
<u>Sunday, September 11</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

Where's the Sacrifice?

"It's not that I want you to do it. It's that I want you to want to do it."

If you're married or in a relationship, your partner has probably either said something like this to you or you have said it to them. If one of you hasn't said it, you have probably wanted to, and it's likely that a big argument or two was had where you dance around the sentiment, these exact words flashing in your mind like an old-time movie marquee.

The "it" never really matters much. Taking out the trash, painting the bedroom, traveling to your in-laws' for Christmas — whatever the subject matter of the disagreement is, it's all just so much set dressing. The heart of the matter is the sacrifice and desire. That's what it all hangs on. Am I with a person who will sacrifice for me?

When Paul writes to Philemon that he is sending Onesimus to him, he says exactly this. He tells Philemon that he would prefer to keep Onesimus with him, but that he does not want to deprive Philemon both of Onesimus and the opportunity to make a sacrifice worthy in the sight of the Lord.

The point is not who gets to hang out with Onesimus. The point is, as it says in the Gospel, who is willing to carry his cross? Who is willing to renounce his possessions? Who is willing to do the good deed for the sake of the other?

God doesn't care that much about what we have to offer. He cares much more that we have the strength to offer whatever we have. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



TOGETHER IN HOLINESS™
CONFERENCE SERIES

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
or email 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 9:30am – 3:00pm. Look for the flyer details in your bulletin next week!

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



MASS READINGS

For the Week of September 4

Monday: 1 Corinthians 5:1-8; Luke 6:6-11

Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 6:1-11; Luke 6:12-19

Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Luke 6:20-26

Thursday: Micah 5:1-4a; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23

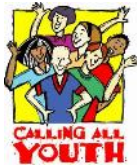
Friday: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27; Luke 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Corinthians 10:14-22; Luke 6:43-49

Sunday: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17/
Luke 15:1-32



YOUTH NIGHT



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

VOCATIONS



"None of you can become My disciple if you do not give up all your possessions." Are you being called to discipleship as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Father Philip George at (775) 358-5977.

"Ninguno de ustedes puede convertirse en Mi discípulo si no renuncia a todas sus posesiones." ¿Está siendo llamado al discipulado 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, 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
 for church locations and worship times
 anywhere in the world.