

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

*Inspired by the Holy Spirit, We Live the Good News of Christ
Through Worship, Community, and Stewardship*

820 18th Ave. Seattle, WA 98122

www.icseattle.org

Parish Family with: St. James Cathedral and Christ Our Hope

November 9, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE:

6:00 PM WEDNESDAYS Rectory Chapel

11:00 AM SUNDAYS (10:30 Holy Rosary)

Also live streamed at

<https://www.facebook.com/ImmaculateConceptionSeattle>

8:00 AM SUNDAYS – Eritrean Community

Pastor – The Very Reverend Gary F. Lazzeroni

Parochial Vicars – Rev. Francis Thumbi &

Rev. Sylvester Chanda

Pastor Emeritus - Very Reverend Michael G. Ryan

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REPORTING ABUSE

Helpline 800-446-7762 helpline@seattlarch.org

protectandheal.seattlarchdiocese.org. Report any suspicion of abuse by any church personnel to the local law enforcement. Call the Helpline if you know of sexual abuse or misconduct by a member of the clergy, an employee, or volunteer of the Archdiocese of Seattle. The Archdiocese of Seattle has a longstanding commitment to transparency, accountability, and assistance to persons sexually abused by clergy or anyone working on behalf of the church. For children's safety and victim assistance see

<https://preventionusccb.org/resources>



Reading 1: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

Responsorial Psalm 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9 (5)

"The waters of the river gladden the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High!"

Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 3: 9c-11, 16-17

Gospel: John 2: 13-22

Pray for our Parishioners

For the eternal repose of the soul of Guy McBride, Herman W. Butler, Herman R. Butler Sr., Magdalena Soria, Amor Soria, Wilfredo Soria, Mary Russel Butler, Jose Soria, Eunice Butler, Greg Butler, Mark Butler, Gertrude Butler, and Lalaine Butlet. **Healing Prayers** for Dolores Sibonga, Leala Holden, Rita Wheeler Barquet,

Please contact the parish office at 206-322-5970 or office@icseattle.org to add a parishioner's name or your family's name to our to our weekly prayer's list.

Upcoming Events:

Nov 22 (Sat), 1PM - 4PM - Parol Making at Jean Moran Hall

Nov 23 (Sun) - St. Vincent de Paul - Food drive and giving tree will be up with gift tags

Nov 27 (Thu) - 9:30AM - Thanksgiving Mass at St. James Cathedral Only.

ICC Rectory Office will Closed on 11/27 & 11/28.

Nov 30 (Sun) - Youth Mass and 1st day of Advent

Deepening Our Faith



**Feast of St. Martin de Porres
November 3, 2025**

St. Martin de Porres was born in Lima, Peru on December 9, 1579. Martin was the “illegitimate” son to a Spanish gentleman and a freed whose origins derive from Panama, Africa, or Indigenous America.

Martin grew to become a Dominican lay brother in 1603 at the age of 24. Ten years later, after he had been presented with the religious habit of a lay brother, Martin was assigned to the infirmary where he would remain in charge until his death. He became known for encompassing the virtues needed to carefully and patiently care for the sick, even in the most difficult situations.

St. Martin de Porres was beatified by Pope Gregory XVI October 29, 1837, and canonized by Pope John XXIII on May 6, 1962. He has become the patron saint of people of mixed race, innkeepers, barbers, public health workers & more.

The Statue of St. Martin de Porres can be found in the middle of the interior front door of Immaculate Conception. The statue was donated to Immaculate Conception church by Archbishop Alex Brunett.

The Life of Our Community

Stewardship: Caring for Our Church and Community

Year-to-Date Collection Stewardship of Treasure Report

As of 10.19.2024 - \$51,636.68

As of 10.19.2025 - \$44,439.29

Blessings and Thank you!



For updates and more info:
<http://www.archseattle.org/partners>

Bulletin Submission:

Please send your request to
bulletin@icseattle.org

Thank You!



2025 Black Catholic Advisory Circle Annual Conference

THE EUCHARIST FOR INCLUSION & HEALING

Join us for a day of reflection, prayer, learning and community as we explore how the Eucharist – the source and summit of our faith – calls us to deeper unity, radical inclusion and profound healing in the Body of Christ.

"For we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one bread."
– 1 Corinthians 10:17

November 15
8am–3:30pm
Mass 4pm

Conference Speakers

Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers (Keynote)
Sr. Genevieve Osayame, EHJ
Mrs. Christina (Mohini) Srinivasan, OP

\$40 by 11/14
\$50 at the door
\$10 students w/ID

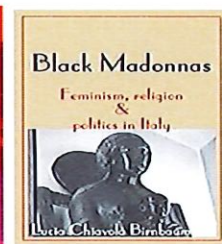
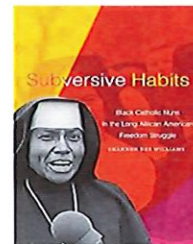
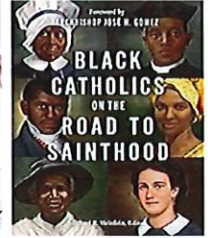
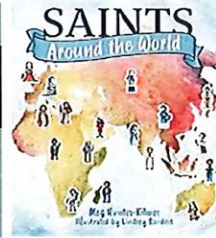
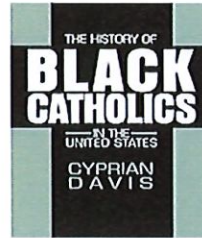
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 Archdiocese
of Seattle

St. Paul Catholic Church
10001 57th Ave. S,
Seattle, WA

National Black Catholic History Month is celebrated every November to honor the contributions of Black Catholics to the Catholic Church and highlighting their rich heritage and history. These books are just a few that feature history and the significance of Black Catholics to the church and community.



For more information: <https://nbccongress.org>

Native American Heritage Month

On August 3, 1990, President of the United States George H. W. Bush declared the month of November as National American Indian Heritage Month, thereafter, commonly referred to as Native American Heritage Month.

I would like to acknowledge that we are on the unceded, traditional land of Coast Salish Peoples, specifically the first people of Seattle, the Duwamish People, original stewards of the land, past and present. We honor with gratitude the land

Two Rivers: A report on Catholic Native American Culture and Ministry

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/Two-Rivers-On-Catholic-Native-American-Culture-and-Diversity.pdf>



ST. VINCENT de PAUL FOOD DRIVE SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 23, 2025



Please help us collect bags of **RICE** and **ELBOW MACARONI** for needy families in our community. Start purchasing now! Bring 6oz, 7oz, or 8oz bags of **rice** and/or 8oz boxes of **elbow macaroni**. These will be delivered to our neighbor Byrd Barr Food Bank.

PLEASE drop off food in the Jean Moran Hall on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2025, **NOT before**.

For Information: contact Toni Hall - tonira@comcast.net.

Feeding the needy is serving Christ", Matt 25: 34-40

Christmas Giving Tree



The Giving Tree is a long standing tradition at Immaculate Conception sponsored by our St. Vincent de Paul conference. Gifts and donations support families in our community, who are struggling, with food and gifts for children. **This year's Giving Tree will be up starting Sunday, November 23.** Tags will be on the tree with gift information, we ask that wrapped gifts, with tag attached, be **returned by Sunday, December 14.**

Our SVDP conference can also accept monetary donations, checks should be made payable to SVDP - ICC Conference.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact: Lori Chisholm-Cook at 206-854-0498 or lori.chisholm@gmail.com.



Sponsor the 3rd Sunday Fellowship

We are looking for **individuals, families, groups of friends, or ministries** to sponsor our **3rd Sunday Fellowship** each month, beginning **November 16**.

This is a beautiful opportunity to build community by offering light hospitality after Mass.

If you're interested or would like more information, please contact the parish office at office@icseattle.org or call **206-322-5970**.

Earth Stewardship and Fellowship Update

Immaculate parishioners are doing their part to be good stewards of our planet. We are almost 100% accurate when sorting Trash into Compost, Clean Recycle, and Garbage at Fellowship after Mass. As we continue to reduce waste, we ask that parishioners do not donate bottles of water or non-compostable dishes and cutlery. Thank you!

Thank you for helping us grow in fellowship and faith!



**A BIG SPOOKY THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO JOINED US FOR OUR
2ND ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT!**

WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT AND HOPE YOU HAD A GREAT TIME.

PHOTOS WILL BE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE.



PAROL MAKING

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM**



Free IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
JEAN MORAN HALL
Parking 820 - 18TH AVE SEATTLE, WA 98122



PAROL-MAKING ACTIVITY - A FILIPINO CHRISTMAS TRADITION

Join Us in Celebrating the Light of Christ!

We invite everyone to take part in our Parol-Making Activity, a joyful Filipino tradition that brings the community together in preparation for Christmas.

What is a Parol?

A parol is a traditional Filipino star-shaped lantern, symbolizing the Star of Bethlehem and the light of Christ that guides us through darkness. It is a beloved symbol of hope, faith, and the spirit of Christmas in Filipino culture.



Materials will be provided, but feel free to bring your own creative touches!

**LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE THIS SEASON—COME MAKE A PAROL WITH US!
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Please contact: Fred Verzosa
fred_verzosa@yahoo.com or 206-953-3954



WHEN A LOVED ONE DIES BY SUICIDE SUPPORT GROUP - For anyone who has experienced suicide loss this new 7-week grief support group will encourage you to reflect on how our Catholic faith can facilitate spiritual healing. We will watch the series When a Loved One Dies by Suicide together and explore stories of Catholics whose loved ones have died by suicide and explains Church teaching while providing comfort and support. Open to anyone in the Archdiocese. Co-sponsored by the Seattle Archdiocese Mental Health Ministry. Held at the Pastoral Outreach Center, Tues. Nov. 4th-Dec. 16th, 6:30-8pm. Facilitated by Anisa Ralls, Director of MHWM. *Registration required (206)382-4269 or aralls@stjames-cathedral.org Still accepting registration.*

FALL FOREST THERAPY SESSIONS - Sponsored by the Mental Health and Wellness Ministry, led by Certified Forest Therapy Guide Dan Stroh with the nonprofit group Ancient Earth Outings. Join us for 2 events, both 10am-12pm, choose either Wed. 11/12 at Magnuson Park or Sat. 11/15 at Seward Park. Join us for a slow-paced, gentle, and healing walk through nature. Everyone is welcome but space is limited. *Registration required with Anisa Ralls, aralls@stjames-cathedral.org or (206)382-4269.*

ADVENT BLOOD DRIVE - St. James Cathedral is running another virtual drive from Sunday Nov 30 to Sunday Dec 14 to help Bloodworks Northwest restore supplies, please give blood at ANY Bloodworks NW location during this timeframe. When you arrive to donate, provide the code SJC so we can track our impact. Register at this link <https://donate.bloodworksnw.org/donor/schedules/geo/> to give back to others in need during this season of Advent!



2026 Mardi Gras

Save the Date

Friday, February 13th

So start looking for your masks, beads and fans!

More to come in the weeks.

If you'd like to be part of the Planning Team, please see Deacon Joseph Connor or Toni Hall

You are Invited to a FALL FOREST THERAPY SESSION



JOIN US!

Being in nature and experiencing the forest through our senses offers a world of delight – and it's good for our health! It's about slowing down, opening our senses, and feeling the beauty, relaxation and healing that nature has to offer.

- Everyone is welcome
- No experience necessary
- Slow-paced and gentle

An easy walk with many rests, 2 hours in total. Led by Dan Stroh, with the nonprofit organization Ancient Earth Outings. Dan is a forest therapy guide certified by the Association for Nature and Forest Therapy.

ancienteearthoutings.org

Our series of forest therapy walks extends into the Fall Season!

Two sessions offered:

• **Weds, November 12, 2025, 10 am - 12 noon**
Magnuson Park, Seattle

• **Sat, November 15, 2025, 10 am - 12 noon**
Seward Park, Seattle

Space is limited; registration is required but there is no cost. To register or for additional information, please contact:

Anisa Ralls, (206)382-4269
aralls@stjames-cathedral.org

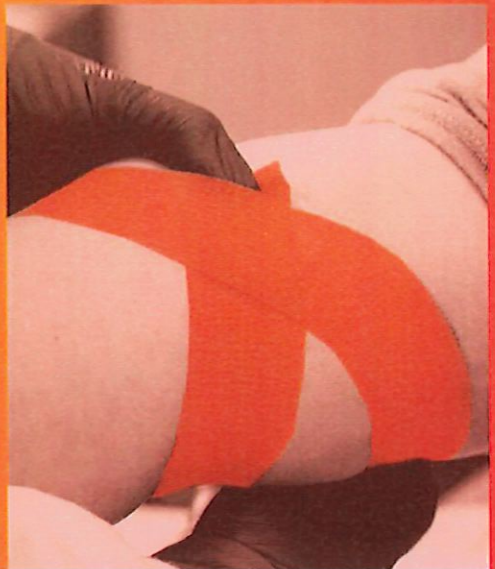
Sponsored by the Mental Health and Wellness Ministry, St. James Cathedral



BOUND BY BLOOD

DONATE AS ONE

schedule.bloodworksnw.org



St. James Cathedral Virtual Drive November 30 – December 14

St. James Cathedral will once again be teaming up with Bloodworks Northwest to help support patients throughout the Pacific Northwest this holiday season. We invite you to make a life-saving difference by donating blood at a nearby Bloodworks NW donor center or community blood drive.

It takes 1000 donors each day to maintain a safe & stable blood inventory. That's why your participation is so important. Let's come together as a community and roll up our sleeves to ensure blood is available when it's needed most.

Just follow these 3 simple steps:

1. Schedule your donation:

Call 800-398-7888 or scan the QR code to book your one-hour appointment today!

- A photo ID is required for all donors.
- Same-day appointments often available at most locations

2. Check in at your appointment:

Let the staff know you're donating on behalf of **St. James Cathedral**, or mention the code **"SJC"** at check-in.



GOAL: 15 Donors





This Advent, use this guide to help you and your family anticipate and prepare for the coming of Jesus.

Advent Family Traditions

Advent, the liturgical season before Christmas, is a great opportunity for families to enjoy joyful, faith-based traditions that keep the focus of the season on the anticipation of Jesus. This isn't easy when retailers start Christmas the day after Halloween. Even if you didn't grow up with many Advent traditions, are there one or two traditions on this list that you can try this year?

Advent Wreath

The Advent wreath is rich with the symbolism of the season: four candles for the four weeks of Advent and the flames representing the light of Christ to come. The lighting of each candle is an opportunity for the family to gather in prayer and read the daily scripture or reflection from an Advent book. Try turning off the lights and sing a song like, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" or "Light the Advent Candle" as the candles are lit.

Advent Calendar

The point of an Advent calendar is to inspire hopeful anticipation of the coming of Jesus and to emphasize the spirit of waiting over the spirit of receiving. Although the chocolate and Lego calendars are fun, try a faith inspired Advent calendar this year, which are easy to purchase online. Many have daily scripture quotes from Advent to keep you in the Advent frame of mind.

For more resources, an Advent reflection guide, and other inspiration, go to archseattle.org/advent.



Christmas Anticipation Prayer

Also known as the St. Andrew Christmas Novena (not a typical 9-day novena), this beautiful, short daily prayer is traditionally prayed 15 times a day during Advent, starting on the Feast of St. Andrew on November 30. But for most busy families, praying it together once a day is a win. The words of the prayer are a reminder of the humble and historical event of the incarnation. Try saying the prayer after lighting the Advent wreath or as part of your prayers before dinner.

Straw for Baby Jesus

This tradition is when you put out a "manger" (a small cardboard box will do) and a bowl of "straw" in a common area (such as the kitchen table), and the idea is to create a full bed of straw for baby Jesus by Christmas Eve by adding a piece of straw when a good deed or small sacrifice is done for Jesus. Everyone can participate, even parents! On Christmas Eve, you lay baby Jesus (or a doll to symbolize) on the (hopefully) full bed of straw and sing "Away in a Manger" or "Silent Night."

Blessings for the Advent Wreath, Nativity set and Christmas Tree

You can find blessings for the Advent Wreath, Nativity set and Christmas Tree in many Catholic prayer books or online (such as archseattle.org/advent). Taking a moment to pause and pray a blessing is a great way to reflect on the meaning of these traditions. These blessings invite us to enjoy them with intention and gratitude.

Jesse Tree

This tradition traces salvation history from the Old Testament through the birth of Christ. Much like the Advent calendar but more involved with longer daily readings and song, it's a daily activity rich with symbolism and a great way for all ages to participate.

Decorating in stages

Instead of putting up all the Christmas decorations the morning after Thanksgiving, consider putting them up in stages to emphasize the season of waiting for the light of Christ. This will help put more focus on your Advent traditions. One idea is to wait to light and decorate the Christmas tree until Guadete (Rejoice) Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent. Remember, the Christmas season starts on Christmas and lasts all the way through the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord in January.

"O" Antiphons

The "O" Antiphons are beautiful, short chants used at vespers (evening prayers) for the last seven days of Advent from December 18-24, each starting with "O" and each highlighting a title for the Messiah (O Wisdom, O Lord,...), which increases the anticipation of Christ's coming. You can add these to your evening prayers around the Advent wreath or in front of the Nativity set.

St. Andrew Christmas Novena

Traditionally prayed November 30 to Christmas Eve.

Hail and blessed
be the hour and
moment in which
the Son of God
was born of the
most pure Virgin
Mary, at midnight,
in Bethlehem, in
the piercing cold.
In that hour
vouchsafe, I
beseech Thee, O
my God, to hear my
prayer and grant my
desires through the
merits of Our Savior
Jesus Christ, and of
His Blessed Mother.
Amen

For more resources, an
Advent reflection guide,
and other inspiration, go
to archseattle.org/advent.

