



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 16, 2025

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Reading 1: Malachi 3:19-20a
Responsorial Psalm 98:5-6, 7-8, 9
*"The Lord comes to rule the earth with
justice"*

Reading 2: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12
Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

Message from Father Chanda

On Mass intentions

Every Sunday when the community gathers to celebrate the Eucharist, the priest is obligated by Church Law to offer one Mass on Sunday and on Holy Days of obligation for the intentions of all parishioners known as *Pro Populo*. At Immaculate, since the community celebrates only one Sunday Mass, it follows then that the Sunday Mass at Immaculate is always *Pro Populo* (for the intentions of all parishioners).

Special intentions

The Church also celebrates Mass offered for a special intention for the living and the deceased. To have this kind of Mass celebrated, parishioners need to contact the parish office, and Mass will be celebrated within our parish family at any daily Mass Monday through Saturday. Please note that with the number of parishioners and Mass requests being made within our parish family, the specific date and time is not guaranteed but Mass will definitely be offered.

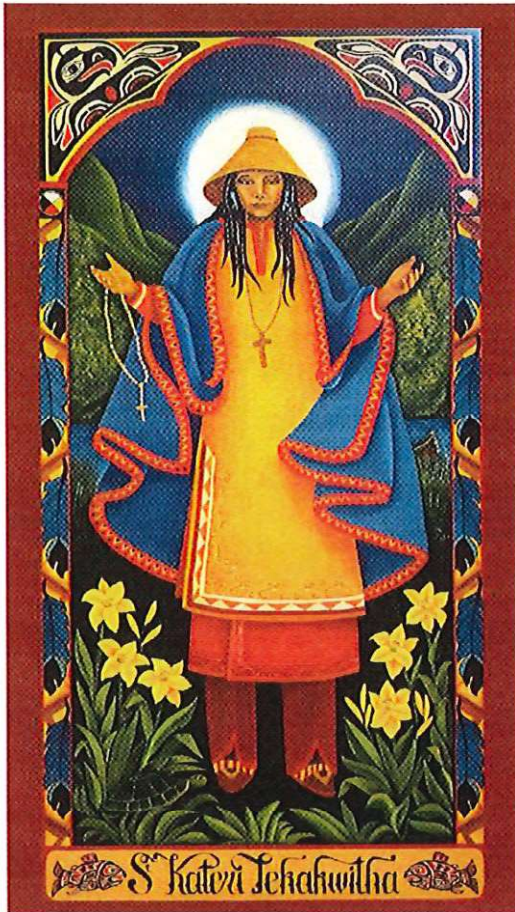
Our parish will continue to include names for our deceased parishioners and those seeking healing in our bulletin. Let us all remember them in our prayers.

Pray for our Parishioners

For the eternal repose of the soul of Dolores Ignacio Batayola, Carisma Cortedano, Wilfredo J. Yambao and Romulo Urtula Sr. **Healing Prayers** for Leala Holden, Rita Wheeler Barquet, Marya Castellano, John Bergstrom, Sharon Pitre-Williams, Dolores Sibonga, June Lombard-Allen and Se'Vera Dowe.

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

Deepening Our Faith



O Saint Kateri,

Lily of the Mohawks,
Your love for Jesus, so strong, so steadfast,
Pray that we may become like you.

Your short and painful life
Showed us your strength and humility,
Pray that we may become
Forever humble like you.

Like the bright and shining stars at night,
We pray that your light may forever shine down
Upon us, giving light, hope, peacefulness
And serenity in our darkest moments.

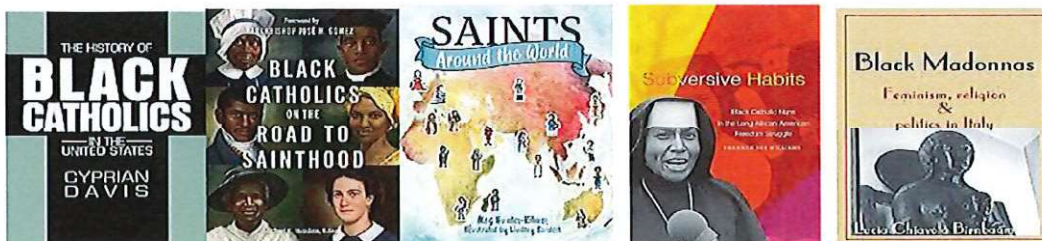
Fill our hearts, Saint Kateri Tekakwitha
With your same love for Jesus
And pray that we may have the strength and
Courage to become one like you in Heaven.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. Kateri, pray for us.

St. Kateri, walk with us.

The icon of St. Kateri Tekakwitha by Patricia Brintle was commissioned for St. James Cathedral in 2025. This permanent addition to the Cathedral's collection of images recognizes St. Kateri's connection with this region: the miracle that led to St. Kateri's canonization took place in Seattle with the miraculous healing of Jake Finkbonner, a descendant of the Lummi Nation. **The icon honors the presence of Native American Catholics in the Archdiocese of Seattle from the very beginning, and invites all to draw closer to St. Kateri, the patron of indigenous people and of the environment.**

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>



The Life of Our Community

2026 Mardi Gras - *Save the Date* Friday, February 13th, 2026

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.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Hospitality - Need sponsor for the 3rd Sunday. We are looking for **individuals, families, groups of friends, or ministries** to sponsor our **3rd Sunday Fellowship** each month, beginning **December 21**. 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!

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

FOOD DRIVE - 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.

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.

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!

Upcoming Events

Nov 22 (Sat), 1PM - 4PM Parol Making at Jean Moran Hall
 Nov 23 (Sun), 11AM Mass 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 - Nov 26, office will be Closed Early & will be Closed on Nov 27 & 28.

Nov 29 (Sat) - 6:30PM 1st day of 9 days Novena of Blessed Virgin Mary at ICC (see flyer)
 Nov 30 (Sun) - 11AM Mass Youth Mass and 1st day of Advent
 Dec 6 (Sat) - 8AM - 2:30PM Mass to Honor Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of the Americas in the Jubilee Year (see flyer)
 Dec 8 (Mon) - 6PM Mass Feast of Immaculate Conception at Immaculate Conception
 Dec 13 (Sat) - 2PM-3:30PM Advent Penance at Immaculate Conception
 Dec 20 (Sat) - 9AM - 12PM Beautification of Immaculate - Volunteers needed (see Fred Verzosa)
 Dec 20 (Sat) - 2PM - 3:30PM Advent Penance at St. James Cathedral
 Dec 21 (Sun) - 11AM Mass Simbang Gabi Mass - Parol Processions

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

Deacon Joseph Connor deacon@icseattle.org

CONTACT INFORMATION

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 Sharon Pitre-Williams.

Finance Council Chair Jane Powers jpowers@ewingandclark.com

Stewardship:

Caring for Our Church and Community

Year-to-Date Collection Stewardship of Treasure Report

As of 11.09.2024 - \$59,396.72

As of 11.09.2025 - \$46,867.29

Blessings and Thank you!

REPORTING ABUSE

Helpline 800-446-7762 helpline@seattlarch.org

protectandheal.seattlearchdiocese.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>

Feast of the Immaculate Conception



Join Us for the Celebrations of the Feast of Immaculate Conception

Novena Celebration - Nine (9) days of prayer and devotion

Begins on Saturday, November 29 at 6PM

Continues through December 7

In-person at Immaculate Conception Church

Feast Day Mass

Monday, December 8th at 6PM

Feast Celebration

Sunday, December 14th after 11AM Mass

Multicultural Celebration and Reception

Immaculate Conception Church

820 – 18th Avenue, Seattle, WA

For more information: Contact Fred Verzosa at 206-953-3954



Misa en honor a
Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
en el Año Jubilar

Mass to honor
Our Lady of Guadalupe
in the Jubilee Year



Mass to Honor Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of the Americas in the Jubilee Year

Join us for the 31st Celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on **Saturday, December 6** for holy hour, rosary, Mañanitas, procession and Mass at St. James Cathedral led by Bishop Eusebio Elizondo.

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe honors the Virgin Mary, who appeared to an Aztec peasant, Juan Diego, for the first time on a hill called Tepeyac on Dec. 9, 1531, in Mexico City. Mary told the Christian convert, in his native language of Nahuatl, that she wanted a church built in her honor on the site of her apparition.

Our Lady of Guadalupe was declared Patroness of the Americas in 1945 by Pope Pius XII, and her Feast Day was elevated to an obligatory memorial by Pope John Paul II in 1999. She is also the Patroness of the Philippines.

Program starts at Immaculate Conception, Seattle

8-9 am – Holy Hour

9-9:45 am – Rosary

9:45-10:00 am Mañanitas

Procession

10:15-11:30 am

Mass at St. James Cathedral, Seattle

12:10pm

Reception

1:30pm following Mass in the Cathedral Hall



ADVENT 2025 ANTICIPATION



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of Seattle

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 Gaudete (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.

