



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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Through Worship, Community, and Stewardship*

820 18th Ave. Seattle, WA 98122

www.icseattle.org

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

July 20, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE:

6:00 PM WEDNESDAYS

Rectory Chapel

11:00 AM SUNDAYS

Also livestreamed 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

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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>



The story of Mary and Martha

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1: Genesis 18:1-10a

Responsorial Psalm 15:2-3, 3-4, 5

**“He who does justice will live
in the presence of the Lord.”**

Reading 2: Colossians 1:24-28

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS

Continued healing prayers for Elvira Estrella, Maria “Mitts” Israel, Sr. Georgia Yianakulis. Sharon Pitre-Williams, Marielle Heiser, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Brandon Castro, Janet Morris, Sandra Pisano, Donna Ceniza, Ramona Rucker, Pearl Campbell, Francis Castellano, Brenda Fuller, Rudesinda Arreza, June Lombard-Allen, Leala Holden, Roberta Miller, Aida Soria, Remy Edwards, Katherine Drake, Rita Wheeler Barquet, Henry Alazas, Hector Caroselli, Tony Israel, Gail Osborne, and Charity Morningstar.

Upcoming Events:

July 23, Wed 6PM – 7:30PM Summer Bible Study Begins, sign-up sheet available on the back table

August 2, Immaculate Lu’au see p4 for details.

August 10, Sun after 11AM Mass ICC Health & Human Concerns Commission Meeting

Sept 14, 10AM Mass at St. James Cathedral
Mass of Installation of Father Gary F. Lazzeroni



Immaculate participated in Pope Francis' Synod process from 2021 to 2024. Where is it now?

With Pope Leo's Support, Vatican to Publish Document on Synod's Final Phase

By Justin McLellan, Catholic News Service • Posted July 2, 2025

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Almost four years after Pope Francis opened the Catholic Church's path toward synodality — a term many in the church had never heard before — his successor has thrown his support behind the last leg of the church's synodal journey.

The Synod of Bishops, which admitted women, lay and other non-bishop voting members among its ranks during its two universal assemblies in October 2023 and 2024, "naturally retains its institutional profile and at the same time is enriched by the mature fruits of this season," Pope Leo XIV told the ordinary council of the synod June 26. "You are the body appointed to reap these fruits and make a prospective reflection."

Over two days, the council convened to approve a document for the synod's final implementation stage intended to improve dialogue between local churches and the Vatican synod office, the General Secretariat for the Synod of Bishops said in a statement June 30. The document will be released July 7 at www.synod.va.

The council also discussed the work of study groups instituted by Pope Francis to deal with hot-button topics

— such as women's ordination and changes to priestly formation.

The study groups were scheduled to present interim reports on their findings in June 2025, but the synod office noted that "due to the death of Pope Francis and the election of Pope Leo XIV, there have been delays." In agreement with Pope Leo, the deadline to submit the final reports was extended to Dec. 31, 2025, and the interim reports will be published on the synod office's website as they are received, it said.

...Pope Leo told the synod's ordinary council June 26, "I encourage you in this work, I pray that it may be fruitful and as of now I am grateful."

The General Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops said that the expected document, titled "Pathways for the Implementation Phase of the Synod," is a practical and theological guide for diocesan bishops and synodal teams as they apply the synod's final proposals locally.

The synod office noted that this phase of the synodal process "belongs above all to the local Churches," which are tasked with translating the synod assembly's "authoritative proposals" into concrete pastoral practices within their respective contexts. At the same time, the synod office said the guidelines were developed to respond to questions raised by bishops and diocesan leaders in recent months and are intended to support, not replace, local discernment.

Cardinal Mario Grech, secretary-general of the Synod of Bishops, acknowledged in his opening remarks of the council's meeting that "difficulties and resistance" to the synodal process remain... "These contrary positions must not be overlooked," he said. "Rather, I would say they must challenge us deeply."

Cardinal Grech proposed establishing a permanent forum, which he called a "Table of Synodality," to foster ongoing theological and canonical reflection on synodality and encouraged greater investment in formation programs. He also said that new partnerships with academic institutions and the continued support of young theologians would help cultivate a synodal "mentality" across the church.

Above excerpt from

<https://catholicphilly.com/2025/07/vatican/with-popes-support-vatican-to-publish-document-on-synods-final-phase/>

<https://www.synod.va/en.html>



Thank you, Parish Family, for the heartfelt welcome dinner last week for Fr. Francis Thumbi and Fr. Sylvester Chandra who will be serving with our Pastor Fr. Gary Lazzeroni.



Hot days are coming!

See tips at

<https://kingcounty.gov/en/dept/executive-services/health-safety/safety-injury-prevention/emergency-preparedness/extreme-heat>

Stewardship: Caring for Our Church and Each Other

Fiscal Year 7-1-24 to 6-31-25

Stewardship of Treasure Report

As of 06-30-25, we collected \$257,044

As compared to last year's \$240,858

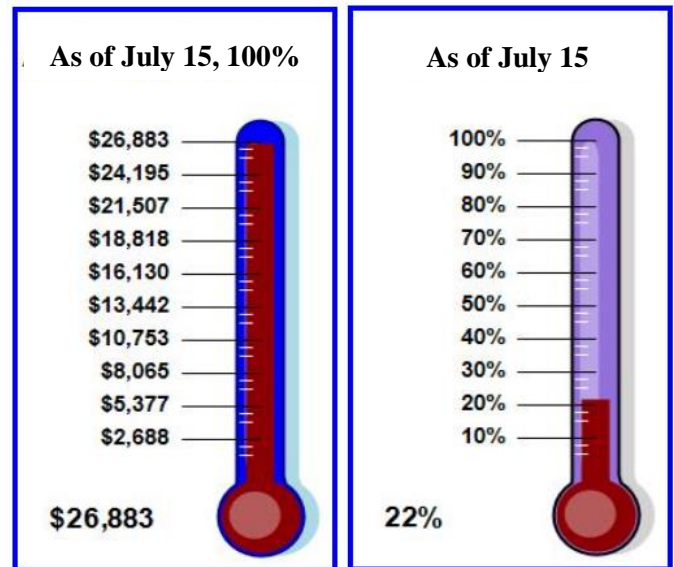
That's an increase of \$16, 186.



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL (ACA)

OUR GOAL - \$26,883.00. As of July 15th, 2025, total Pledges were **\$30,181.52**. Any rebate funds received will support security cameras.

YOUR generosity helps!



ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH?

Many who attend Immaculate Conception church regularly and consider the ICC their parish have never officially registered. We strongly encourage you to register. Registered parishioners receive important mailings from the church, are able to celebrate their wedding at ICC, and their children may attend any of the Catholic Rainbow Schools at Parishioner rates. To register, visit www.icseattle.org or use the QR code.





ICC Health & Human Concerns Commission (Race & Social Justice) 7-13-25 Update 8-10-25 Next Meeting –

Dear Immaculate family,

We are grateful for our Catholic social teachings and the leadership and engagement all have given from their hearts during these challenging times.

We realize that as a small congregation, although we have a profound love of community and have a deep sense of justice, we are stretched out thin. We had a heart-to-heart talk about how we can serve this area of justice, which is one of the pillars of our beloved church.

We met yesterday, July 13, 2025, at our second Sunday of the month. After going around the table so we can hear what each other have to say, we acknowledge and agreed:

- Give each other grace for not always being able to come to meetings.
- That 5 of us would act as the core team – Sr. Corky, Dalwyn, Linh, Maria and Ricky to plan, keep track of the work and help out as needed. That if we can't make the meeting, to send someone in our place. (Alex and Ngozi committed to staying engaged while carrying heavy ministry workloads.)
- That folks can lead various projects and work on their own.
- That in between meeting, Communicate with our member by email and/or in person to get folks interested in specific projects and keep the work going.

We received the following projects, will discuss them by email and at the August meeting, and prioritize what we will do the next 3 months or so:

1. Health Fairs for ICC and Neighbors. Continue Blood Drive and diabetes, hypertension Health Screenings as a service to our beloved ICC neighbors.
2. Faith Driven Guerilla Gardening Action Packet. Some neighborhoods due to lack of trees and greenery experience harsher climate heat events. We are facing a summer of 90-degree temperatures on up. Action: Ngozi will circulate the materials to our Commission to read and comment. If interested, please email her at noleru2@gmail.com We plan to discuss this at our August 10 meeting after Mass.
3. Sign on Climate Justice Letter to support amending the King County Climate Action Plan to create work plans based to reduce airplane GHG and mitigate airplane air and noise pollution health impacts based on recommendations from task force and a study. In addition, setting a King County tree canopy goal and work plan to preserve trees, mitigate tree loss, and grow the tree canopy. Action: Maria to share the letter to us. Folks can sign as individuals. We will check with Fr. Gary to get his go ahead to sign on as ICC and ask if we can share St James & Christ Our Hope and have Fr. Gary sign the letter as parish family.
4. Know Your Rights for Undocumented Neighbors.
 - There are trainings and materials we can share for this purpose. Action: Discuss at the August 10 meeting.
 - Tanggol Migrante (Defend Migrants) as Filipino American advocacy group that successfully advocated for the release of two arrested community members. To reach them Tanggolmigrante.wa@gmail.com 360 207 1787

Our thanks to Sr. Corky for acting as our convener for over one year. If interested, please contact chair Linh at linhnguyenpos@comcast.net and convener Maria at mbjumpstart@msn.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

You are Invited to a 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

Two sessions offered:

- **Tuesday, August 5, 2025, 10 am - 12 noon Seward Park**
- **Saturday, August 16, 2025, 10 am - 12 noon WA Park Arboretum**
- 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

ST. JAMES MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS MINISTRY

Walking Wednesdays!



Take in the fresh air and soak up the scenery – a great way to get exercise, clear your mind, and explore the world around you.

Now – August 27th
Every Wednesdays at 11AM
Walk around our neighborhood

Meet at the Pastoral Outreach Center
– 907 Columbia Street

All abilities are welcome. Dogs are welcome too!

For more information,
Contact Anisa Ralls, MA LMHC,
Director of the Mental Health and
Wellness Ministry at (206)382-4269
aralls@stjames-cathedral.org

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THEME:

DATE & TIME:

LOCATION:

OHANA (FAMILY) - UNIFYING OUR PARISH FAMILY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 2025

5:00 PM - 9:30 PM JEAN MORAN HALL

TICKETS: \$30adults; \$10 children 7 & under. Available online & after Sunday Mass; no sales at the door)

RAFFLE TICKETS: \$5each (available online, after Sunday Mass and on Lū'au Day)

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SPONSOR SOUVENIR DIGITAL PROGRAM: (photo/logos & website only) Gold Sponsor: \$100 | Silver Sponsor: \$50 | Bronze Sponsor: \$25

ENJOY: A cultural dinner, live entertainment, music, dancing, raffle prizes and the return of Sig's Money Jar!

Let's exceed our \$10,000 goal to support Immaculate Conception's programs and services.



Grand Prize
Sig Haugland's
\$500 Cash Jar

\$300 and \$200
cash prizes

Cakes of Paradise

Gift baskets and More!



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DURING FELLOWSHIP
NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN!



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