



Immaculate Conception Church

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July 6, 2025

Dear Friends,

Today we begin a new chapter in the life of our parish. For the past year Fr. Ryan has been your pastor in the new family configuration that has brought together the parishes of Immaculate Conception, Christ Our Hope and St. James Cathedral. As you know, Fr. Ryan has served as the Cathedral Pastor for thirty-seven years. During twenty-five of those years Fr. Ryan has been a friend, a mentor and a model of priesthood for me. As Pastor Emeritus he will continue to fill those roles for me. And he will continue to accompany all of us in this new chapter in the life of our whole parish family.

As you know, Barbara Connor, who has been our Pastoral Associate for the past year and has served on staff here at Immaculate for years, has also retired. This is a huge transition for our parish, and the farewell party we had for Barbara last Sunday was a wonderful expression of our love and gratitude for this most remarkable woman and minister. The good news is that both Barbara and Deacon Joseph will continue to be part of life here at Immaculate, which will be a great blessing to me and to all of us!

I approach my new ministry as your pastor with great excitement and a deep sense of gratitude for all that has been. As I shared with you last year, I have a deep love for Immaculate and have for more than twenty years. It was in the summer of 2006 that I lived here for the first time, taking up residence in the rectory while I did an internship at Swedish Hospital. I lived here again the following summer after graduating from seminary and before moving to Olympia for my first assignment after ordination.

It was here that I celebrated my 50th birthday in January of 2007 (18 years ago!!), and gathered with family and friends for the luncheon following my ordination on June 9, 2007. And it was here that I returned to live last summer as I took on a new role of helping with Masses in our parish family while I serve as Vicar General for the archdiocese.

Over the past year I have had the privilege of celebrating Masses with you and renewing old friendships and making many new friends. What a blessing it is to now transition to serve as your new pastor.

As you know we are in the midst of the journey of *Partners in the Gospel*, and that process lends itself well to deepening our relationship with one another and with the Lord. The question we have been reflecting on in the first phase of the process is, *Who are we?* This will be a good question for us to explore together over the next several months.

I am also excited for you to meet two wonderful priests who are joining us in ministry. Fr. Francis Thumbi and Fr. Sylvester Chanda are serving, along with me, the whole parish family. These two priests will serve full time as parochial vicars, and will be key for us in meeting the pastoral and sacramental needs of our parish family.

As you may know, while I will be spending the majority of my time as pastor of our parish family, I will also continue serving the wider Church as Vicar General on a part-time basis. Frs. Thumbi and Chanda are crucial in freeing some of my time to attend to the needs of the archdiocese in my Chancery role.

All of us are living in the rectory at St. James, along with Fr. Bryan Hersey and Fr. David Brant. This is another aspect of this new adventure that I am excited about. It is rare these days for five priests to live together in a rectory. And while I miss living at Immaculate, the variety of ages and experience that are under one roof at the rectory at St. James will provide mutual support and a rich community life for us all.

There will be more to share in the weeks and months ahead. For now, I simply want you to know how humbled and grateful I am to be your pastor. I look forward to continuing to learn from you, being shaped by your faith, and journeying with you into a deeper encounter with Jesus Christ.

May God continue to bless you abundantly!

Fr. Gary Lazzeroni
Pastor



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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

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

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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

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>



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1: Isaiah 66:10-14c

Responsorial Psalm 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20

**“Let all the earth cry out
to God with joy.”**

Reading 2: 2 Galatians 6:14-18

Gospel: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS

For the eternal repose of Delia Vita and Sabina Teodora Gabuyo, may they rest in peace. Continued healing prayers for 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 8, 7PM – Media Meditation *virtual* see p2

July 12, Sat 3PM – 5PM – ICC Youth Outing see p5

July 16, Wed 6PM – Mass followed by Meet and Greet for New Assigned Pastors, see p3

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.

Deepening Our Faith



Catholic Leaders Take Action on the Big Beautiful Bill

"What you do for the least among you, you do for Jesus." Matthew 15:34-40

Catholic social teaching guides us to advocate for those in need, the undocumented, stewardship of life and stewardship of the earth. Catholic leaders took action to remind the government of humane values and needed actions to be a compassionate society in crafting and passing the federal budget.

National catholic response. Excerpt from Catholic News Agency 6-30-25 article by Tyler Arnold.

"A coalition of 20 American Catholic bishops and religious leaders from other faiths has **signed on to a letter** urging lawmakers to vote against a proposed budget bill because of provisions to increase funding for immigration enforcement.

"From our various faith perspectives, the moral test of a nation is how it treats those most in need of support," the letter read. "In our view, this legislation will harm the poor and vulnerable in our nation, to the detriment of the common good."

Washington State Catholic Response. In the name of Jesus, our state Bishops called to "Preserve Access to Health Care and Food for Families signed by Seattle Archbishop Paul Etienne with Yakima Bishop Joseph Tyson, Spokane Bishop Thomas Daly and Seattle Auxiliary Bishops Eusebio Elizondo and Frank Schuster took action in the name of Jesus. See letter <https://archseattle.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/Preserve-Access-to-Health-Care-and-Food-for-Families-min.pdf>

Now, take your action in the name of Jesus!

July Media Meditation, Justice & Ecology Updates

In honor of the **Feast of St. Kateri Tekakwitha** on July 14, this month's **Media Meditation** explores the intersection of **racial and environmental justice**. You're invited to join our **virtual session on Monday, July 8 at 7:00 PM ET**, where we'll reflect on this theme and discern possible projects we may want to pursue together.

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 857 5029 9292

Passcode: 606317

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

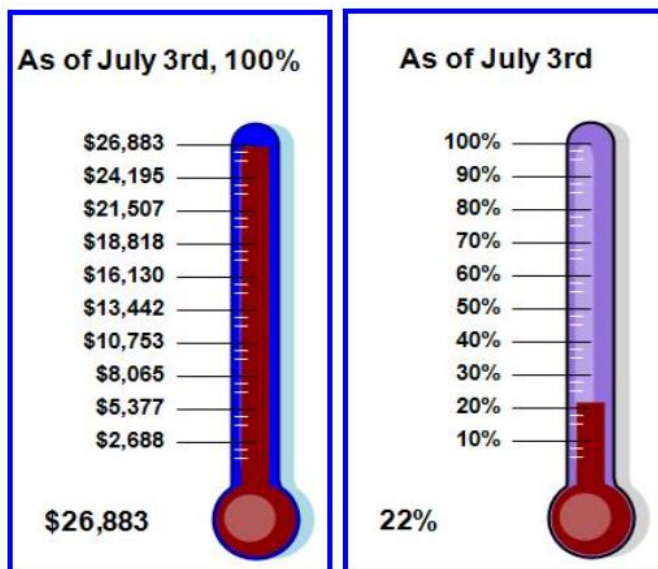
As compared to last year's \$240,858

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

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL (ACA)

OUR GOAL - \$26,883.00. As of July 3rd, 2025, **total Pledges were \$27,181.52.** Any rebate funds received will support security cameras.

YOUR generosity helps!





Thank You to everyone who planned, organized, and participated in the beautiful farewell celebration for me. Thank you for the flowers, cards and gifts, and the love you have shown me. I am truly happy and at peace with my decision to retire. As a volunteer, I will still be around to support our efforts to do God's will.

~Barbara Connor

Congratulations Barbara Connor on your Retirement from Immaculate Conception Parish! Your impact will last long after you've left, and we're grateful for all you've done. Enjoy your well-earned retirement! May our Lord continue to Bless you with Peace and Happiness as you begin another chapter in life.

Upcoming Events

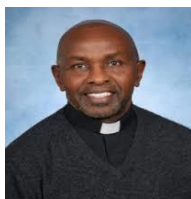
MEET OUR NEW PRIESTS



Fr. Lazzeroni
Pastor



Fr. Chanda
Parochial Vicar



Fr. Thumbi
Parochial Vicar

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

6PM – Mass

6:45PM – Meet and Greet

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All members of Immaculate Conception,
Christ Our Hope and St. James Cathedral
are invited!

Please RSVP no later than July 11th, 2025
by 3PM to office@icseattle.org or
scan the QR code



Immaculate Parish Youth Outing – TOPGOLF!

Immaculate Conception Youth entering grades 6th–12th are invited to join us for an exciting afternoon

When: Saturday, July 12th from 3:00–5:00 PM (rain or shine!).

Location: Topgolf Renton – 780 Logan Ave N, Renton, WA 98057

Enjoy **2 hours of Topgolf play**, plus **food and drinks**—all at **no cost** to **youth** participants!

Pre-registration is required and **space is limited**, so sign up early! RSVP with **Jennifer Charles** either in person or by email (jennifer.charles@univecta.com) no later than Sunday, July 6th.

🚗 **Please note:** Transportation **will not be provided** to or from the event.



Aloha 2025 – 48th Annual Lū‘au

Theme: Ohana (family) – Unifying our Parish Family
Date & Time: Saturday, August 2, 2025, | 5:00 PM– 9:30 PM
Where: Jean Moran Hall – 820 18th Ave Seattle, WA

Tickets: \$30 adults; \$10 children 7 & under (available online & after Sunday Mass; no sales on Lū‘au Day)

Souvenir Page: (Highlight your family or business in our digital souvenir program.)
\$500 Full Page | \$250 Half Page | \$100 Business card size

Sponsorship Ads: (logos & website only)

Gold Sponsor: \$100 | Silver Sponsor: \$50 | Bronze Sponsor: \$25

Raffle Tickets: \$5 each (available online, after Sunday Mass and on Lū‘au Day)

Enjoy: a cultural dinner, live entertainment, music, dancing, raffle baskets, and the return of Sig’s Money Jar!

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

Your early support is a true blessing, please secure your tickets before they sell out. For more information: **Flyer on the back table.**

