

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

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

August 17, 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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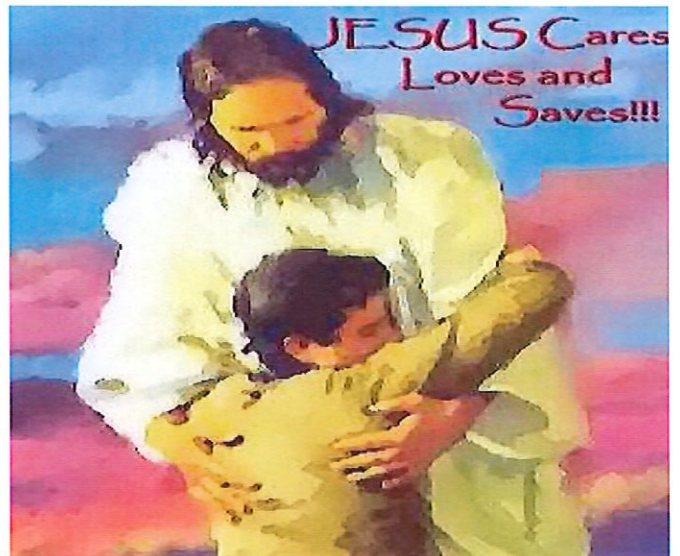
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REPORTING ABUSE

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>



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

Responsorial Psalm 40:2,3,4,18

"Lord, come to my aid!"

Reading 2: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS

For the repose of the soul of Salvacion Luna on her death anniversary. Continued healing prayers for Marya Castellano, 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, 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, and Gail Osborne

Upcoming Events:

September 6, Sat 5:30PM at St. James Cathedral
Annual Mass for Creation with Archbishop Etienne

September 7, Sun After 11AM Mass Partners in
Gospel - Listening session with Fr. Lazzeroni

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

Deepening Our Faith



Means Kind Compassionate Followers

Prayer and the practice of Jesus-centered kindness and faith in action uplifts our soul and helps those in need. Anisa Ralls, the Director of Mental Health and Wellness Ministry at St. James Cathedral shares with our parish family these opportunities to grow in understanding and ways we can help.

5th Friday of the Month: MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS MINISTRY MOVIE GROUP Join the Mental Health and Wellness Ministry on the 5th Fri of the month, 10-11:30am, to watch a movie together, popcorn and refreshments served! All are welcome to gather for fun and community, next movie group will be held Fri 8/29 in the Pastoral Outreach Center. *Information Anisa Ralls (206)382-4269 or aralls@stjames-cathedral.org*

Last Wednesday of the month: MONTHLY FOOT CARE CLINIC Seattle and King Co Public Health are offering free monthly foot clinics and blood pressure checks, last Wed of every month, 1-4pm, held at Pastoral Outreach Center, 907 Columbia St. *No registration required.*

Every Wednesday: SUMMER WALKING GROUP Join the Mental Health and Wellness Ministry every Wed. at 11am in front of the Pastoral Outreach Center, 907 Columbia St. this summer! We will be walking together around the neighborhood of the Cathedral, while we get to know each other and improve our physical and mental health. All abilities and dogs are welcome. Last meeting on 8/27. *Information contact Anisa Ralls (206)382-4269 or aralls@stjames-cathedral.org*

Special 9/13 MASS FOR SUICIDE HEALING AND REMEMBRANCE **September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.** Join us at this special Mass, 9/13 at 5:30pm, as we pray for all who have been lost to suicide, for survivors of suicide, and for those who have lost a family member, friend, or colleague. We also pray that, as Church and as individuals, we can help prevent suicide by raising awareness and knowing how to help those in need.

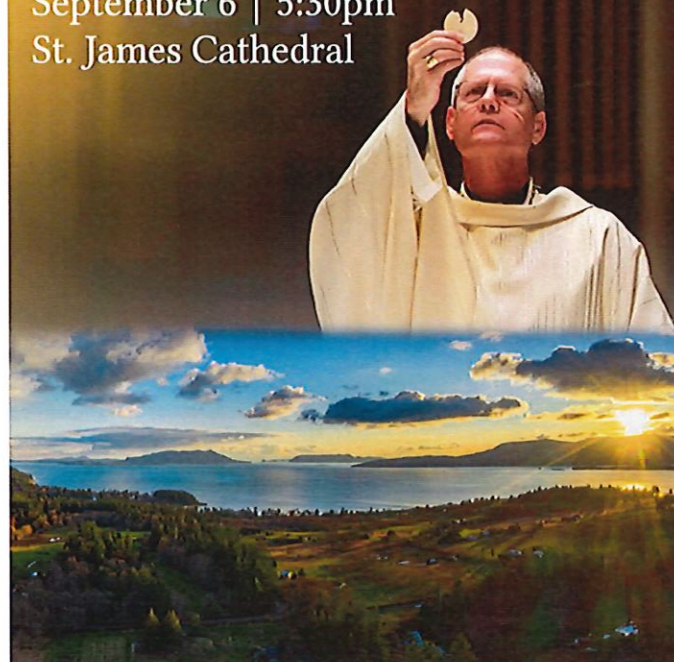
Tuesdays for 8 weeks: GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP Tues Sept 9th-Oct 28th, 10-11:30am. New grief support group starting for anyone who is grieving the death of a loved one. This 8-week group will be facilitated by the Director of the Mental Health and Wellness Ministry Anisa Ralls. *Pre-registration required, aralls@stjames-cathedral.org or (206)382-4269*

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Join Archbishop Etienne for the Mass for Creation

September 6 | 5:30pm
St. James Cathedral



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 August 7th, 2025, total Pledges were **\$30,883.52**. Any rebate funds received from here on will support security cameras. **THANK YOU for your generosity!**

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.



Get Involved – We Need You!

Looking for a way to serve, grow, and connect with others in our parish community? Now is the perfect time to get involved!

We invite volunteers for various ministries and parish activities.

No experience needed – just a willing heart! Training and support are provided.

Please sign-up by scanning the QR code.

Questions: email office@icseattle.org.

**Your time and talents are a gift to
Immaculate Conception Church Seattle!**



About Our Community



YOUTH EVENT AT SKY ZONE FREE FOR IC YOUTH!

All immaculate Conception youth entering grades 6-12 are invited to join us for an afternoon of fun.

When: Saturday, September 6, 2025

Time: 3:00P - 4:30PM

Where: Sky Zone in Tukwila

Transportation will NOT be provided

This event is FREE for our parish youth - but **space is limited**.

Please rsvp no later than
Sept 3rd, 2025
by using the QR Code.



Hospital Ministry

AN INFORMATION SESSION FOR
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday, September 13, 2025

10:00am – 12:00pm

Isaac Orr Room of the Archdiocese of Seattle,
910 Marion Street, Seattle

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are needed to serve patients at several hospitals, including Providence Swedish First Hill and Cherry Hill campuses, and Virginia Mason. Through this special ministry, we bring the sacrament of Christ's Body and the love and care of the Christian community to people who are sick, preparing for or recovering from surgery, and to those who are dying.

Presented by **Chris McNabb**, hospital chaplain for the South Seattle Deanery, **Corinna Laughlin**, Pastoral Assistant for Liturgy at St. James Cathedral, and **Tim Foutz**, Chaplain at Providence Swedish Hospital.

"Because the sick are prevented from celebrating the eucharist with the rest of the community, the most important visits are those during which they receive holy communion. In receiving the body and blood of Christ, the sick are united sacramentally to the Lord and are reunited with the eucharistic community from which illness has separated them" (Pastoral Care of the Sick, 51).

48th Annual Lu'au

Mahalo nui loa for blessing us with your support and making the 48th Annual Lu'au a wonderful success!

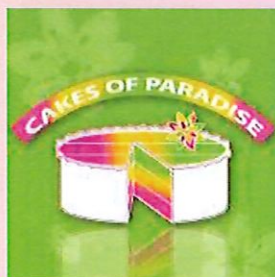
Thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered, and supported Immaculate Conception's 48th Annual Lu'au. Your generosity and kindness made this event truly special. We're pleased to share that **net proceeds exceeded \$19,000**, which will support our parish programs and community services.

We are deeply grateful to the volunteers who cooked, cleaned, served food, bartended, managed recycling, and handled hall setup and takedown — your dedication brought this celebration to life. Special thanks also to our church staff for their ongoing support.

Thank you to Halau Hula Ke Liko A'e O Lei Lehua E Kapuaokalanania for the beautiful performance, and to Cliff Holland for providing wonderful DJ services that enhanced the spirit of the event.

Blessings and Mahalo to outgoing Lū'au Chairs, Fred and Thelma Verzosa, and retiring committee members Mely Andrada, Maria Batayola, and Toni Hall for your aloha, dedication, and years of shaping this cherished tradition and strengthening our parish 'ohana. We look forward to welcoming new committee members to carry this beloved celebration into next year — please see Deneta Iglesias if you are interested.

A heartfelt thanks to our kind hearted and generous vendor partners for their In-Kind donations: Cakes of Paradise, Classics Sports Bar, Flowers on 15th, Georgetown Brewery, Hyatt Regency Lake Washington, La Costa Mexican Restaurant, and The Seattle Fish Guys.





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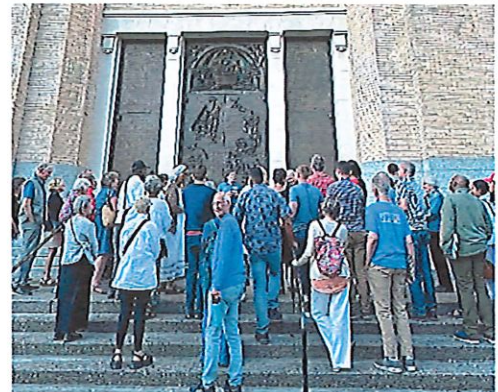
OUR FIRST YEAR AS A PARISH FAMILY

JULY 1, 2024-JUNE 30, 2025

In July 2024, the Archdiocese of Seattle formed 60 parish families from 136 parishes. This was a milestone in the Partners of the Gospel strategic pastoral planning process focused on reenvisioning parish life. As a parish family of St. James Cathedral, Immaculate Conception, and Christ Our Hope, we have begun asking ourselves: How can we look at the resources we have - people, properties, finances—and use them to support the mission of Jesus Christ? How can we ensure this mission remains at the heart of the Catholic Church in Western Washington?

Getting to know each other

While parish life has continued full tilt in the year since our parish family was formed (Mass attendance has actually increased significantly in our parish family), we have also found opportunities to get to know each other. Each parish hosted an event to welcome members from all three parishes, offer a tour, and share a meal. Other combined events included Bible Study in the spring, as well as a communal celebration of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick around the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes at Immaculate. In December, on the First Sunday of Advent, both Christ Our Hope and Immaculate Conception adjusted their Sunday morning Mass times.



Consultative Groups

Two new consultative bodies have been meeting regularly to bring Partners in the Gospel to life in our parishes. The **Family Leadership Team** is comprised of staff from all three parishes, under the direction of the pastor. During the past year, the members were:

- ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL: Larry Brouse, Maria Laughlin, Corinna Laughlin
- IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: Barbara Connor, Deacon Joseph Connor, Alice Davis, Lauren Schultz
- CHRIST OUR HOPE: Deanna Tighe, Paula Holmes, Chuck Middendorf

This group has gathered monthly over lunch to keep each other informed about happenings in our three parishes and to look actively for ways to collaborate. The group is congenial and cooperative and looks forward to the time together, which is always fruitful.

The **Parish Family Vision Council** is made up of both staff (*) and parishioners from the three parishes.

- CHRIST OUR HOPE: Elizabeth Joyce, Jose Morales, Chuck Middendorf, Paco Medina, Deanna Tighe*, Paula Holmes*
- IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: Lori Chisholm, Maria Batayola, Dalwyn Dean, Alfredo Verzosa, Barbara Connor*, Deacon Joseph Connor*

- ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL: David Unger, Lisa Matchette, Sarah Riggio, John Engel-Kemnetz, Maria Laughlin*

This group was convened for the first time in February, 2025. The first meeting was an opportunity to get to know one another and to hear stories of our different communities. The heart of the meeting was hearing from each person around the table their response to the question: "What brought you to your parish—and what keeps you there? Please share a story or an experience that captures what your parish means to you." It became clear that we deeply value our parish communities and recognize the different gifts each brings to our parish family. We also recognized that we have much common ground, especially in our shared passion for outreach to the poor and needy in the city of Seattle.

After this first meeting, the Family Vision Council was given homework: go back to their parish communities and survey parishioners on the question of: "Who are we?" "What brought you to your parish, and what keeps you there?" And these two additional questions: "What are the greatest strengths of our parish? What are its weaknesses?"

The approach to collecting responses was different in each parish: the Cathedral conducted an online survey, Christ Our Hope and Immaculate Conception offered a combination of in-person sessions and a survey instrument. The feedback was collected over the weeks of Lent and Easter. In early May, the Vision Council met to review the feedback and to create a synthesis of learnings. These learnings will inform the work of the Council's second year, when the question of "Who do we want to become?" is explored in depth.

What's next?

The Church has navigated some major changes since Partners in the Gospel was launched, and so has our parish family. In April the world bade farewell to Pope Francis and on May 8, we welcomed Pope Leo XIV. Not long afterwards, we learned that Archbishop Etienne had appointed Father Gary Lazzeroni to succeed Father Ryan as pastor of our parish family, effective July 1. Two parochial vicars, Father Francis Thumbi and Father Sylvester Chanda, also joined the team to assist in the family, with Father Ryan serving as Pastor Emeritus of the family.

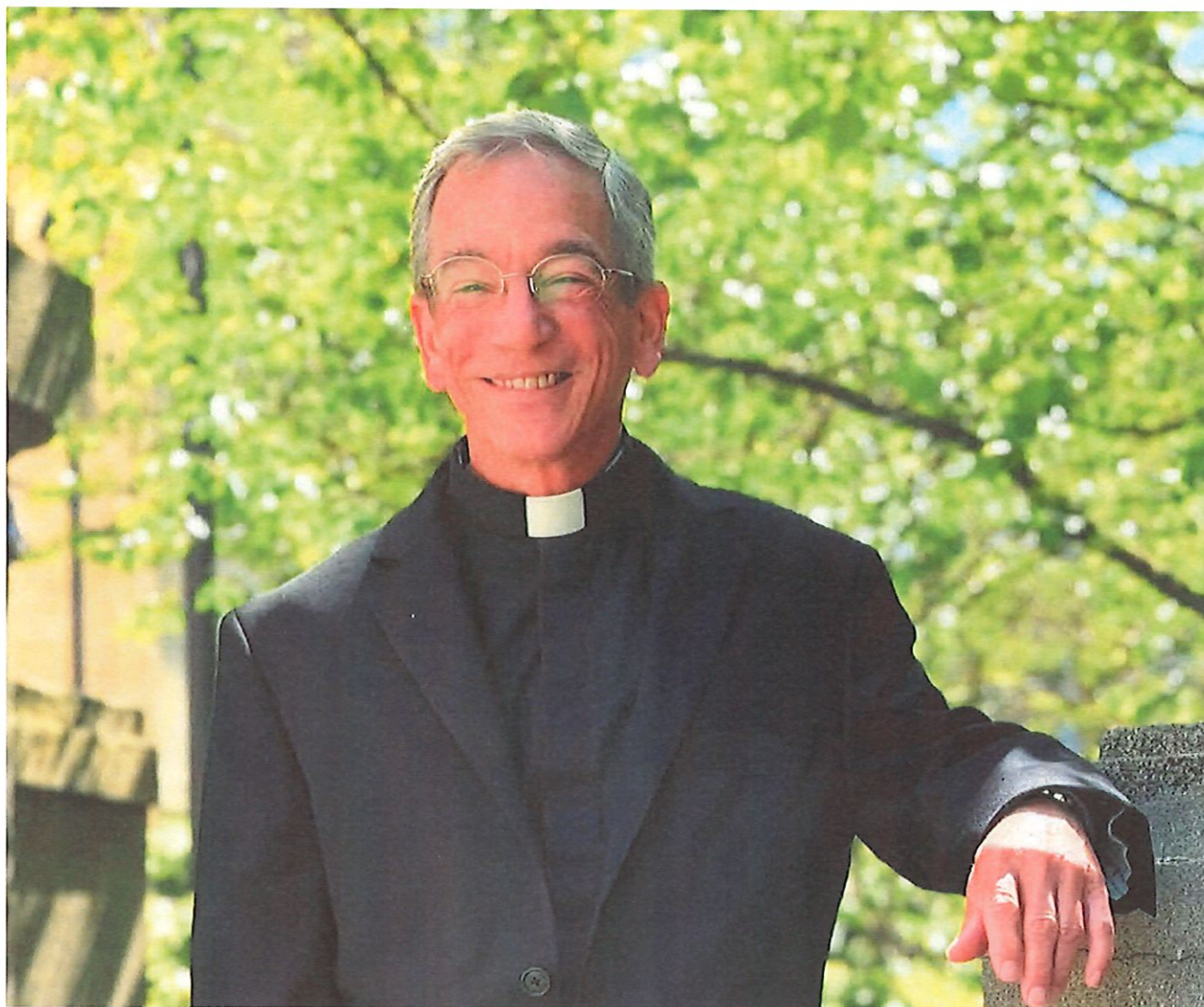
In addition, Barbara Connor retired from her role as Pastoral Coordinator at Immaculate Conception, and Paula Holmes is retiring as Pastoral Assistant for Administration at Christ Our Hope. While none of these changes undoes the work of the past year, it is a good reminder to take things slow and be patient with one another as we head into year two of Partners in the Gospel.

Listening Sessions with Father Gary Lazzeroni

To give Father Lazzeroni a chance to get to know the communities better, he will host listening sessions in September, inviting you to come share your story: "What is one of your best memories of your parish? What is one hope you have for your parish?" The dates for these gatherings are:

- **Christ Our Hope: Wednesday, September 3 at 7:00pm**
- **Immaculate Conception: Sunday, September 7 after 11:00am Mass**
- **St. James Cathedral: Tuesday, September 9 at 7:00pm**

Parishioners of all three parishes are welcome to attend any of the listening sessions.



MASS OF INSTALLATION OF FATHER GARY F. LAZZERONI

**Sunday, September 14, 2025
10:00am Mass | St. James Cathedral, Seattle**

All are invited to gather at St. James Cathedral on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, as Archbishop Etienne formally installs Father Gary Lazzeroni as pastor of St. James Cathedral, Immaculate Conception, and Christ Our Hope. This will be an important moment to gather as a parish family.

St James Mental Health
and Wellness Ministry



Join us for
community
and
friendship!

Popcorn
and
snacks
provided!

5th Friday Movie Group

August 29th, 2025
10am-11:30am

Admission
FREE

Pastoral Outreach Center
907 Columbia St.

For more information contact Anisa Ralls, MA LMHC
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Grief Support Group



**Tuesdays, Sept 9-Oct 28, 2025
10:00-11:30am, Pastoral Outreach Center**

Are you grieving the death of someone close to you?
Grief and loss can have a significant impact on our lives
long after the death of the person we love.

The grieving process has no timeline and is unique to each individual,
but meeting with others who are going through a similar experience
can provide support and help us cope.

You are invited to join this 8-week grief support group
facilitated by St. James Cathedral Staff Anisa Ralls.
Preregistration required.

*Information and registration, Anisa Ralls, 206-382-4269
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Join us in person or livestream @ArchdioceseofSeattle  

*God, lover of souls,
you hold dear what you have made
and spare all things, for they are yours.*

(Order of Christian Funerals)

**If you or someone you know is in crisis, please contact the
988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline**

- Call or text 988
- Chat at 988lifeline.org