

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

August 24, 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>

**GO OUT TO ALL THE
WORLD AND TELL
THE GOOD NEWS**

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1: Isaiah 66:18-21

Responsorial Psalm 117:1,2

**"Go out to the world and
tell the Good News."**

Reading 2: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Gospel: Luke 13:22-3

MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS

For the repose of the soul of Elizer Mendoza on his 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

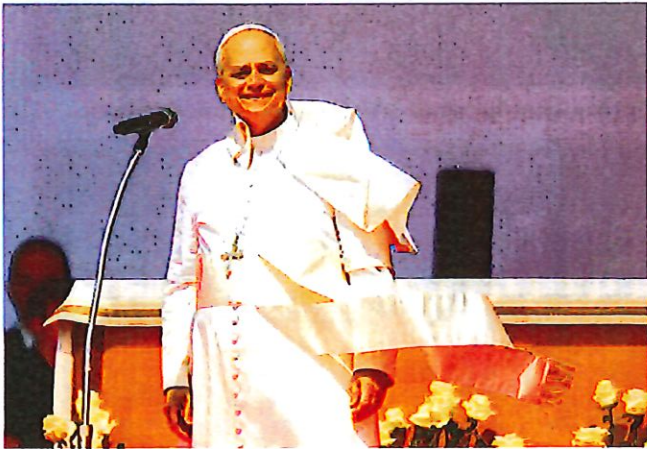
Upcoming Events:

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



Pope Leo's first 100 days: Leaning into his new role

<https://www.usccb.org/news/2025/pope-leos-first-100-days-leaning-his-new-role>

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Stories about "the first 100 days" are standard fare at the beginning of a U.S. president's four-year term... But a pope is elected for life and without having promised voters anything or having presented a platform.

Pope XIV was elected May 8, making Aug. 16 the 100th day since he stepped out onto the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica as the new pope. He will celebrate his 70th birthday Sept. 14.

While the first 100 days of a pontificate may hint at what is to come, the initial period of Pope Leo's ministry as the successor of Peter and bishop of Rome seemed mostly about him getting used to the role, the crowds and the protocol... he could have issued a slew of the canonical equivalent of executive orders in his first days in office. Instead, he lived up to his reputation as a person who listens before deciding -- holding a meeting with the College of Cardinals and individual meetings with the heads of Vatican offices.

Like his predecessors, Pope Leo confirmed the heads of Curia offices on a temporary basis a few days after his election. Some major nominations are expected in September or early October, starting with his own replacement as prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops... His choices for members of his team, and whether he decides to have an international Council of Cardinals to advise him will send signals not only about what he wants to do but also how he wants to do it. (Pope Francis set up the Council of Cardinals early in his pontificate to help him with the reform of the Roman Curia and to

advise him on other matters, but he did not make the council a formal body.)

...In his first public address, moments after his election, the new pope said: "We want to be a synodal church, a church that moves forward, a church that always seeks peace, that always seeks charity, that always seeks to be close above all to those who are suffering."

Pope Leo went deeper when he spoke about the key objectives of his ministry -- in a pontificate that easily could last 20 years -- during a meeting with the College of Cardinals two days after his election. He asked the cardinals to join him in renewing a "complete commitment to the path that the universal Church has now followed for decades in the wake of the Second Vatican Council."

That path had six fundamental points that, Pope Leo said, "Pope Francis masterfully and concretely set it forth" in his first exhortation, "The Joy of the Gospel." The six points highlighted by Pope Leo were: "the return to the primacy of Christ in proclamation; the missionary conversion of the entire Christian community; growth in collegiality and synodality; attention to the 'sensus fidei' (the people of God's sense of the faith), especially in its most authentic and inclusive forms, such as popular piety; loving care for the least and the rejected; (and) courageous and trusting dialogue with the contemporary world in its various components and realities."

Those realities include the widespread media attention focused on the election of the first U.S.-born pope as well as the fact that people of all stripes feel free to use social media to proclaim what Pope Leo "should" do, "must" or "must not" do.

According to a Gallup Poll conducted in the United States July 7-21 and published Aug. 5, Pope Leo was the most favorably viewed of 14 world leaders and major newsmakers; 57% of Americans said they had a "favorable opinion" of him and 11% said they had an "unfavorable" opinion...

At his general audience Aug. 6 -- held outside on a very warm summer day -- the pope finished his formal program in less than an hour, then spent another two and a half hours shaking hands, posing for photos with pilgrim groups and having unusually long conversations with dozens of newlywed couples before offering them his blessing...

Pope Leo has shown he has a special tool for connecting with a crowd: speaking English and Spanish... While his U.S. roots and Peruvian missionary experience undoubtedly will impact his papacy, he has been very respectful of the Italian tradition of not making major announcements or changes during the summer holidays.

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 19th, 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 are 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 Marlon 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).



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.



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August 24, 2025

Dear Friends,

It has been about seven weeks now since I began my new ministry as your pastor and pastor of St James and Christ Our Hope. After having lived at Immaculate and been with you for Masses this past year, your warm welcome in my new role has made this transition so comfortable for me. Thank you!

During this time of transition, it has been such a blessing for me and for all of us to have Father Ryan continuing to serve, and especially to celebrate Masses in all three of our parishes. In addition, Father Ryan has been generous with his time with me, and we have had several good conversations.

As you know, Father Ryan will be leaving at the end of the month for a sabbatical. And while I, and we, will miss him, I am grateful that he will have some well-deserved time away. I know he will carry all of us in his heart and in his prayers. And we will do the same!

As we look forward to the fall, it is also good for us to look back and reflect on this first year of living into *Partners in The Gospel*, and our community building with Christ Our Hope and St. James Cathedral Parishes. Last week's Bulletin provided an in-depth summary of where we have been together over this past year as we have spent time getting to know each other and forming some leadership teams to help guide the process toward becoming one parish.

As part of that process, each parish reflected on the questions of "Who are we? What are our strengths and weaknesses?" Here is a summary of the responses we received at each parish:

Immaculate Conception

Strengths: Cultural diversity and inclusion which creates a rich multicultural community. Welcoming and supportive community, friendly parishioners, family atmosphere and strong fellowship. Commitment to social justice demonstrated by active engagement in social justice, equity and community service. Prayerful Mass, engaging homilies and adherence to Catholic liturgy.

Weaknesses/Places to grow: Leadership and succession planning; youth engagement and attracting and involving young people and neighbors. Over-reliance on volunteers and limited staff resources; financial and building maintenance; better communication, signage and public outreach.

Christ Our Hope

Strengths: Inclusive atmosphere and sense of community. Our large and growing Spanish-speaking community, along with a culturally diverse congregation, adds a beautiful richness that reflects the diversity of the People of God. Active outreach social justice initiatives that are tied to the specific location in downtown Seattle and the Josephinum: COH values our lay-led leadership, including both staff and volunteers, and seeks to empower parishioners to be actively involved in ministries. The downtown location makes Christ our Hope a convenient location not only for regular parishioners, but for visitors, seasonal tourists, downtown workers, and the unhoused and people on the street.

Weaknesses/places to grow: A small staff (only one full-time staff role), the challenges of COVID-19, and limited funding put strain on leadership and volunteers. Leadership transitions over the past few years have been difficult. A subset of committed super-volunteers fill many key parish roles, and more parishioners need to be encouraged to participate more deeply. Attracting more and younger parishioners and expanding opportunities for faith formation are desired. Our downtown location poses challenges for parishioners trying to find parking.

St. James Cathedral

Strengths: The diversity of the community, the parish's extensive outreach to the poor, beautiful liturgies, atmosphere of welcome and acceptance, and the leadership of Father Ryan and staff were the common answers. In many responses, parishioners recognized that it was the combination of all of these factors that made the Cathedral special.

Places to grow: Common themes were youth and young adults, the geographic dispersion of the parishioners, preventing them from gathering outside of Sunday Mass; some mentioned a desire for more diverse offerings from the music program. Shortage of parking and the shortage of priests were also mentioned repeatedly.

This summary of strengths and opportunities for growth is a good starting point for me as I assume the responsibility for helping to guide us through this process of reimagining who we can be together as a new parish. There is such a blessing in these voices from our parishes. It is clear that we are well-matched! Our shared values around good liturgy, outreach and justice, and our shared desire to improve our outreach to youth and young adults provides exciting common ground that we can build on in the years ahead.

I would like to continue this conversation in person with as many of you as I can. We have scheduled three listening sessions over the next few weeks so I can hear from you personally about who we are as a parish. At these listening sessions I'm going to ask you to reflect on one of your best memories from our parish and one hope you have for our parish.

Below are the dates and times of these listening sessions. There is one at each of our three parishes, and you are welcome to attend the session that is most convenient for you:

- 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

I hope you can work one of these into your schedule as I would very much like to see and hear from as many parishioners as possible.

Thank you for all you do to make this such an amazing parish!

Wishing you God's peace and abundant blessings!



Fr. Gary Lazzeroni
Pastor