

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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

820 18<sup>th</sup> Ave. Seattle, WA 98122 [www.icseattle.org](http://www.icseattle.org)

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

**September 21, 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](mailto:helpline@seattlarch.org)

[protectandheal.seattlarchdiocese.org](http://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>



**Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Reading 1: Amos 8:4-7**

**Responsorial Psalm 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8**

**"Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor."**

**Reading 2: 1 Timothy 2:1-8**

**Gospel: Luke 16:1-3**

## **Pray for our Parishioners**

In memory of Rosendo Luna Jr., death anniversary on 9/14.

*Please contact the parish office at 206-322-5970 or [office@icseattle.org](mailto:office@icseattle.org) to add a parishioner's name or your family's name to our weekly prayer's list.*

## **Upcoming Events**

**September 28** Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz – Celebration at 11AM Mass at ICC. To honor San Lorenzo's martyrdom, please wear red on his feast.

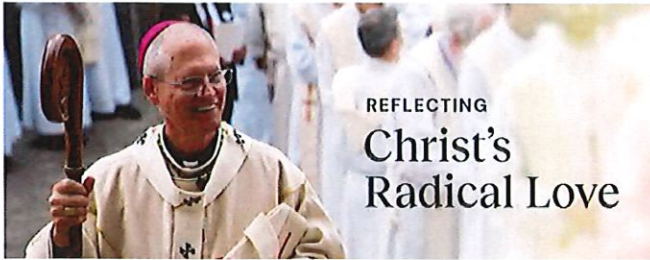
**September 22** Fall Bible Study begins 6-7:30PM, Rectory conference room

**October 12** Giant Rosary procession before 11AM Mass at ICC

**October 26** Feast of San Pedro Calungsod - Celebration at 11AM Mass at ICC



## Deeping Our Faith



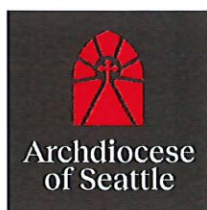
From Simon's Corner, Pastoral Care & Outreach Department.

**Pastoral Care & Outreach** promotes missionary discipleship while developing mutuality and kinship with people on the margins. We attend to the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.

We are a Church of action. A people of hope. Called to serve, to welcome, to listen and to lead with courage and compassion. Rooted in Gospel truth, and forward-thinking in how we share it. In our parishes, our ministries, and our Catholic schools, we form hearts, shape minds, and serve others—preparing a new generation to lead with faith, compassion and purpose.

We are focused on reflecting Christ's Radical Love in the world today.

- **Welcome** – Practicing excellent hospitality that ensures people feel they belong.
- **Collaboration** – Working together to achieve the evangelizing mission Jesus gave us.
- **Justice** – Establishing right relationship with God and others, while respecting the dignity of all people.
- **Stewardship** – Responsible planning and care for the people, mission and creation.
- **Forward-thinking** – An active, vibrant Church that plans for the future, embraces new ideas and creative ways of evangelization.



## Congratulations Fr. Gary Lazzeroni Our official St. James Cathedral Parish Family Pastor



On September 24, 2025, Archbishop Paul Etienne installed the Rev. Gary Lazzeroni as the St. James Cathedral Parish Family Pastor in a simple and powerful ceremony. Christ Our Hope, Immaculate Conception and St. James parish members attended the joint Mass giving Rev. Father Gary, a resounding welcome applause! Blessings to us all.



*A Journey of Faith*



Children's Faith Formation

If interested, please fill out a registration form, found on the back table or you may contact the office at [office@icseattle.org](mailto:office@icseattle.org).

### WE INVITE YOU TO REGISTER AS A REGULAR IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH MEMBER

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](http://www.icseattle.org) or use the QR code.



Immaculate Conception representatives at the National Black Catholic Men's Conference,  
Sept 4-7, New Orleans, LA.



1st row (l-r): Nick Schoen (St. Philomena), Caesar Patterson, Geoffrey Williams, Fr Sylvester Chanda, Deacon Joseph Connor, and Ukwenga Oleru.

2nd row (l-r): Ian Heisser, Eddie Schoen, Joseph Fletcher, Fr Charles Smith (Cofounder NBCMC), Lorenzo Neri, Connor Trapp, and Sherrell Mitchell.

**Reflections from attendees:**

**Ukwenga Oleru** - The conference was well organized and great. The hotel was great also. Masses made one feel the presence of the holy spirit.

**Nick Schoen** - For me, this trip had many blessings, but perhaps most remarkably was the title and theme itself. I found the message of "Forge" both epitomizing the resolve of Black Catholics and their legacy of faith in this country, as well as a reminder that we can all fall into the temptation to "forge" our lives, by not making Christ the center, shrinking from social justice, equity and the work of anti-racism.

**Joseph Fletcher** - The 2025 Black Catholic Men's Conference was a wonderful event which showcased participants from all around the country who shared a common love for themselves, their community and their faith. A theme which poured from the various workshops and courses was the hope for the church to remain relevant and active in the cultural context of people of color in general and African-Americans specifically. There are many instances where the church has failed to lift its voice and where the teaching of Jesus would have us not only speak up, but act in support of justice and love. Where others are being persecuted, or injustice is being performed, we must remember that the next time it could be us. I very much enjoy the event and appreciate the effort of the host city of New Orleans to make this year's conference memorable and a foundation for active in the immediate future.

**Connor Trapp** - The Conference filled up my spiritual cup and gave me a lot to ponder and digest. One speaker's words in particular left a deep impression that I carry back here to Seattle: In Romans 12:1 Paul writes, "Therefore I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship." To offer one's body as a living sacrifice means, necessarily, that one is TRANSFORMED by God. Paul writes God *urges* us to transform both our **thinking and behavior**. Listening transforms thinking, it makes us IN-FORMED of the word, which is the necessary path to "true and proper worship". However, it is our WORKS that represent the ultimate transformation, offering our bodies as that living sacrifice. Without being "informed" we lack foundation for our works, allowing ourselves to get burnt out, or be easily misled from what God asks of us. Without works, we fail to heed Paul's message of urgency of pleasing God through true and proper worship. Thank you for inviting me to the conference! It was a pleasure and privilege to worship and experience the rich Black traditions and history within the Church alongside members of our Immaculate Brotherhood.



## Stewardship:

Caring for Our Church and Community

### Year-to-Date Collection Stewardship of Treasure Report

As of 09.07.2024 - \$42,215.20 YTD

As of 09.30.2025 - \$60,166.36 LY

**Blessings and Thank you!**

#### ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL (ACA)

OUR GOAL - \$26,883.00. As of August 7th, 2025, total Pledges were **\$30,883.52**. Any rebate funds received will support security cameras. **THANK YOU** for your generosity!



#### 2025 Lu'au Souvenir Program Photos

are now online at Parish Life Photos

<https://www.icseattle.org/luau>.

Please scroll down to the bottom of the letter and click: Part 1 for Unifying our Parish Ohana, Part 2 Greetings from our Immaculate Ohana, Part 3: In Memory of our Loved Ones, Part 4: Greetings from our Business Friends and Part 5: Our Raffle Winners.

Thank you to all who made the 2025 Lu'au a success and donated generously.

#### 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 YOU TO volunteer 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](mailto:office@icseattle.org).



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



For updates and more info:

<http://www.archseattle.org/partners>



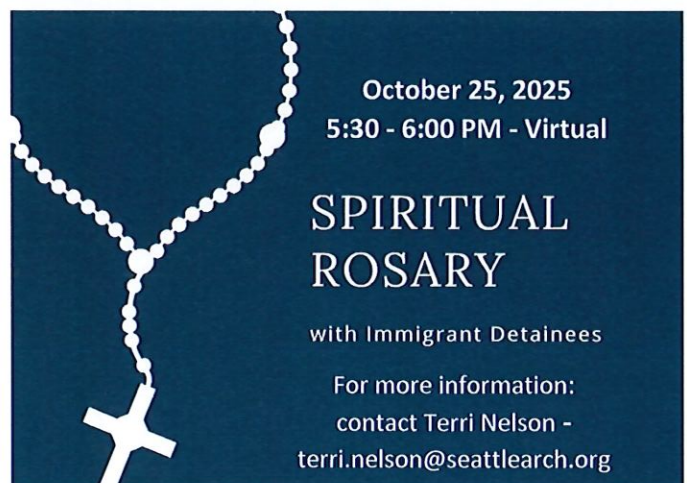
## Join us

November 15 | 9am – 6pm  
Saint Martin's University, Lacey



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En camino a la santidad  
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October 25, 2025  
5:30 - 6:00 PM - Virtual

## SPIRITUAL ROSARY

with Immigrant Detainees

For more information:  
contact Terri Nelson -  
[terri.nelson@seattlearch.org](mailto:terri.nelson@seattlearch.org)

ARCHDIOCESE OF SEATTLE | Immigrant & Refugee Ministry



9TH ANNUAL CATHOLIC IMMIGRATION SUMMIT

## OPENING OUR HEARTS TO FAITH IN ACTION

Catholic Perspectives on  
Immigration and Human Rights



**Saturday, September 27**

8:30am - 3:30pm  
Seattle University

Keynote: Bishop Mark Seitz, El Paso, Texas

Legal updates, advocacy, and networking

Get to know the work of local organizations

Lunchtime conversations and celebration of Mass

Special Guests: Gospel Truth Choir

### Sponsors:

Archdiocese of Seattle  
St. James Immigrant Assistance  
St. Vincent de Paul  
of Seattle-King County  
Seattle University - Institute for  
Catholic Thought and Culture

### Registration required:



Questions? Email Jessica Palmer  
palmerj@seattleu.edu

## For the Safety of our Church and Community



Please **do not remove** the candles from the glass holder and place elsewhere. Please **ONLY** use the votive available in the grotto. **Do not** bring your household candles, they are not fire department approved candles for the church.



When service ends, we ask that you move your conversation to Jean Moran Hall during fellowship or outside the sanctuary so we can properly secure the church for the safety of our sacred items.

**THANK YOU!**

# JOB OPPORTUNITY

## Volunteer Coordinator

The Volunteer Coordinator is responsible for recruiting, training and managing volunteers with the church, ensuring their effective participation in various ministries and events. The Volunteer Coordinator implements all volunteer programs, fosters a culture of volunteerism and ensures the church's mission is carried out through volunteer efforts.

## Youth and Young Adult Ministry

To implement the parish family of churches, including St. James, Christ our Hope and Immaculate Conception parishes' commitment to Youth Ministry and Young Adult Ministry in a comprehensive manner. This includes the following elements: catechesis, evangelization, social action, community building, spirituality, prayer, guidance, empowerment and advocacy.

For more information, please visit  
[www.archseattle.org/careers](http://www.archseattle.org/careers)

Join us for the Jubilee Year  
Immigration Pilgrimage  
**of Hope**

October 4 | 9:30am — noon  
Starts at St. Leo's Tacoma  
Ends at ICE Detention Center

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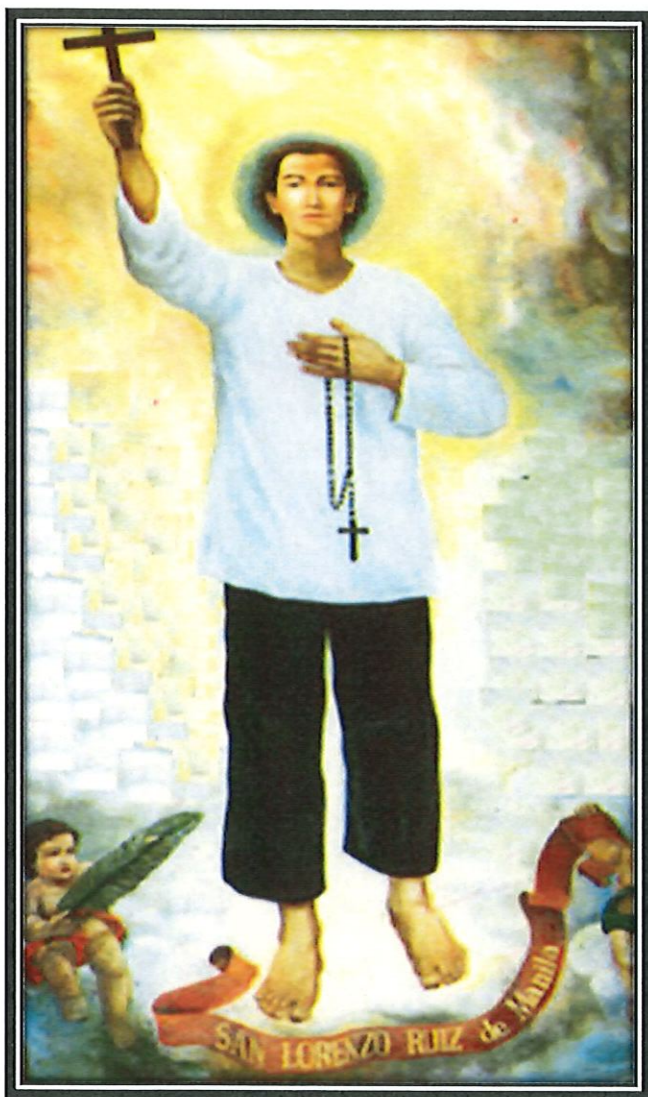
Jubilee 2025  
Pilgrimage of Hope

Please register at <https://archseattle.org/events/jubilee-year-immigration-pilgrimage-of-hope/>. Two reasons to register are to set up carpools since parking is limited, and list your emergency contact information.



Come and Join the Celebration!  
Feast of  
**San Lorenzo Ruiz**

"If I had a thousand lives, I would offer them all to God."  
— *St. Lorenzo Ruiz*



San Lorenzo Ruiz was born between 1600 and 1610 in Binondo, Manila, to a Chinese father and a Filipino mother. Raised in the Catholic faith, he served as an altar boy and sacristan. He was educated by the Dominican Fathers, who admired his excellent penmanship and made him their official scribe.

In 1636, facing a false accusation, Lorenzo left the Philippines with Dominican missionaries and traveled to Japan—where Christianity was forbidden. Upon arrival in Nagasaki, Lorenzo and his companions were arrested for their faith. They endured cruel torture, including water submersion, beatings, and having needles driven under their fingernails. Some recanted, but Lorenzo stood firm.

On **September 27, 1637**, he was martyred by *horca y hoyo*, a method of slow suffocation while being hung upside down. After two days of agony, he died with unwavering faith in God. His ashes were thrown into the sea.

San Lorenzo Ruiz was canonized by **Pope St. John Paul II in 1987**, becoming the **first Filipino saint and martyr**. His courage and witness remain a powerful example for all of us today.

**St. Lorenzo Ruiz, pray for us!**

**Sunday, September 28, 2025 - 11:00 AM**  
Mass followed by a reception in Jean Moran hall

**Immaculate Conception Church**  
820 – 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Seattle, Washington 98122

**All are invited.**



**You are invited to:**  
**ST JAMES CATHEDRAL'S**  
**Annual**  
**Mental Health and Wellness**  
**Resource Fair**

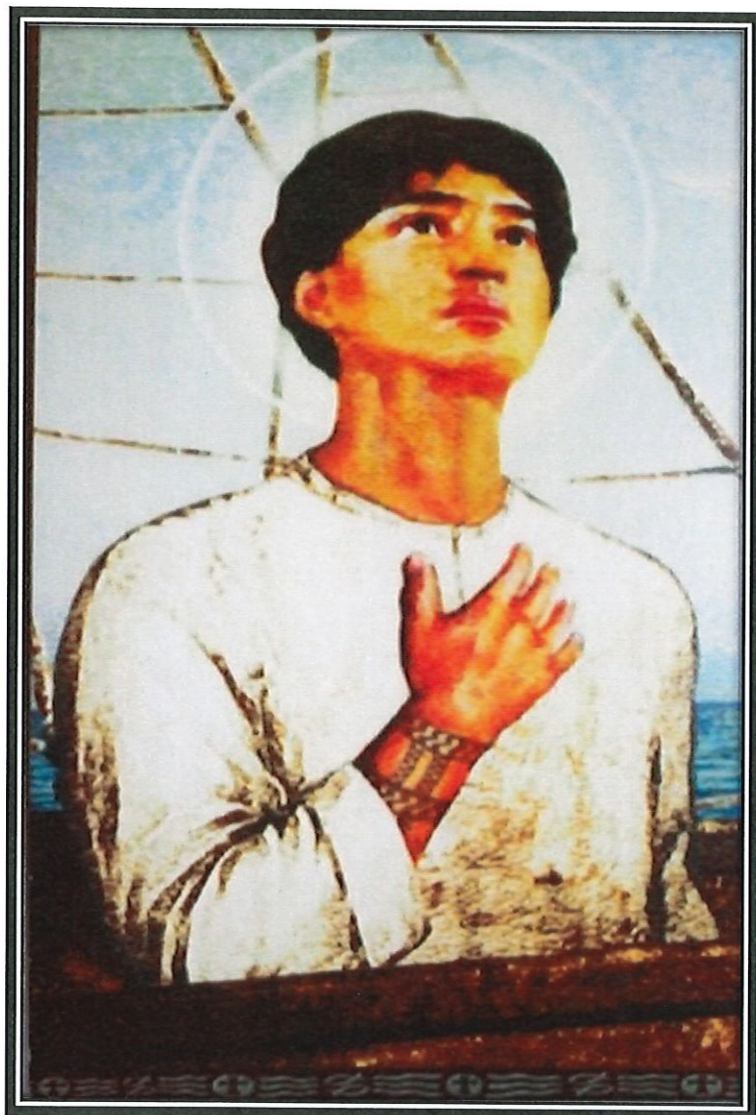
**Sunday**  
**October 5<sup>th</sup> 2025**  
**11am to 2pm**  
**Cathedral Hall**

**Come and enjoy St. James' Hospitality,**  
**meet representatives from organizations in our community and**  
**learn about mental health resources that may benefit you or**  
**someone you know!**  
**Everyone is welcome!**

**For more information contact Anisa Ralls, Director of Mental Health and Wellness Ministry**  
**206-382-4269 or [aralls@stjames-cathedral.org](mailto:aralls@stjames-cathedral.org)**



Come and Join the Celebration!  
Feast of  
**Saint Pedro Calungsod**



San Pedro Calungsod was a Filipino teen who gave his life for Christ. At just 13, he joined Spanish missionaries traveling to the Marianas Islands to share the Catholic faith. A devoted young man, Pedro loved the Church, received the Sacraments often, and was eager to teach others about Jesus.

Through his efforts, many were baptized. But not everyone welcomed the missionaries. Some village leaders, fearing the loss of their influence, opposed them. In 1672, at age 17, Pedro was killed alongside a priest while baptizing a child at the request of the village chief's wife.

Pedro was beatified in 2000 by Pope St. John Paul II and canonized on October 21, 2012, by Pope Benedict XVI.

That same day, **the Shrine of Filipino Saints** (San Lorenzo Ruiz & San Pedro Calungsod) was blessed by Bishop Eusebio Elizondo at Immaculate Conception Church in Seattle.

**San Pedro Calungsod, pray for us!**

**Sunday, October 26, 2026 - 11:00 AM Mass**  
Followed by a reception in Jean Moran Hall

**Immaculate Conception Church**

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Seattle, Washington 98122

**All are invited.**