



# 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

**September 7, 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@seattlearch.org](mailto:helpline@seattlearch.org)

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

**the LORD is my  
REFUGE**

## **Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Reading 1:** Wisdom 9:13-18b

**Responsorial Psalm** 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17

**“In every age, O Lord,  
you have been our refuge.”**

**Reading 2:** Philemon 9-10, 12-17

**Gospel:** Luke 14:25-33

## **Pray for our Parishioners**

Von Villaruz

*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 to our weekly prayer's list.*

## **Upcoming Events**

**September 12** Jubilee Pilgrimage to France See page 4

**September 13** Hospital Ministry See page 4

**September 14, Sun 10AM at St. James Cathedral**

Mass of Installation of Father Gary F. Lazzeroni  
(There will be no Mass on Sept 14 at Immaculate Church.)

**September 16** Campaign for Youth Adults gathering has been postponed

**September 21** Feast of Chaplet of Tears See page 5

**September 28** Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz –  
Celebration at 11AM Mass at ICC

## Deeping Our Faith



### Pope Leo XIV's September 2025 Prayer Intention:

#### Our Relationship with All of Creation

From Vatican News by Christopher Wells

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2025-09/september-prayer-intention-for-our-relationship-with-creation.html>

In this month's Pope Video, the Holy Father invites us to pray that "inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect."

The prayer that follows emphasizes God's love for all of creation, noting that "nothing exists outside" of His "tenderness" and recalling God's care for "even the simplest or shortest life." "Like St Francis of Assisi, today we too want to say, 'Praised be You, my Lord' – alluding, too, to Pope Francis' landmark encyclical on the care of creation which begins with those very words.

Pope Leo's prayer goes on speak of "the beauty of creation" as a revelation of God "as the source of goodness," and asks Him to "open our eyes to recognize you, learning from the mystery of your closeness to all creation that the world is infinitely more than a problem to solve." Instead, the Pope says, "It is a mystery to be contemplated with gratitude."

The Holy Father concludes his prayer with a plea to God to "help us discover Your presence in all creation, so that, in fully recognizing it, we may feel and know ourselves to be responsible for our common home where You invite us to care for, respect, and protect life in all its forms and possibilities."

## Living a moment of gratitude

In a press release accompanying the prayer, the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network – which is responsible for preparing each month's intention – notes that "the video comes out within the context of the Season of Creation, an ecumenical period from September 1 to October 4 (the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi) that unites Christians from various denominations in prayer and action for the care of the earth."

This year's Season of Creation takes place as the Church marks both the 800th anniversary of Saint Francis' "Canticle of Creation" and the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato sí*.

"The Jubilee of Hope and the 10th anniversary of the Encyclical *Laudato Si'* invite us to live a moment of gratitude, commitment to and care for our common home," says Cardinal Michael Czerny, the Prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Development, which supported the production of this month's Pope Video.

### An interconnected world

Commenting on this month's intention, the International Director of the Prayer Network, Father Cristóbal Fones, S.J., explains that this month's prayer intention "reminds us how interconnected our world is. Our well-being cannot be separated from other creatures living on earth, or from the 'state of health' of our planet."

"This month," Father Fones continues, "the Pope invites us to reflect on how our actions affect nature, God's work, and to seek ways of living that foster the restoration and natural balance and harmony between human beings and the environment. In the midst of such a competitive, hectic world, dominated by consumerism, a large part of humanity deeply longs to live well, closer to and more respectful of nature – a style of life that would allow us to contemplate it in an attentive silence that leads to an encounter with ourselves, with God and with others."

### Faith & Earth Stewardship in Action:

**What does it mean to have a relationship with God's local creation?**

## Stewardship:

Caring for Our Church and Community

### Weekly Collection Stewardship of Treasure Report

As of 09.01.2024 - \$2,050 Stewardships,  
\$43.47 Votives

As of 08.31.2025 - \$1,735 Stewardships,  
\$81.25 Votives

**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!

### 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!**

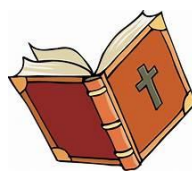
### WE INVITE YOU TO REGISTER AS A REGULAR IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH MEMBER

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.

## Fall Bible Study – Sign up Now!



**Mondays, Sept 15 - Nov 3 (8 weeks)**

for women and men seeking to deepen our faith through the study of God's Word. 6:00-7:30pm at the Immaculate Conception Rectory. Sign up NOW on

the Immaculate Conception website or on the sheet at the back table in the church. To help off-set cost of materials, a \$25 contribution is suggested but no one will be turned away. **All are welcome!**

For more information, contact Lori Chisholm-Cook.



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).

### 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!**



**Urgent Relief for Survival in Gaza and Recovery  
Across the Holy Land.**



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**Submit your  
prayer intentions**

for Archbishop Etienne's  
Jubilee Pilgrimage to France



All are invited to submit prayer intentions for Archbishop Etienne and his fellow pilgrims to take with them on their upcoming Jubilee Pilgrimage to France this September. They will pray for your intentions as they journey to the shrines of France, including Ars, Lisieux, and Lourdes. All intentions will be included in a book that will be placed near the altar at each Mass. [Click here](#) to submit prayer intentions by Sept. 12.

# 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).*

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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of Seattle

 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.



## Feast of Chaplet of Tears

September 15, 2025

The Chaplet of Tears originated in the 1930s when Our Lord and Our Lady appeared to Sister Amalia Aguirre of Campinas, Brazil. Mary entrusted her with the devotion of the Chaplet of Tears, emphasizing the power of her tears in interceding for sinners, conversions, and the protection of families. Through this prayer, the faithful unite their petitions with the sufferings of Our Lady, who wept for her Son and for all her children.

We will celebrate the **Feast of the Chaplet of Tears** on  
**Sunday, September 21, 2025, at 10:30 AM** at ICC,  
in place of the regular rosary.

Immaculate will provide the **Rosary of the Seven Sorrows of Mother Mary**.  
All are invited to join us in prayer and devotion.

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# 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)





## **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.