

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

April 12, 2026

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)



Reading 1: Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

Responsorial Psalm: 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24(1)

***“Give Thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting”***

Reading 2: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel: John 20:19-31

From the Pastor's Desk | April 12, 2026

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL | IMMACULATE CONCEPTION | CHRIST OUR HOPE

Dear Friends,
Happy Easter! "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad" (Psalm 118). Today is about rejoicing. Today is about joy.

It is a joy that springs from the surprise of an empty tomb. Mary of Magdala was the first to discover the stone removed. She had come to the tomb of Jesus, her teacher, her friend, her Lord. She had come early in the morning on the first day of the week, while it was still dark.

It was not only dark because the sun had not yet risen, but it was dark because all that she had hoped for had been crucified and she was coming to mourn the loss of her friend and teacher. She was coming to mourn the loss of a dream that he had inspired in her and his other friends and followers.

But the stone is not there. Someone must have taken his body, she says to Peter and the other disciple whom Jesus loved. They both run to the tomb. Could this be another terrible insult to the dream? Not only has Jesus been executed, but now they cannot even mourn at his tomb.

They both enter the tomb, and John tells us that the disciple whom Jesus loved, got it. He believed. They did not yet completely understand about the resurrection - but he believed.

Two thousand years later, we celebrate what the Beloved Disciple believed that first Easter morning, and what all the disciples came to believe in the days to come. We celebrate that God did not allow death to have the final word in the life of Jesus. We celebrate that the dream lives on, and that no matter what, life wins.

From that time on Christians have celebrated on this day, the first day of the week, the day when the dream came true. Yes, indeed, "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!"

Today is a day of rejoicing, a day of joy, because you and I have a share in this dream of new life. In the waters of baptism we have been buried with Christ and have been raised with him to new life.

St. Paul tells the Colossians in the second reading this morning, and he tells us, "If then, you were raised with Christ, seek what is above." You and I can get earth-bound, we can get buried in our own little tombs throughout our lives.

We can allow the struggles, the monotony, the sickness, the personal disappointments, the concern about our country and our world, the little and big deaths that we experience - we can let all of this bury our hopes and dreams for a life that we once looked forward to with eager expectation.

Easter is about rekindling our original joy. Easter is about renewing the dream and the promise that life holds for us because of the story of Jesus.

Peter reminds his listeners of the story. He describes the original excitement of those early days after the baptism that John preached. He recalls how Jesus "went all about Galilee doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil." He reminds them that he was put to death, but that God raised him on the third day.


Just as he did two thousand years ago, God wants to revive the dream, rekindle the excitement and surprise us with joy this day, this Easter Day, this day that the Lord has made.

What has grown cold and dead and hopeless in your life, and in mine? What dreams for life and love have been buried in the tomb of our disappointment? Amidst the injustice in our country, and the violence and war-weariness that we are living through, have we become so disillusioned that our hope for a better world has been buried in a tomb of despair?

Whatever our disappointments and our dashed hopes, God wants to roll the stone away and free us to believe again, to trust again, that this life he has blessed us with is still very, very good.

Our share in Jesus' resurrection assures us that we will have new life, not only at the end of our lives, but right now. That's why today is about rejoicing. That's why today is about joy. All we have to do is let the Lord surprise us as he rolls the stone away from our tombs.

In a few moments we will tell the story once again - the story of God's life-giving love - the dream that never gets old. As we gather around the Table of the Eucharist, may we see here the One who can feed our dreams, and who can surprise us with joy. This is indeed "The day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad!"


Father Gary Lazzeroni
Pastor

Catechesis 101

Easter Season

Did you know that the Church gives us until the Feast of Pentecost to celebrate Easter? And, from the day of Easter to Pentecost we have exactly 50 days! During these days, we celebrate great feasts like Divine Mercy Sunday which is the Second Sunday of Easter, and The Ascension of the Lord which falls on Thursday May 14 though celebrated on the Sunday that follows with the rest of the community on May 17.

Sharing our Faith: Our Lenten Journey here at Immaculate Conception.

Starting this week, the bulletin will include Lenten Living Stations personal reflections from our parishioners. If we have not received the reflection from the person who shared, we will provide a general reflection on that station.

The First Station: Jesus is Condemned to Death

This first station signifies the start of Jesus' journey to Calvary where He will suffer and die for our sins giving us hope in His redeeming love. We each have our own journey of faith that can be filled with joys, challenges, and suffering. In reflecting on this first station we can consider our own perseverance in living the life that Christ's example and love gives us. Where am I in my faith journey? What can I do to grow in my faith?

General Reflection

The Second Station: Jesus takes up His cross

And what does Jesus taking up His cross mean to me? As I reflected on this station, four (4) significant ideas came to mind. The Historical and Spiritual significance, Discipleship, the Challenging following Jesus, and a Call to Action. Tonight, I'll share some of my thoughts, however your thoughts may differ. Well, I know that Jesus carried His own cross to satisfy Roman law, to fulfill prophetic scripture, demonstrate obedience, personify the transfer of human sin, and so much more. Therefore, I believe we can clearly see the spiritual significance, historical and eternal purpose, here, inviting disbelievers and seekers to see the weight of the Cross, as a measure of God's love for us as well as a call to worship the risen Christ. Now we know, not only did Jesus take up His cross. Jesus also emphasizes the need for His followers to take up their own crosses, signifying total loyalty and commitment to Him. And further He tells us whoever does not take up his cross and follows Him cannot be His disciple and worthy of Him. Can you imagine Jesus looking you in the eye and saying these words? (Matthews 10:38), "Or (Luke 14:26-27).

I know I've said it before myself. There are challenges following Jesus. Carrying the cross involves facing life's adversities, suffering, and sacrifices, leaving family and loved ones etc. etc. However, carrying one's cross requires only trust and a firm faith in Jesus 'presence and support. In Closing, we are all called to action, and true disciples, which demands self-denial, courage, and a faithful commitment to God's will, as we follow Jesus on the path to Golgotha.

By Ms Severa.

Pray for our Parishioners

For the Eternal repose of the soul of Reynaldo Yambao

Healing Prayers for Kathy West-Evans, Sharon Pitre - Williams, Ann Imbert and Se'Vera Dowe.

Please contact the parish office at 206-322-5970 or bulletin@icseattle.org to add a parishioner's name or your family's name

The Life of Our Community

SAVE THE DATE: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION 2026-27 LITURGICAL AND EVENTS CALENDAR MEETING - Saturday, May 30th, 2026 - 10AM at IC Jean Moran Hall. All parishioners who are planning to host events or celebrate feast days at Immaculate Conception are invited to attend. Join us as we coordinate and plan for the upcoming liturgical year!



YOUTH MASS - Calling all youth, we NEED YOU to help us make our youth mass awesome! Whether you're into reading (lectoring), helping with gifts, singing in the choir, ushering, or even altar serving, we want YOU to be part of the Mass. This is a great opportunity to get involved and serve God. If you want to join us, please complete the online form - <https://archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/7459/responses/new> or scan the QR code or going to www.icseattle.org under parish life -> ministries to sign up and let us know how you'd like to help. Youth masses - May 31, August 30 and November 29.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP Hospitality - Need sponsor for the 3rd Sundays. We are looking for individuals, families, groups of friends, or ministries to sponsor our Sunday Fellowship on the following dates: May 17 and Jun 14. This is a beautiful opportunity to build community by offering light hospitality after Mass. If you're interested or would like more information, please contact the parish office at office@icseattle.org or call 206-322-5970.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - Diaper Drive coming on April 26

Your donation of diapers or pull-ups will support families in need. Drop-off diapers before or after Mass at Immaculate Conception on April 26. Future diaper drives will be in July, and October

NAMI FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP - Open to anyone who has a family member with a mental illness, meets online on 1st Sat of the month and in person on 3rd Sat of the month at St James Pastoral Outreach Center, 1:30-3pm. Registration: helpline@namiseattle.org

Upcoming Events

		April Is Child Abuse Prevention Month
April 12 (Sun)	11AM	Last day to turn in CRS Rice Bowl
April 26 (Sun)	11AM	St. Vincent de Paul 2nd Diaper Drive
May 10 (Sun)	11AM	Flores de Mayo and Crowning of Mary
May 24 (Sun)	11AM	Pentecost Sunday
May 30 (Sat)	10AM	2026-27 Liturgical and Events Calendar Planning Meeting - Jean Moran Hall

MASS SCHEDULE:

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

Deacon Joseph Connor deacon@icseattle.org

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Sharon Pitre-Williams.

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Pastoral Care Request - If you would like to request a house blessing, Communion, or the Anointing of the Sick, please contact Fr. Chanda directly at schanda@stjames-cathedral.org.

Please visit the church website at www.icseattle.org for other Requests like Baptismal, Wedding, Bulletin Post, Giving and more.

Stewardship: Caring for Our Church and Community

Year-to-Date Collection

Stewardship of Treasure Report

As of 03.30.2025 - \$123,971.17

As of 03.15.2026 - \$137,113.90

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.



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>



5 FIVE WAYS

to protect your children from sexual abuse

Parents play the primary role in educating their children about sexual abuse. Here are 5 tips for teaching safety to the little ones God has entrusted to you.

1

Keep it practical. Teach your children the differences between safe touches and unsafe touches.

2

Tell your children that saying “no” is okay. Empower your children to say “no” if anyone makes them feel uncomfortable or touches them inappropriately.

3

Give your children a way to alert you. Tell your children they can use an excuse or share a special “code-word” with you to alert you about an unsafe person or situation.

4

Tell your children to report an unsafe touch.

Let your children know they should tell you if they feel uncomfortable or unsafe around any adult or peer. You can also identify other adults they can tell about unsafe touches.

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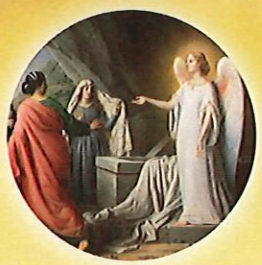
Tell your children you trust them. If your child makes a report to you, believe him or her. Tell them it is not their fault and that you love them. Immediately bring the allegation to the attention of public authorities.



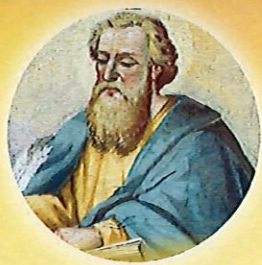
Promise to Protect

Pledge to Heal

Celebrate the 2026 Easter Season



Solemnity
of Easter
4/5



Feast of
Saint Mark
4/25



Feast of
Saint Matthias
5/14



Solemnity of the
Ascension
5/17



Solemnity of
Pentecost
5/24

As Catholics, we celebrate the Easter Season from Easter Sunday through Pentecost. This year, the Easter Season is marked by three solemnities and two feasts. We also observe the month of Mary in May. Learn more about these great feasts and ways to celebrate all Easter season at archseattle.org/easter.



Mental Health and Wellness Ministry



Looking for
spiritual
support for
your mental
health?

Every 3rd
Friday of
the month
10 -11:30AM

Join our
monthly
spiritual
mental
health
support
group!

We offer Prayer,
Support and
Community!

At The Pastoral Outreach Center, 907 Columbia Street

**For more information contact Anisa Ralls, MA LMHC
Director of The Mental Health and Wellness Ministry
at aralls@stjames-cathedral.org or (206) 382-4269**

Our Synodal, Diaconal Church

An Evening with Deacon Geert
De Cubber, Synod Delegate



APRIL 13
7-8:30 pm

Explore the future of our synodal, diaconal church with Deacon Geert De Cubber of Belgium, the only Roman Catholic deacon to serve as a voting member in the 2023-2024 global Synod Assembly.

Registration encouraged:

<https://bit.ly/47nWgAO>

St. James Cathedral Hall

912 COLUMBIA STREET, SEATTLE



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Ten Warning Signs of Alzheimer's and other Dementias

An education program presented by the Alzheimer's Association, hosted by St. James Cathedral



What you Will Learn

Alzheimer's and other dementias cause changes in memory, thinking and behavior that interfere with daily life. Join us to learn about 10 common warning signs and what to watch for in yourself and others. The program covers: Typical age-related changes, common warning signs of Alzheimer's, how to approach someone about memory concerns, early detection, the benefits of a diagnosis, the diagnostic process and Alzheimer's Association resources.

Pastoral Outreach Center
907 Columbia St.
Seattle, WA 98104

April 18th, 2026
11:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Call to Register: 800-272-3900

Program Code:
190_TWS_26APR18



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Theology on Tap With Bishop Frank Schuster

April 21 | 7pm

Kells Irish Restaurant & Pub

St James Cathedral Seniors
are invited to a

Spring
Sing-a-long!

Please join Angela Petrucci,
St. James musician

April 29, 2026 11am - 1pm

**Refreshments and a light
lunch will be served
following the event!**

Please RSVP by 4/24/26 to Anisa Ralls 206-382-4269 or
aralls@stjames-cathedral.org

**At The Pastoral Outreach Center,
907 Columbia St.**



May 9

Disability Inclusion
Mass & Dance

A celebration of diversity in our
Catholic faith community

Mass | 11am
St. James Cathedral

Social | 12pm
St. James Cathedral Hall
907 Columbia Street, Seattle

Everyone is welcome.

The Archdiocese of Seattle's Disability Inclusion Ministry serves and works collaboratively with our parishes and schools to promote the inclusion and meaningful participation of people with disabilities in the life of our Catholic faith community.



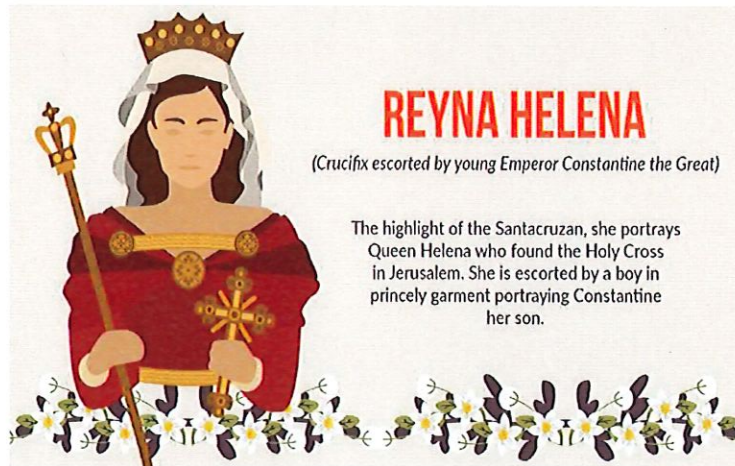
For any questions, please
contact Miguel Smith at
miguel.smith@seattlearch.org



Learn more and register

COME & CELEBRATE

Flores de Mayo, Santacruzán & Crowning of Mary



SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026

Procession begins at 10:30 AM, followed by Mass at 11:00 AM

Fiesta Reception to follows at the Church Hall

Join us for a joyful community gathering honoring Our Blessed Mother Mary on Mother's Day. Come Celebrate Our Beautiful Filipino Traditions. A vibrant celebration of Faith, Culture, and Devotion.



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