

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

July 12, 2026

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Reading 1: Isaiah 55:10-11 Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14 (Luke 8:8)
"The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest"

Reading 2: Romans 8:18-23

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

Pray for our Parishioners

For the Eternal repose of the soul of Sally Cruz

Healing Prayers for Rosalyn Fournier and Lualhati Agdeppa

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

Catechesis 101

Ordinary Time

Christmas Time and Easter Time highlight the central mysteries of the Paschal Mystery, namely, the incarnation, death on the cross, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ, and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time, on the other hand, take us through the life of Christ. This is the time of conversion. This is living the life of Christ. Ordinary Time is a time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ. The goal, toward which all of history is directed, is represented by the final Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. (USCCB)

~Fr. Chanda

From the Pastor's Desk | July 12, 2026

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL | IMMACULATE CONCEPTION | CHRIST OUR HOPE

Dear Friends,
This July marks the beginning of the third year of our parish family, a significant milestone in the PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL strategic pastoral planning process.

Looking back and looking ahead

From the beginning, this process has been grounded in listening and community discernment. In the late summer and early fall last year we held community conversations to further explore **who we are as individual parishes**. These conversations were very helpful for me as I was not part of those initial parish conversations in the first year we were together as a parish family.

This year, during Lent, we held community conversations around our vision for the future – **who God is calling us to become**. The fruit of those conversations is helping our Parish Family Vision Council to create a draft vision statement for our new parish and initiatives to bring that vision to life.

The next step in the process will be to refine the vision statement and initiatives and to begin to create a five-year plan for our future. We should be ready to submit this plan, known as the "One Parish Plan," to the archbishop by next summer.

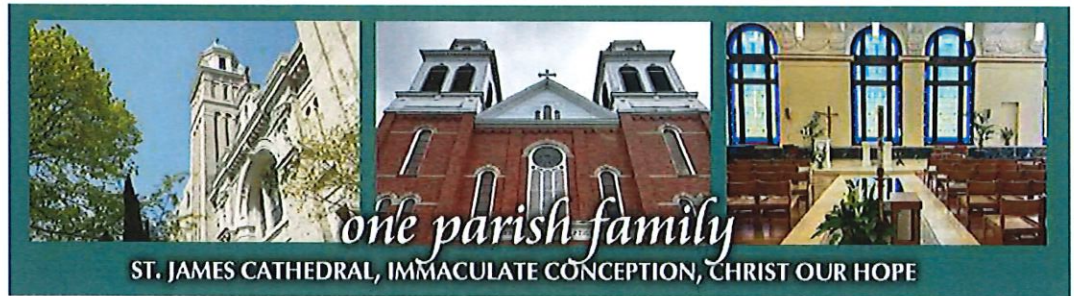
Growing as a parish family

In addition to this re-envisioning work, we are also planning to come together as a parish family to celebrate significant events, both liturgical and social as we continue to build our relationships. Please mark your calendars for these three events:

- On **Thursday, July 23**, a mini-camino (walk) and Spanish-themed dinner at St. James, part of a week-long celebration of the Feast of St. James
- On **Saturday, August 15** we will gather at Immaculate Conception for the 49th annual Luau.
- On **Thursday, August 20** we will gather at Christ Our Hope for Mass and a celebratory dinner to mark the anniversary of the dedication of Christ Our Hope church.

Two year milestone of PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL

I am excited about the year ahead as we continue to deepen our bonds as a parish family



serving in the heart of Seattle. In a letter to mark the second anniversary of PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL, Archbishop Etienne wrote:

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And the archbishop reminds us that all of this work of coming together is designed to help us live out the mission Jesus entrusted to the Church from the very beginning. That mission is to bring the Good News to all, especially to those who are hurting. The archbishop puts this focus, this mission, in the form of a question that can help guide us as we think about what God is calling us to as a new parish.

The archbishop asks, "How can we combine efforts so that, together, we can better serve our communities as the living presence of Christ, especially for those who are sick and dying; for those who are poor or living on the margins; for the young who seek purpose? This is what Jesus called us to do!" May those questions guide us and inspire us.

As we begin this third year together as a parish family, I hope you will engage this process with us, so that we can truly shape the future of our parish as co-responsible partners. Over the coming months, please respond to the opportunities to provide input on our parish vision and initiatives so that we can truly shape our future together as the Catholic Church in the heart of our city!

Peace,

M. Gary F. Lazzeroni

Father Gary Lazzeroni
Pastor

The Life of Our Community

CHURCH WELCOME DESK VOLUNTEERS

NEEDED—Immaculate Conception Church is now open to the community **Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–3:00 PM**. We're seeking friendly volunteers to welcome visitors, answer general questions, and offer hospitality. Volunteer shifts are **9:00 AM–12:00 PM** or **12:00 PM–3:00 PM**. To volunteer, sign up on the Church Welcome Desk Volunteer Sign-Up sheet in the back of the church or contact Shanita Stewart-Burrell at shanitasb@icseattle.org.

YOUNG ADULT GATHERING WITH FATHER

GARY LAZZERONI—All young adults in the parish family are invited to join us on Sunday, July 19, in the Pastoral Outreach Center, immediately following the 5:30pm Mass. We'll share a meal together, then Fr Lazzeroni will join us to share about his journey to the priesthood and answer any questions we have about faith, vocation, discernment, and navigating the world as young Catholics.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MEET & GREET -

Fr. Chanda invites all youth and young adults to join him for a special gathering after Mass on **Sunday, July 19**. Come meet fellow young parishioners, connect with our parish community, and learn about opportunities to get involved. All are welcome!

YOUTH RETREAT—UNPLUG WITH THE LORD

Rest, Reflect and Discern—High school (Juniors and Seniors) and recent graduates are all invited to find God's voice in the silence at a special youth retreat. **August 11, 1:30pm–August 13, 1pm** at **Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center**. For additional questions, please contact Chloe Iverson, Assistant Director of Youth Ministry, at chloe.iverson@seattlearch.org. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Seattle

SENIOR ICE CREAM SOCIAL Seniors of the parish, come join us for an ice cream social to celebrate summer! **Thurs July 16th, 1-3pm**, Pastoral Outreach Center Courtyard. **RSVP by 7/13** to Anisa Ralls (206)382-4269, aralls@stjames-cathedral.org

MASS FOR PEACE—Join Archbishop Paul D. Etienne on August 6 at 12pm at St. James Cathedral.

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St. James the Greater, patron of pilgrims, pray for our parish family!

RSVP requested. Information, Maria Laughlin, 206-382-4284 or milaughlin@stjames-cathedral.org

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Assigned Seating
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3 & Under FREE (lap seating)

Reserved Tables

Reserved Seating for 8 | \$240
Aloha Inner Circle Table for 8 | \$350
Includes: Inner Circle Seating
1" in line to Buffet
Full-page - Digital Tribute
1 Printed Souvenir Booklet
8 Raffle Tickets

Island Style Dinner & Desserts - No Host Bar
Polynesian Cultural Dance Performance
Live DJ & Dancing - Raffle & Silent Auction
\$100 & \$200 Money Lei Cash Prizes
\$500 Stg & Jane Haugland's Cash Jar

Digital Souvenir Booklet & Showcase

Gold (Full Page) - \$100
Silver (Half Page) - \$50 | Bronze (Mini) - \$25

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Scan QR Code for More Information & to buy tickets
CONTACT: Deneta Iglesias | denetalglesias@yahoo.com
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BULLETIN POST SUBMISSION

Please scan the QR code to submit any Immaculate Conception Church Seattle bulletin post request, including prayer requests.

For questions, please contact the parish office at office@icseattle.org or 206-322-5970.



CHURCH HOURS: Open to the Public

Monday—Friday 9:00 AM—3:00 PM
1st Saturday of Every Month 9:00 AM—1:00 PM

MASS SCHEDULE:

11:00 AM SUNDAYS (10:30 AM Rosary)

Also live streamed at

<https://www.facebook.com/ImmaculateConceptionSeattle>

12:10 PM WEDNESDAYS

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

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.

Mental Health, Grief and Resources

Anisa Ralls—Director of Mental Health and Wellness
Ministry at St. James Cathedral (206) 382-4269
aralls@stjames-cathedral.org

PARISH OFFICE

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Finance Council Jane Powers (Chair), Lori Chisholm, and Toni Hall.

JOB OPENINGS

If interested, visit www.archseattle.org

Children's Faith Formation - St. James Cathedral is seeking a part-time Children's Faith Formation Associate to support faith formation programs for children and families. Responsibilities include program registration, administrative support, Sunday program assistance, sacramental preparation support, and collaboration with youth and young adult ministries. Candidates should have strong organizational and interpersonal skills, a commitment to Catholic catechesis, and the ability to work collaboratively with staff and volunteers.



Thanks to your generosity, we have exceeded our parish goal of \$28,480! As of July 7th, parishioners have donated \$30,662—7% above our goal.



Any additional gifts received will be returned directly to our parish to help complete our **security project**. If you have not yet made your gift, please prayerfully consider supporting the Annual Catholic Appeal. Give by scanning the QR code or visiting archseattle.org/GiveACA.

Stewardship: Caring for Our Church and Community Year-to-Date Collection Stewardship of Treasure Report

As of 06.29.2025 - \$168,329.95

As of 06.28.2026 - \$172,159.89

ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH?

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>



July 1, 2026

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

May the blessings of our Lord Jesus Christ be with each of you!

As we reach the two-year anniversary of the formation of parish families across the Archdiocese of Seattle, I share my deep gratitude for all the hard work and engagement from the clergy, parish and school staffs, lay leaders, volunteers and parishioners. Together we prayed, listened to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and discerned how to renew parish life in Western Washington. We are on a holy journey, and I encourage you to not lose hope along the way – but instead see the light of Jesus Christ leading us forward.

When I first arrived in the Archdiocese of Seattle, many of my brother priests shared their frustrations and pain in serving communities where the practice of faith was declining. Many were saddened by empty pews on Sunday and families who no longer engaged in their faith as they did decades ago. In many places, sacramental life was dwindling, too, and volunteers were aging out of service. For some, time was spent “putting out fires” related to building maintenance and financial woes rather than “sparking the fire” of faith in the younger generation.

Our priests described the tangible impacts of decades of change:

- Parishes were once built for a local community who could walk to Mass or take a short car ride. The advent of freeways changed that dynamic.
- Many cultural parishes built to serve a specific immigrant population changed as the next generations no longer needed language-specific pastoral care.
- The aging status of many parish and school buildings required greater investments of time, energy and money – all of which pulled priests and other resources away from evangelization efforts.
- The number of priests who have died has far outpaced the number of men entering the seminary. Last year alone, we celebrated the lives of eight archdiocesan priests who died – while ordaining one new archdiocesan priest this year.

Scholars across the country have pointed out an array of factors for declining engagement in the Catholic Church. While there is great hope in the latest news of young people entering the Church, the fact remains that Mass attendance in 2026 has not yet rebounded to 2019 levels.

It is easy to be overwhelmed by these challenges, and on some days, I certainly feel this way. Yet Jesus himself gave us the mission to go and make disciples of all nations. He calls each of us to encounter him, accompany one another and live the joy of the Gospel every day. It is this mission and our trust in Him that give us hope for the future.

After much prayer, discernment and consultation with priests, lay leaders, other dioceses, and parishioners through the local synod, we developed a strategic pastoral planning process with the goal of refocusing all that we do as the Catholic Church in Western Washington on our mission.

How can we reorganize and restructure parishes so that we are spending more time reflecting Christ's radical love rather than trying to preserve the status quo that was designed for a different era?

This is why our Partners in the Gospel journey began and continues.

Like Moses leading people in the desert, we know this is not an easy journey. In these first few years, we have felt like we are spending significant time focused on administration, finances and buildings. Yet, as many other dioceses have shared with us, this initial administrative focus is required but should not distract from the real work of re-envisioning and reinvigorating our pastoral presence in our communities.

How can we combine efforts so that, together, we can better serve our communities as the living presence of Christ, especially for those who are sick and dying; for those who are poor or living on the margins; for the young who seek purpose? This is what Jesus called us to do!

We are partners

I intentionally chose the name "Partners in the Gospel" because this effort does not sit solely on the shoulders of our priests or our parish staff. It is an effort that we all own in partnership as co-responsible stewards of our local Catholic Church. Together, as the people of God, we are courageously re-imagining how to respond to the needs of the world today rather than struggling to maintain a parish structure built for a bygone era.

Since the formation of the parish families two years ago, we have seen communities embrace each other, extend generous hospitality, combine ministries to serve more people, offer joint youth programs and much more. This year, we welcomed more people into the Church than we have in years – many of whom expressed appreciation for their rich experiences with the joint faith formation programs offered by parish families. Dozens of reports from priests confirm that, while One Parish Planning may be challenging, they are filled with hope as they see some of the fruits of this effort already. Reports like this give me great hope and I know that this is just the beginning.

At the same time, we have experienced the reality that change is hard and slow. It requires us to set aside our own personal desires and agendas to recognize the needs of the larger Catholic family. And herein lies the opportunity to go beyond our comfort zones – beyond "our Mass" or "our ministry" – to recognize that everything we have is gift from God and that we are called to share what we have with others. What gifts, talents, opportunities and more do our parishes have that can be combined and shared for the greater good? This is at the heart of our One Parish Planning process, which guides parish families as they work together to creatively re-imagine parish life as a new parish community.

I wish to thank our clergy for saying "yes" to what some may see as impossible pastoral assignments during this time. Their fortitude and pastoral hearts of service are greatly appreciated. I also wish to thank our parish and school staffs for graciously navigating new territory and seeing the opportunities for positive changes as parishes work more closely together. I offer special thanks to the volunteers serving on the Parish Family Advisory Councils, responsible for representing parishioners and leading the parish family through the One Parish Planning process.

Finally, I wish to thank all parishioners who have been engaged in the process: through our baptismal calling and dignity, listening to the Holy Spirit, attending community consultation sessions, sharing ideas and feedback, praying for the effort, volunteering in new ways and

participating in parish life as One Parish Planning progresses.

In-person community sessions this fall

This effort is truly led by the Holy Spirit. Let us be strengthened by this truth as we journey to renew parish life, bringing the light of Christ into the world today. This fall, my team will be hosting in-person community sessions throughout the archdiocese to provide you with an update on the progress of Partners in the Gospel and answer your questions. I invite all of you to participate in these sessions.

Please continue to pray for this effort, asking God to guide us so that we truly listen to the prompting of the Holy Spirit and to our good and gracious God who shapes and forms the desires of our own hearts. Please know of my continued prayers for you, and I humbly ask for your prayers for me. As always, I remain,

In the Heart of Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Paul D. Etienne". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Most Rev. Paul D. Etienne, DD, STL
Archbishop of Seattle

Join Archbishop Paul D. Etienne for the

Mass for Peace

August 6 | 12pm | St. James Cathedral



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ST. JAMES MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS MINISTRY

Join us every Wednesday beginning June 3rd
through August 26th for a walk around our
neighborhood.

All
abilities
are
welcome

Walk starts
at
11 am

Dogs are
welcome
too!

Walking Wednesdays!



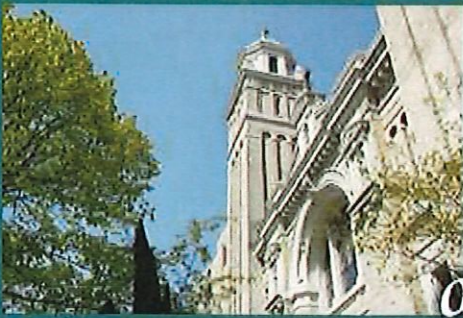
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DISCOVER CHRIST IN COMMUNITY

...SUMMER 2026

Dates: August 2-6

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Highlights

- Keynote presentation by Fr. Justin Ryan
- Multiple breakout sessions with peers to reflect and learn
- Daily Mass

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CHOIR CAMP

INSTRUMENTS OF PEACE

AUGUST 17-21 & AUGUST 23

Jubilee Year of St. Francis



Choir Camp Registration is open!

Children and youth throughout the region are invited to register for Choir Camp at St. James this Jubilee year of St. Francis! Choir Camp is a fun and engaging week of prayer, musical instruction, singing, teamwork, and community outreach.

All are welcome to register regardless of your parish status or denomination. Tuition is \$150 per child. Scholarships are available: no child is turned away based upon financial need.

Eligibility

- All children/youth entering grades 1 through 8
- Unchanged (treble) voice
- Any level of singing experience is welcome



August 17-21 & August 23
Sing 10:00 AM Sunday Mass



9:00 AM - 4:00 PM daily
Doors open at 8:30 AM
Daily pick-up ends at 4:30 PM



St. James Cathedral
Cathedral Place
803 Terry Avenue



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