

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 19, 2026

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Reading 1: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 (5a)

"Lord, you are good and forgiving."

Reading 2: Romans 8:26-27

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

Pray for our Parishioners

For the Eternal repose of the soul of Joe Roberson.

Healing Prayers for Lisa Marquez

Please contact the parish office at office@icseattle.org to add a parishioner's name or your family's name to our weekly prayer's list.

Catechesis 101

Invitation to Silence

In a world saturated with noise, the Church invites us to sacred silence before, during, and after the Mass. Silence before Mass gives us an opportunity to prepare our hearts and minds to encounter God during the celebration of the Eucharist. It "encourages active and interior participation, reflects reverence for the sacred, allows for personal prayer and reflection, and sets a reverent tone for the liturgy".

May we all be encouraged to observe silence, a space for intimate communion with God.

~Fr. Chanda

From the Pastor's Desk | July 19, 2026

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL | IMMACULATE CONCEPTION | CHRIST OUR HOPE

Dear Friends,
Since becoming a parish family two years ago, we have had several events that have brought us together to pray, socialize and celebrate. I have heard from many of you how much you have enjoyed being together with folks from all three of our parishes. **We have another opportunity to enjoy being together this coming Thursday evening, July 23.**

In preparation for the Feast of St. James, patron of the Archdiocese of Seattle, and of our Cathedral, we are planning a pilgrimage from either Christ Our Hope or Immaculate Conception to St. James Cathedral, where we will share a Spanish meal and enjoy some Spanish music. The walk, our brief "camino," is about one mile from either Christ Our Hope or Immaculate Conception.

Making a pilgrimage to a holy place is deep in our tradition as Catholics. For example, for centuries Christians have made pilgrimage to the site where the remains of our patron, St. James, are buried at the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in northwestern Spain. And while our little walk together will be much shorter than the Camino de Santiago de Compostela, it will allow a shared experience of making a pilgrimage through the landscape of our three parishes.

These neighborhoods of the Central District, First Hill and Downtown Seattle, are our parish. The people who live and work and play here are of special concern to us. I think of this often as I "commute" between Immaculate Conception, St. James Cathedral and Christ Our Hope. My walk from where I live at St. James to Immaculate or Christ Our Hope takes me twenty to twenty-five minutes. Often when I'm walking, I try to notice the people I see, the houses and apartments I pass, the stores and other businesses that are on my route, the trees and flowers that bring beauty to our streets and sidewalks, and yes, the animals – mostly dogs – that I see particularly in the neighborhoods around Immaculate Conception and the Cathedral. These walks over the past year have literally "grounded" me in our



parish family. If you are able to join this camino, I hope the pilgrimage will help do the same for you.

We will meet at Christ Our Hope and Immaculate Conception at 6:30pm for our walk to St. James. If you are unable to walk, I hope you will consider joining us for dinner, around 7:15pm. I do hope you will join us on July 23 for an evening of pilgrimage, celebration and community building. In order to help our caterer plan the meal, it would be helpful to RSVP to Maria Laughlin at 206-382-4284 or mLaughlin@stjames-cathedral.org.

I would also like to share some good news about the newest team member for our Parish Family. Helen Oesterle has joined our team and will serve in a part-time role as Pastoral Associate at Immaculate Conception. Welcome Helen! Many of you know Helen as she served as the director of our Christian Initiation process at the Cathedral for many years. Helen will work with the team at Immaculate Conception to ensure overall coordination of parish life, as well as collaborating with others in our parish family as we continue our work of becoming one parish.

I hope to see you on Thursday evening!

Peace,

M. Gary F. Lazzeroni
Father Gary Lazzeroni
Pastor

The Life of Our Community

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—CHURCH WELCOME DESK—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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—CHAIR SORTING—Can we spare a few minutes after Mass on **Sunday, July 26**. Volunteers are needed to help sort the chairs in Jean Moran Hall so that 50 chairs can be set aside for professional cleaning during the week. If you are able to help, please contact Shanita Stewart-Burrell at shanitasb@icseattle.org or Joseph Fletcher at maintenance@icseattle.org

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL DIAPER DRIVE—**Sunday, July 26**. Your donation of diapers or pull-ups will support families in need. Drop-off diapers before or after Mass at Immaculate Conception. Next diaper drive—October 25.

SIGS MEALS—This gathering takes place on the last Tuesday of each month, and volunteers are always welcome. The event is named in honor of our beloved parishioner and donor, Sig Haugland. Next gathering—**July 28, 3:00 PM Jean Moran Hall Kitchen**. For questions, contact Alex Soto at (206) 271-2463

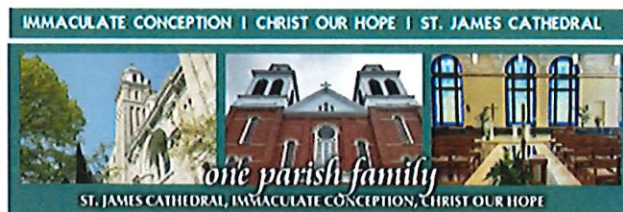
CHRIST OUR HOPE SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING AND SUMMER LUNCH—Please join us on **July 30 for Mass at 12:10 pm** where we will celebrate the sacrament of anointing, followed by a light Summer lunch. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 206-448-8826.

NEW NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY—Join our new **1st Saturdays** neighborhood outreach each month from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.. If you would like to volunteer, share ideas, or learn more, please contact: Lori Chisholm-Cook, lori.chisholm@gmail.com

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

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

PARISH FAMILY CAMINO



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Immaculate Conception Parish
49th Annual Fundraiser
August 13, 2026 | 5:00 - 9:30 PM
Jean Moran Hall 820 18th Ave Seattle

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Tickets

Assigned Seating
Adults \$30 | Youth (4-12) \$15
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 & Dancin' - Raffle & Silent Auction
\$100 & \$200 Money Lei Cash Prizes
\$500 Sig & Jane Haugland's Cash Jar

Digital Souvenir Booklet & Showcase
Gold (Full Page) - \$100
Silver (Half Page) - \$50 | Bronze (Mini) - \$25

Support our Parish and sponsor a tribute to celebrate family, achievements, memorialize loved ones, or highlight your business! Tributes will be featured in our digital booklet and showcased during the Lū'au. Printed copies available upon request at no additional cost.

Printed Souvenir Booklets - \$10
Submit Images & messages to:
denetlglesias@yahoo.com by: Aug. 1st

Scan QR Code for More Information & to buy tickets
CONTACT: Deneta Iglesias | denetlglesias@yahoo.com
*Donations & sponsorships only are tax-deductible.

BULLETIN POST SUBMISSION

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

<https://archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/7703/responses/new>
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

Office Hours: M-F, 9 AM to 3 PM or

By Appt. - call (206) 322-5970, office@icseattle.org

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Joseph Fletcher x604 maintenance@icseattle.org

Maintenance Coordinator

Grace Neri x601 office@icseattle.org

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Blake Steller bsteller@stjames-cathedral.org

Parish Family Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

CHOIR

Michaela Credo (Family) mjcredo08@yahoo.com

Sherrell Mitchell (Gospel) rell4christ@gmail.com

COUNCILS

Pastoral Council Maria Batayola (Chair), Connor Trapp, Deacon Joe Connor, Fred Verzosa, Marisa Harvey, and Sharon Pitre-Williams.

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.



Annual Catholic Appeal

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
2026-27 Year-to-Date Collection
Stewardship of Treasure Report

As of 07.14.2025 - \$6,743.00

As of 07.12.2026 - \$3,858.00

**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://preventionuscdb.org/resources>

Pastoral Assistant for Faith Formation - The parishes of Family 17 (St. James Cathedral, Immaculate Conception, and Christ Our Hope) have an opening for a Pastoral Assistant for Faith Formation to develop, implement, and direct Faith Formation Programs. This person will also plan and facilitate Sacramental Preparation programs in collaboration with appropriate groups and/or individuals in the parish family. Salary range is \$75,000-\$85,000 annually. This is a full-time position with an Archdiocesan Benefits package.

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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!



Take in the fresh air and soak up the scenery — a
great way to get exercise, clear your mind, and
explore the world around you.

We will meet 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 (206)382-4269 or
aralls@stjames-cathedral.org



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IN LOVE

SENT TO
SERVE



SUMMER 2026... | ARE YOU READY TO MAKE AN IMPACT?

Service-Immersion Week with
AGAPE SERVICE PROJECT
Encountering the farmworker community of Whatcom County

DISCOVER CHRIST IN COMMUNITY

...SUMMER 2026

Dates: August 2-6

For more information, contact Blake Steller
bsteller@stjames-cathedral.org



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August 6 | 12pm | St. James Cathedral



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EXECUTIVE

Speaker Series

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13TH, 2026 | 7PM

ISAAC ORR CONFERENCE ROOM
ARCHDIOCESE OF SEATTLE



Rino Caruccio
Global Finance Executive

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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



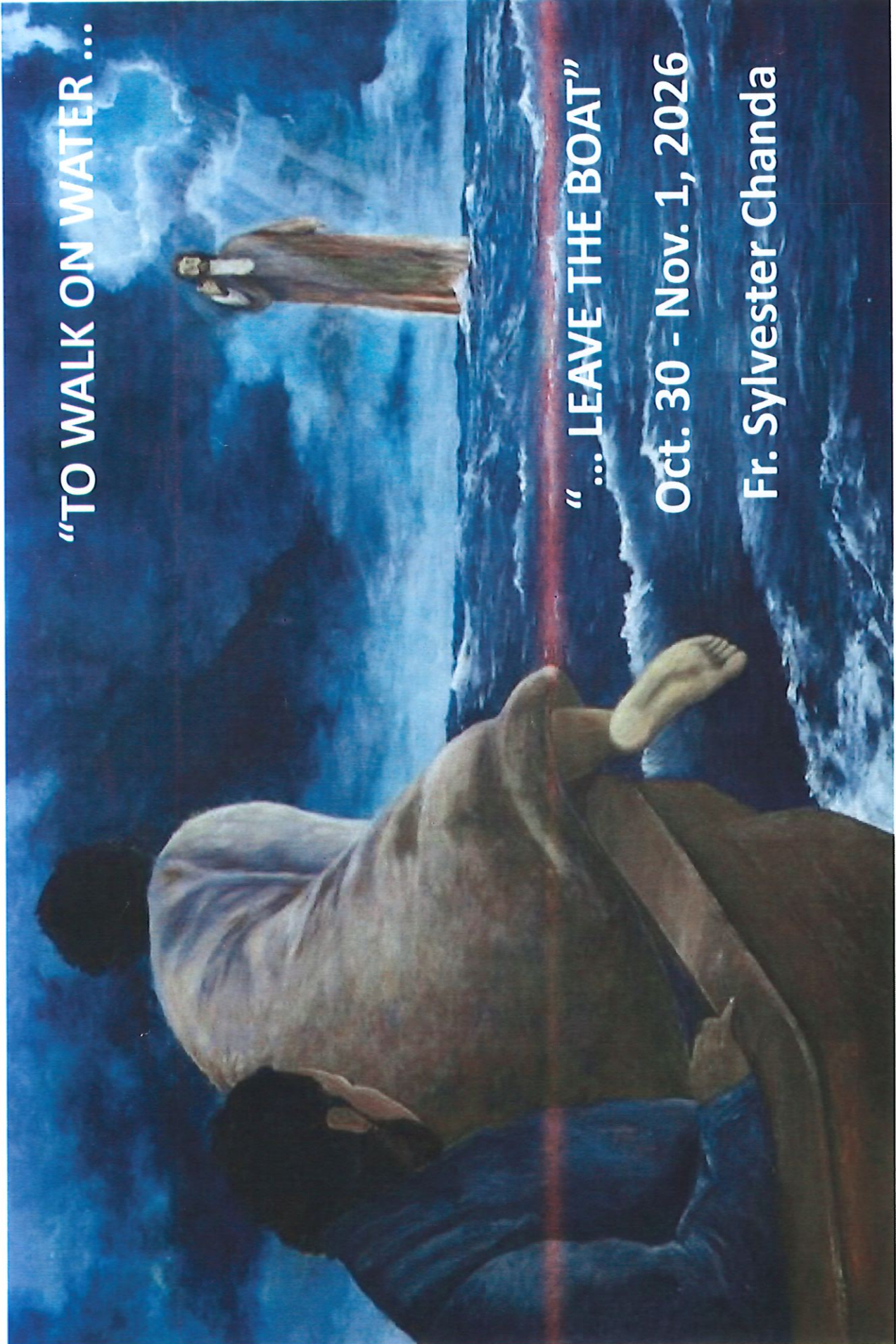
St. James Cathedral
Cathedral Place
803 Terry Avenue



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goto/forms/7242/responses/new](https://archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/7242/responses/new)

Contact: 206.382.4876
youthmusic@stjames-cathedral.org



"TO WALK ON WATER ...

" ... LEAVE THE BOAT"

Oct. 30 - Nov. 1, 2026

Fr. Sylvester Chanda

**"TO WALK ON WATER, ... LEAVE THE BOAT," Oct.30th - Nov.1st, Fr. Sylvester Chanda
Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center at the Palisades, Federal Way
Saint Anthony Prayer Group Renton (206-992-1034, 206-409-5066)**