

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 26, 2026

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Reading 1: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 119:57,72,76-77,127-128,129-130(97a)
"Lord, I love your commands."

Reading 2: Romans 8:28-30

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

Pray for our Parishioners

For the Eternal repose of the soul of Herman W. Butler

Healing Prayers for Joan Roberson

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

Preparing for Mass

To have a greater appreciation of what happens at Mass, we are invited to spend some few minutes during the week to read and reflect on Sunday scriptures for the following week as we prepare for Mass. This includes the first reading, the psalms, the second reading and the gospel. Growing in this beautiful spiritual exercise, you will "begin to look forward to going to Mass. During the Mass you will have a deeper awareness of how the introductory prayers tie into the theme of the readings. When you hear the readings proclaimed and listen as the priest gives the homily, the insights you receive will be more profound, and you will have a heightened spiritual awareness." Try it this week!

~Fr. Chanda

From the Pastor's Desk | July 26, 2026

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL | IMMACULATE CONCEPTION | CHRIST OUR HOPE

Dear Friends,

Recently I made a comment in a homily that some people have asked me about. The comment was that summer can provide some space to rest with the Word of God in the scriptures, to "waste time with God." That phrase struck many of you as thought provoking. To spend more time in prayer, to leisurely read and reflect on the scriptures is obviously not a waste of time. But I do think using that phrase can encourage an approach to prayer and reflection that is counter cultural.

In 1948 as Germany and the rest of the world emerged from the war, a philosopher named Joseph Pieper, published a book entitled, *Leisure, the Basis of Culture*. In this work, Pieper proposed that key to a healthy life, and therefore to the building of a healthy culture was to make room for spending time that was not "productive." I first heard about this book in the 1970s and I was struck by the idea that a fully human life had to be rooted in leisure.

Leisure, as Pieper describes it isn't the same as laziness or simply living a life of partying all the time and being irresponsible. Leisure as Pieper describes it is opening ourselves up to the beauty that is in life that is not focused on producing something. Work is important, and in the Catholic tradition, is a response to who God calls us to be as co-workers with the God in shaping life in the world. At the same time, work has to be balanced by the sabbath rest, in imitation of God, who in the story of creation, rests on the seventh day.

To spend time thinking, reflecting, praying, and worshipping is key to what it is to be human. Keeping holy the Lord's Day, as the third commandment requires, is opening ourselves to living in right relationship with God. The sabbath rest on Sundays for Christians is a way to acknowledge our dependence on God and to spend time that is seemingly "unproductive," in giving praise and thanks to God for all God has blessed us with.

What can nourish and further deepen this sense of opening ourselves to God is making time to enjoy things like art, music, good literature, including good films and plays. These are not "productive" in the sense of producing something tangible, but are examples of how we can build a personal and corporate culture of leisure.

Going for a long walk on a summer day enjoying the incredible beauty that surrounds us in the Pacific Northwest; spending time in an art museum or reading a book; making time for a good conversation with family or friends; enjoying sports; or lingering over a meal are some of the ways for us to nurture the sense of leisure that is deeply nourishing for our humanity.

We also prioritize leisure and nourish our humanity when we take the time to celebrate important anniversaries, birthdays and other milestones as we do this weekend as a parish family at St. James, celebrating our feast day with an extended time to be together for a picnic.

And it is this humanity, this humanness, that God is in relationship with. We are not simply instruments of production for the economy. We are called to work in order to live, not to live in order to work. The Lord calls us to do the work we need to do so that we can be free to enter into the sabbath rest, the leisure time that is the center of our lives. I think we are called to do what we can in our very busy lives to ensure that we prioritize leisure, yes, "wasting time with the Lord." For us Christians I do think that part of that leisure we are called to is to linger over the Word of God and to spend quality time in prayer.

So, I hope this summer provides an opportunity for all of us to assess how we are spending the time of our days, weeks, months and years, and to prioritize unproductive leisure and wasting time with God.

Peace,


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.

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—The next First Saturday event is on **August 1st** from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Join us in opening the church and welcoming neighbors and visitors. Volunteers are needed and all parishioners are encouraged to consider volunteering at least once per year. Shifts can be done in 4 hour or 2 hour (9-11am or 11am-1pm). Contact: Lori Chisholm-Cook, lori.chisholm@gmail.com or sign-up on the sheet at the back of the church.

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

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE – Help local students start the school year prepared! Donate new school supplies for all grade levels every Sunday from **July 26 through August 30**. Collection bins will be available at the back of the church before and after Mass. Most-needed items include backpacks, pencils, notebooks, binders, glue sticks, highlighters, pens, and paper. Thank you for your generosity in supporting youth and families in our community! For more Information, please see Jennifer Charles.

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



Luau Volunteers Needed! We are looking for parish volunteers to help with setup before and clean-up **after the Annual Parish Luau**. If you are available to lend a hand, please contact Shanita Stewart-Burrell at shanitasb@icseattle.org

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Mahalo for your amazing support! Our Lū'au is officially **sold out**. We still need your support, please visit our fundraising page to contribute.

- Sponsor a Tribute Page in the souvenir booklet
- Purchase Raffle Tickets
- Purchase The Golden Ticket *only 40 available!
- Make a direct donation
- Pre - purchase your drinks
- Purchase a souvenir booklet

Souvenir Booklet Sponsorships

Celebrate family, achievements, or honor a loved one with a personalized tribute page. Complimentary printed booklet included with sponsorship. Limited booklets for sale: \$10

Submit images and messages by **July 28 to:**
denetaiglesias@yahoo.com.

Gold Full Page: \$100 | Silver Half Page: \$50 | Bronze Mini: \$25.

Raffle Tickets - Buy a bundle and save!

- Single Ticket: \$5
- 5 Tickets: \$20 (5 for the price of 4)
- 15 Tickets: \$50 (15 for the price of 10)
- 35 Tickets: \$100 (35 for the price of 20)



Golden Ticket – \$50

Limited to 40 tickets; 1 in 40 chance to win! One lucky winner receives a chance to claim any single raffle prize, single money lei or auction item.

Sig's Cash Jar excluded. Winner must be present.

Silent Auction Coming Soon!

Auction items and experiences will be announced soon.

Mahalo for your continued support!

Skip the line!

Scan the QR code to donate, sponsor or purchase raffle and drink tickets online. Tickets will be ready for pickup at the door.

Scan QR to purchase or donate



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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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.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>

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 an Archdiocesan Benefits package.

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!

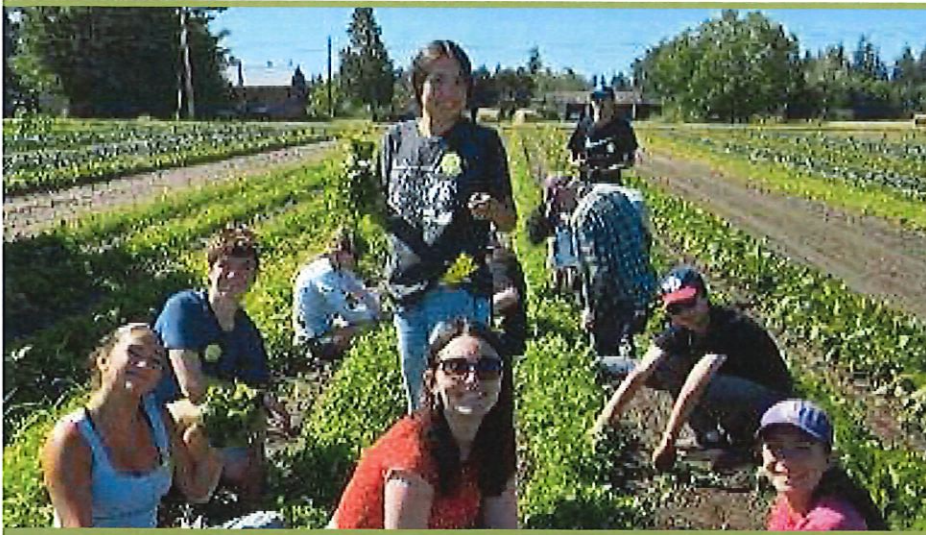
Walking Wednesdays!



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

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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



Join Archbishop Paul D. Etienne for the

Mass for Peace

August 6 | 12pm | St. James Cathedral



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Unplug with the Lord

Rest, Reflect and Discern

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Highlights

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

For additional questions, please contact Chloe Iverson, Assistant Director of Youth Ministry, at chloe.iverson@seattlearch.org.

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more and register



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



Scan the
QR code:

URL: [https://archseattle.ccbchurch.com/
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)**



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SEATTLE COMMUNITY

BACK-TO-SCHOOL *Supply Drive!*

Help the youth in our community start the school year ready to succeed!

We are collecting school supplies for all grade levels. While all donations are welcome, we are especially looking for **high-need** and **durable** items that families struggle to afford.



COLLECTION DATES:

Every Sunday
starting on July 26th
through August 30th



DROP-OFF LOCATION:

Bins are located in the
back of the church before
and after Sunday mass.



DISTRIBUTION:

Supplies will be shared for our
community in Jean Moran Hall
on Sunday, August 30th.

MOST-NEEDED ITEMS INCLUDE:

FOR GRADE SCHOOL:



- #2 Pencils
- Glue Sticks
- Highlighters

FOR OLDER STUDENTS:



- Backpacks
- Composition Books
- College-Ruled Paper
- Smooth-Writing Pens
(like Pilot G2 or
Paper Mate InkJoy)
- 3-Ring Binders



A complete list of requested items can be found on the back table of the church or in the bulletin.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our youth. 

SCHOOL SUPPLY WISH LIST



Gel Pens



#2 Pencils



Composition Notebooks



Scientific Calculator



Loose Leaf Paper – College Rule & or Wide Rule



Highlighter Pens



Backpacks – New or very gently used only



Large 1" Three Ring Binder(s)



Zip-Loc Bags – Quart Size



Zip-Loc Bags – Gallon Size



Index Cards



Ink Pens



Pencil Pouch



3-Subject Notebooks



Color Pencils



Kleenex



Markers 18 ct.



Spiral Notebooks – College Rule



Please see Jennifer Charles for additional information.

