

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

August 2, 2026

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Reading 1: Isaiah 55:1-3 Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18 (16)

"The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs."

Reading 2: Romans 8:35, 37-39

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

Pray for our Parishioners

For the Eternal repose of the soul of Magdalena Gaerlan Soria

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

On the Eucharist

Like the Eucharist, we too at Mass are gathered, blessed, broken and ought to be shared with others. In receiving the Eucharist, we must in turn become Eucharist for others in concrete but simple and beautiful ways. This is because, "a Eucharist that does not pass over into the concrete practice of love is intrinsically fragmented." Pope Benedict XVI.

~Fr. Chanda

From the Pastor's Desk | August 2, 2026

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL | IMMACULATE CONCEPTION | CHRIST OUR HOPE

Dear Friends,

Last week's celebration of the Feast of St. James provided an opportunity to reflect on our journey together as a parish family. Below is my homily from last Sunday that I hope you find helpful as you reflect on our walk together as Immaculate Conception, Christ Our Hope and St. James Cathedral parishes. Blessings on your week!

Peace, Father Gary Lazzeroni, Pastor

My friends, as part of our week-long celebration of our parish feast, parishioners from all three of our parishes made a "camino," a "pilgrimage" last Thursday from Immaculate Conception and Christ Our Hope to St. James. When we arrived we celebrated with a tasty dinner of paella and sangria and some beautiful guitar music. It was a wonderful way to celebrate our patron.

This little journey together, up the hill from Christ Our Hope and down the hill from Immaculate Conception, reminded us of how important the idea of pilgrimage is in our tradition. Since the early Middle Ages, pilgrims have made the that journey of the Camino de Santiago, or the Way of St. James, from various starting points in Europe, ending at his tomb at Santiago de Compostela Cathedral, in northwestern Spain.

There is a very early tradition that tells us that James traveled to Spain as a missionary to share the Good News of Jesus, and then returned to Jerusalem and was martyred by King Herod around 44 AD. Following his death, tradition has it that James' disciples carried his body on another kind of pilgrimage—to Compostela where he was buried.

So, for us this sense of journey, of pilgrimage, is part of who we are. And that is true of who we are as a parish family on a journey together to become one new parish of St. James. This journey includes the beautiful diversity of churches and worship styles of Immaculate Conception, Christ Our Hope and our Cathedral.

As we heard in today's Gospel, right after Jesus describes how they are headed to Jerusalem where he will be handed over and crucified and raised on the third day, James and John approach Jesus along with their mother who requests places of honor for her sons in Jesus' Kingdom.

This request does not sit well with the other disciples, who are perhaps jealous that the sons of Zebedee beat them to the punch in seeking these important places next to Jesus. This request doesn't sit so well with Jesus either. It's clear that James and John and the other Apostles still have a ways to go on the spiritual side of the pilgrimage with him. To put it mildly, they really don't get it - yet.

But we know the end of the story. After going through terrible trials in which they will completely abandon Jesus, they will be reconciled and empowered to spread the Good News and grow their little band of followers to a world wide

community of faith. And they will do that by sharing in the cup of suffering that Jesus drinks.

My friends, that is the journey, the pilgrimage that you and I have been called on. We too, in the twenty-first century, are called to open ourselves the way the disciples of the first century were open. We are called to follow Jesus, both in our personal life and as a community of faith.

The Lord has called us at this moment in our history to be of service to the City of Seattle, to bring his good news of love and care to all, and in a special way to those who are hurting. And while we might be tempted at times, like James and John, to jockey for position, to want to be seen as the first, the most important parish in our parish family, the Lord's message is the same as it was two thousand years ago, "whoever wishes to be great among you shall be your servant."

We are all tempted at times, to want to be first, to be noticed, to be seen as very important because of our history and our unique place in the city and the archdiocese. And those words of Jesus ring in our ears, "But it shall not be so among you."

We make this journey together as faith-filled and fragile people. But that fragility can be our strength. In our temptation to stand still, to be stuck in the past rather than build on it, we can acknowledge that we need God's help and the support of each other to continue moving forward.

My friends, as our pilgrimage, our journey together with Immaculate Conception and Christ Our Hope continues to unfold over the coming year, may we trust the Lord's call, and rely on his strength to help us to keep moving together so we can be of service and continue bringing the Good News to the people of Seattle.

Last Thursday as we walked together, talked together, ate together and celebrated together, we caught a glimpse of who we are and who we can become. This journey will call us to keep moving, physically, spiritually, and emotionally. This walking together will invite us to go deeper with the Lord and with each other. That is the invitation St. James accepted long ago. May he strengthen us to keep moving.

Our God gives us food for this camino. May our communion with the Lord and with each other today nourish us for this journey and for the pilgrimage that leads to new and everlasting life.

St. James, pray for us!

July 27, 2027

Dear Mayor Wilson,

As a pastor in Seattle, I pray for this community daily.

I wish to express our deep sorrow and assurance of prayers for the victims of yesterday's shooting at the Seattle Center. We pray also for the family and friends of those who died or were injured as well as for the many who are traumatized by this shooting.

We will continue to pray for an end to this kind of violence, which violates human life, human dignity and the peaceful existence we strive for in every community and nation.

May God continue to heal our wounds, hear our prayers and guide us in the ways of peace. As always, I remain,

In the Heart of Christ,



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

The Life of Our Community

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

YOUNG ADULT EVENTS IN AUGUST—

1st Friday—Taizé Prayer & Catholic Movie Night, **August 7, 6:30—9:00pm**—**St. James Cathedral Pastoral Outreach Center.** Join us for our monthly Taizé Prayer service, followed by pizza, popcorn, and screening of Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality in the Pastoral Outreach Center. The documentary explores the life and legacy of the first millennial saint and his witness of faith in the digital age.

3rd Sunday—Dinner & Guest Speaker, August 16, 6:30—8:30pm—**St. James Cathedral Pastoral Outreach Center.** After 5:30pm Mass, we'll gather for dinner and a conversation about "How Can We Take Jesus Seriously?" with Dr. David Ard, a former theology professor, founding member of Christ Our Hope, and Avid Home Brewer.

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 in our parish and throughout our neighborhood by donating new school supplies. Donation bins will be available each Sunday, now through August 30, before and after the 11:00 am Mass at the back of the church. All donated school supplies will be available to our parish and neighborhood families following Mass on August 30 in Jean Moran Hall. Thank you for helping students begin the school year prepared for success! For more information, please contact Jennifer Charles.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Disabled, elderly, low-income resident is in need of volunteers to help him go through organize and move 2 storage units. If you can help, please contact Elizabeth at Elizabethjameshouseesc@nhe-inc.com or 206-593-5441.

YOUTH MASS - We NEED YOU to help us make our youth mass awesome! 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 - August 30 and November 29.**



Lū'au

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 27th, parishioners have donated \$33,848—\$5,368 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 07.26.2026 - \$8,310.00

As of 07.27.2025 - \$11,365.00

**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://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.

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Mass for Peace

August 6 | 12pm | St. James Cathedral



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Join us for

Unplug with the Lord

Rest, Reflect and Discern

August 11, 1:30 pm – August 13, 1 pm

Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center



High school juniors, seniors and recent graduates are all invited to find God's voice in the silence at **Unplug with the Lord**, a special youth retreat. Attendees will discover the importance of contemplation by creating space to slow down and listen. Through prayer and reflection, they will learn how to deepen their awareness of God's presence.

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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Scan here to learn
more and register



EXECUTIVE

Speaker Series

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13TH, 2026 | 7PM

ISAAC ORR CONFERENCE ROOM
ARCHDIOCESE OF SEATTLE



Rino Caruccio
Global Finance Executive



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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CHERRY HILL 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 will help students begin the school year prepared for success.



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



Should donations exceed our community's needs, additional school supplies will be shared with neighborhood schools serving Seattle's Cherry Hill community. Currently, our first choices are Lowell Elementary and Leschi Elementary.



Please see Jennifer Charles for additional information.



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



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

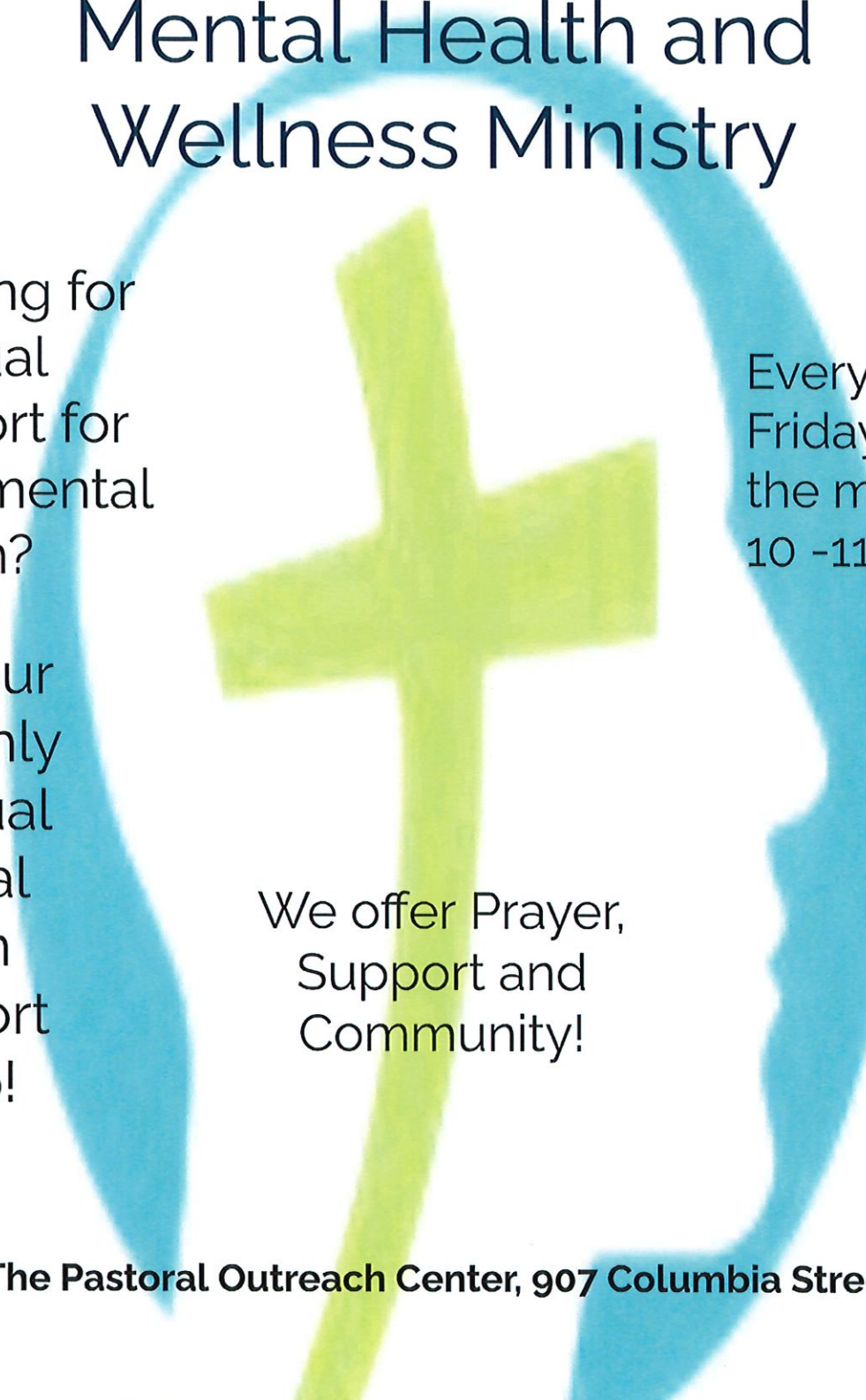
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Contact: 206.382.4876
youthmusic@stjames-cathedral.org

Mental Health and Wellness Ministry



Looking for
spiritual
support for
your mental
health?

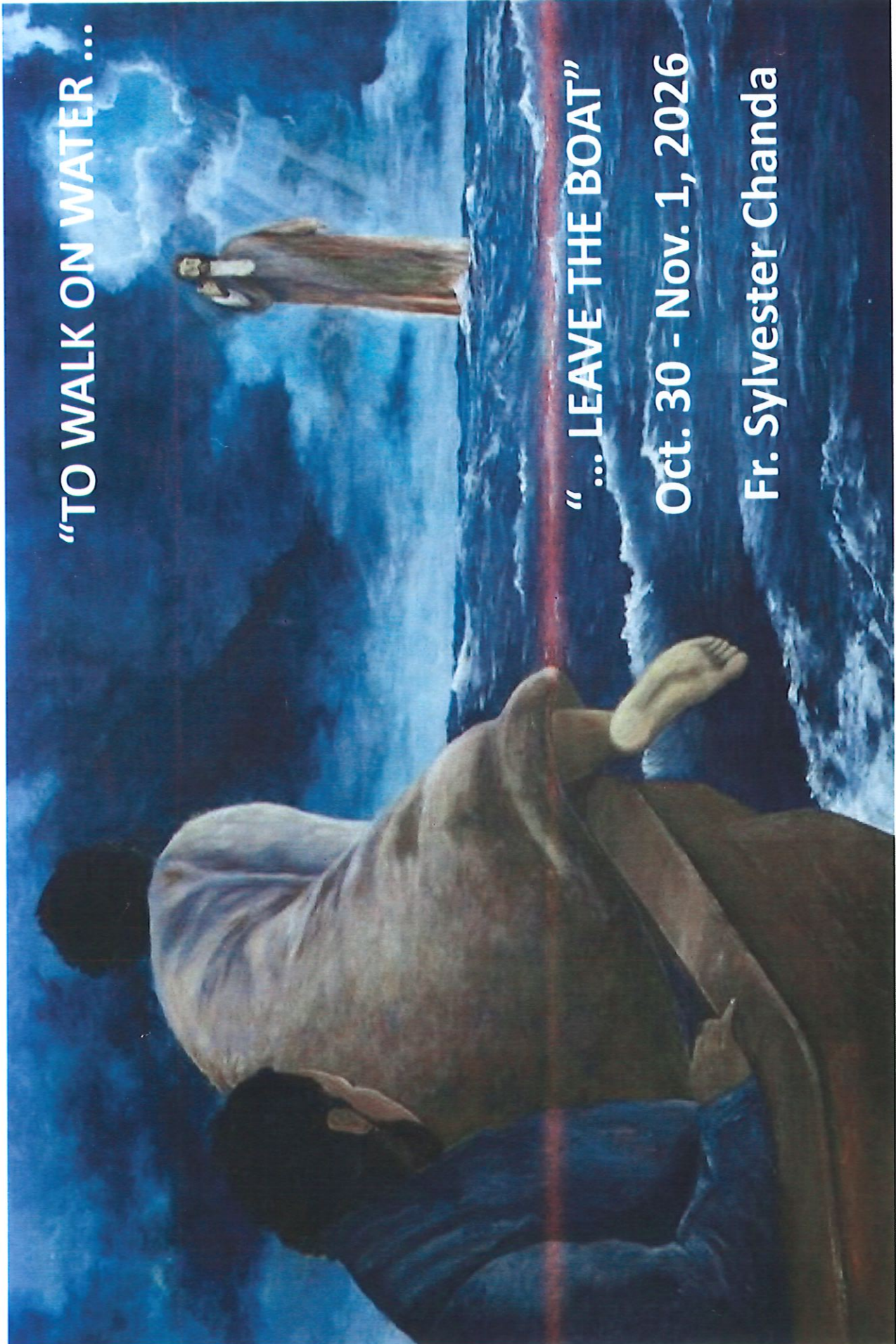
Every 3rd
Friday of
the month
10 -11:30AM

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
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"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)**