

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 9, 2026

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Reading 1: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14(8)

“Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.”

Reading 2: Romans 9:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Pray for our Parishioners

For the Eternal repose of the soul of Salvacion Luna and Democrito Yambao (DY) Caparas

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 Sacrament of Reconciliation

This is what the Church asks of us: “after having attained the age of discretion, each of the faithful is bound by an obligation faithfully to confess serious sins at least once a year.” Serious meaning mortal sins. Our parish family provides opportunities for the sacrament of reconciliation on Saturdays at 8:30am at St. James Cathedral and any other day by appointment. Come and experience God’s amazing love, grace and mercy through this wonderful sacrament .

~Fr. Chanda

From the Pastor's Desk | August 9, 2026

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL | IMMACULATE CONCEPTION | CHRIST OUR HOPE

Dear Friends,
On July 26, we celebrated the Feast of Saints Anne and

Joachim, Mary's parents and the grandparents of Jesus. For the past six years this day has also been celebrated as the *World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly*. The Holy Father shares a message every year to mark this day. His message this year prompted me to reflect on the gift of grandparents and older people among our parishioners. In all three of our parishes of Christ Our Hope, Immaculate Conception and St. James, people who are elderly are such a vital part of our life together.

Pope Leo writes, "Dear elderly men and women, Pope Francis spoke of you as a 'new people' (Catechesis, 23 February 2022), since the number of older adults has never been so large in human history. It is, therefore, more important than ever to reflect with you, this 'new people,' on what our vocation might be when fragility — the human person's companion from birth — seems to take over. I would like to say to you: do not be afraid of fragility! It is precisely this weakness that holds within itself a new potential that also illuminates the other stages of life. Indeed, when 'we acknowledge our fragility, our hearts become open to supporting one another and to invoking the One who can grant what no human power can ensure: the profound reconciliation of hearts and, with it, true peace': (Meeting with the Algerian community, Basilica of Our Lady of Africa, Algiers, 13 April 2026).

The idea that fragility is the human person's companion from birth is such an honest look at the reality of the human condition. To embrace the physical weakness and fragility that comes later in life and is present at the beginning of life, rather than denying it, can draw us deeper into the life of Christ who became weak and vulnerable, yes even fragile, so that we might see the depth of God's love revealed.

The Pope suggests that this time in life is not just something to get through, but a true vocation. I know that during my years in ministry, and this has been confirmed during



this past year as pastor here, I have been touched by older people who have lived as powerful witnesses to our faith. They are generous with their time, treasure and skills and are a particular blessing in their commitment to praying for others.

Embracing the fragility of life that comes to us as we age is one way we can open ourselves to others and support them in their own journey of life. In our

fragility we recognize that we are all fragile human beings. The Pope sees this recognition as a movement toward reconciliation and ultimately toward peace.

Just as young people are not simply the Church of the future, older people are not simply the Church of the past. Both young and old bring a vital presence to the Church of today. The Pope writes, "This is how we can live out our old age as Christians: 'fragile' yet at the same time 'called.' A man and a woman can, in fact, be born anew in old age (cf. Jn 3:4-6) and exclaim, with the prophet: 'In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength' (Is 30:15). This strength can become an invitation not to resort to the ways of arrogance and power to ensure human coexistence, but to the ways of reconciliation and true peace."

May this message from the World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly be an occasion for us to thank the older people in our lives for who they are for us today. May they continue to bless us with their wisdom and insight. And may we, their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren love these "new people" with a deep and abiding respect.

God Bless,

Father Gary Lazzeroni
Pastor

The Life of Our Community

PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL Regional Community Gatherings—Come join us on Wednesday, August 26 at 6pm, Jean Moran Hall.

YOUNG ADULT EVENTS IN AUGUST—

1st Friday—Taizé Prayer & Catholic Movie Night, 6:30—9:00pm—St. James Cathedral Pastoral Outreach Center.

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.

MONTHLY SERVICE PROJECT—Assembling Hygiene Kits. Help us on Sunday, August 30th 1:00-3:00pm at Jean Moran Hall to assemble hygiene kits for neighbors experiencing housing instability and homelessness in our community. As the date approaches, volunteers will be encouraged to donate needed items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, hand sanitizer, deodorant, and lip balm. Contact: Blake Steller at bsteller@stjames-cathedral.org or 907-244-6683.

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.



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.

WORLD YOUTH DAY –Young people from throughout our parish family are invited to join us on pilgrimage to World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul, South Korea, from August 1-10, 2027! This will be an Incredible opportunity to gather with young Catholics from around the world for prayer, catechesis, cultural experiences, and celebrations with the Holy Father. Teens, young adults, and parents interested in learning more or joining the pilgrimage are invited to contact Blake Steller at bsteller@stjames-cathedral.org or 907-244-6683.



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

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



Annual Catholic Appeal

Thanks to your generosity, we have exceeded our parish goal of \$28,480! As of August 3rd, parishioners have donated \$34,448—\$5,662 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 08.02.2026 - \$10,998.19

As of 08.03.2025 - \$14,519.69

**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>

Please be aware of scam emails or text messages falsely claiming to be from any Priests or other parish staff.

Scammers often:

- Ask for gift cards, money transfers, or urgent help
- Use fake emails that look similar to parish addresses (e.g., **From:** Father Lazzeroni <pastorhotmail013@gmail.com> instead of the real one)

Important Reminders:

- Parish staff will **NEVER** ask for gift cards, wire transfers, or personal banking info by email or text.
 - When in doubt, call the parish office directly at **206-322-5970**.
 - **Do not respond** to suspicious messages — delete and report them.
- Stay safe and spread the word to others who may not be aware!



EXECUTIVE

Speaker Series

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13TH, 2026 | 7PM

ISAAC ORR CONFERENCE ROOM
ARCHDIOCESE OF SEATTLE



Rino Caruccio
Global Finance Executive



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

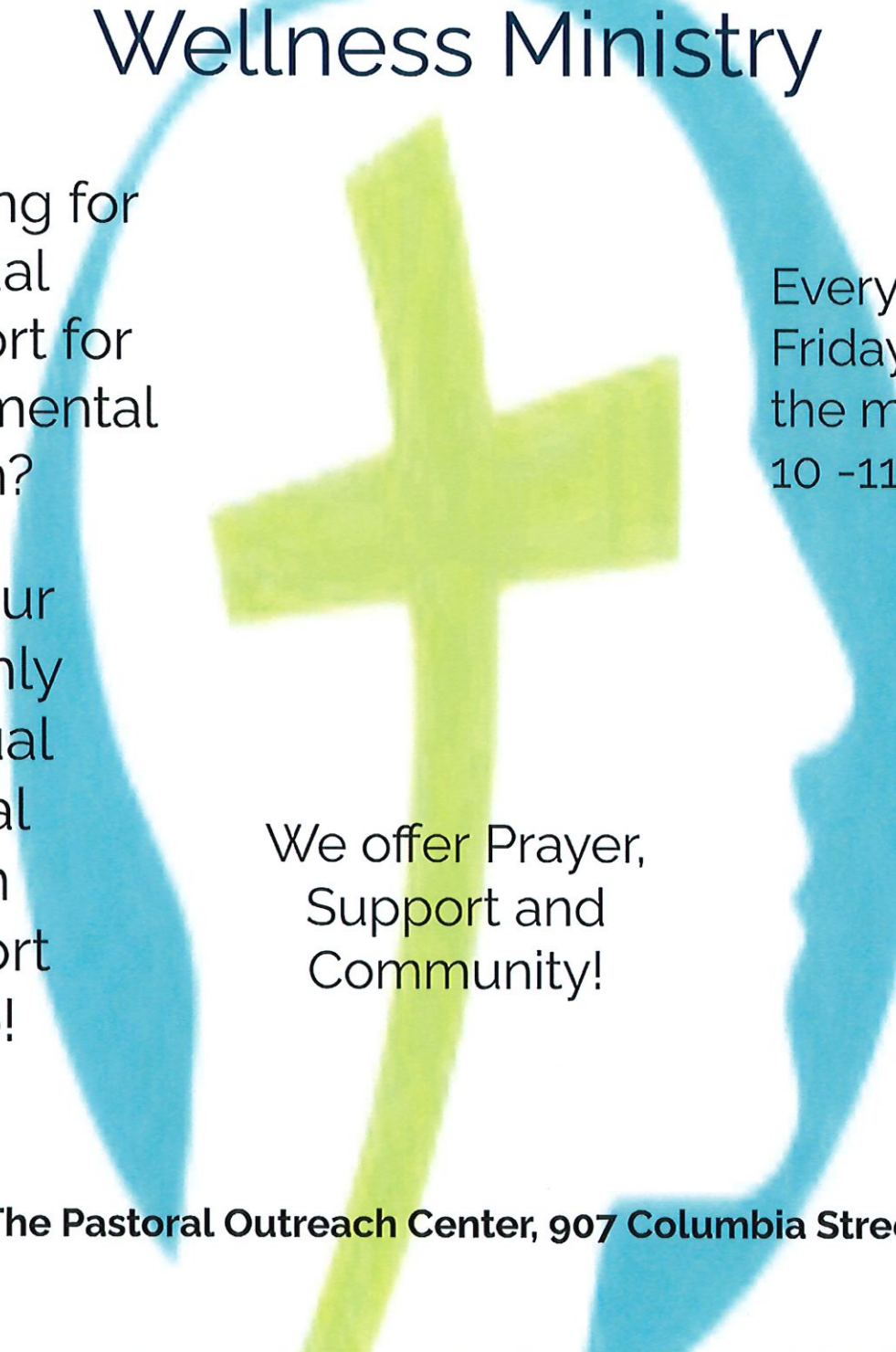


Scan the
QR code:

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

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**

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



PARTNERS
IN THE GOSPEL™

Regional Community Gatherings

Join a regional community gathering to reflect on how the Holy Spirit is guiding the future of the Church. Archdiocesan leaders will present on Partners in the Gospel, One Parish Planning and answer questions.

Come join us

6pm | Wednesday, 8/26

Immaculate Conception, Seattle



Archdiocese
of Seattle

Register at:





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.



OPEN TO EVERYONE

FREE COMMUNITY SEMINAR

Scam Prevention & Digital Safety

"Stay informed and in control. Step away from fear & anxiety."

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SUNDAY, AUG
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11:00
AM

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL
PASTORAL OUTREACH
CENTER
907 Columbia St, Seattle

What you'll learn to spot

• Government
Impersonation
(SSA, IRS, Police)

• Tech-Support Pop-up
Scams

• Family Emergency & AI
Voice Cloning

• Romance & Investment
Scams

• Phishing Texts &
Emails

• Online Purchase &
Marketplace Scams



Presented by
Rajat Aggarwal
Founder & Community Volunteer,
Confidentive

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Mass for Suicide Healing and Remembrance

September 12 | 5:30pm
St. James Cathedral



September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.

At this special Mass, we pray for all who have been lost to suicide, for survivors of suicide, and for all who have lost a family member, friend, or colleague. We also pray that, as Church and as individuals, we can help prevent suicide by raising awareness and knowing how to help those in need.

Join us in person or livestream @ArchdioceseofSeattle  

*God, lover of souls,
you hold dear what you have made
and spare all things, for they are yours.*

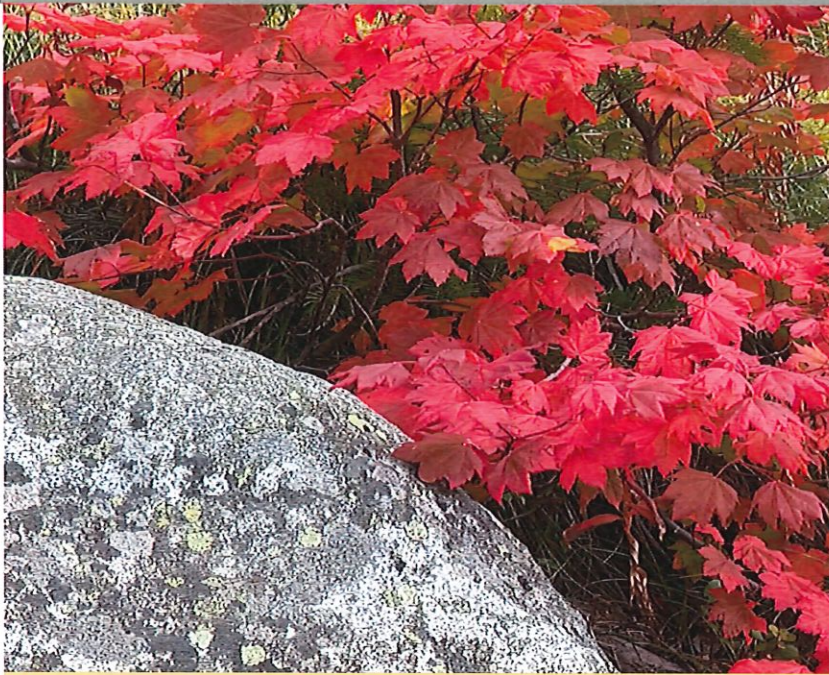
(Order of Christian Funerals)

**If you or someone you know is in crisis, please contact the
988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline**

- Call or text 988
- Chat at 988lifeline.org

NEW FALL FOREST THERAPY SESSIONS

You are Invited!



REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Being in nature and experiencing the forest through our senses offers a world of delight – and it's good for our health. It's about slowing down, opening our senses, and feeling the beauty, relaxation and healing that nature has to offer.

- Everyone is welcome
- No experience necessary
- Slow-paced and gentle

An easy walk with many rests, 2 hours in total. Led by Dan Stroh, with the nonprofit organization Ancient Earth Outings. Dan is a forest therapy guide certified by the Association for Nature and Forest Therapy.

ancienteearthoutings.org

We're continuing our series of forest therapy walks into Fall 2026!

Two sessions offered:

• **Weds, Sept 23, 2026, 10 am - 12 noon**
(near the Fall Equinox)
Kubota Garden, Seattle

• **Sat, October 10, 2026, 10 am - 12 noon**
Seward Park, Seattle

Space is limited; registration is required but there is no cost. Details will be sent to registrants.

To register or for additional information, please contact:

Anisa Ralls, (206)382-4269
aralls@stjames-cathedral.org

Sponsored by the Mental Health and Wellness Ministry, St. James Cathedral





"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)**