



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

*Inspired by the Holy Spirit, We Live the Good News of Christ
Through Worship, Community, and Stewardship*

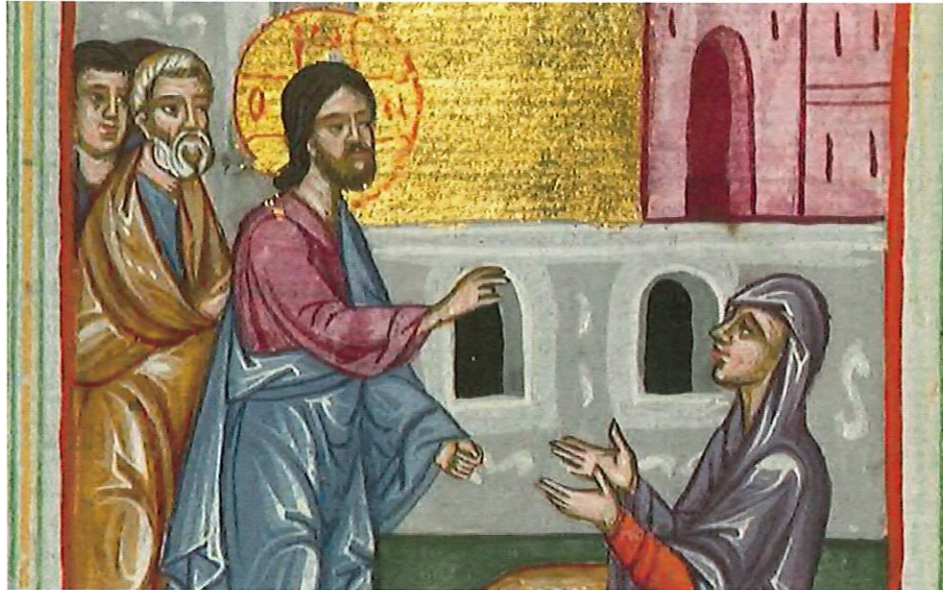
820 18th Ave. Seattle, WA 98122

www.icseattle.org

Parish Family with: St. James Cathedral and Christ Our Hope

August 16, 2026

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Reading 1: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)

"O God, let all the nations praise you!"

Reading 2: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

Pray for our Parishioners

For the Eternal repose of the soul of Constancio Argueza

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 Prayer

The goal of prayer is **Relationship with God**. It is not to convince God of the things we need or to change His mind so that things may go our way. In prayer we grow in our relationship with God, conforming our will to his holy will, making our needs known and the grace to accept what God has for us. God knows best what we need, trust Him and deepen your relationship with him through prayer.

~Fr. Chanda

From the Pastor's Desk | August 16, 2026

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL | IMMACULATE CONCEPTION | CHRIST OUR HOPE

Dear Friends,
Each of our parish families in the Archdiocese of Seattle is unique. Each one of our fifty-two families brings together a combination of diverse worship styles, a unique history, and particular gifts and challenges. Our Parish Family of Immaculate Conception, Christ Our Hope and St. James Cathedral is no exception. We have explored the various elements of our life together over these past two years. In our discernment around "Who are we?" and "Who is God calling us to become?" we have learned much about our three parishes and our vision for the future.

A unique aspect of our life together is that we serve the heart of the City of Seattle. Our three urban parishes have the responsibility, which brings with it gifts and challenges, of serving all the people within the large geographical area of our Parish Family. I learned the nuance of how the Church understands this responsibility early in my work on the Partners in the Gospel team. We (the pastor, the ministers and all the faithful) are responsible for the care of all the souls within our parish. We are not simply responsible for all the Catholics, but for the spiritual and temporal well-being of everyone.

As I reflect on this reality, I realize how much all three of our parishes embrace this truth. Through our three St. Vincent de Paul conferences, our outreach to people on the street through Sacred Encounters at Christ Our Hope, ministry to the Tiny Home community at Immaculate Conception, and our meal service to people at St. James six days per week - to name only a few of the things our three parishes do for all people, regardless of their faith tradition. We indeed strive to serve all the souls within our parish family, especially those who are marginalized or hurting in any way.

The Holy Father's prayer intention for this month seems perfect for our parish family. I encourage you to pray this prayer throughout this month as we continue to grow together as a parish family:

*Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd,
You walk through our streets and squares,
enter tall buildings and humble neighborhoods,
and silently accompany millions*

*who seek meaning amid noise and haste.
You know, Lord, the heart of the city:
its lights and shadows, its noise and loneliness.
We know that cities are called to be
places of freedom and opportunity,
but they can also become spaces
of anonymity and isolation.
That's why today we ask You for a renewed gaze,
able to discover in urban life fertile ground
for proclaiming your Gospel.
Give us a creative and deep faith,
that doesn't remain in words, but becomes flesh
through simple and loving gestures.
Make us a Church that goes forth,
able to reach out to the peripheries,
to console those who are lonely,
and to sow fraternity and connection instead of
giving in to indifference.
Lord, may our urban communities be open
and welcoming homes, places where hope is shared,
where no one feels invisible, and where
the joy of your Gospel shines in the hidden lives
of so many brothers and sisters.
Make us your witnesses in the city,
bold and creative missionaries, who proclaim your
Love with their lives – a Love capable
of overcoming haste, noise, and anonymity. Amen.*

In our life together we also have an opportunity to celebrate. Last month we came together to celebrate the Feast of St. James with a pilgrimage from Immaculate Conception and Christ Our Hope and dinner at St. James. On August 15, we gathered at Immaculate Conception to celebrate the annual Lu'au. And coming up this week, we have another opportunity to celebrate as we gather on Thursday, August 20 at 6:00pm at Christ Our Hope for Mass and dinner to celebrate the seventeenth anniversary of the dedication of Christ Our Hope church. I hope you can join us!

May God continue to bless our efforts as we come together as a people of faith striving to serve the heart of the City of Seattle!

Peace,



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.

SPOKANE EMERGENCY FIRE RELIEF FUND Last week, Archbishop Etienne requested that parishes take up a special collection to support those affected by the devastating wildfires in Eastern Washington. Donations can be made directly to the [Spokane Complex Fire Support Fund](https://give.cceasternwa.org/give/511873#!/donation/checkout) - <https://give.cceasternwa.org/give/511873#!/donation/checkout>—established by Catholic Charities Eastern Washington. For those who wish to give by check, please have them write checks payable to "Immaculate Conception Church) with "Eastern Washington Wildfires" in the memo line. OR scan the QR code.



CHRIST OUR HOPE CHURCH 17TH ANNIVERSARY—Join our parish family on Thursday, August 20, 2026, from 6:00–8:00 PM as we celebrate 17 years of faith, worship, and community! The celebration begins with Mass at 6:00 PM, followed by a pasta dinner, dessert bar, fellowship, and sharing of memories. **RSVP requested:** (206) 448-8826 or mail@christourhopeseattle.org.

SCAM PREVENTION AND DIGITAL SAFETY - Sun. Aug 30th, 11am, Pastoral Outreach Center, 907 Columbia St, free educational presentation from Rajat Aggarwal, founder of Confidentive. Learn to spot government impersonations, tech support pop-up scams, family emergency and AI voice cloning, romance and investment scams, phishing texts and emails, online purchase and marketplace scams. Information Anisa Ralls, (206)382-4269 or aralls@stjames-cathedral.org

MASS FOR SUICIDE HEALING AND REMEMBRANCE September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. Join us at this special Mass, 9/12 at 5:30pm, as we pray for all who have been lost to suicide, for survivors of suicide, and for those 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.

FALL FOREST THERAPY SESSION Sponsored by the Mental Health and Wellness Ministry, led by Certified Forest Therapy Guide Dan Stroh with the non-profit group Ancient Earth Outings. Join us at 10am-12pm, Wed. 9/23 at Kubota Garden or Sat. 10/10 at Seward Park. Join us for a slow-paced, gentle, and healing walk through nature. Everyone is welcome but space is limited. Registration required with Anisa Ralls, aralls@stjames-cathedral.org or (206)382-4269.

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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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.



Annual Catholic Appeal

Thanks to your generosity, we have exceeded our parish goal of \$28,480! As of August 3rd, parishioners have donated \$35,029—\$6,549 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 08.09.2026 - \$13,326.52

As of 08.10.2025 - \$18,083.69

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.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://preventionuscceb.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)

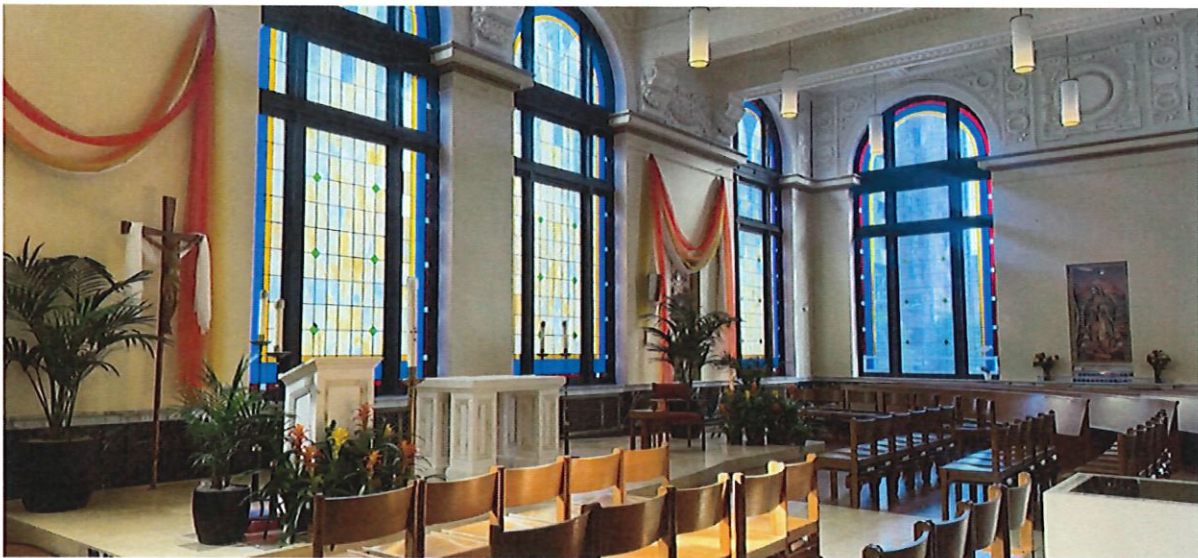
Important Reminders:

- 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!



Celebrating the 17th Anniversary of the Dedication of Christ Our Hope Church

Join our parish family as we give thanks to God for 17 years of faith, worship, and community.



August 20th, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

We look forward to celebrating this special milestone with you!

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:

Mass at 6:00 pm

Followed by a pasta dinner and
dessert bar

Fellowship + sharing memories

RSVP requested. Phone: (206)-448-8826

Mail@christourhopeseattle.org



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IN THE GOSPEL™

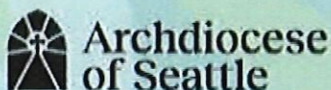
Regional Community Gatherings

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



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.



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• 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
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Founder & Community Volunteer,
Confidentive

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YOUTH MINISTRY KICKS OFF IN SEPTEMBER!

We're excited to officially launch Youth Ministry for the Parish Family of St. James Cathedral, Immaculate Conception, and Christ Our Hope! Beginning in September, youth aged 13-17 will gather on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month, beginning with the 12:00 Noon Mass at St. James Cathedral, followed by our Youth Ministry gathering from 1:00-3:00pm. Each gathering will include a meal along with a mix of service, faith formation, and fun.

Sunday, September 6 – Service & Action

We'll kick off the year with a hands-on service project in the Cathedral Garden. This will be a great opportunity to serve together, get to know one another, and begin the year by putting our faith into action.

Sunday, September 20 – Faith Formation & Community

We'll be joined by Joe Cotton, former Youth Minister at St. James Cathedral, for a special gathering focused on faith and building community.

All teens in our parish family are welcome! Whether you've been involved in youth ministry before or are joining for the first time, we'd love to have you be part of what we're building.

Questions or interested in getting involved?

Blake Steller, bsteller@stjames-cathedral.org or (907) 244-6683

Mass for Suicide Healing and Remembrance

September 12 | 5:30pm
St. James Cathedral



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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.*

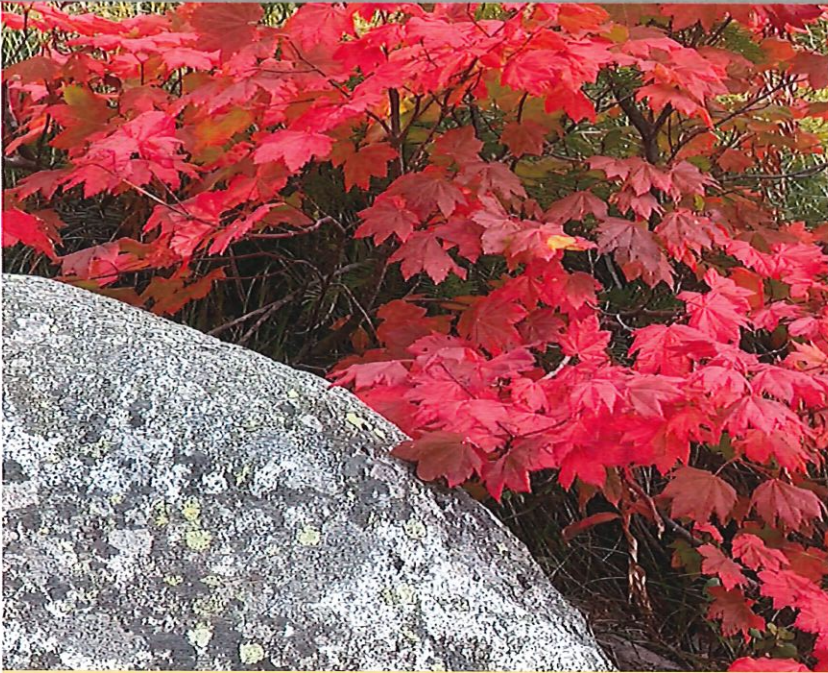
(Order of Christian Funerals)

**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.

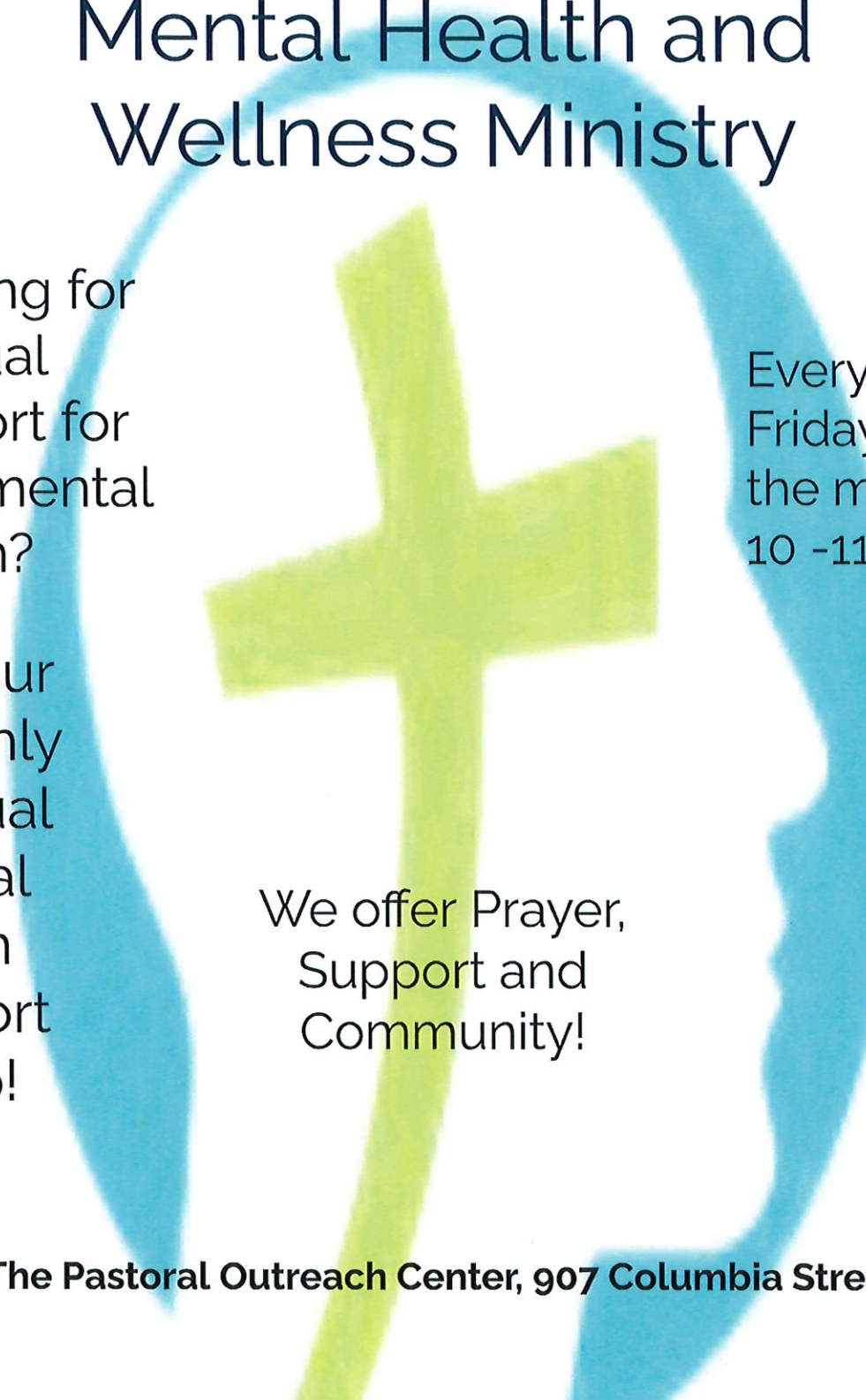
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"TO WALK ON WATER ...

" ... 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)**