

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 23, 2026

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Reading 1: Isaiah 22:19-23

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)

“Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.”

Reading 2: Romans 11:33-36

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

Catechesis 101

Mass Intention

Every Sunday when the community gathers to celebrate the Eucharist, the priest is obligated by Church Law to offer one Mass on Sunday and on Holy Days of obligation for the intentions of all parishioners known as *Pro Populo*. At Immaculate, since the community celebrates only one Sunday Mass, it follows then that the Sunday Mass at Immaculate is always Pro Populo (for the intentions of all parishioners).

Special intentions

The Church also celebrates Mass offered for a special intention for the living and the deceased. To have this kind of Mass celebrated, parishioners need to contact the parish office, and Mass will be celebrated within our parish family at any daily Mass Monday through Saturday. Please note that with the number of parishioners and Mass requests being made within our parish family, the specific date and time is not guaranteed but Mass will definitely be offered.

Praying for our parishioners

Please obtain the individual's or family's permission before submitting their name for the prayer list.

~Fr. Chanda

From the Pastor's Desk | August 23, 2026

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL | IMMACULATE CONCEPTION | CHRIST OUR HOPE

Dear Friends,
As our Archdiocesan strategic pastoral planning process, Partners in the Gospel got underway in January of 2023, the Church was in the midst of another process: the Synod on Synodality, launched by Pope Francis in 2021. The work of the Synod continues today, as we continue to learn to "walk together" to discern where we are as a synodal Church and where the Lord is calling us to go.

Our local Partners in the Gospel process has paralleled the work of the Universal Church. Synodal consultation has been built into our work on Partners in the Gospel, which like the Synod itself, is rooted in the call to "deepen communion, participation, and mission through listening, discernment, and shared responsibility" (Cardinal Mario Grech, Secretary General of the Synod of Bishops at the Plenary Assembly of the Federation of Asian Bishops Conferences, July 24, 2026).

Since coming together as the Parish Family of Christ Our Hope, Immaculate Conception and St. James Cathedral, we have worked to deepen our communion, participation and mission as a community of faith. Over the last two years, we have reflected on our gifts and challenges as a Parish Family and have begun to envision our future together. In the coming weeks, we will share a preliminary draft of that vision and some initiatives as discerned by our Vision Council and Parish Family Leadership Team, based on the feedback received through surveys, listening sessions, and small-group conversations, which a number of you participated in.

I recognize that many of you have not been able to participate in listening sessions or in other ways to provide input. For some, the whole process of Partners in the Gospel and what it means to become one new parish in three locations has not been entirely clear. If you feel that way, you are not alone! Mindful of this reality, our Archdiocesan Partners in the Gospel team has planned seven regional meetings throughout the archdiocese in the coming months. The purpose of these meetings is to simply share information about Partners in the Gospel, and to answer questions.



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6pm | Wednesday, 8/26

Immaculate Conception, Seattle



Register at:



The first of those meetings will be held right here in our Parish Family, at Immaculate Conception this coming Wednesday, August 26, from 6:00pm to 7:30pm in Jean Moran Hall. Sandwiches and refreshments will be provided. I encourage you to join us for this meeting. It's an opportunity to learn more about Partners in the Gospel and to ask any questions you may have. Register using the QR code above.

May the months and years ahead see us walk ever more closely together with each other and with the Lord Jesus – here in our Parish Family, throughout the archdiocese of Seattle, and in the whole Universal Church!

Peace,

Father Gary Lazzeroni
Pastor

The Life of Our Community

Message from Helen Oesterle, IC new Pastoral Associate. hoesterle@icseattle.org

I am so excited to join the staff of Immaculate Conception. I recently retired from 45 years of full-time ministry in the Seattle Archdiocese. When Fr Gary asked if I would help out here, I said yes because I am aware of not only long history of this parish, but more important, the amazing community. I am looking forward to getting to know you and learning how I can best serve you especially during this time of transition.



On a personal note, I have two adult children and two dogs. I am a fitness instructor at the West Seattle YMCA, love to garden, go to movies, and travel.

Welcome Helen!

FEAST OF THE CHAPLET OF TEARS – Join us for the Feast of the Chaplet of Tears on Sunday, August 30, at 10:30 AM at Immaculate Conception Church, in place of the regular Rosary. Through this devotion, we honor Our Lady's tears and pray for sinners, conversions, and the protection of families. The Rosary of the Seven Sorrows of Mother Mary will be provided; supplies are limited. All are welcome!

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.**



YOUNG ADULT SERVICE PROJECT—Help us assemble Hygiene Kits for neighbors experiencing housing instability and homelessness in our community, **August 30th 1:00-3:00pm at Jean Moran Hall** Contact: Blake Steller at bsteller@stjames-cathedral.org or 907-244-6683.

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

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.



WORLD YOUTH DAY Information Session

Teens and families interested in learning more about our Parish Family's pilgrimage to World Youth Day 2027 are invited to an information session on **Thursday, August 27 at 7pm via zoom**. We'll share details about the pilgrimage, including itinerary, pricing, travel requirements, registration process, and important deadlines, with time available for questions. To RSVP and get the zoom link, please contact Blake Steller at bsteller@stjames-cathedral.org or 907-244-6683.

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.

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



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!



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 08.16.2026 - \$15,462.52

As of 08.17.2025 - \$21,211.69

**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>



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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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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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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?

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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.*

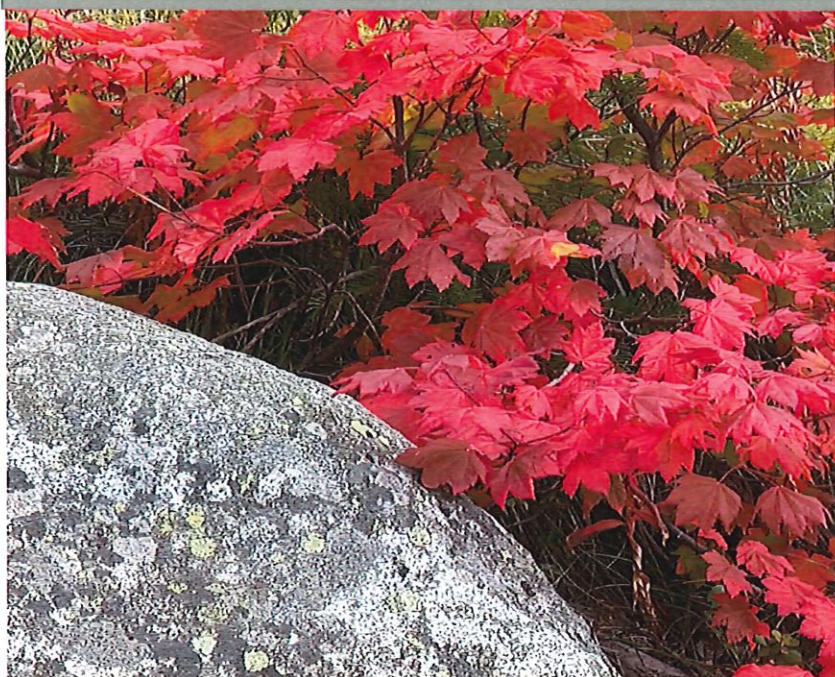
(Order of Christian Funerals)

**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.

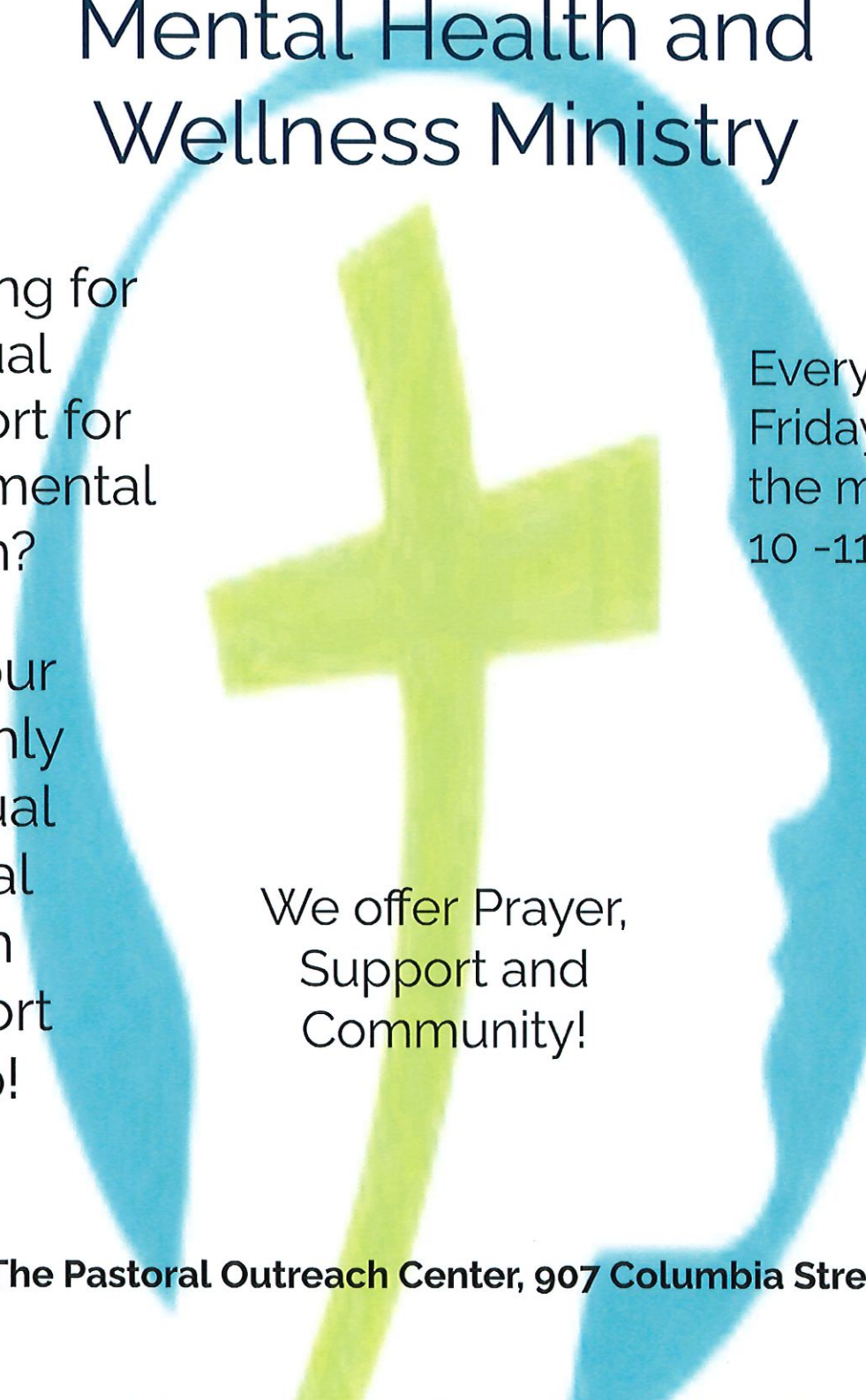
To register or for additional information, please contact:

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" ... 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
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Saint Anthony Prayer Group Renton (206-992-1034, 206-409-5066)