

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 30, 2026

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Reading 1: Jeremiah 20:7-9

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)

"My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God."

Reading 2: Romans 12:1-2

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

Pray for our Parishioners

For the Eternal repose of the soul of Damaris Jacqueline Cortedano and Elizar Abella Mendoza

Healing Prayers for Aneliza Mendoza Rossi and Edward Felix

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

Anointing of the sick. Who should receive this sacrament?

Sacred Anointing "is to be conferred on the faithful who because of sickness, mental illness, or age are seriously ill" (*Sacrosanctum Concilium* no. 73). This sacrament is also administered to those about to undergo surgical procedure, people of advanced age whose strength has weakened, and on children who have reached the age of reason. The sacrament "may be repeated if the sick person recovers after having received the Anointing, or if, as the same sickness continues, there is a more serious relapse" (Order of the Anointing of the Sick and of their Pastoral Care no.9).

~Fr. Chanda

From the Pastor's Desk | August 30, 2026

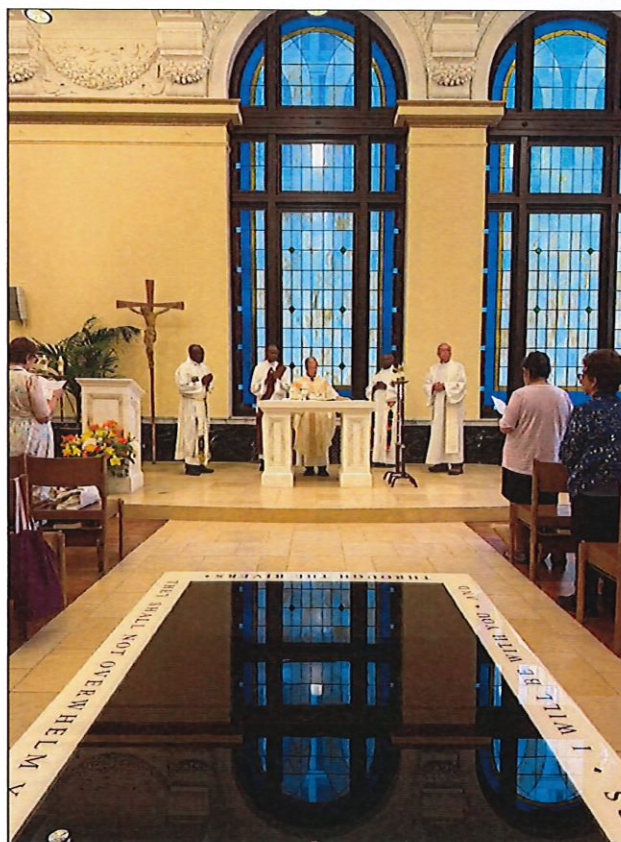
ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL | IMMACULATE CONCEPTION | CHRIST OUR HOPE

Dear Friends,
As I have shared with you in the past, I think an important rhythm of prayer and a fundamental stance before God is gratitude. It is from this place that perspective is gained and we can look forward with hope.

And so, as we come to the end of August and the beginning of a new school year, we look back and give thanks for the rest and recreation we have been able to enjoy with family and friends over the summer. We give thanks for the warmth of the sun and the time spent outside in this beautiful place we call home. If we have had the chance to travel this summer, we give thanks for the places we've been, the people we have met, and the experiences we've had.

In our Parish Family we give thanks for this summer's celebrations of the Feast of St. James and our memorable *camino* and dinner, the Lu'au at Immaculate Conception, and last week's celebration of the sixteenth anniversary of the dedication of Christ Our Hope. During these days of summer all three of our parishes have welcomed visitors from all over the world who have joined us for Sunday Mass. We give thanks for these friends in Christ.

Rooted in gratitude for all that has been this summer, we look forward to a new school year and ask God's blessing on children and families as schedules and routines shift and life becomes a bit more complicated. As I have said to many parents, I am in awe of what parents and grandparents do day in and day out to balance work and school schedules and all the activities that are so much a part of children and young peoples' lives. Thank you, parents, for the gift of your vocation and for all the sacrifices



you make to nurture the life of your family. Thank you, grandparents for your prayers for your children and grandchildren and all the practical ways you support them.

As we look forward to this year in our Parish Family, I am conscious of and grateful for all the single people in our three parishes who do so much for the life of our community. Sometimes this vocation of the single life is under-appreciated in our culture and in our Church. Whether you are single for a long time or for a season in

your life, I am grateful for how you give of yourselves so generously to our Church and to the larger community.

As we look forward to this new year, we will journey together as a Parish Family toward becoming one new parish. Our work to determine our vision and the initiatives which will give flesh to that vision will unfold over the coming months. I am grateful to our Vision Council and our Parish Family Leadership Team for all they have done to bring us to this point. Next week you will see one of the fruits of our work together over these past two years as we begin publishing a joint bulletin for the Parish Family.

For now, as a family or as individuals, you might want to go through this little prayer exercise of looking back with gratitude and looking forward with hope.

Have a great week!

F. Gary Lazzeroni

Father Gary Lazzeroni
Pastor

The Life of Our Community

1ST SATURDAYS NEIGHBORHOOD

OUTREACH —Join us each month from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you would like to volunteer, share ideas, or learn more, please contact: Lori Chisholm-Cook, lori.chisholm@gmail.com

BIBLE STUDY FALL SESSION —The study is *Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John*.

It starts on September 14th and will run 8 weeks on Mondays from 6:00—7:30pm. Register using the QR code in the bulletin or on the sign-up sheet at the back of the church.



YOUTH MINISTRY KICKS OFF THIS

SEPTEMBER! Beginning in September, we will generally 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.

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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? Contact Blake Steller at bsteller@stjames-cathedral.org or (907) 244-6683 for more information.

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.

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.

SHOW UP SEATTLE! — ONE DAY OF SERVICE. Join Christ Our Hope on **Saturday, September 26, from 9:00 AM–1:00 PM** for

Seattle's One Day of Service! We'll clean up and refresh the area around the Josephinum, 2nd & 3rd between Virginia and Stewart, including the alley. Coffee and donuts will be provided, and the city will provide all necessary tools.

We need about 20 parish family volunteers! To volunteer, contact **Jim Sweeney** at jimbutte67@gmail.com or **206-898-8906**.



It's First Friday

Sacred Heart Devotion

BULLETIN POST SUBMISSION

Please scan the QR code to submit any Immaculate Conception Church Seattle bulletin post request, including prayer requests.

<https://archseattle.cbcchurch.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)

Finance Council Jane Powers (Chair)

Please visit the church website at www.icseattle.org for other requests like Baptismal, Wedding, Bulletin Post, Giving and more.



Annual Catholic Appeal

Thanks to your generosity, we have exceeded our parish goal of \$28,480! As of August 25, parishioners have donated \$36,054—\$7,574 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 08.23.2026 - \$17,826.52

As of 08.24.2025 - \$22,705.69

essings and Thank you!

ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH?

Many who attend Immaculate Conception church regularly and consider the ICC their parish have never officially registered. We strongly encourage you to register. Registered parishioners receive important mailings from the church, are able to celebrate their wedding at ICC, and their children may attend any of the Catholic Rainbow Schools at Parishioner rates. 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>

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.

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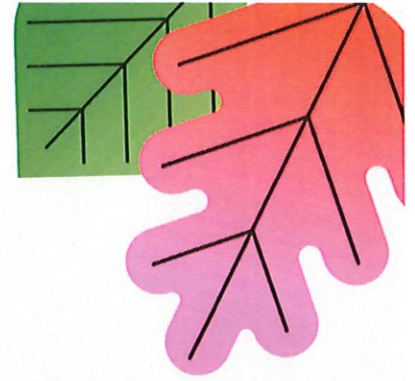
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YOUNG ADULTS

September 2026



YOUNG ADULTS OF ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL,
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, AND CHRIST OUR HOPE ARE INVITED
TO A MONTH FULL OF FAITH, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE!

**FRIDAY
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**First Friday--Taizé Prayer & Guest Speaker
6:30pm-8:30pm**

Join us for our monthly Taizé prayer service, followed by refreshments and a discussion with **Father Mike Raschko** exploring the theology of St. Thomas Aquinas.

**SAT
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**Monthly Service Project — Dirt Corps
10:00am-1:00pm, Westcrest Park**

We'll partner with Dirt Corps to learn about the role fungi play in the health of our forests and help care for the ecosystem by removing invasive plants, including blackberry, to give native plants room to grow.

**SUN
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**Third Sunday — Mass, Dinner & Guest Speaker
Pastoral Outreach Center**

Join us for the 5:30pm Mass at St. James Cathedral, followed by dinner with Father Sylvester Chanda, who will share how young Catholics can boldly live out their call as disciples of Christ.



For more information or to RSVP
contact Blake Steller, 907-244-6683 or
bsteller@stjames-cathedral.org

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.*

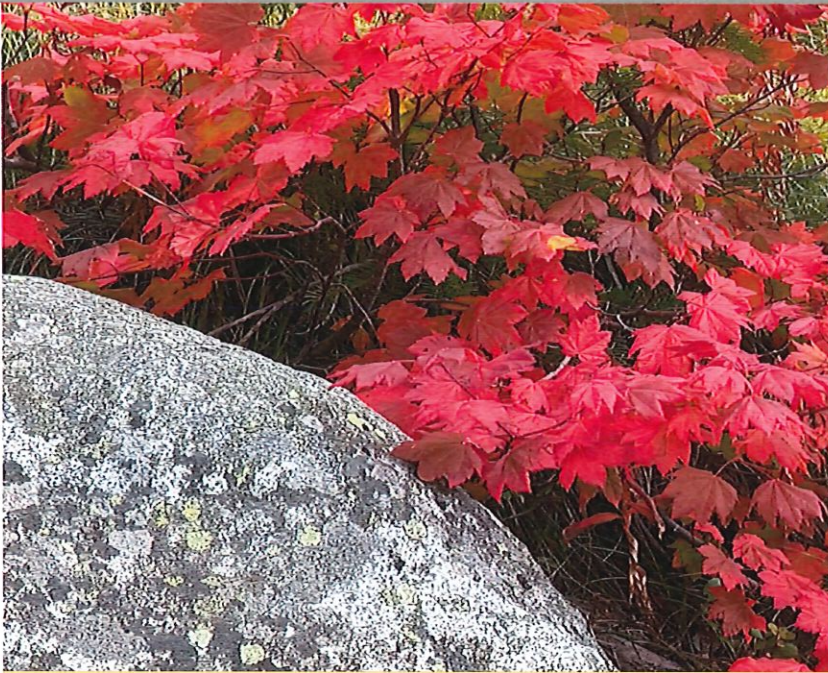
(Order of Christian Funerals)

**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.

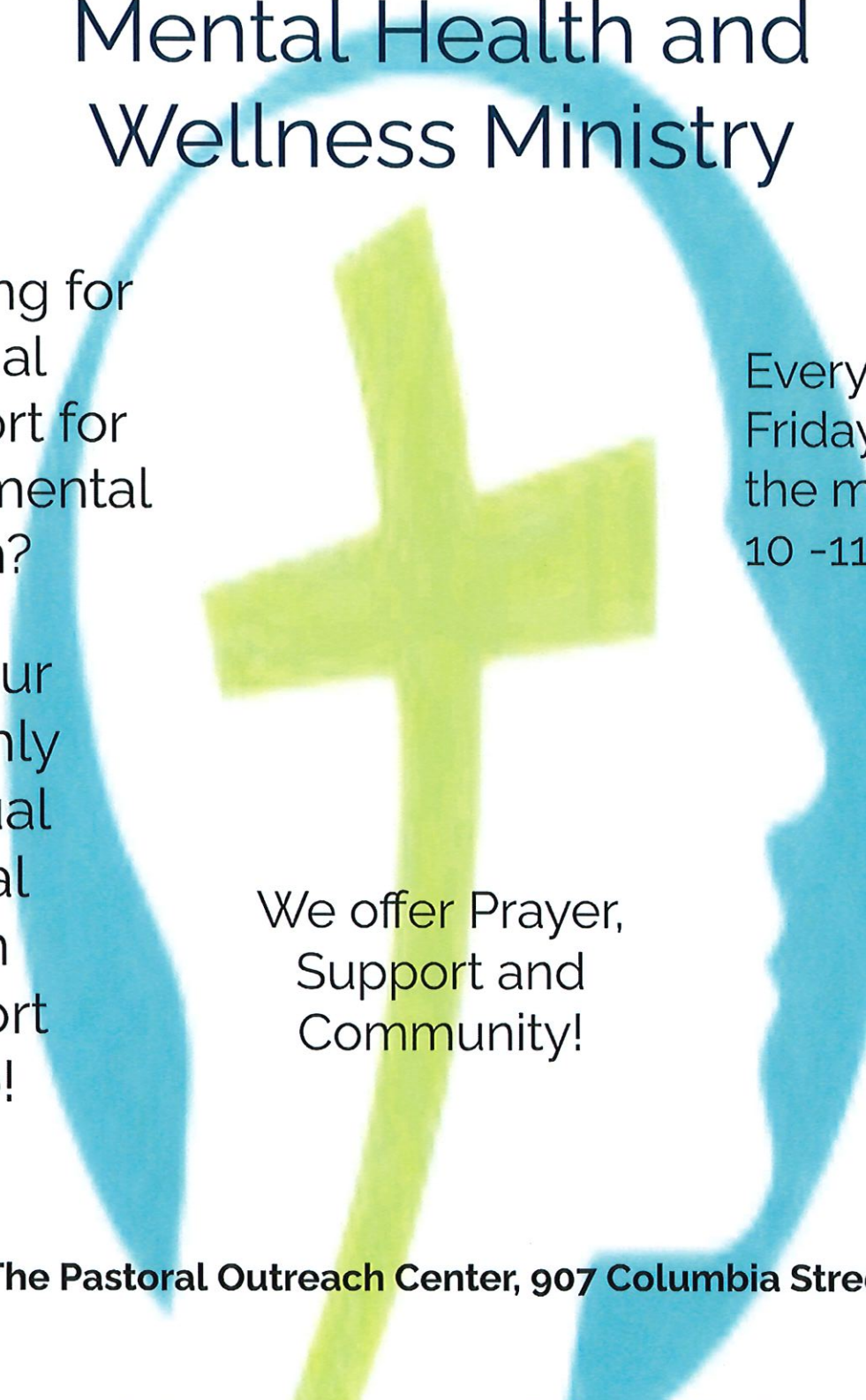
To register or for additional information, please contact:

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"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)**