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**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION | CHRIST OUR HOPE
ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL**

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, September 13, 2026



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CELEBRATIONS of the SACRAMENTS

MASS

Sundays 8:00am - 10:00am - 12 Noon - 5:30pm
Weekdays 8:00am (M, T, W, Th, F, S) & 12:10pm (M, F)
Saturdays 8:00am & "Vigil" 5:30pm

VESPERS and BENEDICTION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT Sundays at 4:00pm

CONFESSIONS/SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturdays, 8:30am-9:30am (following 8:00am Mass) and by appointment

BAPTISM Communal celebrations are held monthly. A preparation program for parents and godparents is required. Contact Maria Laughlin for information, mlaughlin@stjames-cathedral.org.

MARRIAGE Registered parishioners may begin the scheduling process up to 14 months in advance. Contact Margaret Lynch, Wedding Office, 206-382-4854.

ANointing of the SICK In case of serious illness, impending surgery, or advanced age, please call the parish office. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick should not be delayed until the person is unconscious or in imminent danger of death.

FUNERALS for parishioners, Yanti Kapoyos, 206-382-4288

TRIBUNAL ADVOCATES The parish has several advocates ready to assist with marriage cases (commonly called 'annulments'). Information, Maria Laughlin, 206-382-4284

CATHEDRAL BOOKSTORE Open weekdays 11-3 and after weekend Masses

CATHEDRAL COLUMBARIUM Maria Laughlin, 206-382-4284

CATHEDRAL KITCHEN serves dinner Monday to Friday, 4pm-4:45pm, and breakfast on Sundays, 7am-8am. All are welcome.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

After-hours Emergency answering service for parishioners: 206-467-3049

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MASS SCHEDULE

11:00 AM Sunday (10:30 AM Rosary)
12:10 PM Wednesday
8:00 AM Sunday - Eritrean Community

CHURCH HOURS

Monday to Friday, 9:00am - 3:00pm, First Saturdays 9:00am-1:00pm

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday, 9:00am - 3:00pm
By appointment, 206-322-5970, office@icseattle.org

STAFF

Helen Oesterle, Pastoral Associate, 206-322-5970 ext. 602
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COUNCILS

Pastoral Council, Maria Batayola (Chair)
Finance Council, Jane Powers (Chair)

CONFESSION Please contact the Parish Office, 206-322-5970

BAPTISM Celebrations take place at our Sunday Masses. A preparation program for parents/guardians and godparents is required. Information, Helen Oesterle, 206-322-5970.

WEDDINGS and FUNERALS Helen Oesterle, 206-322-5970, ext 602.

PASTORAL CARE

If you would like to request a home blessing, a communion visit, or the Anointing of the Sick, please contact Father Sylvester Chanda, schanda@stjames-cathedral.org

CHRIST OUR HOPE, 1902 2nd Avenue

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MASS SCHEDULE

9:00am Sunday
5:00pm Sunday (Español)
12:10pm Tuesday, Thursday
7:00am Wednesday (Mass or Liturgy of the Hours)

CHURCH HOURS

Daily 6:30am - 8:00pm

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday 9:00am - 5:00pm
By appointment (206) 448-8826

STAFF

Deanna Tighe, Pastoral Associate (206) 558-9749
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COUNCILS

Finance Council, Paula Holmes (Chair)
Liturgy Commission, Chuck Middendorf (Chair)
Outreach Commission, Jim Sweeney (Chair)
Pastoral Council, Daniel Fry (Chair)

CONFESSIONS/SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday, Thursday 11:45am; Wednesday 7:30am

BAPTISM

Celebrated quarterly at Sunday Masses

ANointing OF THE SICK

Celebrated quarterly at Mass

WEDDINGS and FUNERALS Contact the Parish office, 206-448-8826 or mail@christourhopeseattle.org

PASTORAL CARE

To request a home blessing, communion visit, or the Anointing of the Sick, please contact Fr. Thumbi, frthumbi@christourhopeseattle.org, or the parish office.

From the Pastor's Desk | September 13, 2026

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL | IMMACULATE CONCEPTION | CHRIST OUR HOPE

Dear Friends,
This week we are taking another step in our discernment process of becoming one parish. If you recall, during Lent this year we held community conversations around who God is calling us to become. We discussed our current reality in our three parishes, and we were asked to reflect on what new groups of people we are being called to serve, and to dream about what our new parish will look like five years from now. You gave rich and thoughtful input in those sessions.

From that input, our Parish Family Vision Council has developed a draft of a Vision Statement for our new parish and several high level initiatives that flow from that vision. The Council tried to capture the main themes that we heard from the input we received. We are sharing the draft Vision Statement and the preliminary initiatives to ask if they resonate with you.

We ask you to take a few minutes to complete a survey online (link at the end of this letter), giving us a sense of whether we have accurately captured what you shared with us last spring. Below is the Vision Statement and the preliminary initiatives. It is important to note that the initiatives are purposefully high-level. Once we have feedback from you, we will develop these initiatives (and possibly others) in more detail.

Draft Vision

To be a beacon of beauty and justice in the heart of the city of Seattle, where Christ is found, hospitality is radical, and no one is overlooked.

Draft Initiatives

1. "Enlarge the space of our tent" (Isaiah 54:2). Explore new ways to support and engage marginalized communities: the elderly and homebound; the LGBTQ community; immigrants and refugees; the unhoused. Make room for new voices in our parish leadership, our councils, our ministries.

2. Provide our children, youth, and young adults a place to encounter Christ.
3. Cherish, celebrate, and support our diverse ethnic communities. Honor and foster diverse approaches to worship and prayer. Provide excellent pastoral care to our Spanish language community.
4. Work together to be a powerful force for outreach in our city. Sustain and enhance Sacred Encounters, Prepares, jail ministry, and other ministries of outreach and advocacy.
5. Honor our historic buildings, receiving them as a legacy worth preserving and building upon. Create a long-term plan for addressing deferred maintenance, and maintaining and restoring our church buildings. Conduct a space utilization study to make the most of all spaces on our three campuses in order to build a stronger community.
6. Move forward with faith and hope, fostering a culture of stewardship among our parishioners.
7. Prioritize communication, getting the word out to our neighbors and our city about what we stand for and what we offer as a parish family.

Please take a few moments to complete the survey and share your reaction to the vision and initiatives, and your thoughts. Access it here <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DWTZY5N> or by using the QR code.



Thank you for all the input you gave to get us to this point in our discernment of who God is calling us to become. May the Lord continue to guide us as we further develop our plan to become one parish, and may God continue to bless our one community of faith in three locations!

Fr. Gary F. Lazzeroni
Father Gary Lazzeroni
Pastor

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY
ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION | CHRIST OUR HOPE

The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 13, 2026

WELCOME, VISITORS! *If you are a visitor to our parish family, we want you to know how welcome you are – whether you have come from another part of the country, from across the world, or simply from another parish here in the Archdiocese. We are glad you have joined us.*

ON THE COVER *Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.* Crucifix, St. James Cathedral.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR AT ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL are offered by Bridget Cooley in loving memory of Dick Cooley on the tenth anniversary of his death. Flowers in the Chapel are from the Carr family in loving memory of Harold Carr. Flowers at the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the north transept are offered in memory of our loved ones who died by suicide.

ST. JAMES SUNDAY HOSPITALITY After the 10:00am Mass, gather in Cathedral Hall for mini blueberry scones from Macrina Bakery, coffee, and the chance to visit with fellow parishioners.

FLORAL OFFERINGS are a wonderful way to remember a deceased loved one, celebrate an anniversary, or give thanks for a prayer that has been answered. At St. James, only three Sundays remain available for floral offerings in 2026: October 11, 18, and 25. *Information*, Maggie Corrigan, 206-622-3559 or mcorrigan@stjames-cathedral.org.

JOIN YOUTH MINISTRY! We officially launched our parish family's youth ministry earlier this month! Our next gathering will be held on Sunday, September 20. All teens ages 13–17 are welcome to join us. To register or learn more about upcoming gatherings, Blake Steller, bsteller@stjames-cathedral.org or 907-244-6683.

SIG'S MEALS On the last Tuesday of each month, Sig's Meals is a community meal named in honor of beloved Immaculate Conception parishioner and donor, Sig Haugland. New volunteers are welcome! Next gathering—September 29, 3:00pm at Immaculate Conception, Jean Moran Hall Kitchen. *Information*, Alex Soto, 206-271-2463.

PARISH REMEMBRANCE *St. James Cathedral has a long tradition of remembering in prayer at Mass and Vespers each parish family in the Archdiocese of Seattle. This week we pray for the parish family of St. Mark in Shoreline and St. Matthew in Seattle.*

FIRST SATURDAYS NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH Join us each month from 9:00am to 1:00pm at Immaculate Conception, as we open our church for neighbors and the wider community. Reach out if you would like to volunteer, share ideas, or learn more. *Information*, Lori Chisholm-Cook, lori.chisholm@gmail.com.

PEACE DAY FOR WOMEN Wednesday, September 16, 9:30am-2pm, free retreat designed for women who wish to deepen their spiritual lives in the company of others. Anisa Ralls, Director of the Mental Health and Wellness Ministry, will facilitate a thoughtful and nurturing conversation exploring the intersection of mental health, spirituality, and community. This event will be held at The Peace and Spirituality Center, 1663 Killarney Way, Bellevue. *Registration required*, <https://peaceandspirituality.csjp.org/#/event/1624/peace-day-for-women-18>

A CATHOLIC RESPONSE TO MASS DEPORTATIONS: A VIRTUAL

PRESENTATION On Thursday, September 17, Noon-1:00pm, join a webinar sponsored by the Washington State Catholic Conference. The webinar will brief participants on how to respond to mass deportation tactics being deployed by the current administration. Topics such as Catholic teaching and enforcement, how to engage with ICE in sensitive locations (i.e., parishes and schools) and public action, advocacy and accompaniment will be discussed. Kevin Appleby, Senior Fellow for Policy, Center for Migration Studies of New York, presenter. *Registration required*. Use the QR code or visit <https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/k-V2DuRmT4iH5ValglRiug#/registration>.

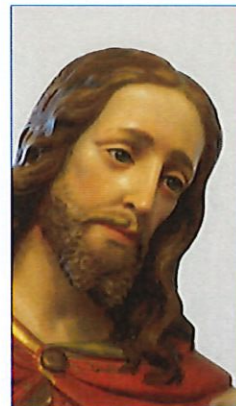


OUTREACH AND ADVOCACY NEWSLETTER Learn about upcoming events and opportunities as well as stay informed on Catholic social teaching by receiving this monthly newsletter. *Subscribe*, outreach@stjames-cathedral.org.

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Meeting Jesus in the
Gospel of John*

**EIGHT WEEK
BIBLE STUDY SERIES**

Registration for the fall session is now open! We'll gather Mondays, September 14–November 2, 6:00–7:30pm at Immaculate Conception Church. Registration is not required, but preferred. Payment (for materials) can be made online or in person at the first session. All are welcome!



Please scan QR code to register or visit <https://archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/7127/responses/new>.

FALL FOREST THERAPY SESSION Sponsored by the Mental Health and Wellness Ministry, led by Certified Forest Therapy Guide Dan Stroh with the nonprofit group Ancient Earth Outings. Join us at 10am-12pm, Wednesday, September 23 at Kubota Garden or Saturday, October 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*, Anisa Ralls, aralls@stjames-cathedral.org or 206-382-4269.

SEATTLE'S ONE DAY OF SERVICE—SHOW UP SEATTLE Christ Our Hope will participate in the citywide day of service on Saturday, September 26 from 9am-1pm. This is an opportunity for us to help clean up and paint up the block around the Josephinum and beyond. Volunteers from the whole parish family are invited to gather at 9am at Christ Our Hope and share coffee and donuts before heading out to refresh the area on 2nd and 3rd between Virginia and Stewart. We will finish around 1pm. The city provides all the tools: we just need to do the work! This is a great opportunity for our entire parish family to come together on a very worthwhile endeavor. *Information*, Jim Sweeney, jimbutte67@gmail.com or text 206-898-8906.

MORNING MOBILITY is offered one Saturday every month, 11:00am-11:45am, at St. James Pastoral Outreach Center. Through 45 minutes of gentle, guided movements, you'll improve flexibility, ease joint stiffness and muscle tightness, and learn mobility exercises you can continue practicing at home. No matter your age or fitness level, this class is for you. Next session will be on October 3. *Information or to RSVP*, Blake Steller, 907-244-6683 or blake@stellercoaching.com.

MONTHLY FOOT CARE CLINIC Seattle and King County Public Health are offering free monthly foot clinics and blood pressure checks, on the first Wednesday of every month, 1-4pm. The next clinic is October 7. Held at the St. James Pastoral Outreach Center, 907 Columbia St. No registration required.

MONTHLY ART GROUP Sponsored by the Mental Health and Wellness Ministry, Every 2nd Friday of the month, 10-11:30am at the Pastoral Outreach Center, join us in a supportive group to work on art projects and meet new people! No experience needed and all materials provided. The next session will be October 9. Everyone is welcome. *Registration*, Anisa Ralls, 206-382-4269 or aralls@stjames-cathedral.org.

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS RESOURCE FAIR You are invited to the Mental Health and Wellness Ministry's Annual Resource Fair on Sunday, October 11, 11am to 12pm in Cathedral Hall on the USCCB's designated Mental Health Sunday. Enjoy hospitality, meet representatives from organizations in our community and learn about mental health resources that may benefit you or someone you know! *Information*, Anisa Ralls, 206-382-4269 or aralls@stjames-cathedral.org.

JOIN US IN OUR SCHOOL IMMERSION PROGRAM Christ Our Hope invites you to consider volunteering with our school Immersion program. Christ Our Hope has the honor of being located inside a Catholic Housing Services/Catholic Community Services building in Downtown Seattle. This unique setting provides a powerful opportunity for Catholic school students to live out their faith through service with our brothers and sisters in need. The Josephinum is more than just a building; it is a community where the realities of poverty, housing insecurity, and resilience are encountered firsthand. Through the Immersion Program, students are invited into a faith-deepening experience that embodies the Biblical call to love and serve others. Immersions offer the students the chance to step into new experiences, engaging with people who live on the margins. We need adult volunteers to lead small groups of Catholic school students as they participate in activities with the Josephinum residents, such as making lunches or care kits, playing bingo, or doing art projects. After the activities, everyone celebrates Mass together and then shares lunch with the Josephinum residents. Each Immersion is during a school day and runs from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. *Information*, Deanna Tighe, 206-448-8826 or dtighe@christourhopeseattle.org.

YOUNG ADULTS

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL,
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Third Sunday

Mass, Dinner, and Guest Speaker
St. James Pastoral Outreach Center
907 Columbia Street

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

CHRIST OUR HOPE WILL BE CELEBRATING BAPTISMS OCTOBER 11 in English at the 9:00am Mass and in Spanish at the 5:00pm Mass. Are you interested in finding out more information about celebrating the sacrament for your child? *Information*, Deanna Tighe, dtighe@christourhopeseattle.org.

BAPTISM OF YOUNG CHILDREN AT ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL is celebrated monthly at one of the weekend Masses. To prepare, parents and godparents take a class to update their understanding of baptism, to reflect on their responsibility to guide their children in the practice of the faith, and to learn about the many ways our parish supports families. The next baptisms will be celebrated on October 25 and November 22. Is it time to have your young child baptized? *Information*, Maria Laughlin, 206-382-4284 or mlaughlin@stjames-cathedral.org.

WHEN A LOVED ONE DIES BY SUICIDE SUPPORT GROUP For anyone who has experienced suicide loss, this 8-week grief support group will encourage you to reflect on how our Catholic faith can facilitate spiritual healing. We will watch the series *When a Loved One Dies by Suicide* together which explores stories of Catholics whose loved ones have died by suicide and explains Church teaching, while providing comfort and support. Co-sponsored by the Seattle Archdiocese Mental Health Ministry. St. James Pastoral Outreach Center, Tuesdays, October 6-November 24, 6:30-8pm. Facilitated by Anisa Ralls. *Registration required*, 206-382-4269 or aralls@stjames-cathedral.org.

IMMIGRANT ASSISTANCE: BUILDING CONNECTIONS Making connections, fostering relationships, and community building are at the core of our mission at Immigrant Assistance. ESL Tutor M recently mentioned that her student treats her like her "American mom," talking to her about her children, her daily activities, her concerns – pretty much everything! Her student is a young mother, and M is a grandmother. It is a beautiful thing when two people from different backgrounds come together and form a bond. We are blessed to be a part of supporting such relationships. The Tutoring Program offers ESL classes and Citizenship Preparation classes, in-person and online, to adult immigrants. *Information*, Sayuko Setvik, ssetvik@stjames-cathedral.org.

HELP WANTED IN THE CATHEDRAL KITCHEN Every weeknight for over 50 years, the Cathedral Kitchen has provided dinner for our homeless and low-income neighbors, including a hot entrée, fresh fruit, dessert and a sandwich to take as an evening snack. There are volunteer openings for every weekday, 12pm-5pm. *Information*, Mick McHugh, Director of the Cathedral Kitchen, 206-949-6114.

THE CATHEDRAL KITCHEN GARDEN provides 2,000 lbs of produce every year for the Cathedral Kitchen meal programs. We are in need of volunteers for our busy season. All skill levels or no skill levels are welcome. We also welcome volunteers with leadership experience. *Information*, Peter Burns, 206-264-2082 or pburns@stjames-cathedral.org.

SACRED ENCOUNTERS WEEKLY STREET MINISTRY is an outreach program of Christ Our Hope. Volunteers assemble every Wednesday, 10:30-11:00am and prepare bags containing sandwiches, fruit, cookies, hygiene kits, socks, gloves, etc. Then the group sets out to distribute these to our neighbors on the streets and sidewalks of the downtown area. It is a wonderful and very fulfilling ministry. Would you like to be a part of it? *Information*, Christ Our Hope, 206-448-8826 or mail@christourhopeseattle.org.

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP Every Saturday, homeless women gather in the Cathedral's Pastoral Outreach Center for a hot breakfast and time to pray together. One of the regular attendees recently shared, "I am thankful to be able to gather with many women who come from different backgrounds and different walks of life, with many testimonies that we all share with one another. Prayer helps me to center the mind and gives me calm. It can be soothing for the soul to connect quietly." Parishioners across our parish family are welcome to participate in prayer or help provide breakfast. *Information*, Patrick Barredo, 206-382-4515 or pbarredo@stjames-cathedral.org.

LOOKING FOR WAYS TO SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY? Are you interested in discovering a vibrant spiritual group that serves your local community in meaningful ways? JV EnCorps is a group, age 40+, that meets monthly to explore our commitment to the values of volunteer service, social and ecological justice, community, and spirituality. *Interested*, Sarah Thompson, jvencorps@jvncnorthwest.org.

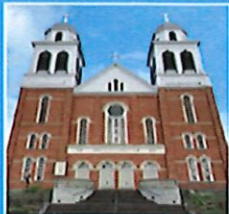
PRAYER REQUESTS For anyone in need of prayer, the Mental Health and Wellness Ministry responds to special requests and needs that sometimes can only be answered with prayers. Submit prayer requests to mhm@stjames-cathedral.org.

OPERATION NIGHTWATCH Volunteers are needed to help prep, cook, and serve a hot meal for 150 neighbors in need at ONW. It is a one evening per month commitment. We serve 2 to 4 hours between 5:30pm and 9:30pm. *Information*, Peter Burns, 206-264-2082 or pburns@stjames-cathedral.org.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON COOKING Three Saturdays per month from 3:30 to 5:30pm, we cook breakfast to be served the following Sunday morning. We are looking for a volunteer cook to lead a team of 6 volunteers, once per month. *Information*, Peter Burns, 206-264-2082 or pburns@stjames-cathedral.org.

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ST VINCENT DE PAUL THANKS YOU A young man doing contract construction work with local unions fell behind on rent during the city's slow season when jobs were limited. Concerned that he would not be able to pay his rent in the meantime, this neighbor called the Helpline at 206-767-6449 (or online <https://svdpseattle.org/get-help/online-help-request-form/>). Thanks to your donations to SVdP, we were able to help keep him housed. *Information*, Maxine Martin, 858-527-2037 or maxinemartin411@gmail.com.



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THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Catechesis 101

Reading 1: Sirach 27:30-28:7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)

*"The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and
rich in compassion"*

Reading 2: Romans 14:7-9

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Pray for our Parishioners

For the Eternal repose of the soul of

Pompeyo Neri and Rosendo Luna Jr.

Healing Prayers for Leala Haden Brown, SNJM

*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.*

Upcoming Funerals

Friday, September 18, 2026

Marcus Mosby

10:00 AM—Viewing

11:00 AM—Funeral Service

Saturday, September 19, 2026

Henry Gamido

9:00 AM—Viewing

10:00 AM—Funeral Service

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let
perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls,
and the souls of all the faithful departed, through
the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

**Spiritual effects of the sacrament of Penance
(CCC1496)**

- Reconciliation with God by which the penitent recovers grace.
- Reconciliation with the Church.
- Remission of the eternal punishment incurred by mortal sins.
- Remission, at least in part, of temporal punishment resulting from sin
- Peace and serenity of conscience, and spiritual consolation
- An increase of spiritual strength for the Christian battle

~Fr. Chanda

GROWING IN OUR DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

This year, the US Bishops consecrated the US to the Sacred Heart of Jesus as part of our country's 250th anniversary. Bishops around the U.S., including Archbishop Etienne, are encouraging all the faithful to grow closer to Jesus by bringing this devotion of love and mercy into their daily life. The prayers will be led near the grotto of Our Lady and the statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, located on the left side of the altar of the church. As Archbishop Etienne wrote in his May 2026 Pastoral Letter on the Sacred Heart of Jesus, *"In the Church, devotions like the Sacred Heart [and the rosary] are not just prayers to say: These devotions are meant to be lived. They are meant to draw us to greater union with Christ and, through him, to grow in the divine life of grace and holiness."*

Magnifica Humanitas

Thursdays, September 17 and 24, 2026 | 7:00pm
Holy Names Room, St. James Pastoral Outreach Center
(907 Columbia St.)

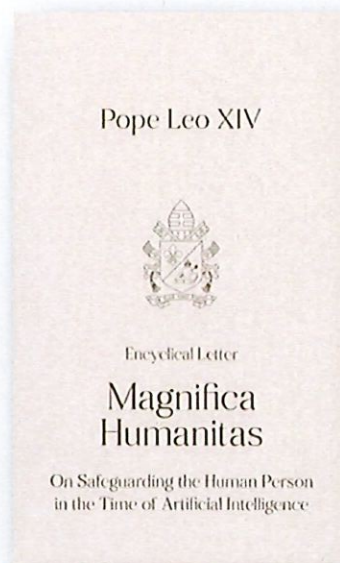
Pope Leo XIV begins his encyclical with this sobering sentence: “Humanity, created by God in all its grandeur, is today facing a pivotal choice: either to construct a new Tower of Babel or to build the city in which God and humanity dwell together.”

The far-ranging encyclical examines AI through the lens of Catholic Social Teaching and the Social Doctrine of the Church, urging the need for an ethical code governing AI, including protecting human dignity, care for our environment, and social justice for all people.

On Thursday, September 17, Dr. Judith Mayotte will deliver a short presentation on Pope Leo XIV’s encyclical letter, after which the Cathedral Book Club will discuss the encyclical and its implications for our lives, our faith, and our future.

On Thursday, September 24, Patrick Barredo will lead a group study to explore what it means to live the Christian life in a time of rapid and far-reaching technological change. Participants will come away able to identify large ideas they hear Pope Leo XIV teaching throughout the encyclical. *Magnifica Humanitas* is available free online or in the Cathedral Bookstore.

Registration is encouraged but not required. Please contact Joyce Mork-O’Brien, jamob14@comcast.net, indicating which event(s) you plan to attend so we can accommodate everyone. Parking is available at O’Dea High School. This is an in-person event.



Welcome Back

COMING HOME TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Consider this your invitation to take another look at the Catholic Church. If, for one reason or another you have been away or, if you—or someone you know—is disillusioned, longing for community, or hungry for something more, Welcome Back might be just the right place to safely explore these concerns.

St. James Cathedral offers an eight-week “Welcome Back” program for Catholics out of touch with a Church that may have once been their home. It’s a safe place to ask questions, learn about changes in the Church, and begin to experience true community. If you desire, we’ll help you return to the sacraments, and to the full and active practice of Catholic faith.

The fall series will begin Tuesday, September 22. Sessions will be held at 7:00pm at St. James Cathedral.

To register, or for more “no strings attached” information, contact John Marquez, 206-654-4640 or jmarquez@stjames-cathedral.org.

Come and Join the Celebration!
Feast of
San Lorenzo Ruiz

“If I had a thousand lives, I would offer them all to God.”

— *St. Lorenzo Ruiz*



San Lorenzo Ruiz was born between 1600 and 1610 in Binondo, Manila, to a Chinese father and a Filipino mother. Raised in the Catholic faith, he served as an altar boy and sacristan. He was educated by the Dominican Fathers, who admired his excellent penmanship and made him their official scribe.

In 1636, facing a false accusation, Lorenzo left the Philippines with Dominican missionaries and traveled to Japan—where Christianity was forbidden. Upon arrival in Nagasaki, Lorenzo and his companions were arrested for their faith. They endured cruel torture, including water submersion, beatings, and having needles driven under their fingernails. Some recanted, but Lorenzo stood firm.

On **September 27, 1637**, he was martyred by *horca y hoyo*, a method of slow suffocation while being hung upside down. After two days of agony, he died with unwavering faith in God. His ashes were thrown into the sea.

San Lorenzo Ruiz was canonized by **Pope St. John Paul II** in **1987**, becoming the **first Filipino saint and martyr**. His courage and witness remain a powerful example for all of us today.

St. Lorenzo Ruiz, pray for us!

Novena Celebration – Nine (9) days of prayer and devotion

Begins on Saturday, September 19 at 6:00pm on Zoom

Continues through September 28

Zoom Meeting ID: 870 4544 6107 - Passcode: 852488

Feast Day Mass and Celebration

Sunday, September 27, 2026 - 11:00am

Mass followed by a reception in Jean Moran Hall

All are invited.

Immaculate Conception Church

820 – 18th Avenue

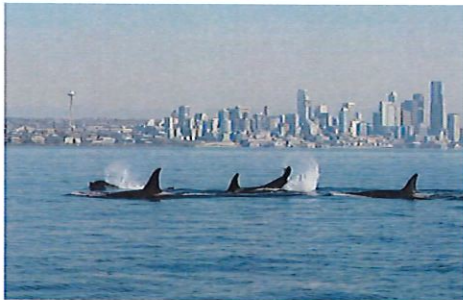
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IMMERSION IN LIVING WATER

Ezekiel 47:9, 12



Living Water

Season of Creation 2026

The ecumenical Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together.

The season starts September 1, the Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology.

This year's theme, "Immersion in Living Water", from the prophet Ezekiel, portrays God's life-giving water flowing from the temple of God. The vision invites human responsibility: recognizing ecological damage, embracing interconnectedness. We are called to safeguard and work for the renewal of creation so that environmental healing and human well-being may flourish together.

The St. James Care for Creation team invites you to commemorate the Season of Creation:

Fallin' for Fungi

Saturday, September 12, 10am to 1pm at Westcrest Park

We will join Dirt Corps to do habitat restoration and trail maintenance.

Registration, Use QR code to the right.



Season of Creation Synod and Mass

Saturday, September 26, Synod: 3-5pm, Mass: 5:30pm, Father Michael G. Ryan, presider

Join the *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor Synodal Session*, an opportunity to ensure that these cries, in the context of our local ministry and works, are heard. All participants will share how they hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. Afterwards, we will celebrate the Season of Creation at Mass!

Season of Creation Taizé Prayer

Friday, October 2, 6:30pm, reception to follow

At the conclusion of the Season of Creation, we gather for contemplative prayer with song, silence, and candlelight. The service includes the meditative chants of the ecumenical Taizé community in France, founded as a sign of reconciliation after World War II.

Information

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Opportunities for Adult Faith Formation 2026-2027

St. James Cathedral, Immaculate Conception, Christ Our Hope

Mondays beginning September 14	Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John Lori Chisholm-Cook facilitates an 8-week Bible Study	6:00pm Rectory, Immaculate Conception
Thursdays September 17 and 24	Cathedral Book Club: <i>Magnifica Humanitas</i> Sponsored by the Life, Peace, and Justice Commission	7:00pm Holy Names Room, St. James Cathedral
Monday October 5	Acedia: The Deadly Sin Against Joy Andy Simons, presenter	6:30pm Holy Names Room, St. James Cathedral
Tuesdays beginning November 3	Parables: Stories You Thought You Knew Why did Jesus teach in parables? How can we understand these sometimes confusing and unsettling stories, in their original context and in our world today? Patty Bowman, presenter	6:30pm Holy Names Room
Sunday December 13	An Ignatian Advent Retreat This Sunday afternoon retreat will offer some teaching about Ignatian prayer, followed by an invitation to pray in silence using gospel contemplation, imaginative prayer, and the Ignatian "examen." Rosanne Michaels, presenter	11:30am-3:30pm Holy Names Room <i>Lunch provided</i>
Tuesdays beginning January 12	Genesis: In the beginning... and beyond A six-week exploration of the origins of our faith. Patty Bowman, presenter	6:30pm Holy Names Room
Mondays beginning January 11	The Book of Acts Lori Chisholm-Cook facilitates a 10-week study of the Book of Acts	6:00pm Rectory, Immaculate Conception
Sunday, February 21	Lenten Retreat: Listen to Him An afternoon of guided quiet reflection, prayer, conversation with Scripture and art. How we are listening to God in our Scriptures, everyday events, and through creation? What do we hear? How can we listen more deeply as we walk from Lent to Easter? Patty Repikoff, presenter	11:30am-3:30pm Holy Names Room <i>Lunch provided</i>
Mondays March 8 & 15	"That all shall be saved" 1 Tim. 2.4 hopefully asserts that God desires every person's salvation. Does this mean that God will override our wills to save us? If not, does this mean human wills can ultimately veto God's will? Join us as we dive into the topic of universalism. Andy Simons, presenter	6:30pm Holy Names Room
Thursdays beginning April 8	Our Pilgrim Paths With the help of Sacred Scripture, art, personal pilgrim stories, prayer, and conversation, we will explore pilgrimage themes, movements and insights taken from Scripture and our own life journeys. Patty Repikoff, presenter	6:30pm Holy Names Room
Monday April 19	A look at the Papacy of Pope Leo XIV Noted Vatican correspondent and author Chris White offers insights into the first two years of Pope Leo XIV's papacy	7:00pm Cathedral Hall
Mondays beginning April 26	The Book of Acts Lori Chisholm-Cook facilitates a 10-week study of the Book of Acts	6:00pm Rectory, Immaculate Conception



A New Season of Concerts & Liturgies with Special Music

- ♦ **FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH** ♦ 6:30pm (prelude at 6:15) ♦ **TAIZÉ Liturgy**
- ♦ **FRI. OCTOBER 2** ♦ 7:30pm: Mark Hilliard **WILSON** classical guitar ♦ **Free Concert**
- ♦ **FRI. OCTOBER 16** ♦ 7:30pm: The Cathedral **CANTOREI TAVENER Funeral Ikos, HOWELLS Requiem, PIZZETTI Messa di Requiem**
- ♦ **MON. NOVEMBER 2** ♦ 7:00pm: **ALL SOULS REQUIEM MASS Liturgy** ♦ St. James **CATHEDRAL CHOIR & ORCHESTRA** ♦ **FAURÉ Requiem**
- ♦ **FRI. NOVEMBER 20** ♦ 7:30pm: **VOX LUMINIS** ♦ **MONTEVERDI Vespers of 1610** presented by **Early Music Seattle**
- ♦ **SAT. DECEMBER 5** ♦ 8:00pm: **MEDIEVAL WOMEN'S CHOIR** ♦ **BIRTH & REBIRTH**
- ♦ **SAT. DECEMBER 12** ♦ 7:30pm: **OPUS 7 VOCAL ENSEMBLE** with St. James **JUBILATE! Young Women's Ensemble** ♦ **A BOY WAS BORN**
- ♦ **FRI. DECEMBER 18** ♦ 7:00pm: **ADVENT READINGS & CAROLS Liturgy** ♦ St. James **YOUTH MUSIC CHOIRS**
- ♦ **THU. DECEMBER 24** ♦ 9:00pm: **CHRISTMAS EVE CAROL SERVICE**
10:00pm: **MASS IN THE NIGHT Liturgy** ♦ St. James **CATHEDRAL CHOIR**
- ♦ **FRI. JANUARY 22** ♦ 7:30pm: **CAPPELLA ROMANA** ♦ **EPIPHANY** *Mystical Chant from Old & New Rome*
- ♦ **SAT. MARCH 6** ♦ 8:00pm: **OPUS 7 VOCAL ENSEMBLE** ♦ **FROM RUIN TO RESTORATION**
- ♦ **WED. MARCH 24** ♦ 7:00pm: The Office of **TENEBRÆ Liturgy** ♦ The Cathedral **CANTOREI ALLEGRI Miserere mei Deus**, other music TBA
- ♦ **FRI. MARCH 26** ♦ 12:00-3:00pm: **TRE ORE Liturgy** ♦ **JUBILATE! Young Women's Ensemble with orchestra** ♦ **PERGOLES Stabat Mater**
- ♦ **FRI. APRIL 16** ♦ 7:00pm: The Cathedral **CANTOREI & ORCHESTRA**
HANDEL'S Messiah (complete Parts I, II, & III for Eastertide) *Messiah an Oratorio*
- ♦ **THU. MAY 13** ♦ 7:30pm: St. James **CATHEDRAL CHOIR** ♦ **DONOR APPRECIATION CONCERT** ♦ **Free Concert**
- ♦ **SAT. MAY 15** ♦ 8:00pm: **SEATTLE PRO MUSICA** ♦ **RACHMANINOFF Vespers**
- ♦ **SAT. MAY 22** ♦ 8:00pm: **MEDIEVAL WOMEN'S CHOIR** ♦ **CELESTIAL LIGHT**
- ♦ **PLUS: ORGAN RECITALS & MORE CONCERTS** ♦ **TO BE ANNOUNCED!**



*Messiah
an Oratorio*



For more information, scan QR code or visit www.stjames-cathedral.org/music/concerts

No tickets or reservations are needed for events marked **Liturgy** or **Free Concert**. Concerts on Oct 16 & Apr 16 are ticketed by St. James (suggested donation), links on our website. All other concerts on this list are ticketed by the ensemble or presenting organization: **Early Music Seattle** earlymusicseattle.org ♦ **Medieval Women's Choir** medievalwomenschoir.org ♦ **Opus 7 Vocal Ensemble** opus7.org ♦ **Cappella Romana** cappellaromana.org ♦ **Seattle Pro Musica** www.seattlepromusica.org

A limited number of pay-as-able parishioner passes are available for concerts that do not offer pay-as-able tickets. Contact the Cathedral Music Office: musicoffice@stjames-cathedral.org or 206-382-4874.