

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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

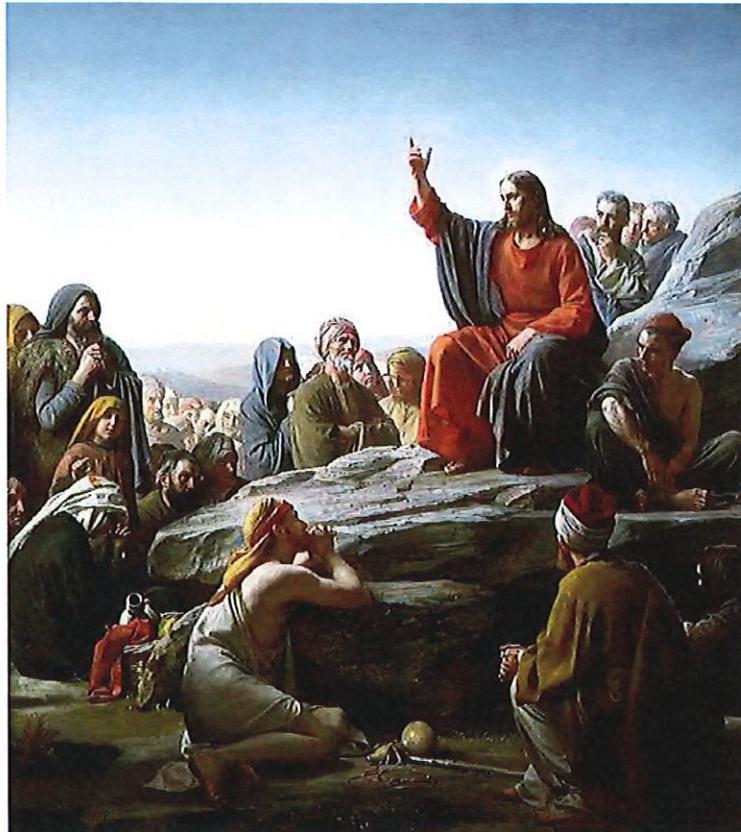
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Parish Family with: St. James Cathedral and Christ Our Hope

February 1, 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Reading 1: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

Responsorial Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

*"Blessed are the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!"*

Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

Pray for our Parishioners

For the eternal repose of the soul of Bridget Nwokedi

Healing Prayers for Bobby Ignacio, Larry Drake and Father Dominic Nwokedi

Please contact the parish office at 206-322-5970 or bulletin@icseattle.org to add a parishioner's name or your family's name to our weekly prayer's list.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

ONE PARISH FAMILY WITH ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL & CHRIST OUR HOPE

February 1, 2026

Dear Friends,

In last week's Gospel we heard the call of the first companions of Jesus in the mission to announce the Good News. And while St. Matthew tells us that Peter and Andrew, James and John, left their boats and their nets immediately and followed Jesus, that is not the experience of most of us. But, there are elements of that call that are common for all who seek to follow Jesus more intentionally.

That call is given to us all in the waters of Baptism. For most of us, baptized as infants, it is our parents and godparents who promise to help us to hear Jesus' call in our lives and to have the courage to answer that call. For most of us, that call is to a vocation to marriage. Through that sacrament, in which a couple commits themselves to each other for life, the Lord works to draw the couple closer and closer to him so that they become living signs of his love in the world.

For others, the Lord calls them to the single life, so that they might use their time, talent and treasure to work in a single-minded way in a vocation that advances God's reign in the world, while using a significant amount of their time for volunteer or professional ministry in the Church.

For still others, the Lord makes a call to the priesthood or religious life. And like the other vocations described above, this vocation is rooted in our common Baptism. It is in those waters that the Lord plunges us into his saving death and resurrection, giving us new life and calling us to a particular mission to share that life with others. When the Lord calls some of us to the priesthood or consecrated life, it is important that those around us nurture and support that call. And while, as I described above, this is not the only way to live out our call, and not even the most common, it is an important one in the life of the Church.

In my own vocation journey I was always supported by friends and family who saw something in me that prompted them to affirm me in my desire to answer the Lord's call. For me that call took unexpected twists and turns.

From very early on in my life I was attracted to parish life. I was an altar server, and helped in other ways behind the scenes in my parish. I then got involved in ministry as a volunteer catechist and was eventually hired to start a part-time youth ministry program. This eventually led to a career in ministry as a lay person.

It was not until later in life, through the encouragement of family and friends, and particularly Archbishop Brunett, that I began considering the possibility of a call to the priesthood. I was surprised by this call later in my life. The call, I thought, had been there in my early twenties, but then it receded and I was happy doing ministry as a lay person in the Church. But, the Lord opened a new path for me in my late forties and I was ordained in 2007 at age fifty. I am grateful for the journey I have had and for the many people who accompanied me on the way through a very rich life of ministry - for thirty years as a lay person and now for these past eighteen years as a priest.

This weekend, throughout the Archdiocese of Seattle, we are asking people to reflect on who you know who might have a call to priesthood or religious life. It is a simple program, *Called By Name*, that has been used successfully throughout the country to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

I invite you to pray about young men and women you know, and perhaps you've thought, they would make a good priest or religious. Perhaps they have thought about it too. Use the QR Code below and submit their name.

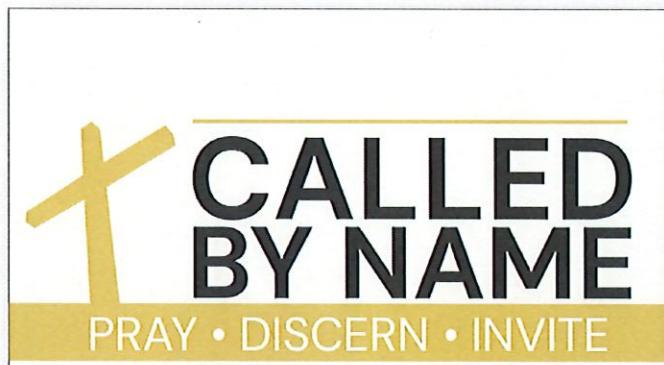
They will then receive a letter, inviting them to explore the possibility through vocation-themed dinners, discernment groups, retreats and other experiences. This kind of encouragement can be life-changing for a person. It certainly was for me. To this day I am grateful to Archbishop Brunett and all those family and friends who encouraged me along the way. I have never been happier in my life than I have been these past eighteen years. Maybe your encouragement, our encouragement, can do that for someone today.

Thank you for taking some time to consider and to pray about who you might suggest and then submitting their name. Who knows, this simple act could change their life and the life of our Church!

Peace,



Fr. Gary Lazzeroni
Pastor



**CALLED
BY NAME**

PRAY • DISCERN • INVITE

Do you know someone
who might be called to the
priesthood or religious life?

Scan the QR code to learn
more and nominate someone
by Feb. 13.



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February is Black History Month, a crucial time for honoring the immense, often underrepresented, contributions of Black individuals to history, culture, and society, while confronting the realities of systemic racism. Celebrated in February, it serves to educate the public, elevate Black pioneers, and foster a more inclusive, truthful narrative of national history. Especially today, we must remember the meaning of history. History is a written record of past events which aids in understanding the present and helps us shape the future. If we do not learn from history, we are doomed to repeat it. Beginning next week, as we visit the various historical figures displayed around our walls, let's remember we would not be enjoying peanut butter, had it not been for George Washington Carver.

As Immaculate Conception continues its tradition of Black History month by featuring a guest speaker to let us all "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

The National Day of Prayer for the African American and African Family, has reached its 37th year. This annual observance has reached its 37th year, and takes place on the first Sunday of Black History Month.

Below is a prayer composed by Fr. Jim Goode, OFM, who in 1989 founded this National Day of

Prayer for the African American and African Family:

God of mercy and love we place our African American and African Families before You today. May we be proud of our history and never forget those who paid a great price for our liberation. Bless us one by one and keep our hearts and minds fixed on higher ground. Help us to live for you and not for ourselves, and may we cherish and proclaim the gift of life. Bless our parents, guardians and grandparents, relatives and friends. Give us the amazing grace to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Help us, as Your children, to live in such a way that the beauty and greatness of authentic love is reflected in all that we say and do. Give a healing anointing to those less fortunate, especially the motherless, the fatherless, the broken, the sick and the lonely. Bless our departed family members and friends. May they be led into the light of Your dwelling place where we will never grow old, where we will share the fullness of redemption and shout the victory, for all eternity. This we ask in the Precious Name of Jesus, our Savior and Blessed Assurance. Amen. Holy Mary, Mother of Our Families.

Pray for us.

The Life of Our Community

BIBLE STUDY - REGISTER NOW Bible Study – Winter Session 5 Weeks, February 2-March 2 (Mondays) 6:00-7:30pm. Bible Study – Winter Session. Workbooks for those pre-registered will be handed out on the first night. Please remember to bring your bible and a copy of the Catholic Catechism if you have one.



Sign-up sheet and Flyer are available on the back table of the church or simply scan the QR Code. All are welcome! If able, a \$25 contribution is asked to offset cost of materials.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHP Hospitality - Need sponsor for the 3rd Sundays. We are looking for **individuals, families, groups of friends, or ministries** to sponsor our **Sunday Fellowship** on the following dates: **March 15**. This is a beautiful opportunity to build community by offering light hospitality after Mass. If you're interested or would like more information, please contact the parish office at office@icseattle.org or call **206-322-5970**.

MLK MATT TALBOT TOILETRIES DRIVE

THANK YOU so much for all of the support.

The generosity and encouragement from the community made a meaningful impact.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - We're looking for a few helping hands to assist with transporting paint to the paint disposal center and painting a bookshelf in Father Chanda's office. Your help would be greatly appreciated! If you're interested in lending a hand, please contact Shanita Stewart-Burrell, Volunteer Coordinator at shanitasb@icseattle.org



A Pastoral Letter by Archbishop Paul D. Etienne - *A Well-Ordered Rooted in Truth, Justice and Peace.*
https://archseattle.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/A-Well-Ordered-Society_Pastoral-Letter-min.pdf

Press Release - *Partnership for a World without Nuclear Weapons.*
<https://archseattle.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/TPNW-5-Year-Statement-min.pdf>

Also available on our website: www.icseattle.org

Upcoming Events

FEB 2 (MON)	- 6:00PM	Bible study winter 2026 begins
FEB 13 (FRI)	- 5:30PM	Immaculate Conception's annual fundraising event - Mardi Gras
FEB 15 (SUN)	- 5:30PM	Confirmation Day at St. James Cathedral
FEB 16 (MON)		Office Closed - Holiday

LENTEN SEASONS BEGINS

FEB 18 (WED)	6:00PM	ASH WEDNESDAY MASS AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
FEB 20 (FRI)	6:00PM	STATION OF THE CROSS & SOUP SUPPER BEGINS UNTIL MARCH 28

MASS SCHEDULE:

11:00 AM SUNDAYS (10:30 Holy Rosary)

Also live streamed at

<https://www.facebook.com/ImmaculateConceptionSeattle>

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 deacon@icseattle.org

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Stewardship:

Caring for Our Church and Community

Year-to-Date Collection

Stewardship of Treasure Report

As of 1.26.2025 - \$93,725.52

As of 1.25.2026 - \$95,988.75

Blessings and Thank you!

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>

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.





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MARDI GRAS

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EVENT

Bring your
Mask, beads,
and fans

Be ready for
a night of
fun!!!



FRIDAY
13TH

February
5:30 pm - 10 pm

JEAN MORAN HALL
FREE PARKING

MORE INFORMATION

Enjoy a delicious Southern dinner, dancing, raffle, dessert auction and the Sig and Jane Haugland Money Jar. No host bar.

TICKETS

Adults - \$30
Youth (15 & Under) - \$15



Contact: Toni Hall - tonira@comcast.net OR
Brenda Mirasol-Stallings bmstallings@comcast.net
www.icseattle.com/mardi-gras

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LOVE THY NEIGHBOR

A CATHOLIC MATCHMAKING EVENT

- CHRIST OUR HOPE - ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION -



ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL - CATHEDRAL HALL



SATURDAY FEBRUARY 14

6:30-8:30PM

scan the QR
code to rsvp:



for questions about the event,
please contact Maxine at
maxinemartin411@gmail.com



Lent 2026

Hope and Renewal

February 18–April 4

Lent, derived from the word “springtime,” is a time of hope and spiritual renewal as we prepare to enter more fully into the Paschal Mystery of Christ’s passion, death and resurrection.

Go to archseattle.org/lent for Lenten inspiration from Archbishop Etienne, engaging stories from Northwest Catholic and more. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram @archdioceseofseattle to get local Lenten inspiration.

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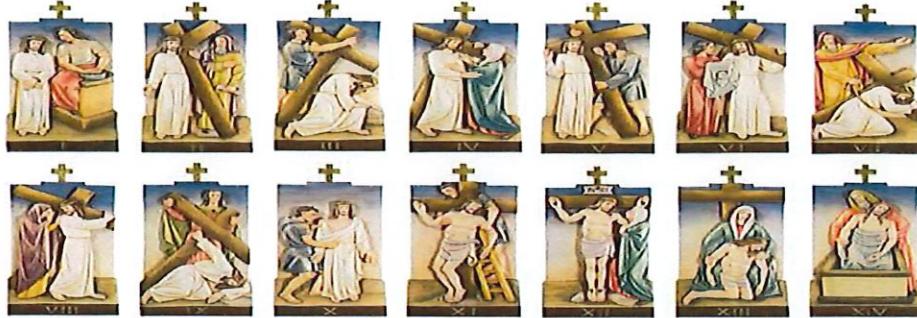
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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

LENT 2026

♥ Greetings!

Join us every Friday during LENT at 6:00 PM for Stations of the Cross (Live, In Person)

Afterward, we gather with our parish community for a warm and simple **Soup Supper** in the spirit of LENT. No meat on the menu.

★ Schedule of Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper Host

● Feb. 20 Friday	6:00 PM	Legion of Mary
● Feb. 27 Friday	6:00 PM	Family Choir
● Mar. 6 Friday	6:00 PM	Young Adults
● Mar. 13 Friday	6:00 PM	Gospel Choir
● Mar. 20 Friday	6:00 PM	Pastoral Council
● Mar. 27 - Friday	6:00 PM (Living Stations)	Knights of St. Peter Claver

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