

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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

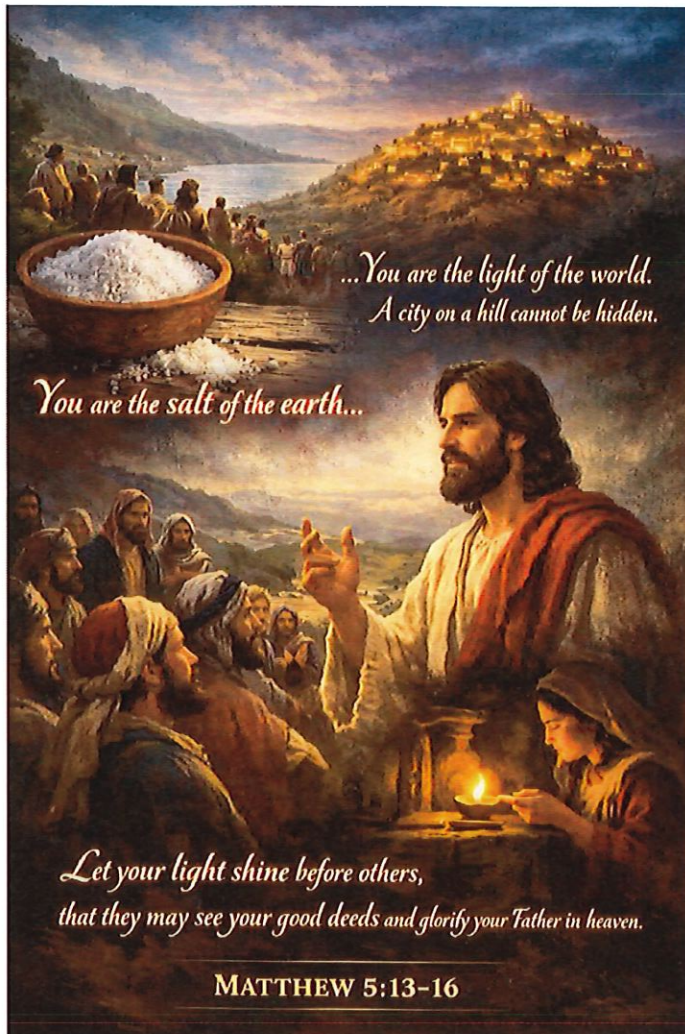
820 18th Ave. Seattle, WA 98122

www.icseattle.org

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

February 8, 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Reading 1: Isaiah 58:7-10

Responsorial Psalm 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)
"The just man is a light in darkness to the upright"

Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

Pray for our Parishioners

For the eternal repose of the soul of Bridget Nwokedi

Healing Prayers for Roger Franz, 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 8, 2026

Dear Friends,

A couple of weeks ago, on Monday, January 26th, Archbishop Etienne released a pastoral letter entitled *A Well-Ordered Society Rooted in Truth, Justice and Peace*. In my homily at our Mass for Peace on Friday, January 30th, I quoted briefly from the archbishop's letter. I would like to explore his letter in a little more detail in this column. I also encourage you to read the letter in full when you have a chance. The archbishop's reflections offers a perspective on our challenging times that is rooted in our faith and calls us to stay close to Christ as we work for a more just and peaceful society.

The archbishop begins by acknowledging the turbulent times we find ourselves in and turns to the Gospel, the documents of the Second Vatican Council, Catholic Social Teaching and reflections by Pope Leo XIV to frame his reflections. The letter describes what the archbishop calls "two essential pillars of any Christian society: Charity (love of neighbor), and Respect for the rule of law."

He notes that the foundation of all Catholic Social Teaching is "the unshakable truth that every human being is created in the image and likeness of God. This fundamental dignity forms the bedrock of all moral life and a just society." This is where love of neighbor begins, by recognizing the innate dignity and sacredness of every human being. "When societies disregard the sanctity of the unborn, the vulnerable, or the marginalized, they undermine justice at its root. Authentic respect for life also extends to refugees, migrants, to those who suffer discrimination, to the elderly, the poor, and the weary."

As he moves to a discussion of the rule of law, the archbishop points out that "The rule of law...embodies the conviction that justice, not force, must govern human relationships. Laws grounded in moral truth safeguard the weak, hold the strong accountable, and restrain the impulses of domination...When the law becomes a tool of power rather than a guardian of justice, society begins to fracture." I reflected in my homily at the Mass for Peace that it seems that we are seeing some fracturing in our society because law is being used as a tool of power.

The archbishop then turns to the principle of solidarity and reflects on how this principle is "the social expression of charity." He quotes from the *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, which defines solidarity in the eloquent words of Saint John Paul II: "Solidarity is also an authentic moral virtue, not a feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes of so many people, both near and far. On the contrary, it is a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good. That is to say to the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all" (*Compendium*, #193).

This is what charity looks like on a societal level. The conviction that we are responsible for the well being of each other is not only the bedrock of a well-ordered society, but the heart of biblical morality itself.

The archbishop concludes his reflections by noting that “while the rule of law ensures order, charity ensures humanity...Where charity is absent, the law becomes cold. Harsh enforcement of law in ruthless and intimidating fashion lacks the basic demand of human dignity, respect and compassion.”

I encourage you to take some time to reflect on the full text of the archbishop’s letter. You can find it here https://archseattle.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/A-Well-Ordered-Society_Pastoral-Letter-min.pdf or on the Archdiocesan website.



May all of us continue to draw close to the Lord in prayer and open ourselves to how God wants to use us as instruments of peace, justice and healing in our fractured world.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr. Gary Lazzeroni". The script is fluid and cursive, with a stylized "L" and "Z".


Fr. Gary Lazzeroni
Pastor

The Life of Our Community

KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER LADIES AUXILIARY - hosting their annual bake sale Sunday, February 15 at Immaculate Conception Parish following the 11 am Mass. There will be a variety of cakes, pies, and cookies. This fundraiser helps support our charitable activities. For questions, please contact Jessica Pitre-Williams at jpw206@hotmail.com.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP 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**.

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

YEAR-END STATEMENT 2025 - Statements of giving for your taxes were sent electronically to your email that is on file with our parish. The email will be from: Pushpay  <no-reply@pushpay.com> . The subject line will say: *Immaculate Conception (Seattle) – 2025 Annual Giving Statement*. If we do not have an email address on file, Tax Statements were sent through USPS mail.



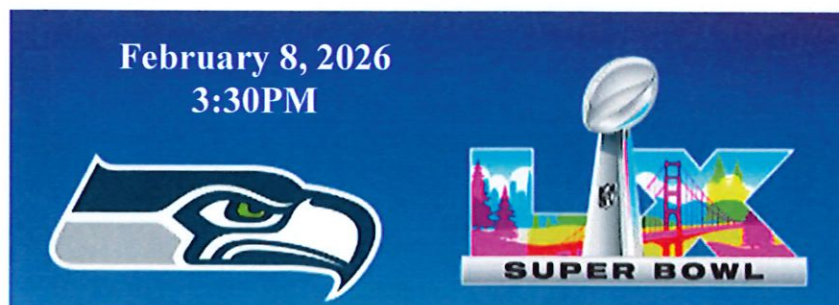
ST JAMES CATHEDRAL BLOOD DRIVE - Bloodworks NW and St James Cathedral are holding an in-person blood drive on Sun. 3/8, 9am-3pm, at the Pastoral Outreach Center 907 Columbia St.. Scan the QR code or *Register at* https://donate.bloodworksnw.org/donor/schedules/sponsor_code



NAMI FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP - Open to anyone who has a family member with a mental illness, meets online on 1st Sat of the month and in person on 3rd Sat of the month at St James Pastoral Outreach Center, 1:30-3pm. *Registration:* helpline@namiseattle.org

MENTAL HEALTH STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Presented by the Mental Health and Wellness Ministry, Stations of the Cross with a focus on mental health concerns, held after 12:10pm mass on Friday, March 13th in the Cathedral. All are welcome to attend!

MIDDLE SCHOOL ENCOUNTER 2026 - March 21, 2026 | 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. | Kennedy Catholic High School. All middle school students grade 6-8 are invited to this year's Middle School Encounter, a one-day, faith-filled event on Saturday, March 21 at Kennedy Catholic High School.



Upcoming Events

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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Deacon Joe Connor, Fred Verzosa, Marisa Harvey, and

Sharon Pitre-Williams.

Finance Council Chair Jane Powers jpowers@ewingandclark.com

Stewardship:

Caring for Our Church and Community

Year-to-Date Collection

Stewardship of Treasure Report

As of 02.02.2025 - \$94,282.52

As of 02.01.2026 - \$97,599.75

Blessings and Thank you!

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://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

HOSTED BY THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL *

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR

A CATHOLIC MATCHMAKING EVENT

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



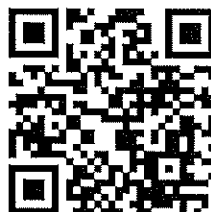
ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL - CATHEDRAL HALL



SATURDAY FEBRUARY 14

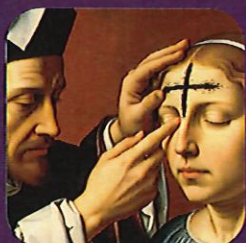
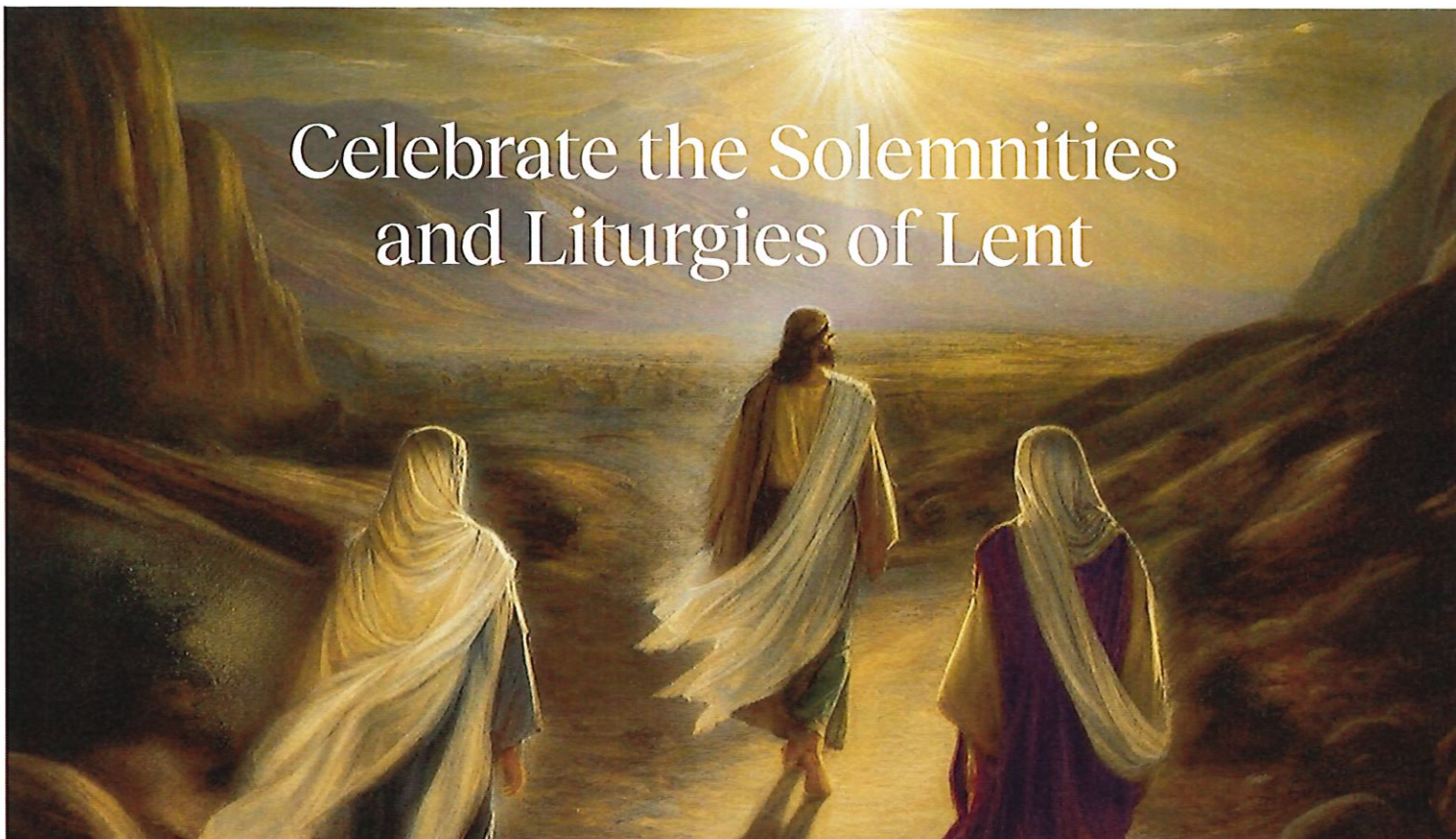
6:30-8:30PM

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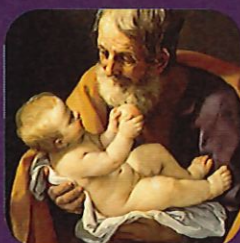


for questions about the event,
please contact Maxine at
maxinemartin411@gmail.com

Celebrate the Solemnities and Liturgies of Lent



Ash Wednesday
2/18



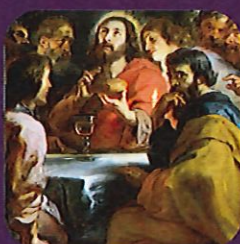
Solemnity of
St. Joseph
3/19



Solemnity of
The Annunciation
3/25



Palm Sunday
3/29



Holy Thursday
4/2



Good Friday
4/3

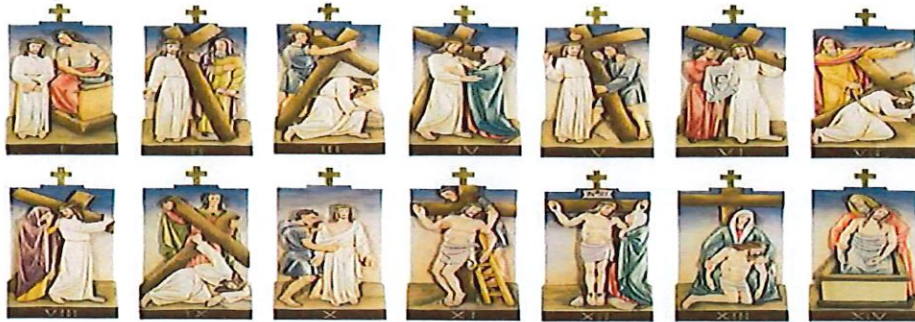
This Lent, enter more fully into the liturgical season, from Ash Wednesday to Good Friday. Learn more about all the solemnities and liturgies of Lent at archseattle.org/lent.





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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

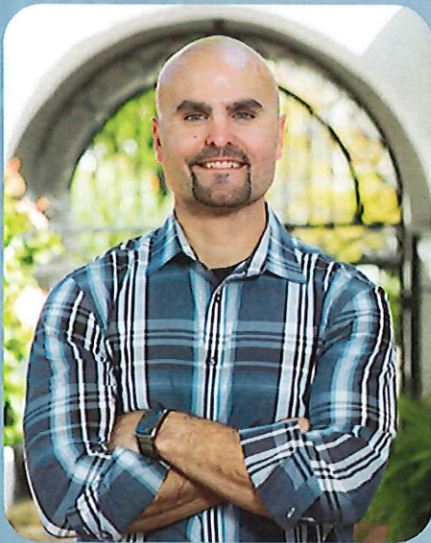
More Information:

Fred Verzosa - ICC - Liturgy Commission Secretary [Fred verzosa@yahoo.com](mailto:Fred_verzosa@yahoo.com) (206-953-3954 Text)

HOLY FAMILY SEATTLE INVITES YOU TO AN
All Day Lenten Retreat with speaker
Karlo Broussard from Catholic Answers

Saturday, February 28, 2026

9641 20th Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98106



**10:30am 1st Lecture: Refiner's
Fire: Explaining & Defending
the Doctrine of Purgatory**

12pm Lunch available for purchase

**1pm 2nd Lecture: Sin, Satisfaction,
and the Savior: A Catholic
Viewpoint of Atonement**

**2:30pm 3rd Lecture: Where Oh Death is Thy Sting?:
A Defense of Jesus' Resurrection from the Dead**

4pm Confession / 5pm Mass

Free will offering will be taken



**Click on the QR Code to register or call the church
office: 206-767-6220 / Deadline: February 20th**



Catholic Answers



**WE LOVE
ALL TYPES.**



 **Bloodworks**
Northwest

ST JAMES CATHEDRAL

Holy Names Room - Pastoral Outreach Center
907 Columbia Street, Seattle

Sunday, March 8
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Scan the QR code to book your one hour appt,
or click this link bloodworksnw.org/giveblood

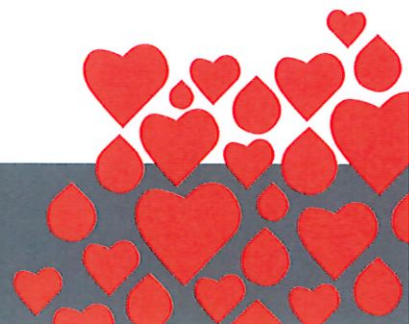
Appointments are required for the best possible donation experience.
Same-day appointments available at most locations. Photo ID required.

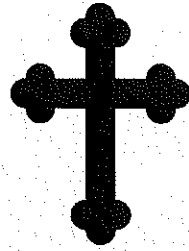
For safety, we kindly request no visitors under 16 at our donation sites.
Eat a hearty meal and drink plenty of fluids prior to donation.

800-398-7888 | bloodworksnw.org/giveblood

DONATE BLOOD.

   
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Please join the Mental Health
and Wellness Ministry to pray
a special Lenten Stations of
the Cross for mental health

March 13th Immediately following
the 12:10 Mass

All are welcome!

For more information contact Anisa Ralls,
Director of the Mental Health and Wellness Ministry
at 206-382-4269 or aralls@stjames-cathedral.org