

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 22, 2026

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Reading 1: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Responsorial Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 (3a)

"Be Merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned"

Reading 2: 1 Romans 5:12-19

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Pray for our Parishioners

For the eternal repose of the soul of Father Marlin Connoli, Father Vic Olvida, Laurence Buzzard, Jack and Marcela Buzzard

Healing Prayers for Se'Vera Dowe, Henry Alazas, Roger Franz 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

From the Pastor's Desk

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL | IMMACULATE CONCEPTION | CHRIST OUR HOPE

Dear Friends,
Last fall, in the middle of his sabbatical, Father Ryan and I chatted about how hard it is, as a parish priest, to be away from our parish, especially on Sundays. Father Ryan experienced that longing to be with his parish community during those months of sabbatical, and I experienced that same kind of longing over these past six weeks. It is simply hard not to be present to pray and worship with our parish family.

While I was aware of my schedule for January and the first part of February, until I lived into it, I didn't realize how much I would miss being here in Seattle and with our parishioners and our team from all three of our parishes. All of the travel was worth it, but it was a lot. And while during these last six weeks, I only missed two Sundays, I still missed you!

One of the Sundays I was gone was February 8, and I was so grateful for the ability to connect virtually. Father Ryan's homily that day, was prophetic and inspiring. To hear his preaching also eased a bit of the longing I had for being with my parish family on Sunday.

As I said earlier, all of this travel was worth it - the retreats, the conferences, the vacation time - but I am sure glad to be home and to be with you - my family of faith as we enter into this great season of Lent.

This past weekend, as I perused the Bulletins from our three parishes, I became aware of how grateful I am and what a privilege it is to be your pastor. From our vibrant and diverse liturgies to the celebration of Black History Month and the work of our Racial Solidarity Team; from the hospitality provided immigrants at the ICE check-in appointments in Tukwila to the work of our Outreach Commissions in all three of our parishes - we truly strive to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to the Central District, to First Hill, to Downtown Seattle and beyond.

The extensive Lenten offerings for prayer, reflection and action in all three of our parishes has something for everyone. I hope you take

advantage of as many of these opportunities as you can as we make this journey together. I ask your special prayers for our catechumens who have now entered into their most intense time of prayer as they prepare for the Easter sacraments. May they know our prayerful support and care for them.

Finally, my time away these past weeks has engendered in me a deep sense of gratitude for you. I am grateful for your faith and commitment to "glorify God by your lives." I am grateful for the prophetic voices and actions that so many of you have taken on behalf of our immigrant friends. During this Black History Month, I am grateful for our Black brothers and sisters whose lives reflect the dignity and steadfast faith that shines forth in the face of a resurgence of Christian Nationalism, and the unapologetic racism that flows from the highest levels of our government. I am grateful for the direct outreach and care performed week in and week out by staff and volunteers from our parish family in downtown Seattle, First Hill and the Central District. I am grateful for all of this and so much more.

As we gather in the coming weeks to reflect on who God is calling us to become as a new parish in three locations (please see the list of days and times in this Bulletin for these community conversations), we are starting from a remarkable place of shared vision of values. I am excited to see where God calls us to in the future. For now, please know how grateful I am to God for you!

Peace,



Father Gary Lazzeroni
Pastor

PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL | IMMACULATE CONCEPTION | CHRIST OUR HOPE

Dear Friends,

We are entering a new phase of discernment in Partners in the Gospel, focused on the question: **Who is God calling us to become?** An important starting point for our COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS is to ground ourselves in our current reality (use the QR code or visit <https://www.stjames-cathedral.org/Events/2026/17CurrentReality.pdf>). I encourage you to familiarize yourself with this information which provides important context for us to create a vision for the future.



There are many opportunities for you to participate and you should feel free to attend the one that best fits your schedule, no matter the location. **Please make joining in one of these COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS a priority this Lent!**

- Thursday, February 26 at 2:00pm **Zoom** (RSVP to Maria Laughlin, mLaughlin@stjames-cathedral.org)
- Thursday, February 26 at 6:30pm, Holy Names Room, Cathedral
- Sunday, March 1 at 10:15am (after 9:00am Mass), Christ Our Hope
- Sunday March 1 at 12:00pm (after 11:00am Mass), Immaculate Conception
- Thursday, March 5 at 6:30pm **Zoom** (RSVP to Deanna Tighe, dtighe@christourhopesattle.org)
- Sunday, March 8 at 6:15pm (after 5:00pm Mass) **in Spanish**, Christ Our Hope
- Sunday, March 15 at 10:15am (after 9:00am Mass), Christ Our Hope
- Monday, March 16 at 6:30pm, Holy Names Room, Cathedral
- Thursday, March 26 at 2:00pm **Zoom** (RSVP to Maria Laughlin, mLaughlin@stjames-cathedral.org)

When we gather, we are going to address the following three questions. I encourage you to give them some prayerful consideration before attending one of the sessions:

- What did you take away from the “Current Reality” report? What troubled, surprised, or encouraged you?
- What new groups of people are we being called to reach out to? Who have we not been serving?
- What ministries and/or programs do we want to enhance, or to begin, to fulfill our vision of who God is calling us to become? What existing ministries may God be calling us to reconsider or leave behind?

This process of entering into dialogue with each other and with the Holy Spirit will enable our community of faith to be more effective at sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. As we continue on the path of becoming one parish, our common baptism calls all of us to be co-responsible for shaping this vision under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. May we all enter into these conversations intentionally and prayerfully. We know that if we do our part, God will always be present to us, guiding us along the way.

Father Gary Lazzeroni, *Pastor*

The Life of Our Community

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 shanitab@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 **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.



Poverty can impact families and whole communities. Since 1975, Catholics across the US gave more than \$350 million to support our global family experiencing hunger.

Where does your donation go?

75% supports Catholic Relief Services around the world.

25% helps fight hunger in your own community.

Be sure to pick up your CRS Rice Bowl on the way out of church! Rice Bowls will be collected on April 2nd, Holy Thursday 7:00 pm Mass.

OR Donations can be made on our Church's website.

Congratulations to our Immaculate Conception confirmand, **Charly Neri**, who was confirmed this past Sunday at St. James Cathedral with Archbishop Paul D. Etienne and Father Gary F. Lazzeroni.

We are grateful to our Immaculate Conception family members who were able to be present in person and to those who supported Charly with their prayers from afar.

May the Holy Spirit continue to guide and strengthen her in faith!



THANK YOU IMMACULATE FAMILY!

2026 Mardi Gras Team - Toni Hall - Event Coordinator, Jose Floresca, Brenda Mirasol-Stallings, Josie Dean, Cindy Curry, Patrice Lynds, Linda Medley, Lynda Roberson, Corky Muzzy, Ricky Hayes, Bob Alexander, Ressa Walls, Paul Chappell, Gloria Johnson, Melanie Minor, Jane Powers, Ann Imbert, Dalwyn Dean, Denise Pavageau, Anthony Cordova, Deacon Joseph Connor.

Volunteers - Louie Floresca, Cindy Floresca, Lolita Gonzalez, Elizabeth Kister, Maria Batayola, Marcello Gonzalez, Mary Lou Gonzalez, Deneta Iglesias, Murry Burd, Colleen Davis, Waverly Davis, Quincy Davis, Danielle Dibba, Nickole Metcalf, and Savanna Alexander,

Special Contributors - Fred & Thelma Verzosa, Vivian Luna & Caesar Pizano and Tammi Murray

IC Staff - Fr Gary Lazzeroni, Fr Thumbi, Fr Chanda, Alice Davis, Joseph Fletcher, Shanita Stewart-Burrell, and Grace Neri

Local Business Donations



Nick on Madison



Outback Steak House
Tukwila



Cakes of Paradise



Georgetown Brewery



Chuck's Hop Shop

DJ Cliff Holland, and Friends and Family of Immaculate Conception Church

Upcoming Events

LENTEN SEASONS BEGINS

Feb 20 (Fri)	6:00PM	Station of the Cross & Soup Supper begins until march 27
Mar 1 (Sun)		Community Conversations at Immaculate Conception Jean Moran Hall after mass
Mar 14 (Sat)	1-4PM	Day of Reconciliation at St. James Cathedral
Mar 16 (Mon)	6:00PM	Spring Bible Study begins
Mar 26 (Thu)	7:00PM	Chrism Mass at St. James Cathedral
Mar 29 (Sun)	11AM	Palm Sunday and Youth Mass
Apr 2 (Thu)	7:00PM	Holy Thursday Mass at Immaculate Conception Church
Apr 3 (Fri)	7:00PM	Good Friday Service
Apr 5 (Sun)	11AM	Easter Sunday Mass

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

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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 02.16.2025 - \$105,942.17

As of 02.01.2026 - \$106,650.75

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?

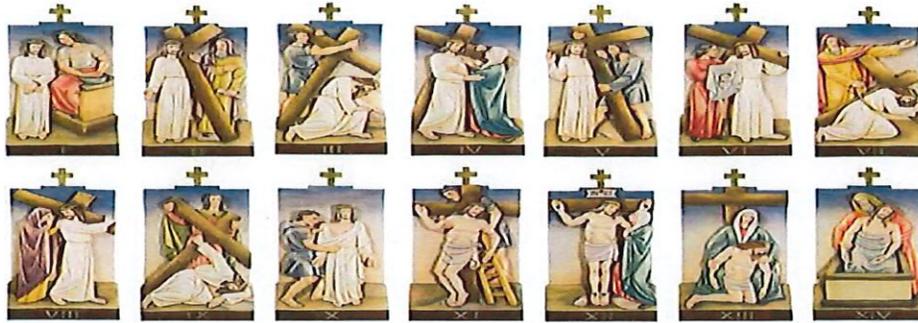
Many who attend Immaculate Conception church regularly and consider the ICC their parish have never officially registered. We strongly encourage you to register. Registered parishioners receive important mailings from the church, are able to celebrate their wedding at ICC, and their children may attend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





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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 (206-953-3954 Text)



Join us for
**You Are
Not Alone:**

Catholic Immigration
Solidarity Gatherings

February 21
St. Leo, Tacoma

February 28
St. Joseph the Evangelist,
Vancouver

March 14
St. Charles, Burlington

All Dates: 9:30am-Noon



**WE LOVE
ALL TYPES.**



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.

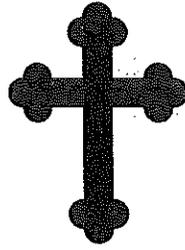
For safety, we kindly request no visitors under 16 at our donation sites.
Eat a hearty meal and drink plenty of fluids prior to donation.

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

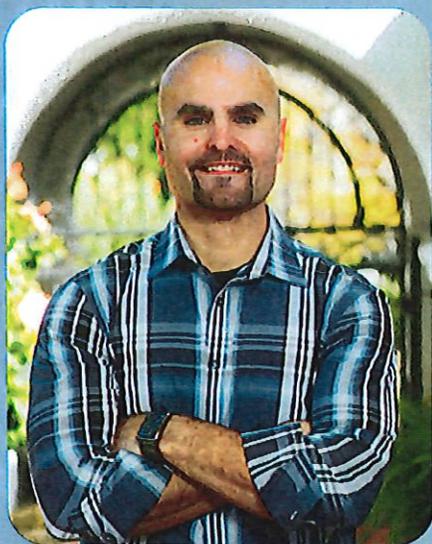
All are welcome!

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

**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**



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Washington State
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Events Schedule, March-June 2026

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LIVE EVENT



ELIZABETH DOLL
DIRECTOR OF BRAVER POLITICS, BRAVER ANGELS

**DEPOLARIZING WITHIN:
IN-PERSON WORKSHOP**



SATURDAY
MAR 21, 2026



9:00 AM (PST) —
12:00 PM

Mass to
follow
at Noon

The Depolarizing Within workshop teaches participants to look at their own attitudes towards the political "other" to develop strategies for engaging in politics without demonizing, and to constructively intervene in conversations with like-minded peers when those conversations stereotype or demonize the other side.

LOCATION:
Archbishop Brunett
Retreat Center,
4700 SW Dash
Point Rd, Federal
Way, WA, 98023



REGISTER NOW <https://bit.ly/44sPd81>

VISIT OUR WEBSITE <https://wacatholics.org>

SATURDAY, MARCH 21 | 9:00 AM - 12 PM

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[REGISTER](#)

WSSCC LIFE. JUSTICE. PEACE.
WEBINAR



DAN MISLEH
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CATHOLIC
CLIMATE COVENANT

**THE CLIMATE CRISIS AND
U.S. CATHOLIC RESPONSES**



THURSDAY
MAY 14, 2026



12:00 PM (PST) —
1:00 PM

This webinar will explore current science and the impacts of climate change, as well as highlight many of the positive growing responses by the U.S. Catholic community, from dioceses, parishes, schools and other organizations.



REGISTER NOW <https://bit.ly/48CSPHH>

VISIT OUR WEBSITE <https://wacatholics.org>

THURSDAY, MAY 14 | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

The *Climate Crisis and U.S. Catholic Responses* webinar will explore current science and the impacts of climate change, as well as highlight many of the positive growing responses by the U.S. Catholic community, from dioceses, parishes, schools and other organizations.

Webinar online via Zoom.

[REGISTER](#)

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WEBINAR



MIRYA MUÑOZ-ROACH
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ST. VINCENT
DE PAUL OF SEATTLE/KING COUNTY

**POVERTY ALLEVIATION THROUGH
TARGETED APPROACHES AND
INCLUSIVE PRACTICES**



THURSDAY
JUN 4, 2026



12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
PST

In this presentation, Mirya will share 5 elements that define "Inclusive Practices for Poverty Alleviation" and hone-in on the value of community-based targeted approaches for authentic engagement, empowerment, belonging, and systemic change. She will speak to the importance of building mission-aligned partnerships that are grounded in shared values and relationships of trust.



REGISTER NOW <https://bit.ly/4abgU9H>

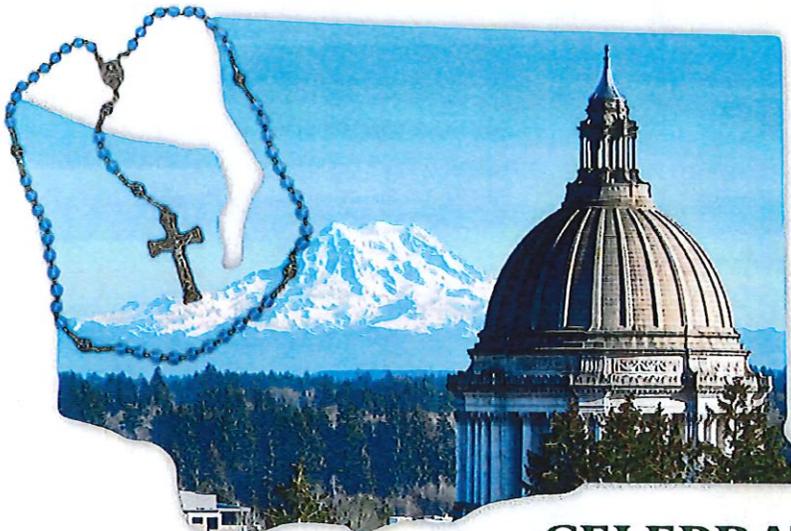
VISIT OUR WEBSITE <https://wacatholics.org>

THURSDAY, JUNE 4 | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

In *Poverty Alleviation Through Targeted Approaches and Inclusive Practices*, Mirya will share 5 elements that define "Inclusive Practices for Poverty Alleviation" and hone-in on the value of community-based targeted approaches for authentic engagement, empowerment, belonging, and systemic change. She will speak to the importance of building mission-aligned partnerships that are grounded in shared values and relationships of trust.

Webinar online via Zoom.

REGISTER



**Washington State
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The Washington State Catholic Conference (WSSC) is the public policy voice of the bishops. We bring trusted Catholic voices - clergy, scholars, physicians, and advocates - to help foster thoughtful dialogue and faithful action rooted in truth and love.

As the WSSC prepares to celebrate 50 Years of Catholic Advocacy in Washington State in 2026, we continue our mission to bring Life, Justice and Peace into public life - together.

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