



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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

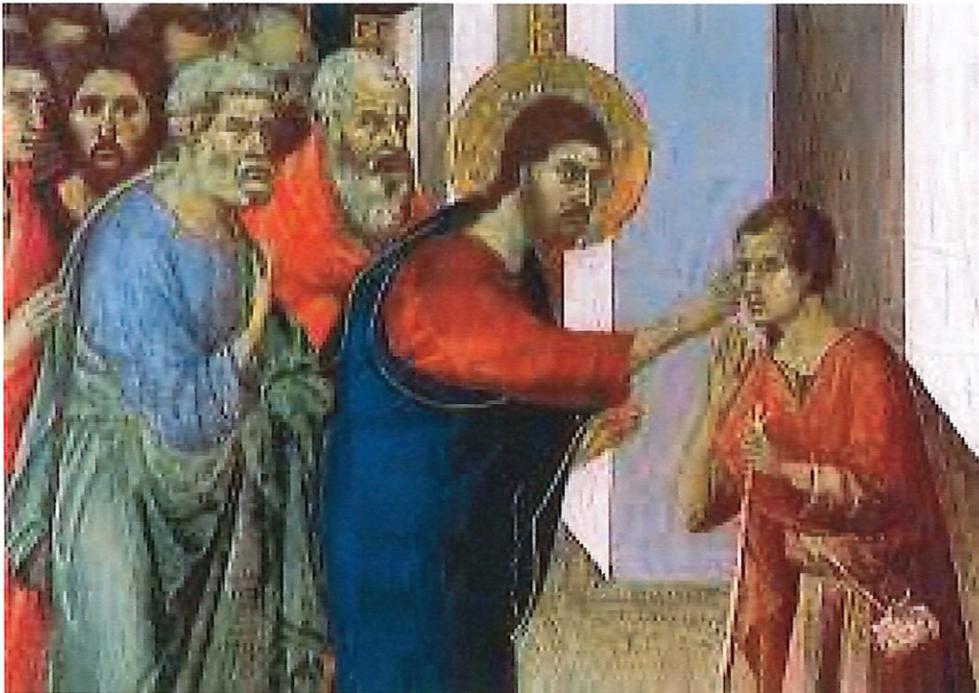
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Parish Family with: St. James Cathedral and Christ Our Hope

March 15, 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Reading 1: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 1-13a

Responsorial Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)

"The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want."

Reading 2: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41

Pray for our Parishioners

For the eternal repose of the soul of Leonardo Hummel and Keri Stanley

Healing Prayers for Ann Imbert, 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 to our weekly prayer's list.

From the Pastor's Desk | March 15, 2026

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL | IMMACULATE CONCEPTION | CHRIST OUR HOPE

Dear Friends,
I feel compelled to reflect on current world events in light of the teaching of the Church. Some may object to religious leaders like pastors, bishops, and the Pope speaking out on issues that touch the political life of our country. But there comes a time when not speaking out is abdication of religious and moral leadership. I think we are in one of those times.

The world has entered into a perilous time. The attack by the United States and Israel on Iran on Saturday, February 28, has plunged us into a war that has already resulted in far reaching destruction, and risks what Pope Leo described in his Angelus address on March 1, as an "irreparable abyss."

The Vatican Secretary of State, Cardinal Pietro Parolin, observed last week that this decision to go to war reflects the erosion of international law in which "justice has given way to force; the force of law has been replaced by the law of force, with the conviction that peace can arise only after the enemy has been annihilated."

These are the frightening new "rules" of international engagement that the Administration has written on its own. And these new "rules" not only put at risk a world order that has existed since the founding of the United Nations but also violates Catholic Social Teaching on the justified use of force.

In Catholic teaching war is always a last resort, a decision taken only when all other avenues for protecting life and liberty have been exhausted. The justification of this war as a "preventive war," takes us down a path that disregards international law and says that all that matters is the subjective judgment of a particular country. We have seen that approach play out in Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Cardinal Parolin reflected that "If states were to be recognized as having a right to 'preventive war,' according to their own criteria and without a supranational legal framework, the whole world would risk being set ablaze."

I am writing this column on Saturday, March 7. I have no idea where our world will be when you read this column. What I do know is that we are called to be a people of peace who work for peace and pray for peace. When asked recently what hope there is in the face of all this, Cardinal Parolin responded with the source of all our hope:

"Christians hope because they trust in God made man, who in Gethsemane commanded Peter to

put his sword back into its sheath, and who on the Cross experienced firsthand the horror of blind and senseless violence. They also hope because, despite wars, destruction, uncertainties, and a widespread sense of disorientation, voices continue to rise from many parts of the world calling for peace and justice."

May our voices join that chorus as we work together, in hope, for a world where peace and justice flourish.

Here is Pope Leo's prayer intention for the month of March. Let us join the Holy Father and pray this prayer regularly in the days ahead.

*Lord of Life,
you shaped every human being
in your image and likeness.
We believe you created us
for communion, not for war,
for fraternity, not for destruction.
You who greeted your disciples saying,
"Peace be with you,"
grant us the gift of your peace
and the strength to make it a reality in history.
Today we lift up our prayer for peace in the world,
asking that nations renounce weapons
and choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy.
Disarm our hearts of hatred, resentment, and indifference,
so we may become instruments of reconciliation.
Help us understand that true security
does not come from control fueled by fear,
but from trust, justice, and solidarity among peoples.
Lord, enlighten the leaders of the nations,
so they may have the courage to abandon projects of death,
halt the arms race,
and place the lives of the most vulnerable at the center.
May the nuclear threat never again dictate
the future of humanity.
Holy Spirit, make us faithful and creative builders
of daily peace: in our hearts, our families,
our communities, and our cities.
May every kind word, every gesture of reconciliation,
and every choice for dialogue be seeds of a new world.
Amen.*

Peace,

Fr. Gary Lazzeroni
Father Gary Lazzeroni
Pastor

The Life of Our Community



Dear children, let us not love with words or speech
but with actions and in truth. - 1 John 3:18

Hey everyone! It's almost time for our next **Youth Mass on Palm Sunday (March 29th)**, and we **NEED YOU** to help us make it awesome! 🐣 Whether you're into reading (lectoring), helping with gifts, singing in the choir, ushering, or even altar serving, we want **YOU** to be part of the Mass.

This is a great opportunity to get involved and serve God. If you want to join us, please complete the online form - <https://archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/7459/responses/new> or scan the QR code *or* going to www.icseattle.org under parish life -> ministries by **March 22th** to sign up and let us know how you'd like to help.

Don't worry if you've never done it before—everyone is welcome! 😊

Plus, mark your calendars because we've got more Youth Masses coming up:

May 31

August 30

November 29



Let's show our love for God and our community by serving together!

~ Immaculate Conception Church Youth Group

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: **April 19, May 17 and Jun 14**. 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**.

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*

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.



*Easter Lily
Envelopes
are on the back
table.*



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.

Upcoming Events

Mar 16 (Mon)	6:00PM	Spring Bible Study begins
Mar 20 (Fri)	6:00PM	Station of the Cross & Soup Supper continues until march 27
Mar 26 (Thu)	2:00PM	Zoom Community Conversations - RSVP to Maria Laughlin, mlaughterlin@st.james-cathedral.org
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 5:30PM Potluck in Jean Moran Hall before Mass <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Potluck Assignment by Last Name: (A-F) Bread Dinner Rolls, (G-L) Salad & Vegetables, (M-T) Hot Dish and (U-Z) Desserts.
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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Sharon Pitre-Williams.

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Stewardship: Caring for Our Church and Community

Year-to-Date Collection

Stewardship of Treasure Report

As of 03.09.2025 - \$115,442.17

As of 03.01.2026 - \$124,125.05

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?

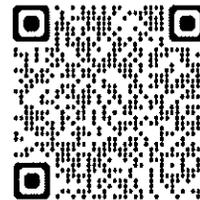
Many who attend Immaculate Conception church regularly and consider the ICC their parish have never officially registered. We strongly encourage you to register. Registered parishioners receive important mailings from the church, are able to celebrate their wedding at ICC, and their children may attend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



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?

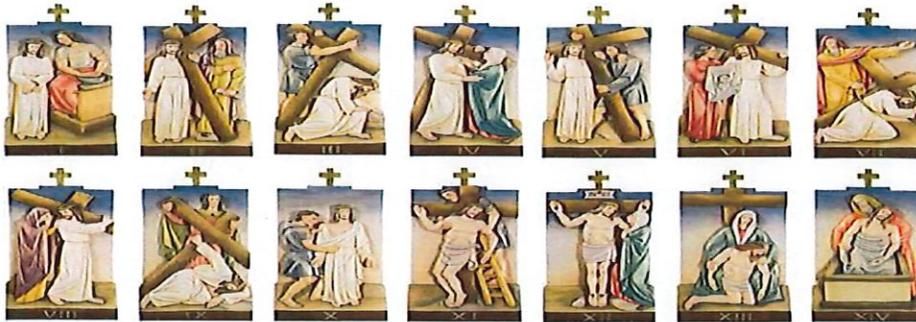
This process of entering into dialogue with each other and with the Holy Spirit will enable our community of faith to be more effective at sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. As we continue on the path of becoming one parish, our common baptism calls all of us to be co-responsible for shaping this 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*



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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)

Celebrate the 2026 Easter Season



Solemnity of Easter
4/5



Feast of Saint Mark
4/25



Feast of Saint Matthias
5/14



Solemnity of the Ascension
5/17

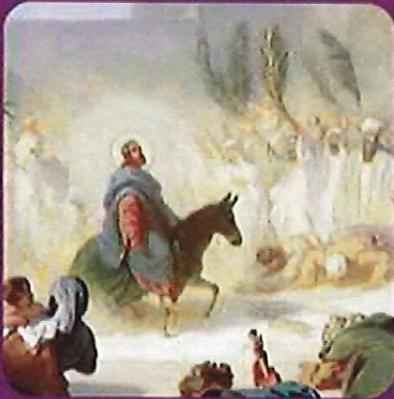


Solemnity of Pentecost
5/24

As Catholics, we celebrate the Easter Season from Easter Sunday through Pentecost. This year, the Easter Season is marked by three solemnities and two feasts. We also observe the month of Mary in May. Learn more about these great feasts and ways to celebrate all Easter season at archseattle.org/easter.



Holy Week with Archbishop Etienne



Palm Sunday
March 29 | 10am
St. James Cathedral



Holy Thursday
April 2 | 6pm
St. James Cathedral



Good Friday
April 3 | 6pm
St. James Cathedral

NOVENA FOR FATHER AUGUSTUS TOLTON



(April 1, 1854 - July 9, 1897), baptized **Augustine Tolton**, was the first Roman Catholic priest in the United States publicly known to be black when he was ordained in 1886. A former slave who was baptized and reared Catholic, Tolton studied formally in Rome. He was ordained in Rome on Easter Sunday at the Cathedral-Archbasilica of St. John Lateran. Assigned to the diocese of Alton (now *Diocese of Springfield*), Tolton first ministered to his home parish in Quincy, Illinois.

Father Tolton celebrated his first public Mass at St. Boniface church in Quincy. He attempted to organize a black parish there, but over the years met with resistance from both white Catholics and Protestant blacks, who did not want him trying to attract people to another denomination.- He organized St. Joseph Catholic Church and school in Quincy, but ran into opposition from the new dean of the parish, who wanted him to turn away white worshippers from his services.

After reassignment to Chicago, Tolton led a mission society, St. Augustine's, that met in the basement of St. Mary's Church. He led the development and administration of the Negro "national parish" of St. Monica's Catholic Church, built at 36th and Dearborn Streets on the South Side, Chicago. The church grew to have 600 parishioners. Tolton's success at ministering to black Catholics quickly earned him national attention within the Catholic hierarchy.-"Good Father Gus", as he was called by many, was known for his "eloquent sermons, his beautiful singing voice and his talent for playing the accordion.

On In both 2010 and 2011 official investigation into Tolton's life and opening the Cause for his canonization has started. Let us pray for the success of his canonization to occur soon.

Please join the Tuesday Night Rosary Team via Zoom, as we pray a Novena, lasting nine days, prefacing the Birth of Venerable Father Augustus Tolton.

Time: Mar 23, 2026, 6:00 PM Pacific Time. Everyday, 9 occurrences.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82640775522?pwd=w8hEyDb9R2trAZbhda7dGqp8dkJpik.1>

Meeting ID: 826 4077 5522

Passcode: 095410

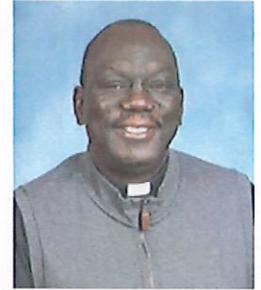
For more information or digital copy of the novena, please contact SeVera Dowe, OCDS
mzseveradowe@comcast.net | 206.295.4787

Sponsored by Parish Family (PF) 30* All are welcome!
*St. John the Baptist, Covington & Holy Spirit, Kent



Encounter...

holistic healing presence
of Jesus Christ



Presider: Rev. Crispin Okoth
Parochial Vicar, PF 30

Concelebrant:
Rev. Anthony Kitema, PF 16

In Kenya, Fr. Crispin has preached in open air **Healing Mass rallies**. He worked with other priests in the **ministry of prayer, healing & deliverance**, bringing hope & renewal to many. Come & be on your journey to wholeness - **spirit, mind & body!**

HEALING MASS

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

7:00pm

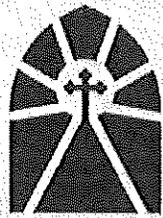
Followed by Adoration,
Healing Service with prayer teams
6:30pm Praise & worship

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

25810 156th Ave SE Covington, WA 98042

For information, call Marilou or Myke (253)630-0701





Archdiocese
of Seattle

Theology on Tap With Bishop Frank Schuster

April 21 | 7pm

Kells Irish Restaurant & Pub



May 9

Disability Inclusion
Mass & Dance

A celebration of diversity in our
Catholic faith community

Mass | 11am
St. James Cathedral

Social | 12pm
St. James Cathedral Hall
907 Columbia Street, Seattle

Everyone is welcome.

The Archdiocese of Seattle's Disability Inclusion Ministry serves and works collaboratively with our parishes and schools to promote the inclusion and meaningful participation of people with disabilities in the life of our Catholic faith community.



For any questions, please
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