

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

March 22, 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Reading 1: Ezekiel 37:12-14

Responsorial Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8(7)

"With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption."

Reading 2: Romans 8:8-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45

Pray for our Parishioners

For the eternal repose of the soul of Salvacion Luna
Healing Prayers for Ann Imbert and Se'Vera Dowe.

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 22, 2026

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL | IMMACULATE CONCEPTION | CHRIST OUR HOPE

Dear Friends,
You may recall that as part of our work around Partners in the Gospel last year we discerned gifts and challenges in our three parishes, as we reflected on the question, "Who are we?" One of the challenges we named in all three of our parishes was the need to provide more intentional ministry to youth and young adults. That need was echoed in the wider church as well, in the listening sessions we did in the Archdiocese of Seattle during the Synod on Synodality, and in what we heard throughout our country and the world in similar listening sessions.

Our three parishes have taken this challenge seriously, and it is a great joy to share with you that we have hired Blake Steller to serve in the role of Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for our parish family. Blake will serve in a part-time capacity, 20 hours per week. Blake is a parishioner at St. James and serves as the president of the Cathedral's chapter of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. He also serves as a catechist in Children's Faith Formation, specifically the Faith in Action ministry for young people who have been confirmed. He's also active in liturgical ministry. I am thrilled that Blake will bring to this new ministry his deep commitment to his faith and the Church, and a heart for reaching out to those on the margins.

This new position is a direct response to what we heard as a real need, and is an example of what our ongoing discernment as a parish family can produce. This new role is the fruit of what we heard from you in our community conversations last year. As you know, we are now engaged in the next phase of this conversation, gathering input from you on who God is calling us to become as a new parish with three locations: in the Central District (Immaculate Conception), downtown (Christ Our Hope) and on First Hill (St. James Cathedral).

As we gather the input we have received, our Parish Family Vision Council will begin to craft a Vision Statement based on that input. But, as you can see from the hiring of a new Youth and Young Adult Minister, we will also

be mindful of needs as they emerge and will strive to meet those needs as we can, even if we are still in the midst of shaping our vision and long-term strategic pastoral plan.

This is an exciting time in the life of our three parishes as we look toward the future and dream about how we can more effectively share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Youth and young adults bring unique perspectives and insights to that dreaming. Their voices represent not only the Church of the future but the young Church of today.

It is also important to remember that ministry to and with High School youth and young adults is the responsibility of our whole parish family. In his role, Blake will animate and coordinate that ministry. But, he cannot do it alone. He will need the support of parents and all of us to grow this vital ministry.

Blake will begin his ministry on April 1, and will have an office and gathering space for youth and young adults at the Cathedral's Pastoral Outreach Center. In the weeks ahead, he will be working with our three parishes to make connections with youth and their parents and our young adult community. I know you will join me in offering Blake a warm welcome to our pastoral team!

One final note. One of the unique gifts of the ministry of the Cathedral is celebrating important archdiocesan liturgies with the Archbishop. One of those liturgies is coming up this Thursday as the Catholic Church in Western Washington gathers for the Chrism Mass. At this Mass the Archbishop blesses oils used for anointing catechumens and the sick, and consecrates the sacred chrism that is used in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Ordination. It is one of the most beautiful liturgies of the year. I encourage you to join us for Chrism Mass this coming Thursday, March 26, at 7:00pm.

Have a wonderful Fifth Week of Lent!

Peace,


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

SAVE THE DATE: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION 2026-27 LITURGICAL AND EVENTS

CALENDAR MEETING - Saturday, May 30th, 2026 - 10AM at IC Jean Moran Hall. All parishioners who are planning to host events or celebrate feast days at Immaculate Conception are invited to attend. Join us as we coordinate and plan for the upcoming liturgical year!

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: **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*



*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 26 (Thu)** 2:00PM Zoom Community Conversations - RSVP to Maria Laughlin, mlaughlin@st.james-cathedral.org
- Mar 26 (Thu)** 7:00PM Chrism Mass at St. James Cathedral
- Mar 27 (Fri)** 6:00PM **Living Station of the Cross** (Sign-up sheet available on the back table)

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

Pastoral Care Request - If you would like to request a house blessing, Communion, or the Anointing of the Sick, please contact Fr. Chanda directly at schanda@stjames-cathedral.org.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Office Hours: M-F, 9 AM to 3 PM or By Appt. - call (206) 322-5970

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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 03.16.2025 - \$119,342.17

As of 03.15.2026 - \$132,621.60

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.



Holy Week 2026



Palm Sunday

March 29, Mass at 11:00 AM

At Palm Sunday, we commemorate Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Palms will be blessed and a beautiful procession with the palms will mark the beginning of our Holy Week. The youth of our parish will take a leading role at this Sunday Mass



Holy Thursday

April 2, Potluck at 5:30 followed by Mass at 7:00 PM

Holy Thursday marks the beginning of the Paschal Triduum. Key elements in this Mass are the washing of the feet, the institution of the Eucharist and the Priesthood. When all is celebrated, the altar is stripped and the blessed Sacrament is carried from the tabernacle and taken to a separate place, an altar of repose in Jean Moran Hall for silence, prayer and adoration till 9 PM. All are invited.

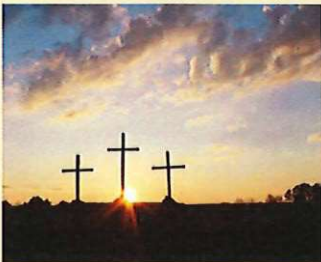
◆ Potluck assignment by Last Name: (A-F) Bread Dinner Rolls, (G-L) Salad & Vegetables, (M-T) Hot Dish, (U-Z) Desserts



Good Friday

April 3, Service at 7:00 PM

Good Friday liturgy is a solemn commemoration of the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. In this liturgy, the reading of the passion, adoration of the Holy Cross, and Holy Communion takes place and all depart in silence.



Easter Sunday

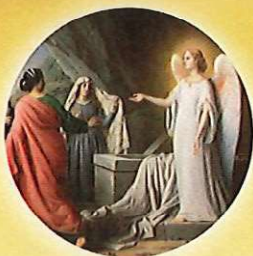
April 5, Mass at 11:00 AM

On Easter Sunday we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. This Easter event is so significant that the Church gives us until the feast of Pentecost to celebrate and try to comprehend what God has done for us through His Son Jesus.

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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.



Our Synodal, Diaconal Church

An Evening with Deacon Geert
De Cubber, Synod Delegate



APRIL 13
7-8:30 pm

Explore the future of our synodal, diaconal church with Deacon Geert De Cubber of Belgium, the only Roman Catholic deacon to serve as a voting member in the 2023-2024 global Synod Assembly.

Registration encouraged:
<https://bit.ly/47nWgAO>

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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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Learn more and register