



# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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

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[www.icseattle.org](http://www.icseattle.org)

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

**March 29, 2026**

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



**Gospel at the Procession: Matthew 21:1-11**

**Reading 1: Isaiah 50:4-7**

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24(2a)**

***"My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"***

**Reading 2: Philippians 2:6-11**

**Passion: Matthew 26:14-27:66**

### **Pray for our Parishioners**

Healing Prayers for Sharon Pitre - Williams, Ann Imbert and Se'Vera Dowe.

*Please contact the parish office at 206-322-5970 or [bulletin@icseattle.org](mailto: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 29, 2026

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL | IMMACULATE CONCEPTION | CHRIST OUR HOPE

**D**ear Friends,  
As we enter into the holiest of weeks, the Lord accompanies on our way through these days of prayer and worship. These are powerful days and can be transformative for us if we open ourselves and give ourselves over to the journey we make together. For this journey is, at the same time, a journey of the whole Church throughout the world, as well as a very intimate journey for each of us.

The liturgies of Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter (beginning with the Vigil on Saturday night) are experiences of public prayer in which we accompany Jesus through the last week of his life. Beginning with his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, we become witnesses once again to the depths of God's love for us as we see the drama of this week unfold. The obedient and self-giving love of Jesus is on full display for us and we are invited to allow that love to touch us at the depth of our hearts.

The drama of the scriptures and the ritual actions of Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter could tempt us to sit back and watch, to be spectators of the story that unfolds before us. But what we do together is much more than a dramatic re-telling that we watch together. There are aspects of our prayer and worship that are certainly dramatic this week, but all that we do together is designed to draw us into the story of God's love, poured out in the most profound way in the history of creation.

We come to these liturgies not as an audience, but as an assembly of faith. Here, over the course of this week, we are invited to allow the Lord to draw close to us and to touch us with God's self-giving love. As is always the case, God will not impose on us, but will invite us into this journey. And if our hearts are open, God will come to us and give us what we need during this holiest of weeks.

For as we gather as an assembly of faith, we are not simply remembering something that happened long ago and far away. Such remembering is part of what we are doing, but it is a sacred remembering. It is a remembering that makes present, today, the power of what we remember. For the Lord Jesus, who gave



himself away completely for us long ago on Calvary and was raised from death to life, is the same Risen Christ who accompanies us today, this Holy Week of 2026.

This is the journey that the whole Church makes during these days. It is a shared experience of God's profound love for the whole world. At the same time, this is an intimate journey, where the Lord comes close to us individually, offering God's saving love at this particular moment in our lives.

God comes to our world in all its brokenness and in its beauty. God comes to us in all of our brokenness and our beauty as beloved children of God. God comes to us and speaks words of love and mercy and new life. Let us open ourselves so that we might hear his gentle whispers to us.

The culmination of this Holy Week is the water bath of Easter. In those waters we make new Christians and re-make old Christians. In those waters we will see and experience the summit of the story of God's life-giving love.

I pray that all of us may enter into these days, not as an audience, but as an assembly of faith, sharing once again in the love God has for the whole world, and for each of us.

Happy Holy Week!

*Fr. Gary F. Lazzeroni*

Father Gary Lazzeroni  
Pastor

## Catechesis 101

**Tenebrae** (Latin for "shadows" or "darkness")

- **Holy Week Connection:** Tenebrae is designed to serve as a powerful, reflective experience for the faithful ahead of the Easter Triduum. The representation of the darkness of sin and death serve to call the faithful to embrace the light of Christ, who has conquered death.
- It's an ancient powerful, meditative Catholic liturgical service, typically held during Holy Week, at Immaculate Conception Church on Holy Thursday. After Mass a procession follows with an adoration service. The service involves readings, the gradual extinguishing of candles to symbolize the fading light of Christ and the abandonment of the Apostles during his Passion.
- **Symbolism:** Candles, often on a special triangular stand called a hearse, are extinguished one by one. The final candle, representing Christ, is extinguished, representing his death and burial and concludes in darkness.

~ Thanks to Deacon Joseph Connor

## The Life of Our Community

### **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!

**YOUTH MASS** - Calling all youth, we NEED YOU to help us make our youth mass 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](http://www.icseattle.org) under parish life -> ministries to sign up and let us know how you'd like to help. **Youth masses - May 31, August 30 and November 29.**



**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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> Sat of the month and in person on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat of the month** at St James Pastoral Outreach Center, 1:30-3pm. *Registration:* [helpline@namiseattle.org](mailto:helpline@namiseattle.org)



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.**

## Celebrating Patti Bown: A Seattle Jazz Legacy

During **Women's History Month** and **Women in Jazz Month**, we honor Patti Bown (July 26, 1931–March 21, 2008), a remarkable pianist, composer, and singer whose musical journey began here in Seattle's Central District at Immaculate Conception School and Parish.



Patti grew up in a home filled with music, nurtured by a mother who introduced her children to concerts, performances, and the joy of artistic expression. From a young age, she displayed extraordinary ability, mastering complex jazz and classical pieces by ear and sharing her gift at Immaculate Conception School and Parish, where she played organ for Sunday Mass and accompanied the choir.

Her late brother, David Bown, fondly remembered: "She played the organ during Mass with skill and confidence, drawing everyone in. It wasn't just technique; it was how she made people feel. Patti had a gift for lifting the entire congregation, turning the service into a moment of shared reflection and inspiration. Even her smallest flourishes, soft chords or gentle runs, created a sense of unity and reverence beyond the notes on the page."

Patti's talent extended beyond performance. Her sister, Dr. Millie Bown Russell, noted that she was the only daughter without perfect pitch, while Patti astonished the family by reproducing melodies she heard on the radio, demonstrating remarkable musical perception. It was this combination of skill, generosity, and heartfelt expression that shaped not only her family's home but also the community around her.

Childhood friend Dorothy Laigo Cordova shared: "I had just transferred to Immaculate Conception School after my previous school closed, and I was nervous attending school with new classmates and adjusting to a new environment. Patti came up, shook my hand, and said, 'I'm glad you're here.' That simple act of kindness instantly made me feel welcomed and sparked a lifelong friendship filled with shared stories, culture, and dreams."

Patti's early experiences at home, school, and parish laid the foundation for a career that would carry her from Seattle to stages across the nation and around the world, leaving a lasting legacy in jazz.

To read more about Patti Bown's life and remarkable contributions to music, please scan the QR code.





# MARDI GRAS Thank You

Gross: \$13,202 | Net: \$11,704



*Easter Lily  
Envelopes  
are on the back  
table.*

Thank you to our Mardi Gras Fundraising Committee, our corporate donors, the Parish Staff, and our Volunteers for making this year's event successful. May you continue to be proud of the work you do and the difference you make for our Immaculate Family.

## Upcoming Events

Rectory Office will be closed on Good Friday, April 3rd, returning on Tuesday, April 7th, 2026.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:schanda@stjames-cathedral.org).

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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## 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](mailto:helpline@seattlarch.org)

[protectandheal.seattlearchdiocese.org](http://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>

# Immaculate Conception Church

## 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 (Tenebrae Service) till 9 PM. All are invited.

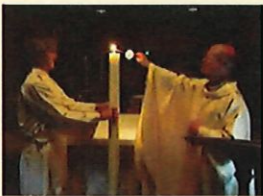
◆ Potluck assignment by Last Name: (A-F) Bread Dinner Rolls, (G-L) Salad & Vegetables, (M-T) Hot Dish, (U-Z) Desserts



#### *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 Vigil*

*April 4, 8:30 PM at St. James Cathedral and Christ For Hope*

On this night, we celebrate the "mother of all vigils." The Church keeps watch, celebrating the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. This solemn celebration features the lighting of the paschal candle from a fire prepared beforehand, beautiful scripture readings highlighting salvation history, proclamation of the Easter alleluia, and the celebration of the sacrament of baptism and initiation into the Church.



#### *Easter Sunday*

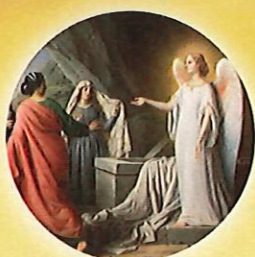
*April 5, Mass at 11:00 AM*

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.

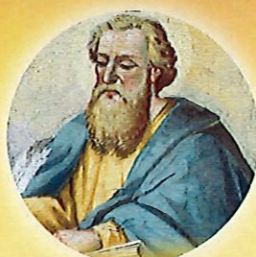
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# Celebrate the 2026 Easter Season



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](http://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>

**St. James Cathedral Hall**  
912 COLUMBIA STREET, SEATTLE



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# Ten Warning Signs of Alzheimer's and other Dementias

An education program presented by the Alzheimer's Association, hosted by St. James Cathedral



## What you Will Learn

Alzheimer's and other dementias cause changes in memory, thinking and behavior that interfere with daily life. Join us to learn about 10 common warning signs and what to watch for in yourself and others. The program covers: Typical age-related changes, common warning signs of Alzheimer's, how to approach someone about memory concerns, early detection, the benefits of a diagnosis, the diagnostic process and Alzheimer's Association resources.

**Pastoral Outreach Center**  
**907 Columbia St.**  
**Seattle, WA 98104**

**April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**11:00 am -12:00 pm**

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**Call to Register: 800-272-3900**

Program Code:  
190\_TWS\_26APR18



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# Theology on Tap With Bishop Frank Schuster

April 21 | 7pm

Kells Irish Restaurant & Pub

St James Cathedral Seniors  
are invited to a

*Spring*

Sing-a-long!

Please join Angela Petrucci,  
St. James musician

**April 29, 2026 11am - 1pm**

**Refreshments and a light  
lunch will be served  
following the event!**

Please RSVP by 4/24/26 to Anisa Ralls 206-382-4269 or  
aralls@stjames-cathedral.org

**At The Pastoral Outreach Center,  
907 Columbia St.**



**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