

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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

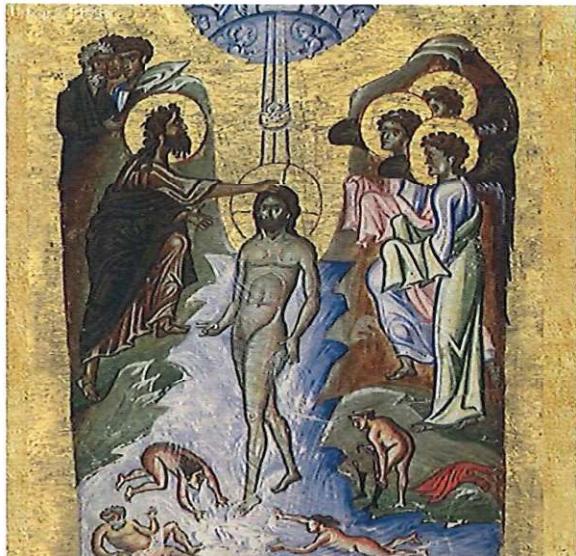
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Parish Family with: St. James Cathedral and Christ Our Hope

January 11, 2026

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



"The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." ~Luke 3:15-16

Reading 1: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Responsorial Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 (11b)

"The Lord will bless his people with peace."

Reading 2: Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

Pray for our Parishioners

For the eternal repose of the souls of Rosendo Luna Sr., Hilario Agdeppa, Norma Neri and Andring Sagun
Healing Prayers for Bobby Ignacio and Mely Andrade.

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

January 11, 2026

My Friends,

As we gather today, we conclude our Christmas Season celebrations with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. For the past two weeks we have been unpacking what it means that God has entered into human history and taken on our very humanity. On December 28th, we celebrated how Jesus was part of a real human family in the Feast of the Holy Family. On January 1st, we gave thanks and praise to God for Mary, the “*Theotokos*,” the “God-bearer. Last Sunday, on the Solemnity of the Epiphany, we celebrated the manifestation to the whole world of Jesus, the Christ and Savior, of not just a particular people, but of all people.

Today’s celebration marks a transition in the life of Jesus. His baptism in the Jordan by John the Baptist is a further manifestation of who he is as the Beloved Son of God, and sets him on the path of his public ministry. Jesus’ baptism reminds us that, in the waters of Baptism, we too are claimed by God as beloved daughters and sons.

One of the fundamental shifts that took place at the Second Vatican Council was the restoration of Baptism as the defining sacrament for a believer. Over the centuries we had drifted toward a view that ordination was really the high point of any Catholic’s life. But so few, relatively speaking, are called to ordained ministry. And while ordained ministry is an important vocation, it rests, as do all the sacraments, on the first and foundational sacrament - Baptism.

The centrality of Baptism in our tradition cannot be overstated. It is in and through this sacrament that we are plunged into the saving death and resurrection of Jesus and incorporated into the Body of Christ. The white garment, the alb, that ministers wear is a reminder of the white garment we were clothed in at our baptism. This is THE garment for a Christian.

The pall that we place over a casket at a funeral is a reminder of this baptismal garment, and our belief that in baptism we have died with Christ and have been raised with him to new life.

The centrality of baptism also reminds us that we are all co-responsible for the life of the Church. When ordination was seen as the most important sacrament, it was easy for the non-ordained to see themselves as passive observers, not only in the liturgy, but in the life of the Church. It was “Father’s” responsibility to take care of the life of the Church. The responsibility of the rest of the baptized was, to quote a phrase from years gone by, to “pay, pray and obey.”

Thankfully that kind of thinking is part of our past and not our present. And that kind of thinking is certainly not part of the history of the parishes in our Parish Family. For Immaculate Conception, Christ Our Hope and St. James Cathedral, there is a long and rich tradition of co-responsibility for the life of the Church. Our parishes depend on the participation and collaboration of all – lay, ordained, volunteers and staff – for both the day-to-day running of our parishes, and for the long-term vision and planning for parish life.

Such co-responsibility and collaboration will continue to be crucial as we move forward in our efforts to come together as one parish. We need the participation, the vision and the commitment of all our parishioners as we explore who the Lord is calling us to become together.

On this Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, may all of us know how beloved we are by our good and gracious God. And may Jesus, the Christ, the Savior of all, continue to accompany us on our way.

Peace,



Fr. Gary Lazzeroni
Pastor

The Life of Our Community

BIBLE STUDY - REGISTER NOW Winter Session 5 Weeks, February 2-March 2 (Mondays)

6:00-7:30pm. This session's study is *No Greater Love: A Biblical walk through Christ's Passion*. We will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. Every step of the way, Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. Experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love for you—grow closer to Jesus than you ever have before.



Sign-up sheet and Flyer are available on the back table of the church or simply scan the QR Code. All are welcome! If able, a \$25 contribution is asked to offset cost of materials.

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: **Jan 18, and 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.

HONORING THE MLK SERVICE PROJECT 2026 *Supporting the Matt Talbot Center* - In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy of service, our parish is supporting the Matt Talbot Center, a long-standing Seattle program dedicated to recovery, healing, and accompaniment for individuals experiencing homelessness, addiction, and other life-disrupting challenges. We will be collection the following items: **Toiletries (toothpaste, deodorant, soap, wipes, shampoo, etc.), Socks, Warm hats and Gloves**. Please bring on **Sunday, January 18th, 2026**. For questions: contact Mari Hamper at mari.hamper@gmail.com or Denise Pavageau at denise0024@comcast.net

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - Diaper Drive on January 25

The first will be **January 25th, 2026**. Your donation of diapers or pull-ups will support families in need. Drop-off diapers before or after Mass at Immaculate Conception on January 25th. Future diaper drives will be in April, July, and October.

Upcoming Events

Jan 18 (Sun)	11:00AM	Matt Talbot Center Toiletries Collection Day
Jan 19 (Mon)		ICC Rectory Office Closed
Jan 19 (Mon)	11:00AM	2026 Martin Luther King Jr. Mass at Seattle University, St. Ignatius Chapel
Jan 25 (Sun)	11:00AM	The Feast of Baby Jesus (Santo Nino)
Jan 25 (Sun)	11:00AM	St. Vincent de Paul Diaper Drive
Jan 31 (Sat)	10:30AM	The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick at Immaculate Conception Church
Feb 2 (Mon)	6:00PM	Bible Study Winter 2026
Feb 13 (Fri)	5:30PM	Immaculate Conception's Annual Fundraising Event - Mardi Gras (see flyer)

Lenten Seasons Begins

Feb 18 (Wed) 6:00PM Ash Wednesday Mass at Immaculate Conception

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 12.23.2024 - \$79,074.00

As of 12.14.2025 - \$65,226.45

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.



Donations for Christmas Poinsettias

Offered By:

Brenda Mirasol Stallings

Andres and Josephine Bueno

Deacon and Mrs. Barbara Connor

Vivian Luna and Caesar Pizano

Alfredo and Thelma Verzosa

Kelli Bodenberger and Ernest Elmore

Carolyn Ladd

Mr. & Mrs. Maurice & Rosalyn Fournier

Mr. Ruben & Elvira Estrella

In Loving Memory of

Jose and Mattie Mirasol

Modesto & Paciencia Mauricio

Connor/Sexton Deceased Family Members
Cormier Deceased Family Members

Rosendo and Salvacion Luna
Rosendo Luna Jr.
Mercy Israel Canda
Uncle Fred Cordova
Luis and Mary Delgado
Auntie Gussie Jagod
Leo Hummel
Carolyn Priestley
Deceased members of the Luna Family
Deceased members of the Israel Family
Deceased members of the Barruga Family
Deceased members of the Pizano Family
Deceased members of the Rojas Family

Rosario & Zoilo Verzosa
Gaudencio & Butan Tan
Generosa & Salvador Nava
Helen & Eddie Villavicencio

Flower Donation

Helen Ladd

Midge Fournier
Maurice L. Fournier
Zee Bass
Roscoe Bass

Ruby Estrella
Jose & Temotea Poblete
Felisa Poblete
Concepcion Garcia
Joaquin & Oscar Poblete

Thank you for generously beautifying our Christmas worship with your donation

Donations for Christmas Poinsettias

Alice Davis

Malik Davis
Elijah Anderson
Elizabeth Anderson

Selamawit Teklemariam

Neitz Wlgeorgis
Hadgu Teklemariam
Solomon Teklemariam
Dawit Teklemariam

Neri Family

Pompeyo & Norma Neri
Neri Deceased Family Members
Agdeppa Deceased Family Members
Lladoc Deceased Family Members
Carisma Cortedano

Dorothy Cordova

Fred Cordova

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Donations as of Dec 21, 2025

SENYOR SANTO NINYO

(Holy Infant Jesus)

Celebration

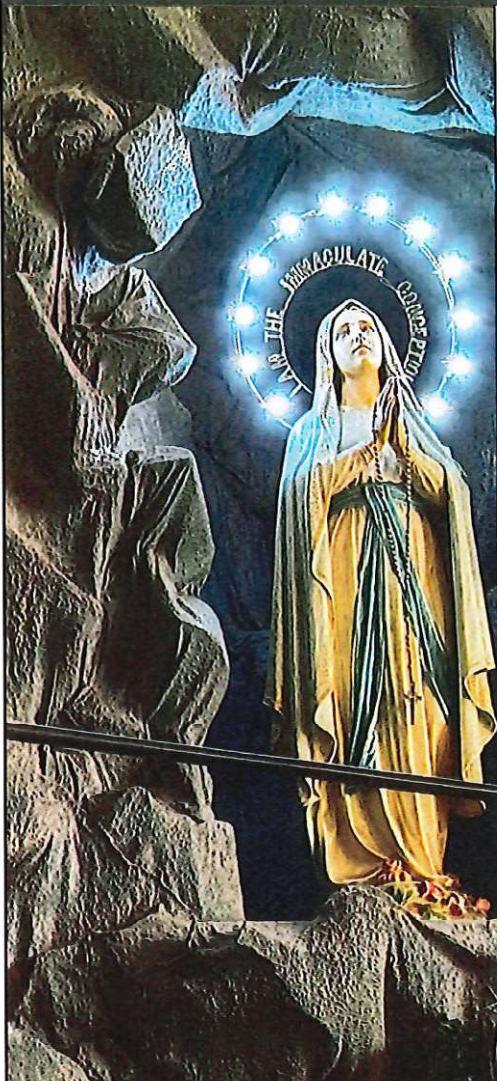


January 25, 2026 - Sunday

10:30 AM - Rosary
Procession & Blessing of Statues
(*Bring your Santo Nino statues)

11:00 AM - Mass
Reception to follow in the Church Hall

Immaculate Conception Church
820 – 18th Avenue
Seattle, WA 98122



Communal Celebration of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Saturday, January 31, 2026 | 10:30am
Father Gary F. Lazzeroni, presider

Immaculate Conception Church
820 18th Avenue, Seattle

In observance of the World Day of Prayer for the Sick, we gather as a family of parishes for the communal celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. We will conclude our Mass with a procession to Immaculate Conception's Lourdes Grotto, which has been a place of prayer and hope for generations.

What is the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick?

The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is one of the seven sacraments of the Catholic Church. Like the sacrament of reconciliation (confession), it is a sacrament of healing. Our understanding of this sacrament has changed with time. In the early Church it was seen as a sacrament of healing, but later it came to be known as "Extreme Unction" – literally, "last anointing" – and was not administered until death was imminent. With the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, the Church has returned to the more ancient practice with regard to this sacrament.

Who can receive this sacrament?

Catholics, both children and adults, who are *seriously ill, facing surgery, or experiencing the weakness that comes with old age* should seek this sacrament. Those with serious, chronic mental or physical illness may also receive the anointing of the sick.

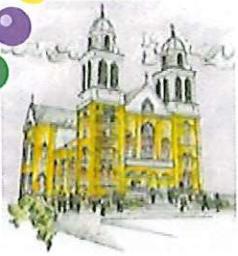
What happens during the Rite of Anointing?

The Rite of Anointing will be celebrated in the context of a special Mass on Saturday, January 31 at 10:30am. After the homily, the Liturgy of Anointing begins. The priest leads a litany in which all pray for the healing and forgiveness of the sick person, as well as for doctors, nurses, and caregivers. Then, in silence, the priest lays his hands on the head of the sick person, an ancient gesture of prayer that is used in connection with many of the sacraments, especially the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Orders.

After the laying on of hands, each sick person is anointed with the Oil of the Sick (pure olive oil, blessed each year by the Archbishop at the Chrism Mass). The sick person is anointed on the forehead and then on the hands, and simple words accompany the anointing: "Through this holy anointing may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up." A concluding prayer follows, and then the Liturgy of the Eucharist continues as usual.

No RSVP is required.

Information, Corinna Laughlin, clauthlin@stjames-cathedral.org.



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MARDI GRAS

Bring your
Mask, beads,
and fans

Be ready for
a night of
fun!!!



SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY
13TH

February
5:30 pm - 10 pm

JEAN MORAN HALL

Enjoy a delicious Southern dinner, dancing,
raffle, dessert auction and the Sig and Jane
Haugland Money Jar. No host bar.

TICKETS

PRESALE TICKETS - contact Toni or Brenda

Adults - \$30

Youth (15 & Under) - \$15

MORE INFORMATION

Contact: Toni Hall - tonira@comcast.net OR
Brenda Mirasol-Stallings bmstallings@comcast.net
www.icseattle.com/mardi-gras



Join us for the
2026
MARTIN
LUTHER
KING JR.
MASS

***Mass starts at 11am, followed by a talk, "Power that is moral
is essential for justice and equality"***

January 19, 2026
Seattle University, St. Ignatius Chapel

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Sharon Spence-Wilcox



MASS PRESIDER
Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, M.Sp.S.

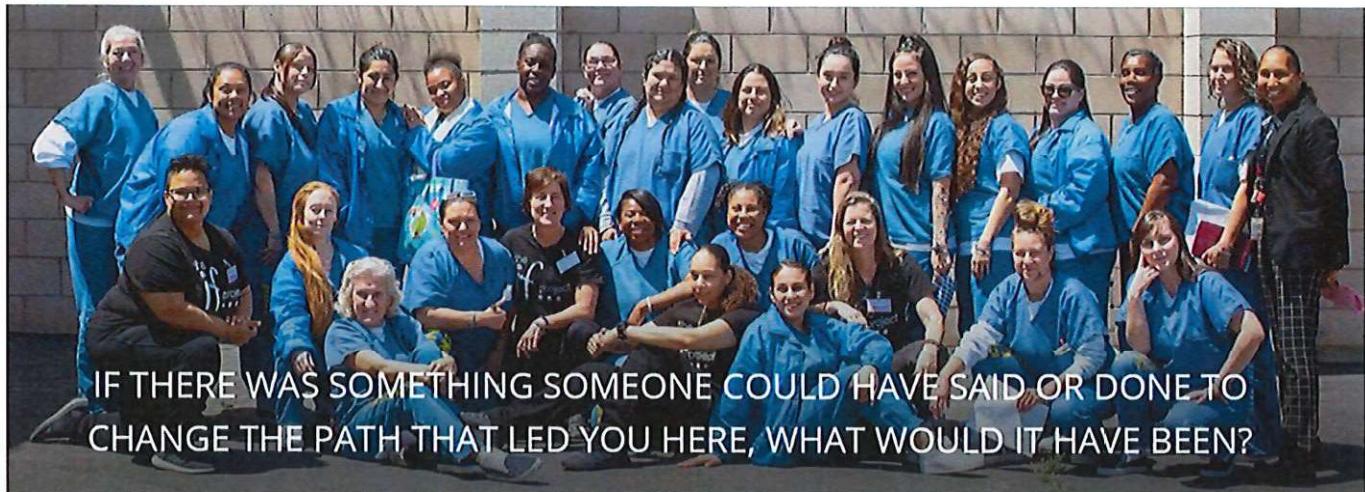


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**Archdiocese
of Seattle**

Local social justice in action: Stopping the cycle of incarceration



*We invite you to experience how the “IF Project,”
started by a Seattle police detective,
dismantles the cycle of incarceration.*

**Thursday, January 22 - 7:00 - 9:30 PM
St Bridget Parish Hall
4900 NE 50th St, Seattle**

We will view a documentary on the IF Project and meet the
IF Project’s founder and current director -
All are welcome! (Recommended for high school age and above.)

Reservations are appreciated for planning purposes:

Use QR code or <https://forms.gle/CoSy5ANWrGMR6Sry9>



Questions? nescc.socialjustice@gmail.com
theifproject.org/

Watch the trailer of the Documentary:
link: <https://vimeo.com/162596857>

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A CATHOLIC MATCHMAKING EVENT

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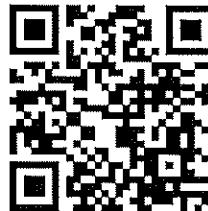
ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL - CATHEDRAL HALL



SATURDAY FEBRUARY 14

6:30-8:30PM

scan the QR
code to rsvp:



for questions about the event,
please contact Maxine at
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