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The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, September 20, 2026



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CELEBRATIONS of the SACRAMENTS

MASS

Sundays 8:00am - 10:00am - 12 Noon - 5:30pm

Weekdays 8:00am (M, T, W, Th, F, S) & 12:10pm (M, F)

Saturdays 8:00am & "Vigil" 5:30pm

VESPERS and BENEDICTION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT Sundays at 4:00pm

CONFESSIONS/SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION Saturdays, 8:30am-9:30am (following 8:00am Mass) and by appointment

BAPTISM Communal celebrations are held monthly. A preparation program for parents and godparents is required. Contact Maria Laughlin for information, mlaughlin@stjames-cathedral.org.

MARRIAGE Registered parishioners may begin the scheduling process up to 14 months in advance. Contact Margaret Lynch, Wedding Office, 206-382-4854.

ANointing of the SICK In case of serious illness, impending surgery, or advanced age, please call the parish office. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick should not be delayed until the person is unconscious or in imminent danger of death.

FUNERALS for parishioners, Yanti Kapoyos, 206-382-4288

TRIBUNAL ADVOCATES The parish has several advocates ready to assist with marriage cases (commonly called 'annulments'). Information, Maria Laughlin, 206-382-4284

CATHEDRAL BOOKSTORE Open weekdays 11-3 and after weekend Masses

CATHEDRAL COLUMBARIUM Maria Laughlin, 206-382-4284

CATHEDRAL KITCHEN serves dinner Monday to Friday, 4pm-4:45pm, and breakfast on Sundays, 7am-8am. All are welcome.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

After-hours Emergency answering service for parishioners: 206-467-3049

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MASS SCHEDULE

11:00 AM Sunday (10:30 AM Rosary)

12:10 PM Wednesday

8:00 AM Sunday - Eritrean Community

CHURCH HOURS

Monday to Friday, 9:00am - 3:00pm, First Saturdays 9:00am-1:00pm

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday, 9:00am - 3:00pm

By appointment, 206-322-5970, office@icseattle.org

STAFF

Helen Oesterle, Pastoral Associate, 206-322-5970 ext. 602

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COUNCILS

Pastoral Council, Maria Batayola (Chair)

Finance Council, Jane Powers (Chair)

CONFESSION Please contact the Parish Office, 206-322-5970

BAPTISM Celebrations take place at our Sunday Masses. A preparation program for parents/guardians and godparents is required. Information, Helen Oesterle, 206-322-5970.

WEDDINGS and FUNERALS Helen Oesterle, 206-322-5970, ext 602.

PASTORAL CARE

If you would like to request a home blessing, a communion visit, or the Anointing of the Sick, please contact Father Sylvester Chanda, schanda@stjames-cathedral.org

CHRIST OUR HOPE, 1902 2nd Avenue

https://christourhopeseattle.org

MASS SCHEDULE

9:00am Sunday

5:00pm Sunday (Español)

12:10pm Tuesday, Thursday

7:00am Wednesday (Mass or Liturgy of the Hours)

CHURCH HOURS

Daily 6:30am - 8:00pm

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday 9:00am - 5:00pm

By appointment (206) 448-8826

STAFF

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Father Paul Magnano, Parish Priest

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Liturgy Commission, Chuck Middendorf (Chair)

Outreach Commission, Jim Sweeney (Chair)

Pastoral Council, Daniel Fry (Chair)

CONFESSIONS/SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION

Tuesday, Thursday 11:45am; Wednesday 7:30am

BAPTISM

Celebrated quarterly at Sunday Masses

ANointing of the SICK

Celebrated quarterly at Mass

WEDDINGS and FUNERALS Contact the Parish office, (206) 448-8826 or mail@christourhopeseattle.org

PASTORAL CARE

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From the Pastor's Desk | September 20, 2026

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL | IMMACULATE CONCEPTION | CHRIST OUR HOPE

Dear Friends,
This week we are taking another step in our discernment process of becoming one parish. If you recall, during Lent this year we held community conversations around who God is calling us to become. We discussed our current reality in our three parishes, and we were asked to reflect on what new groups of people we are being called to serve, and to dream about what our new parish will look like five years from now. You gave rich and thoughtful input in those sessions.

From that input, our Parish Family Vision Council has developed a draft of a Vision Statement for our new parish and several high level initiatives that flow from that vision. The Council tried to capture the main themes that we heard from the input we received. We are sharing the draft Vision Statement and the preliminary initiatives to ask if they resonate with you.

We ask you to take a few minutes to complete a survey online (link at the end of this letter), giving us a sense of whether we have accurately captured what you shared with us last spring. Below is the Vision Statement and the preliminary initiatives. It is important to note that the initiatives are purposefully high-level. Once we have feedback from you, we will develop these initiatives (and possibly others) in more detail.

Draft Vision

To be a beacon of beauty and justice in the heart of the city of Seattle, where Christ is found, hospitality is radical, and no one is overlooked.

Draft Initiatives

1. "Enlarge the space of our tent" (Isaiah 54:2). Explore new ways to support and engage marginalized communities: the elderly and homebound; the LGBTQ community; immigrants and refugees; the unhoused. Make room for new voices in our parish leadership, our councils, our ministries.

2. Provide our children, youth, and young adults a place to encounter Christ.
3. Cherish, celebrate, and support our diverse ethnic communities. Honor and foster diverse approaches to worship and prayer. Provide excellent pastoral care to our Spanish language community.
4. Work together to be a powerful force for outreach in our city. Sustain and enhance Sacred Encounters, Prepares, jail ministry, and other ministries of outreach and advocacy.
5. Honor our historic buildings, receiving them as a legacy worth preserving and building upon. Create a long-term plan for addressing deferred maintenance, and maintaining and restoring our church buildings. Conduct a space utilization study to make the most of all spaces on our three campuses in order to build a stronger community.
6. Move forward with faith and hope, fostering a culture of stewardship among our parishioners.
7. Prioritize communication, getting the word out to our neighbors and our city about what we stand for and what we offer as a parish family.

Please take a few moments to complete the survey and share your reaction to the vision and initiatives, and your thoughts. Access it here <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DWTZY5N> or by using the QR code.



Thank you for all the input you gave to get us to this point in our discernment of who God is calling us to become. May the Lord continue to guide us as we further develop our plan to become one parish, and may God continue to bless our one community of faith in three locations!

M. Gary F. Lazzeroni
Father Gary Lazzeroni
Pastor

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY
ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION | CHRIST OUR HOPE

The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 20, 2026

WELCOME, VISITORS! *If you are a visitor to our parish family, we want you to know how welcome you are – whether you have come from another part of the country, from across the world, or simply from another parish here in the Archdiocese. We are glad you have joined us.*

ON THE COVER *Conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ.* Clerestory stained glass window, St. James Cathedral. Charles Connick, artist.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR AT ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL are offered in loving memory of Ryan Matthew Macaraeg-Cueto who is forever in our hearts. Flowers at the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the north transept are offered by Celeste Alexson and Magnus Widlan in loving memory of Lennart and Augusta Axelson.

ST. JAMES SUNDAY HOSPITALITY After the 10:00am Mass, gather in Cathedral Hall for mini Nutella brioche pastries from Macrina Bakery, coffee, and the chance to visit with fellow parishioners.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL THANKS YOU A single young mother of three had been working a steady job after immigrating to our country years ago when she was suddenly laid off. Worried about being able to provide for her young kids, she called the Helpline at 206-767-6449. Thanks to your donations to the SVdP ministry, we were able to help keep them housed and together. This is the third Sunday of the month when we take up the St. Vincent de Paul Collection at St. James. Use the QR code to make a gift online! *Information*, Maxine Martin, 858-527-2037 or maxinemartin411@gmail.com.



YOUNG ADULTS OF ST. JAMES, IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, AND CHRIST OUR HOPE Join us on Sunday, September 20 for 5:30pm Mass at St. James, followed by dinner with Father Sylvester Chanda, who will share how young Catholics can boldly live out their call as disciples of Christ. The dinner and talk will be in the Pastoral Outreach Center, 907 Columbia Street. All young adults are warmly welcomed! *Information or to RSVP*, Blake Steller, 907-244-6683 or bsteller@stjames-cathedral.org.

PARISH REMEMBRANCE *St. James Cathedral has a long tradition of remembering in prayer at Mass and Vespers each parish family in the Archdiocese of Seattle. This week we pray for the parish family of St. Luke in Shoreline and Christ the King in Seattle.*

WELCOME BACK Consider this your invitation to take another look at the Catholic Church. If, for one reason or another you have been away or, if you—or someone you know—is disillusioned, longing for community, or hungry for something more, Welcome Back might be just the right place to safely explore these concerns. St. James Cathedral offers an eight-week “Welcome Back” program for Catholics out of touch with a Church that may have once been their home. It’s a safe place to ask questions, learn about changes in the Church, and begin to experience true community. If you desire, we’ll help you return to the sacraments, and to the full and active practice of Catholic faith. The fall series will begin Tuesday, September 22. Sessions will be held at 7:00pm at St. James Cathedral. *To register, or for more “no strings attached” information*, John Marquez, 206-654-4640 or jmarquez@stjames-cathedral.org.

FALL FOREST THERAPY SESSION Sponsored by the Mental Health and Wellness Ministry, led by Certified Forest Therapy Guide Dan Stroh with the nonprofit group Ancient Earth Outings. Join us at 10am-12pm, Wednesday, September 23 at Kubota Garden or Saturday, October 10 at Seward Park. Join us for a slow-paced, gentle, and healing walk through nature. Everyone is welcome but space is limited. *Registration required*, Anisa Ralls, aralls@stjames-cathedral.org or 206-382-4269.

HEALTH EQUITY FOR ALL SEPTEMBER 24 Health Equity is a human right - zip code and discrimination should NOT determine who gets to be healthy. Join Dr. Dennis Godby to walk from Jimi Hendrix Park/Northwest African-American Museum at 1:30 pm to and conclude at Pier 62 at 4 pm for the finale event for Walk USA for Health Equity. He has been walking across the United States for parts of the last 5 years to shine a light on deep and preventable health inequities. Whether you walk one mile or many, your presence truly matters. *Information*, <https://walkusaforhealthequity.org/>

MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS Pope Leo XIV’s far-ranging encyclical examines AI through the lens of Catholic Social Teaching and the Social Doctrine of the Church, urging the need for an ethical code governing AI, including protecting human dignity, care for our environment, and social justice for all people. On Thursday, September 24, at 7:00pm in St. James Cathedral’s Pastoral Outreach Center (907 Columbia Street), Patrick Barredo will lead a group study to explore what it means to live the Christian life in a time of rapid and far-reaching technological change. Participants will come away able to identify large ideas they hear Pope Leo XIV teaching throughout the encyclical. Magnifica Humanitas is available free online or in the Cathedral Bookstore. Registration is encouraged but not required. *Information*, Joyce Mork-O’Brien, jamobl4@comcast.net.

OUTREACH AND ADVOCACY NEWSLETTER Learn about upcoming events and opportunities as well as stay informed on Catholic social teaching by receiving this monthly newsletter. Subscribe, outreach@stjames-cathedral.org.

PROJECT RACHEL RETREATS: September 25-27, 2026 and men only on October 10-11. If you are suffering from the experience of an abortion, you do not need to walk alone. Project Rachel offers a compassionate and confidential environment for those who suffer the effects of an abortion. Find help and healing after abortion. *Information*, Frances (English) at 206-920-6413 or Alejandra (Español) at 206-450-7814.

SEASON OF CREATION SYNOD AND MASS Saturday, September 26, Synod: 3–5pm in the Pastoral Outreach Center (907 Columbia Street), Mass: 5:30pm in St. James Cathedral Join the Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor Synodal Session, an opportunity to ensure that these cries, in the context of our local ministry and works, are heard. All participants will share how they hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. Afterwards, we will celebrate the Season of Creation at Mass!

FAITH AND JUSTICE – RESPONDING TO THE CALL OF LOVE Sunday, September 27, 2026, 12:15pm-2pm, St. Joseph Parish Center (732-18th Ave E) Inspired by Mother Teresa, Sr. Lucy Kurien is the founder of Maher (“Mother’s Home”), an extraordinary interfaith ministry serving thousands of vulnerable women, children, and men across India. Guided by the simple belief that “Love is my religion,” Sr. Lucy offers a powerful witness to faith in action and justice rooted in compassion. Come hear her inspiring story, enjoy meaningful conversation, and explore how we can deepen our own response to the Call of Love in service to our local communities. This event is free, but please register early as seating is limited. *Registration*, <https://bit.ly/4dwiJyH>

SEATTLE’S ONE DAY OF SERVICE—SHOW UP SEATTLE Christ Our Hope will participate in the citywide day of service on Saturday, September 26 from 9am-1pm. This is an opportunity for us to help clean up and paint up the block around the Josephinum and beyond. Volunteers from the whole parish family are invited to gather at 9am at Christ Our Hope and share coffee and donuts before heading out to refresh the area on 2nd and 3rd between Virginia and Stewart. We will finish around 1pm. This is a great opportunity for our entire parish family to come together on a very worthwhile endeavor. *Information*, Jim Sweeney, jimbutte67@gmail.com or text 206-898-8906.

SIG’S MEALS On the last Tuesday of each month, Sig’s Meals is a community meal named in honor of beloved Immaculate Conception parishioner and donor, Sig Haugland. New volunteers are welcome! Next gathering—September 29, 3:00pm at Immaculate Conception, Jean Moran Hall Kitchen. *Information*, Alex Soto, 206-271-2463.

FIRST SATURDAYS NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH Join us each month from 9:00am to 1:00pm at Immaculate Conception, as we open our church for neighbors and the wider community. Reach out if you would like to volunteer, share ideas, or learn more. *Information*, Lori Chisholm-Cook, lori.chisholm@gmail.com.

JOIN US IN OUR SCHOOL IMMERSION PROGRAM Christ Our Hope invites you to consider volunteering with our school Immersion program. Christ Our Hope has the honor of being located inside a Catholic Housing Services/Catholic Community Services building in Downtown Seattle. This unique setting provides a powerful opportunity for Catholic school students to live out their faith through service with our brothers and sisters in need. The Josephinum is more than just a building; it is a community where the realities of poverty, housing insecurity, and resilience are encountered firsthand. Through the Immersion Program, students are invited into a faith-deepening experience that embodies the Biblical call to love and serve others. Immersions offer the students the chance to step into new experiences, engaging with people who live on the margins. We need adult volunteers to lead small groups of Catholic school students as they participate in activities with the Josephinum residents, such as making lunches or care kits, playing bingo, or doing art projects. After the activities, everyone celebrates Mass together and then shares lunch with the Josephinum residents. Each Immersion is during a school day and runs from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The next immersion will be on October 2. *Information*, Deanna Tighe, 206-448-8826 or dtighe@christourhopeseattle.org.

MORNING MOBILITY is offered one Saturday every month, 11:00am-11:45am, at St. James Pastoral Outreach Center. Through 45 minutes of gentle, guided movements, you’ll improve flexibility, ease joint stiffness and muscle tightness, and learn mobility exercises you can continue practicing at home. No matter your age or fitness level, this class is for you. Next session will be on October 3. *Information or to RSVP*, Blake Steller, 907-244-6683 or blake@stellercoaching.com.

CATHOLIC RAINBOW SCHOOLS FAIR On Sunday, October 4, after the 10:00am and Noon Masses at St. James Cathedral, come learn about the Rainbow Schools, St. Therese, St. Joseph, Holy Family, and St. George. Did you know that all members of our parish family can send their children to these schools at parishioner rates? You can also learn about the Cathedral’s scholarship program.

WHEN A LOVED ONE DIES BY SUICIDE SUPPORT GROUP For anyone who has experienced suicide loss, this 8-week grief support group will encourage you to reflect on how our Catholic faith can facilitate spiritual healing. We will watch the series *When a Loved One Dies by Suicide* together which explores stories of Catholics whose loved ones have died by suicide and explains Church teaching, while providing comfort and support. Co-sponsored by the Seattle Archdiocese Mental Health Ministry. St. James Pastoral Outreach Center, Tuesdays, October 6-November 24, 6:30-8pm. Facilitated by Anisa Ralls. *Registration required*, 206-382-4269 or aralls@stjames-cathedral.org.

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MONTHLY FOOT CARE CLINIC Seattle and King County Public Health are offering free monthly foot clinics and blood pressure checks, on the first Wednesday of every month, 1-4pm. The next clinic is October 7. Held at the St. James Pastoral Outreach Center, 907 Columbia St. No registration required.

MONTHLY ART GROUP Sponsored by the Mental Health and Wellness Ministry, Every 2nd Friday of the month, 10-11:30am at the Pastoral Outreach Center, join us in a supportive group to work on art projects and meet new people! No experience needed and all materials provided. The next session will be October 9. Everyone is welcome. *Registration*, Anisa Ralls, 206-382-4269 or aralls@stjames-cathedral.org.

CHRIST OUR HOPE WILL BE CELEBRATING BAPTISMS OCTOBER 11 in English at the 9:00am Mass and in Spanish at the 5:00pm Mass. Are you interested in finding out more information about celebrating the sacrament for your child? *Information*, Deanna Tighe, dtighe@christourhopeseattle.org.

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS RESOURCE FAIR You are invited to the Mental Health and Wellness Ministry's Annual Resource Fair on Sunday, October 11, 11am to 12pm in Cathedral Hall on the USCCB's designated Mental Health Sunday. Enjoy hospitality, meet representatives from organizations in our community and learn about mental health resources that may benefit you or someone you know! *Information*, Anisa Ralls, 206-382-4269 or aralls@stjames-cathedral.org.

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE FAITH FRIENDS PROGRAM? Part of Children's Faith Formation at St. James Cathedral, Faith Friends gives children with physical, cognitive, and intellectual differences access to parish community and faith formation. Each Faith Friend is paired with a Faith Mentor—a youth who works closely with the child throughout each lesson, allowing them to thrive at their own pace. Interested in learning more or enrolling your child? *Information*, Mary Gerrish at mgerrish@stjames-cathedral.org and Sofia Herrera at spherrera@stjames-cathedral.org.

ACEDIA: THE "NOONDAY DEVIL" The deadly sin of acedia, or sloth, robs Christians of the joy that springs from being loved by God and participating in God's very life. It strikes in the "mid-days" of life: whether afternoon, mid-life, or in the midst of any serious commitments we have made. Come explore its symptoms and remedies. Monday, October 5 at 6:30pm in the Holy Names Room, St. James Pastoral Outreach Center, 907 Columbia Street. Andy Simons, presenter. *Information*, Maria Laughlin, 206-382-4284 or mlaughlin@stjames-cathedral.org.

PRAYER REQUESTS For anyone in need of prayer, the Mental Health and Wellness Ministry responds to special requests and needs that sometimes can only be answered with prayers. Submit prayer requests to mhm@stjames-cathedral.org.

BAPTISM OF YOUNG CHILDREN AT ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL is celebrated monthly at one of the weekend Masses. To prepare, parents and godparents take a class to update their understanding of baptism, to reflect on their responsibility to guide their children in the practice of the faith, and to learn about the many ways our parish supports families. The next baptisms will be celebrated on October 25 and November 22. Is it time to have your young child baptized? *Information*, Maria Laughlin, 206-382-4284 or mlaughlin@stjames-cathedral.org.

REFUGEE FUND'S IMPACT Thanks for the many contributions to Immigrant Assistance over the past year, including to the Refugee Fund. With gifts from individuals and foundations, Immigrant Assistance provided emergency financial assistance to approximately 20 households. Ranging from legal fees to groceries and phone plans, to rent and utility assistance, these small grants bring some relief to immigrant community members navigating many challenges. Some of these families were waiting for a loved one to be released from detention, others were experiencing lengthy delays for their employment authorization documents to be processed, and some families were navigating significant health issues. Immigrant Assistance regularly shares community resources, that might be able to assist with specific needs, in conversations with everyone we are honored to encounter along their journey. We are grateful for your support our immigrant community members. *Questions*, Erica de Klerk, edeklerk@stjames-cathedral.org or 206-382-4511.

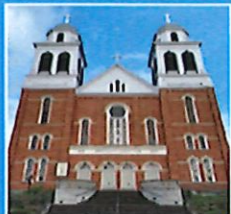
Research Study Invitation

You are invited to participate in a research study that is seeking to understand what factors influence whether people stay or leave the Catholic church. We plan to use surveys to measure things like how closely people follow the precepts of the Catholic Church, their stage of faith development, if they are thinking about leaving, and their religious behaviors. These surveys could show what things are most linked to the decision to leave or stay. Right now, no such surveys exist. This means the Church doesn't have good tools to understand what works or doesn't work. Often, Church leaders rely on guesses or unproven tools, which may not give accurate results.

If you are interested in participating, and you are 18 years or older, scan the QR code below for more information.



Questions? Contact Kyle Mefferd, PhD (principal investigator), KMefferd0304@gmail.com or Sabrina Bierstetel, PhD (principal investigator, Franciscan University of Steubenville) at SBierstetel@franciscan.edu.



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THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading 1: Isaiah 55:6-9

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)

"The Lord is near to all who call upon him."

Reading 2: Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16a

Pray for our Parishioners

For the Eternal repose of the soul of

Antonio Pizano

Healing Prayers for Leala Haden Brown, SNJM

Please contact the parish office at office@icseattle.org to add a parishioner's name or your family's name to our weekly prayer's list.

Upcoming Funerals

Saturday, September 19, 2026

Henry Gamido

9:00 AM—Viewing

10:00 AM—Funeral Service

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

Carolina "Nancy" Duran Koslosky

12:10 PM—Funeral Mass during Wednesday Mass

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Catechesis 101

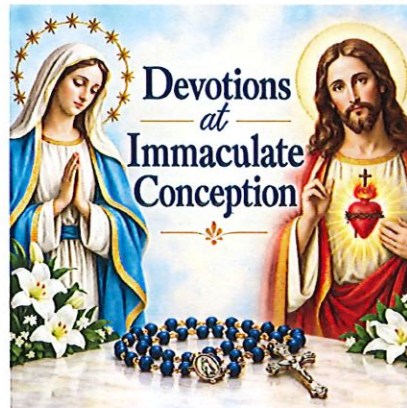
Why baptize Children?

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church paragraph 1250 and 1252

1250 Born with a fallen human nature and tainted by original sin, children also have need of the new birth in Baptism to be freed from the power of darkness and brought into the realm of the freedom of the children of God, to which all men are called. The sheer gratuitousness of the grace of salvation is particularly manifest in infant Baptism. The Church and the parents would deny a child the priceless grace of becoming a child of God were they not to confer Baptism shortly after birth.

1252 The practice of infant Baptism is an immemorial tradition of the Church. There is explicit testimony to this practice from the second century on, and it is quite possible that, from the beginning of the apostolic preaching, when whole "households" received baptism, infants may also have been baptized. (*Acts 16:15, 33; 18:8; 1 Cor 1:16*)

Fr. Chanda



The Life of Our Community

SOMETHING NEW IS HAPPENING AT IMMACULATE! We're refreshing, organizing, and finding new ways to make Immaculate an even more welcoming place—and we'd love for you to be part of it!

There are opportunities to help with:

- Welcome Desk Support
- Music Room Refresh & Organization
- Parish Events & Hospitality
- Organization & Beautification Projects
- Church Painting & Beautification

Whether you have a few hours occasionally or would like to help more regularly, **there's a place for you to get involved!**

Please sign-up using the link or scan the QR code. <https://archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/7986/responses/new>



Questions? Contact Shanita Stewart-Burrell, Volunteer Coordinator, at shanita@icseattle.org.

DO YOU LIKE TO SEW? We are in need of new altar linens for our church and are looking for one or two volunteers that could sew new ones. It would be very helpful if you have a serger to make clean edges. All materials will be provided. Contact Helen Oesterle, hoesterle@icseattle.org

ERITREAN CATHOLIC GEEZ RITE FUNDRAISING DINNER—Saturday, October 24, 2026 at 5:00 PM at Jean Moran Hall. For tickets: Contact Fr Negusse at 206-327-2952

GARFIELD EMERGENCY URBAN SURVIVAL SKILLS FAIR—Saturday, September 26, 2026 at 11:00 AM—2:00 PM, Cherry Street Village, 720 25th Ave.

Stewardship:

Caring for Our Church and Community

07.01.2026-06.30.2027

Year-to-Date Collection

Stewardship of Treasure Report

As of 09.06.2026 - \$22,345.79

As of 09.07.2025 - \$27,405.69

Blessings and Thank you!

BULLETIN POST SUBMISSION

Please scan the QR code to submit any Immaculate Conception Church Seattle bulletin post request, including prayer requests. <https://archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/7703/responses/new>
For questions, please contact the parish office at office@icseattle.org or 206-322-5970.



CHILDREN & FAMILY FAITH FORMATION UPDATE

Last Sunday we had a conversation about how we can enrich our faith formation programs for our children. Based on that conversation, our initial efforts will include:

Mass Bags: Beginning November 1st, bags filled with “quiet” activities for young children that can play with during Mass. Our hope is to also set up a small bookcase with durable children's books that they can also borrow. Donations will be gratefully accepted.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Beginning the 1st Sunday of Advent we will resume the practice of dismissing children (K-3rd grade) during our 11:00 Mass so they can hear the Scripture readings at an age appropriate level along with some activities to learn what they can mean in their life. We will need adult volunteers to assist with this ministry to make this happen.

Youth Confirmation Preparation Program: Youth in 7th & 8th grade are invited to attend sessions before the Sunday morning Mass to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The program will begin this fall.

We are also exploring the possibility of offering Sunday School classes for our children in Pre-K through 5th grade, but it depends on how many children are interested and having enough volunteers to be catechists.

If you are interested in having your children participate and/or to volunteer for any of these opportunities, please contact Helen Oesterle, hoesterle@icseattle.org, 206-322-5970.

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.



REPORTING ABUSE

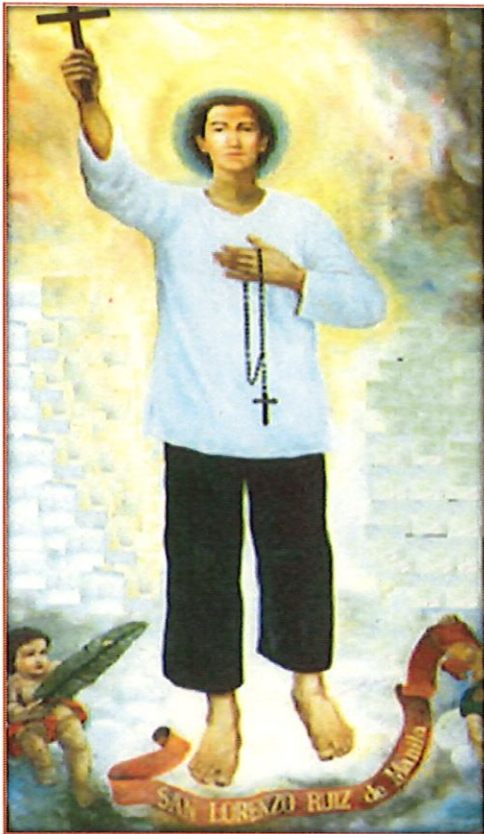
Helpline 800-446-7762 helpline@seattlarch.org protectandheal.seattlarchdiocese.org. Report any suspicion of abuse by any church personnel to the local law enforcement. Call the Helpline if you know of sexual abuse or misconduct by a member of the clergy, an employee, or volunteer of the Archdiocese of 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>

Come and Join the Celebration!
Feast of
San Lorenzo Ruiz

“If I had a thousand lives, I would offer them all to God.”

— *St. Lorenzo Ruiz*



San Lorenzo Ruiz was born between 1600 and 1610 in Binondo, Manila, to a Chinese father and a Filipino mother. Raised in the Catholic faith, he served as an altar boy and sacristan. He was educated by the Dominican Fathers, who admired his excellent penmanship and made him their official scribe.

In 1636, facing a false accusation, Lorenzo left the Philippines with Dominican missionaries and traveled to Japan—where Christianity was forbidden. Upon arrival in Nagasaki, Lorenzo and his companions were arrested for their faith. They endured cruel torture, including water submersion, beatings, and having needles driven under their fingernails. Some recanted, but Lorenzo stood firm.

On **September 27, 1637**, he was martyred by *horca y hoyo*, a method of slow suffocation while being hung upside down. After two days of agony, he died with unwavering faith in God. His ashes were thrown into the sea.

San Lorenzo Ruiz was canonized by **Pope St. John Paul II** in **1987**, becoming the **first Filipino saint and martyr**. His courage and witness remain a powerful example for all of us today.

St. Lorenzo Ruiz, pray for us!

Novena Celebration – Nine (9) days of prayer and devotion

Begins on Saturday, September 19 at 6:00pm on Zoom

Continues through September 28

Zoom Meeting ID: 870 4544 6107 - Passcode: 852488

Feast Day Mass and Celebration

Sunday, September 27, 2026 - 11:00am

Mass followed by a reception in Jean Moran Hall

All are invited.

Immaculate Conception Church

820 – 18th Avenue

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Help us share a little warmth with our neighbors
experiencing homelessness this winter!

WINTER BEANIE DRIVE

Sunday, September 27

6:30pm to 8:30pm

Pastoral Outreach Center | St. James Cathedral

Join us for an evening of crocheting and community as we kick off our Winter Beanie Drive. We'll provide yarn, crochet hooks, a simple beanie pattern, and help for beginners. Experienced crocheters are especially welcome to join us and lend a hand!

Yarn donations are greatly appreciated! We are especially looking for chunky or bulky yarn in darker or neutral colors. Acrylic and wool (or a blend of the two) are preferred.

Whether you make a beanie, donate yarn, or help someone learn to crochet, we invite you to join us in helping our neighbors stay a little warmer this winter.

Contact: To secure your spot or donate yarn, please contact Blake Steller at bsteller@stjames-cathedral.org or (907) 244-6683.

Opportunities for Adult Faith Formation 2026-2027

St. James Cathedral, Immaculate Conception, Christ Our Hope

Thursday September 24	Cathedral Book Club: <i>Magnifica Humanitas</i> Sponsored by the Life, Peace, and Justice Commission	7:00pm Holy Names Room, St. James Cathedral
Monday October 5	Acedia: The Deadly Sin Against Joy Andy Simons, presenter	6:30pm Holy Names Room, St. James Cathedral
Tuesdays beginning November 3	Parables: Stories You Thought You Knew Why did Jesus teach in parables? How can we understand these sometimes confusing and unsettling stories, in their original context and in our world today? Patty Bowman, presenter	6:30pm Holy Names Room
Sunday December 13	An Ignatian Advent Retreat This Sunday afternoon retreat will offer some teaching about Ignatian prayer, followed by an invitation to pray in silence using gospel contemplation, imaginative prayer, and the Ignatian "examen." Rosanne Michaels, presenter	11:30am-3:30pm Holy Names Room, St. James Cathedral <i>Lunch provided</i>
Tuesdays beginning January 12	Genesis: In the beginning... and beyond A six-week exploration of the origins of our faith. Patty Bowman, presenter	6:30pm Holy Names Room, St. James Cathedral
Mondays beginning January 11	The Book of Acts—Part I Dennis Cook and Lori Chisholm-Cook facilitate part one of a 20-week study of the Book of Acts	6:00pm Rectory, Immaculate Conception
Sunday, February 21	Lenten Retreat: Listen to Him An afternoon of guided quiet reflection, prayer, conversation with Scripture and art. How we are listening to God in our Scriptures, everyday events, and through creation? What do we hear? How can we listen more deeply as we walk from Lent to Easter? Patty Repikoff, presenter	11:30am-3:30pm Holy Names Room, St. James Cathedral <i>Lunch provided</i>
Mondays March 8 & 15	"That all shall be saved" 1 Tim. 2.4 hopefully asserts that God desires every person's salvation. Does this mean that God will override our wills to save us? If not, does this mean human wills can ultimately veto God's will? Join us as we dive into the topic of universalism. Andy Simons, presenter	6:30pm Holy Names Room, St. James Cathedral
Thursdays beginning April 8	Our Pilgrim Paths With the help of Sacred Scripture, art, personal pilgrim stories, prayer, and conversation, we will explore pilgrimage themes, movements and insights taken from Scripture and our own life journeys. Patty Repikoff, presenter	6:30pm Holy Names Room, St. James Cathedral
Monday April 19	A look at the Papacy of Pope Leo XIV Noted Vatican correspondent and author Chris White offers insights into the first two years of Pope Leo XIV's papacy	7:00pm Cathedral Hall
Mondays beginning April 26	The Book of Acts—Part II Dennis Cook and Lori Chisholm-Cook facilitate part two of a 20-week study of the Book of Acts	6:00pm Rectory, Immaculate Conception

ANNUAL ROSARY PRAYER RALLY



October 17, 2026
Saturday | 10:00 am

Followed by a Holy Mass
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