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**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION | CHRIST OUR HOPE
ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL**

The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, October 18, 2026



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THE PARISH FAMILY OF ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL, IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, CHRIST OUR HOPE

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John Marquez, OCIA (Becoming Catholic), Adult Confirmation,
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Yanti Kapoyos, Funerals (206-382-4288)

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Patrick Barredo, Director (206-382-4515)

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Alan Frasher, Khai Nguyen, Tan Nguyen, Manuel Echeverry

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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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, 820 18th Avenue

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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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Michaela Credo, Family Choir, mjcredo08@yahoo.com

Sherrell Mitchell, Gospel Choir, rel4christ@gmail.com

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

Deanna Tighe, Pastoral Associate (206) 558-9749

Angela Walker, Office Manager (206) 627-4916

Melanie Cruz, Reception (206) 448-8826

Bill McNamara, Director de Coro Hispano (206) 448-8826

Father Paul Magnano, Parish Priest

COUNCILS

Finance Council, Paula Holmes (Chair)

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

To request a home blessing, communion visit, or the Anointing of the Sick, please contact Fr. Thumbi, frthumbi@christourhopeseattle.org, or the parish office.

From the Pastor's Desk | October 18, 2026

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL | IMMACULATE CONCEPTION | CHRIST OUR HOPE

Dear Friends,

Each October the Church celebrates Respect Life Month. During this month we have an opportunity to reflect on the gift of human life from conception to natural death. We also pray for those whose lives and dignity are threatened in a variety of ways. To respect life is to acknowledge that each of us is made in the image of God and because of that we have a sacred dignity that can never be lost or taken away. That dignity is not granted by the government of any nation. However all governments and nations are charged with the responsibility of protecting that innate dignity.

In our Church's teaching, the beginning of life and the end of life have taken on particular focus, especially in the United States and Western Europe. Protecting pre-born human life and the life of the elderly and the sick have had priority in our country because of the vulnerability of those stages of life. While many of us feel comfortable with the Church speaking out around issues of these stages of human life, some of us become uncomfortable with positions that go beyond the beginning and end of life.

While the Church has acknowledged this tension, Church leaders continue to speak out when the dignity of human life is threatened at any stage—from conception to natural death. Last year Pope Leo XIV weighed into this tension when he responded to a reporter's question, saying, "Someone who says I'm against abortion but is in favor of the death penalty is not really pro-life." He continued, "And someone who says I'm against abortion but I'm in agreement with the inhuman treatment of immigrants in the United States, I don't know if that's pro-life."

The challenge for Catholics is to allow the Church's teaching to shape and form us more than our preferred political party. For this reason the U.S. Bishops have observed that many Catholics feel politically homeless because our values do not fit neatly into either major political party. The painful truth is, however, that many of us allow our politics to shape our beliefs rather than the other way around. When it comes to public policy many Catholics are more loyal to their political party than they are to the teaching of the Church.

Pope Leo challenged this loyalty, naming two issues—one of which fits into one political party's agenda, and the other that fits comfortably into the other party's agenda. It seems to me that this is the gift of Respect Life Month each year. We have an opportunity, at least once per year, to reflect on our own respect for human life and to ask if it is consistent with the teaching of the Church. There are different times in our history when one or more issues come to the forefront and invite our reflection. Recently a new issue has emerged that has brought strong reaction from Church leaders.

On October 8, the Pentagon announced that the firing squad execution of Nidal Hasan, the man convicted of killing 13 people and injuring 32 at Fort Hood, Texas in 2009, would be publicly live-streamed on December 3. Archbishop Paul S. Coakley, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops issued the following statement sharply condemning the decision of the U.S. government:

"It is with shock and great sorrow that I have learned of the Department of War's decision to publicly livestream the execution of Nidal Hasan. Our God is the God of life. In no way can Hassan's actions be condoned but this decision is a barbaric promotion of a culture of death and must be reconsidered. The word of God exhorts us: 'do not repay anyone evil for evil' (Romans 12:17). The public execution even of one who has done grave harm will only further undermine the moral fabric of our nation and be a blight on the conscience of its people. I pray for the intercession of Our Lady of Good Counsel that we as a nation may always choose life even in the most trying times and circumstances."

Let us pray during this Respect Life Month that national leaders will heed Bishop Coakley's call and reverse this decision. Let us also pray for the end of the death penalty as well as legalized abortion. May the Lord continue to lead us to respect the dignity of all human life from conception to natural death.

Peace,


Father Gary Lazzeroni
Pastor

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

The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 18, 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 *In the presence of the angels I will sing your praise; I will worship at your holy temple.*
Christ Our Hope Church, Seattle.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR AT ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL are offered by Lee Van Pevenage in honor of the many volunteers who make St. James Cathedral one of best places to worship!

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

ATTENTION TEENS: COME LEARN TO MAKE PASTA AFTER NOON MASS! All teens ages 13–17 are invited to gather for a hands-on afternoon in the Cathedral Kitchen. After the Noon Mass at St. James Cathedral, Matthew Kelley, Kitchen Supervisor for the Cathedral Kitchen, will teach us how to make homemade pasta from scratch! *Information*, Blake Steller, 907-244-6683 or bsteller@stjames-cathedral.org.

YOUNG ADULT GATHERING TONIGHT On Sunday, October 18, join the young adults for the 5:30pm Mass at St. James Cathedral, followed by dinner with Chris Stroh, Assistant Director of Music and Organist for the Cathedral, for an inspiring conversation about the role of music in liturgy.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY OCTOBER 18, 2026
Mission belongs to the entire Church. Every baptized person is called to share God's love through prayer, generosity, and witness. Inspired by the dedication of missionaries around the world, the Catholic Church continues working together so that the message of Christ may reach every community, especially those most in need. As Pope Leo XIV says, "Our Lord calls us to cooperate as one family with the help of the Holy Spirit to bring everyone everywhere into a communion of faith in Christ."

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 families of St. Therese and St. Joseph in Seattle; and Holy Rosary and Our Lady of Guadalupe in West Seattle.*

ST VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION TODAY

A foster mother for two young boys with severe intellectual disabilities was working fewer hours in order to be their caregiver, and as a result started falling behind on rent. This neighbor called the Helpline at 206-767-6449. Thanks to your donations, we were able to help with a portion of her rent. On this Third Sunday of the Month, will you please consider making a gift to the St. Vincent de Paul Society? *Information*, Maxine Martin, 858-527-2037, maxinemartin411@gmail.com



SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS YOUTH PROCESSION AT THE NOON YOUTH MASS ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11
Children and teens are warmly invited to dress as their favorite saint and take part in the entrance procession, helping us honor the great cloud of witnesses who inspire our faith. Participants are asked to meet in the West Vestibule in their saintly costume by 11:55 a.m. We would love to see our young people bring the saints to life as we begin this joyful celebration! After Mass, join us for hospitality and a warm meal in Cathedral Hall. *Information*, Tami Kowal, tkowal@stjames-cathedral.org or 206-219-5822.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASSES started on September 20, but it's not too late to join! If your child is in the 7th grade or older, was baptized in the Catholic faith, and has celebrated their First Holy Communion, they are now eligible to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. James Cathedral. Classes meet most Sundays from 11:00am–11:45am. *Information*, Tami Kowal, tkowal@stjames-cathedral.org or 206-219-5822.

CHILDREN'S FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Did you know that children can prepare for these sacraments at St. James Cathedral through a two-year process beginning in first grade? Our Sunday Children's Faith Formation Program offers Sacramental Preparation 1 for first graders, followed by Sacramental Preparation 2 for second graders, when the sacraments are celebrated. It's not too late to register your first grader. *Information*, Tami Kowal, tkowal@stjames-cathedral.org.

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS MINISTRY MOVIE GROUP Join the Mental Health and Wellness Ministry on Friday, October 30, 10am–1pm, to watch the movie *Cabrini* together. Popcorn and refreshments will be served. Feel free to bring a sack lunch. All are welcome! Pastoral Outreach Center, 907 Columbia St. *Information*, Anisa Ralls, 206-382-4269 or aralls@stjames-cathedral.org.

REMEMBERING OUR BELOVED DEAD You are invited to write the names of deceased loved ones in the Book of Remembrance which has been placed near the Shrine of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This book will be carried in procession at the Cathedral's solemn Mass of All Souls on Monday, November 2 at 7:00pm.

Sacred Steps

REST IN PEACE Please pray for the repose of the souls of *Rosalina Espiritu, James Van Olst and James McAuliffe.*

MASS FOR THE DECEASED HOMELESS Gather at St. James Cathedral on Thursday, November 5 at 6:00pm for Mass in memory of the homeless men, women, and children who died in shelters, hospitals, on the streets or by violence in our community this past year. Honor their memory, to celebrate their lives, and pray for them. Father Gary F. Lazzeroni will preside. All are welcome to bring an offering of winter hats, gloves, scarves, or coats to be distributed to those in need. Afterwards, join a soup supper in the Pastoral Outreach Center. You are also invited to pray a novena from November 6 to 14, for our unhoused sisters and brothers, and to learn about issues intertwined with the housing crisis in Seattle and King County. Prayers will be emailed daily to participants. *Novena Registration*, Patrick Barredo, pbarredo@stjames-cathedral.org.

PARISH FAMILY OUTREACH DAY Saturday, November 7, 9am-10:30am, Christ Our Hope Church. Members of our parish family are invited to gather to share the work of our outreach ministries that serve the marginalized and vulnerable. This time is for current volunteers and for anyone who wants to learn how they can get involved. *Information*, Patrick Barredo, pbarredo@stjames-cathedral.org.

UNDERSTANDING ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA is an educational presentation from the Alzheimer's Association. Learn about the impact of Alzheimer's, the difference between Alzheimer's and Dementia, disease stages, risk factors, current research and treatments, and available resources. Sunday, November 15, 9:00-10:00am, Pastoral Outreach Center, 907 Columbia St. *Registration*, Anisa Ralls, aralls@stjames-cathedral.org or 206-382-4269.

ROSARY PRAYER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Christ Our Hope is seeking additional volunteers to help lead the Rosary at 8:30am every Sunday (before our 9:00am Mass). We currently have four dedicated leaders and would appreciate a few more volunteers so that we can rotate responsibilities and provide coverage when needed. Training will be provided. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and support. *Information*, Mai, 253-653-8809 or phuong.mai508689@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEER FOR CHRIST OUR HOPE'S IMMERSION PROGRAM WITH LOCAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS The immersion program is a highlight of Christ Our Hope's outreach. Students from local Catholic schools visit Christ Our Hope and the Josephinum for a day of prayer, service, fellowship, and reflection: groups have the opportunity to encounter justice issues impacting our downtown Seattle community, as well as build genuine relationships with our brothers and sisters in need, through planned activities and a shared meal. Want to learn more or volunteer? *Information*, Deanna Tighe, Pastoral Associate, 206-448-8826 or dtighe@christourhopesattle.org.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE NATURALIZATION PROCESS St. James Immigrant Assistance primarily serves low-income community members with their naturalization applications and the process of becoming a U.S. citizen. Recently, US Immigration

proposed changes significantly affecting accessibility, based solely on income, to those eligible for naturalization. These proposed changes increase the fee for the naturalization applications by 75%, from \$760 to \$1330, and eliminate income-based reduced fees and fee waivers. Currently, US Immigration is reviewing the public comments they have received and will then decide whether to finalize the fee rule as proposed, revise it or not move forward with it. If you, or someone you know, is thinking about becoming a U.S. citizen, now may be a good time to seek legal advice and consider if this is the right time to apply to naturalize. Thanks to your generous support, along with a grant from the City of Seattle and DSHS, we can offer naturalization assistance at no cost for our clients. *Information*, Patrick Suhrbier, psuhrbier@stjames-cathedral.org or Laura Murton, lmurton@stjames-cathedral.org, 206-382-4511.

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL ANNUAL REPORT TO THE PARISH Recently, we published the 2025-2026 parish annual report. The report details not only the financials for the year, the dollars and cents, but also some of the ministries and activities which are made possible through your support. If you missed reading the report, you can find it using the QR code at right. Look for reports from Immaculate Conception and Christ Our Hope in the coming weeks.



NEXT WEEKEND: PREPARES DIAPER DRIVE The St. James Respect Life committee is sponsoring a diaper drive on October 24-25 to support Prepares, a ministry of Catholic Community Services which serves young families.

2026 BCAC CONFERENCE: BLACK CATHOLICS: HISTORICAL PRESENCE AND REPARATORY JUSTICE NOVEMBER 20-21, SEATTLE UNIVERSITY The Black Catholic Advisory Circle (BCAC) presents an opportunity to participate in compassionate conversations regarding historical contributions of Black Catholics and learn about ongoing efforts for reconciliation and healing. Learn more and register using the QR code.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Thanksgiving Day Ministry 2026

Bring Thanksgiving to their door! Help prepare and deliver Thanksgiving dinners for seniors and shut-ins in our community. November 25-26 at Immaculate Conception Church. Volunteers and donors are needed! Your prayers for the success of this ministry are appreciated. *Information*, Ian Hessler, iccthanksgiving@gmail.com.

Volunteer

Scan the code to sign up. Every pair of hands helps.



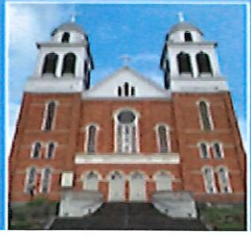
Sign-up sheet also on the back table

Donate

Scan the code to give toward meals. pushpay.com/gicseattle



Select Thanksgiving Dinner in the Fund dropdown



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Through Worship, Community, and Stewardship*

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October 18, 2026

THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME World Mission Sunday

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)

"Give the Lord glory and honor."

Reading 2: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

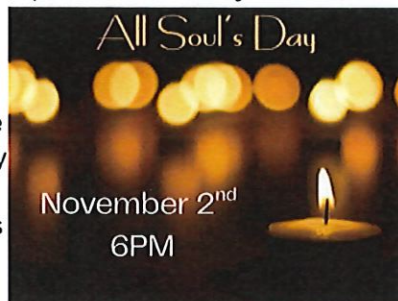
CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF ALL SOULS ON

The parish will offer opportunities for you to remember your loved ones in a special way during our liturgies in November.

First, we will be setting up an "Ofrenda Table" (Spanish word for offering) in the church during the month of November, where you are welcome to place a framed photo of a loved one who has passed away as a symbol of our faith, love, and remembrance. Please bring the picture to the church by Sunday, October 25. Be sure to write your name and phone number on the back of the frame so it can be returned to you after the observance. There will also be a "Book of Remembrance" where you can write the names of your loved ones.

Second, there are special envelopes on the tables in the back of the church where you can request prayers for your loved ones who have passed away. We will then include these names on our Ofrenda Table. Donations are welcome but not required. Just drop the envelope in the offertory collection or at the office.

All these traditions allow us to celebrate the lives of those who have gone before us and to keep their memory alive within our community. We hope you'll join us in this heartfelt expression of prayer, remembrance, and unity with them as part of the communion of saints.



CATECHESIS 101

Mission Sunday.

Called to Evangelize

"Evangelizing is in fact the grace and vocation proper to the Church, her deepest identity. She exists in order to evangelize, that is to say, in order to preach and teach, to be the channel of the gift of grace, to reconcile sinners with God, and to perpetuate Christ's sacrifice in the Mass, which is the memorial of His death and glorious resurrection" (Evangelii Nuntiandi 14).

Preaching Christ is not just for the priest and religious. By virtue of our baptism, each one of us is called to actively participate in the work of evangelization and the best way we can evangelize is through our way of life.

Fr. Chanda

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

For the Eternal repose of the souls of Georgia Yianakulis.

Funeral Mass for Georgia Yianakulis will be Tuesday, October 27, at 1:00 PM at St. Matthew Church, 1240 NE 127th St. Seattle. Reception follows in the parish Hall.

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.

Healing Prayers for Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary

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

THE LIFE OF OUR COMMUNITY

AN UPDATE FROM HELEN OESTERLE, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

It has been about two months since I have the privilege of joining the staff here at Immaculate Conception. I am enjoying meeting people and getting to know not only the workings of this community but its spirit. I feel very blessed to be here. Many of you have asked me what my job is. When Fr. Gary presented this opportunity to me, there weren't very many specifics but he did ask me to provide more support to the Parish Staff (which is amazing!), partner with Fr. Chanda and him in providing more pastoral support and presence to the many ministries and programs here, explore ways to expand opportunities for our children and families to grow in their faith, and collaborate with the other communities in our Parish Family as we move forward in the Partners in the Gospel. Needless to say, my role here will continue to evolve, under the guidance of the Spirit, as I get to know you better, gather in prayer with you, take time to listen and learn from you, and be an active participant in the various ministries and programs that happen here. I do only work half-time since I recently retired from 45 years of full-time ministry, but I promise you I will give 100% when I am here. Please feel free to contact me anytime if you have any questions or concerns, or just want to have a conversation. I generally am in the office Mondays, Wednesday, alternating every other Sunday with every other Thursday, and on special occasions.

Lū'au UPDATE: Mahalo Nui Loa! Our 49th Annual Lū'au was a beautiful success, raising an incredible \$23,597.67 to support our church and ministries.

Our deepest gratitude to our exceptional volunteers, community businesses and donors who poured their hearts into this event. Your unwavering dedication and spirit of aloha truly strengthen our parish family and keep our legacy alive.

ERITREAN CATHOLIC GEEZ RITE FUNDRAISING DINNER—

Saturday, October 24, 2026 at 5:00 PM at Jean Moran Hall. For tickets: Contact church office at 206-322-5970. Check payable to: Eritrean Catholic Association of Puget Sound.

STEWARDSHIP:

Caring for Our Church and Community

07.01.2026-06.30.2027

Year-to-Date Collection

Stewardship of Treasure Report

As of 10.04.2026 - \$31,622.29

As of 10.05.2025 - \$35,969.94

Blessings and thank you!

BULLETIN POST SUBMISSION

For the 10/18 and 10/25 bulletins, due on Fri., 10/9.

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

Recently, 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.



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>



Annual Report

Immaculate Conception Parish, July 2025-June 2026

DEAR FRIENDS,
Each year at this time, we publish a report on the financial condition of the parish. As you reflect on how you will support Immaculate Conception Parish in 2027, we want to be accountable to you about how your donations are spent. The report details not only the dollars and cents, but also some of the ministries and activities which are made possible through your support.

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, total parish income was \$917,893.

- Sunday and holy day collections (27%)
- Gifts, program revenue (3%)
- Fundraisers (5%)
- Business income (65%)

Total expenses for the year were \$765,296.

- Salaries, benefits and other personnel-related expenses (24%)
- Fundraising and program expenses (27%)
- Lease expenses (17%)
- Operations and maintenance (13%)
- Contracted services (11%)
- Parish assessment by the Archdiocese (8%)

This left us with a surplus in 2025-2026 of \$152,597.

Looking at the projected budget for 2026-2027, you will see that we anticipate a significantly smaller surplus. This is owing in large part to the decision we made this year to hire security so that we can keep our beautiful church open on weekdays. This was a significant investment, but one that was very important to me, and to our Parish Council and Finance Council.

It is important to note that without the income stream provided by our tenants, especially Seattle Classical Christian School, Ravishing Radish, and FANHS, we would not be able to function as a parish. I will be coming to you this November to encourage reflection on how each of us can support our parish in the coming year.

Immaculate Conception has long been in the practice of saving a portion of our lease income for the long-term preservation of our parish buildings. In the coming year, we'll be investing a portion of our savings in urgent work on the windows of Immaculate Conception School. These are in dire need of safety and energy-efficiency upgrades.

Income and Expense	Projected 2025-2026	Actual 2025-2026	Projected 2026-2027
Collection Revenue	\$260,000	\$251,941	\$259,500
Educational Receipts	500	1,050	1,000
Fundraisers	30,000	42,874	32,500
Gifts	12,000	21,483	13,678
Business Revenue (lease income)	613,044	600,544	648,756
Total Income	\$915,544	\$917,893	\$955,433
Staff Salaries	\$215,130	\$164,337	\$167,853
Benefits	47,782	46,037	36,196
Supplies	30,400	29,276	26,600
Program expense	24,784	25,267	28,888
Operations and Maintenance	122,000	112,353	126,500
Contracted Services	98,160	102,060	180,000
Business	148,009	172,990	255,326
Utilities	39,000	38,690	42,800
Appreciation	11,000	4,679	2,000
Assessments	69,607	69,607	64,021
Total Expense	\$802,872	\$765,296	\$930,185
Surplus (Deficit)	\$112,671	\$152,597	\$25,249

Note that this year we have adapted our accounting to follow a standard format for all parishes in the Archdiocese, so some categories have changed.

I want to take a moment to note that our Immaculate Conception Finance Council, including Toni Hall, Lori Chisholm-Cook, and Jane Powers, meets regularly to monitor the finances of the parish and to advise me on financial matters. I am deeply grateful to them for the way they share their time and expertise.

This past year saw some significant staff changes. One of the highlights was hiring Shanita Stewart-Burrell. She coordinates our volunteer ministries, offering support and resources as needed. She also oversees the efforts of our whole parish family to ensure that all volunteers who work with youth and vulnerable adults meet Archdiocesan Safe Environment policies.

And in April of this year, Alice Davis retired as our Pastoral Assistant for Administration. We are so grateful for her years of wise and dedicated service to our community.

OUR LIFE AS A PARISH, 2025-2026

We continue to be a small but strong and diverse parish with 497 registered households, comprising 685 individual members. This year, we added 113 new households to our roster. A warm welcome to our new parishioners!

This year, 18 households made Sacrificial Giving pledges to the parish, and 131 made contributions in the course of the year.

Nine children were baptized, and two weddings were celebrated. In addition, Immaculate Conception was privileged to host a Communal Anointing service for our parish family around the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

MINISTRIES AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Immaculate Conception continues to be a lively community, with many opportunities for prayer, social outreach, and faith formation.

Our two major fundraisers each year, the Lu'au in August and Mardi Gras in February, continue to draw on the talents and gifts of dozens of parishioners. Together, these fundraisers netted over \$37,000 to support parish ministries.

PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL

This was our second year as one parish family with St. James Cathedral and Christ Our Hope. In addition to numerous shared activities with our parish family, much work has gone on behind the scenes. Our Family Leadership Team, consisting of staff from all three parishes, and a Parish Family Vision Council, consisting of



committed parishioners from all three parishes, have met regularly to plan and implement the re-envisioning of parish life that is Partners in the Gospel.

In our second year, we have taken time to explore the question "Who is God calling us to become?" Extensive listening sessions were offered during Lent to invite reflection on this question. Many of you took advantage of the opportunity to share your concerns as well as your dreams for our parish family.

The Vision Council studied and prayed with the feedback to create a vision for our parish family as we look to become one canonical parish in 2027. One member of the Vision Council, Fred Verzosa, put it this way: "What gives me hope is the vision we shaped together. If we continue to root our work in that shared call, I believe we will help shape a future that is life-giving."

I am deeply grateful to all of you who have made it a priority to participate in the work of Partners in the Gospel. I find the vision that was developed powerful and moving, and I am confident that the Holy Spirit will be with us as we navigate the months and years ahead.

ALL OF THIS WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS. We want you to know that there has been careful stewardship of the financial resources of the parish. We look forward to accomplishing even more with your support and with the help of God's grace in the coming year.

In Christ,

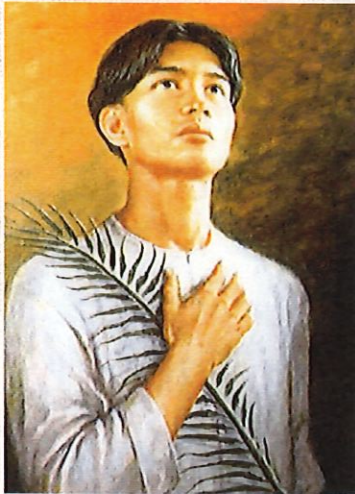
F. Gary F. Lazzeroni
Father Gary F. Lazzeroni

Come and join the celebration at Immaculate Conception Church!

The Feast of
San Pedro Calungsod

Sunday, October 25, 2026 - 11:00am Mass

Followed by a reception in Jean Moran Hall



San Pedro Calungsod was a Filipino teen who gave his life for Christ. At just 13, he joined Spanish missionaries traveling to the Marianas Islands to share the Catholic faith. A devout young man, Pedro loved the Church, received the Sacraments often, and was eager to teach others about Jesus. Through his efforts, many were baptized. But not everyone welcomed the missionaries. Some village leaders, fearing the loss of their influence, opposed them. In 1672, at age 17, Pedro was killed alongside a priest while baptizing a child at the request of the village chief's wife. Pedro was beatified in 2000 by Pope St. John Paul II and canonized on October 21, 2012, by Pope Benedict XVI. That same day, the Shrine of Filipino Saints (San Lorenzo Ruiz and San Pedro Calungsod) was blessed by Bishop Eusebio Elizondo at Immaculate Conception Church in Seattle.

San Pedro Calungsod, pray for us!

Immaculate Conception Church | 820 18th Avenue | Seattle, Washington 98122

2026
KPCLA

Sweet Potato Pie Fundraiser

Join us for the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies' Auxiliary Court 218 Annual Sweet Potato Pie sale!

We are raising funds to upgrade the sound system at Immaculate Conception Parish.

A limited number of homemade sweet potato pies will be available for your Thanksgiving Dinner.

Cost: \$20 each

How to purchase? Buy a ticket from any of the Ladies Auxiliary

When to pickup?

Sunday, November 22, Noon-2:00pm, Jean Moran Hall

Questions?

Call or text 206-769-7127



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





Mass in Honor of **Saint Kateri Tekakwitha**

Saturday, October 31, 2026

11:00am Mass, St. James Cathedral

Archbishop Paul D. Etienne, presider and homilist

In this annual celebration, we gather with members of the Native Catholic community across the Archdiocese to celebrate St. Kateri Tekakwitha, patron of Native Americans and of ecology. Saint Kateri, pray for us. Saint Kateri, walk with us! A reception follows. All are welcome.

ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA, a member of the Mohawk and Algonquin peoples, was born in 1656 in what is now upstate New York. She became Catholic at the age of 19, and dedicated herself whole-heartedly to Christ. She was especially devoted to the Eucharist and to the rosary. After her death at the young age of 24, Kateri was never forgotten by Native Catholics. Known as "the lily of the Mohawks," Kateri was beatified in 1980 and canonized in 2012. The miracle that led to her canonization happened right here in the Archdiocese of Seattle, with the miraculous healing of a local boy, Jake Finkbonner, a descendant of the Lummi Nation.

St. James Cathedral | 804 9th Ave | Seattle 98104

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION'S
3RD ANNUAL
TRUNK OR TREAT

BRING THE FAMILY FOR HALLOWEEN FUN!

Welcoming our parish family:
St. James Cathedral • Christ Our Hope • Immaculate Conception



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2026

NOON–2 P.M. • RAIN OR SHINE

Immaculate Conception Church Parking Lot
820 18th Ave, Seattle, WA 98122

Come in costume and trick-or-treat from car to car!

Enjoy candy and creative trunks outside,
with refreshments inside Jean Moran Hall!

PRIZES FOR BEST DECORATED TRUNK & BEST COSTUME

Judging begins promptly at 12:30 p.m.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Want to help make the fun happen?

Sign up to host a decorated trunk or volunteer!

For trunk hosts: Lot opens at 11:30 a.m.

Questions? Text 206-369-4053



Signup QR code
coming soon

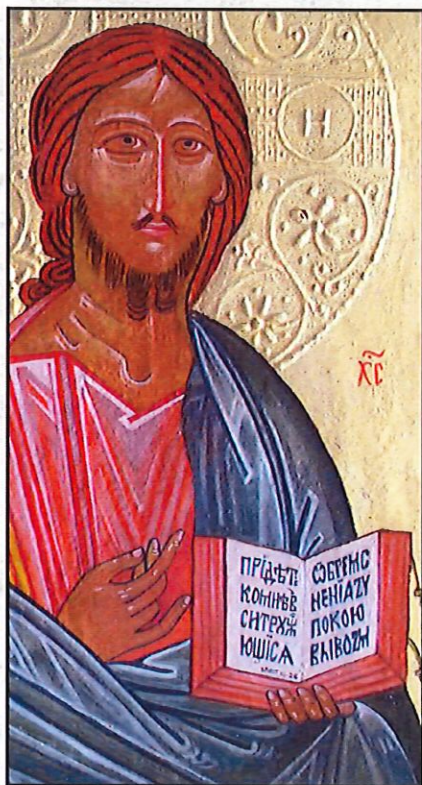


Solemn Mass of All Souls

Monday, November 2 at 7:00pm | St. James Cathedral

We commemorate the Feast of All Souls with a solemn Mass for the Dead featuring Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem* on Monday, November 2 at 7:00pm. All are invited to attend this liturgy (no tickets or reservations are needed) as we pray together for our beloved dead. A freewill offering will be taken during the liturgy.

The Cabrini Garage will be open for free parking from 6:30-9:30pm. Please take a ticket as you enter the garage, and write "St. James Cathedral" on the ticket for validation before exiting. The parking attendant will need to collect your ticket – to help prevent traffic delays, please self-validate your ticket before leaving your parking space.



The Parables

STORIES YOU THOUGHT YOU KNEW

TUESDAYS, NOVEMBER 3, 10, 17, 24

6:30PM | HOLY NAMES ROOM

ST. JAMES PASTORAL OUTREACH CENTER

907 COLUMBIA STREET

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 will lead a four-week study of Jesus' parables.

All are welcome. Registration required.

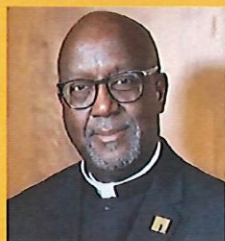
Information and registration, Maria Laughlin,
mlaughlin@stjames-cathedral.org

Join us for the 2026 Annual BCAC Conference



Black Catholics: Historical Presence and Reparatory Justice

November 20–21
Seattle University



Keynote Speaker

Rev. Manuel B. Williams, C.R. CFRE, M.Div., Th.M. Pastor of Resurrection Catholic Church, Montgomery, Alabama and contributing author to *Preaching Racial Justice* (Orbis Books, 2023)

Presenters

Kat Albrandt, Descendant of the Georgetown University 272 and Fr. Scott Santarosa, SJ, Pastor, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, San Diego, CA

Tamika K. Royes, Hons. B.A., M.A. Theology, author of "Why Magnifica Humanitas matters to Black Catholics"

And many others

The Black Catholic Advisory Circle (BCAC) presents an opportunity to participate in compassionate conversations regarding historical contributions of Black Catholics and learn about ongoing efforts for reconciliation and healing.

Program

Friday, November 20, 6pm–8:30pm

Panel Discussion: Pope Leo XIV's "Magnifica Humanitas"

Saturday, November 21, 8am – 4:30pm

Keynote Address and Presentations

5 pm Mass | Most Rev. Bishop Frank R. Schuster, Celebrant

Location

Seattle University
901 12th Ave. Seattle, WA, 98122

Cost

\$50 in advance / \$60 at the door

Students

\$20 in advance / \$30 at the door

Learn more and register here:

<https://archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/8565/responses/new>



Join us

Catholic Youth Convention 2026



***Never
Alone***



High school students are invited to a special day to help them grow in their relationship with Jesus, connect with other Catholic teens and discover how they truly belong.

This year's theme, *Never Alone*, reminds you that you are known, loved and drawn into the heart of Jesus as you are sent forth to live your faith with purpose.

Come for inspiring speakers, live worship music, games, breakout sessions, Adoration and Mass with Bishop Eusebio Elizondo.

November 21
10am – 6pm
Saint Martin's University
Lacey, WA

Scan the QR Code
to learn more.



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