

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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

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Submit bulletin items to bulletin@icseattle.org.

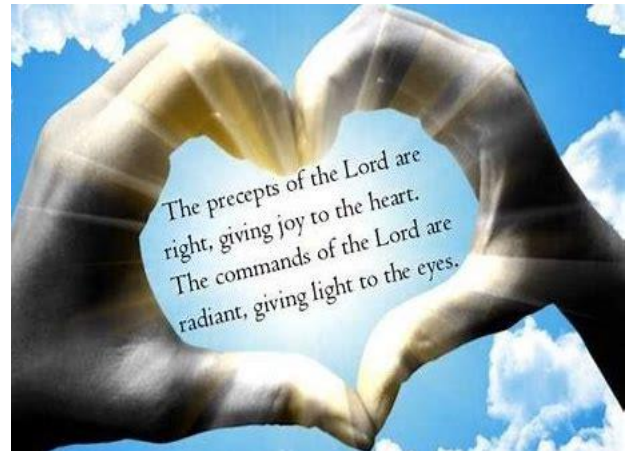
Reporting Abuse

Victim Assistance Help-Line 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>



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1: Numbers 11:25-29

Responsorial Psalm: 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14

**“The precepts of the Lord
give joy to the heart.”**

Reading 2: James 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS

For the passing of beloved Norma Neri and Nicasio
Andres from the Neri Family. Continuing healing prayers
Elizabeth Kister, Lori Chisholm, Carisma Cortedano, Frank
Foy, Sr. Kay Burton, beloved former Immaculate High
School principall, Louie Batayola, Mary Lou Newman, and
Michaela Credo.

Upcoming Events/Notices

9-26 SUN San Lorenzo Ruiz Celebration
Please wear red to honor his martyrdom.

9-26 SUN Diaper Drive at Jean Moran
Hall, before and after 10 am Mass.

Growing Our Faith



Dear friends at Immaculate Conception Parish,

It is a GREAT JOY for me to begin service and leadership here as your new pastor. I'm writing you this note on Sunday afternoon, September

19th, after a truly lovely installation ceremony in our parish church.

The warmth of your welcome and the new friendships that we are beginning with each other have greatly gladdened my heart. THANK YOU for your care, your support, your prayers, and an even deeper THANK YOU to the many kind souls who worked to make the celebration happen, even in spite of surging COVID numbers and very chancy weather. I know that we will accomplish great things together over the coming years.

I also just finished opening a large number of thoughtful gifts and cards from you for this occasion and for my 61st birthday (which was also today). There are far too many of them for me to be able to thank you each individually and in person, but I will bask in the glow of our mutual affection (and the "glow" that will fill me after I try some of the "Salsa Macha" – which was part of one the many gifts I just opened) for a very long time.

Peace and love to you all,
(Fr.) Woody McCallister
New Pastor



On September 19, Fr. Woody pledged to lead and serve Immaculate during his installation by Auxiliary Bishop Elizondo...



...as welcomed by the Pastoral Council and Finance Council...

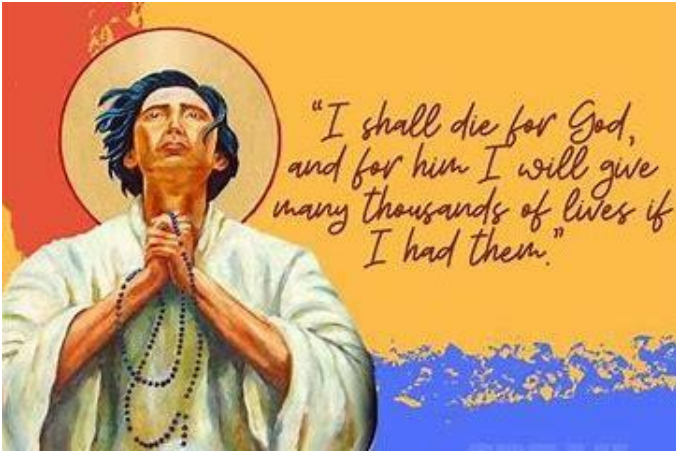


...as witnessed by Immaculate congregation with prayers, love and support...



...as blessed by Auxiliary Bishop Eusebio L. Elizondo.

Getting Inspired by Saints... Our Catholic Role Models



San Lorenzo Ruiz

Early Life

San Lorenzo Ruiz was born in Binondo, Manila, on 28 November 1594, to a Chinese father and a Filipino mother who were both Catholic. His father taught him Chinese while his mother taught him Tagalog.

Lorenzo served as an altar boy at the Binondo Church. After being educated by the Dominican friars for a few years, Lorenzo earned the title of *escribano* (scrivener) because of his skillful penmanship. He became a member of the *Cofradía del Santísimo Rosario* (Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary). He married Rosario, a native, and they had two sons and a daughter.^[3] The Ruiz family led a generally peaceful, religious and content life.

In 1636, whilst working as a clerk for the Binondo Church, Lorenzo was falsely accused of killing a Spaniard. Lorenzo sought asylum on board a ship with three Dominican priests: Antonio Gonzalez, Guillermo Courtet, and Miguel de Aozaraza; a Japanese priest, Vicente Shiwozuka de la Cruz; and a lay leper Lázaro of Kyoto. Lorenzo and his companions sailed for Okinawa on 10 June 1636, with the aid of the Dominican fathers.^{[1][2][4]}

Martyrdom

The Tokugawa Shogunate was persecuting Christians by the time Lorenzo had arrived in Japan. The missionaries were arrested and thrown into prison, and after two years, they were transferred to Nagasaki to face trial by torture. The group endured many and various cruel methods of torture.

On 27 September 1637, Lorenzo and his companions were taken to Nishizaka Hill, where they were tortured

by being hung upside-down over a pit. He died two days later on 29 September 1637, aged 42. This form of torture was known as *tsurush* in Japanese or *horca y hoyá* ("gallows and pit") in Spanish. The method, alleged to have been extremely painful, had the victim bound; one hand was always left free so that the individual may signal their desire to recant, leading to their release. Despite his suffering, Lorenzo refused to renounce Christianity and died from eventual blood loss and suffocation. His body was cremated, with the ashes thrown into the sea.

According to Latin missionary accounts sent back to Manila, Lorenzo declared these words upon his death:

Ego Catholicus sum et animo prompto paratoque pro Deo mortem obibo. Si mille vitas haberem, cunctas ei offerrem.

(I am a Catholic and wholeheartedly do accept death for God; Had I a thousand lives, all these to Him shall I offer.)

Veneration

Cause of beatification and canonization

The *Positio Super Introductione Causae* or the cause of beatification of Lorenzo Ruiz was written by Spanish historian Fidel Villaruel. The central document found to exhibit Ruiz's martyrdom was an eyewitness account by two Japanese ex-priests from the Society of Jesus, rediscovered by Villaruel at the Jesuit Generalate archive in Rome, an unlikely location as Ruiz was of the Dominican order.^[5] Lorenzo was beatified during Pope John Paul II's papal visit to the Philippines in 1981.^{[6][7][8]} It was the first beatification ceremony to be held outside the Vatican in history. Lorenzo was canonized by the same pope in the Vatican City on October 18, 1987, among the 16 Martyrs of Japan, making him the first Filipino saint.^{[1][2][4]}

Miracle

His canonization was supported by a miracle in October 1983, when Cecilia Alegria Policarpio of Calinog, Iloilo, was cured of brain atrophy (hydrocephalus) at the age of two, after her family and supporters prayed to Lorenzo for his intercession. She was diagnosed with the condition shortly after birth and was treated at University of the East Ramon Magsaysay Memorial Medical Center.

Stewardship Caring for Our Church & Each Other

Stewardship of Treasure Report	
9-13 to 9-19	\$43,419.68
Budget	\$42,942.51
Difference	-\$522.83

Thank you for your generosity and God bless.



DIAPER DRIVE SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

Please bring diapers to be given to the moms who frequent Byrd Barr Place Foodbank. On Sunday, Sept. 26, 2021, before or after Sunday Mass, please drop off your donations in Jean Moran Hall. Monetary donation can be donated on-line or use your St Vincent de Paul envelope.

The Life of the Community



From 9-15 to 10-16
Latino/a/x Cultural Heritage in
Washington State

USCCB Action Alerts for Immigration Reform

Congress currently has the opportunity to pass positive immigration reform laws via the budget reconciliation process. Click on these action

alerts for [Senator Patty Murray and Senator Maria Cantwell](#) and your [Representative](#) to urge them to pass legislation that would provide legal status with a path to citizenship for Dreamers, Temporary Protected Status (TPS)/Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) holders, migrant agricultural workers, and other undocumented essential workers. Learn more about the need for positive immigration reform and actions you can take [here](#).

[World Day of Migrants and Refugees](#) is September 26. Check out this [toolkit](#) and visit the links above for more information and resources on how to mark this day and involve your parish.



On-call Job Opening at Immaculate

Immaculate is looking for a paid part-time/On Call person to oversee the opening and closing of the Jean Moran Hall during rented events. The position pays \$20.00/hr with a minimum of 3 hours per event. For additional information, please contact the rectory Office at 206-322-5970 or email: office@icseattle.org.

Host an International Student Kennedy Catholic High School

Please consider hosting an international student from Kennedy Catholic High School. You would be providing an important and valuable experience by offering a true glimpse into an American family's life. If you are interested in learning more about being a host, [read more](#) and fill out this [inquiry form](#). Our housing coordinator will contact you. Send questions or ideas on how to promote the program to Ms. In Vilai at housing@kennedyhs.org or 206 972 3291. A generous stipend is provided.

