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ICC: Sunday: 9:00 a.m. SJV: 12 noon
Daily Mass is Tuesday—Friday 8:30 a.m.

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Looking Ahead:

September 22nd 6:00 Baptismal Preparation Class
 October 3rd Blessing of the pets at ICC, 2 p.m.



EMERGENCY COLLECTION FOR HAITI
 Special appeal for Bishops
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 to support the Earthquake
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LAST SUNDAY TO DONATE!

DONATE NOW

Funds will be used in response to the earthquake and Tropical Storm Grace calamities in Haiti and any other disasters that occur and will be distributed where they are needed most. We will take up a second collection on September 11/12th or go to <https://donate.seattlearch/haitispecialcollection>.



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BEING CATHOLIC: LEARNING OR RENEWING

If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please contact the office (360) 435-8565). Classes begin on Thursday, October 7th at 7 p.m. in the large classroom.



Due to the holiday, our September 4/5th stewardship report will be published next bulletin.



Dear Parishioners of ICC and SJV,

As you might have heard me mention a couple of weeks ago, we are working to acquire a proper crucifix for Immaculate Conception Church. This is all part of a larger church “beautification” project for ICC that was started by my predecessor. Fr. Ramon had a wonderful vision for making our church space a beautiful place for God and for all of us who come to worship Him. Because Fr. Ramon was unable to complete his vision before he transitioned, I intend to honor his wishes by completing this project, hopefully by the start of 2022. The plan for Immaculate Conception Church is to:



1. Paint the church interior a warm, inviting color.
2. Move the “Risen Jesus” statue to the vestibule to still be a welcoming presence.
3. Acquire and suspend a new crucifix from the ceiling just in front of the altar.
4. Install a new, generously donated, “Last Supper” icon directly behind the altar.
5. Acquire and install a new speaker system to provide quality sound for our liturgies.

If you would like to financially support this plan, (which would be greatly appreciated), donations can be made at the parish office; just say that your donation is for the “church beautification” project. Thank you in advance for your support, and I hope that you will find our renovated church interior a sacred, prayerful place to pray and worship God. I wish you all many blessings in our Lord Jesus.

Fr. Tyler Johnson Fr. Tyler Johnson

Observances for the week of Sep. 12, 2021

- Sunday:** 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents’ Day
- Monday:** St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Tuesday:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Wed:** Our Lady of Sorrows
- Thursday:** Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
- Friday:** St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Saturday:** BVM
- Next Sun.:** 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

FAITH FORMATION

September 12 10:15 a.m. Fall Faith Formation begins
October 3 Blessing of Pets — 2 p.m.

SIGN UP FOR FALL FAITH FORMATION!

Please use the sign-up sheets in the back of the church to sign up your children. Call Michel Gallegos (360-435-8565) for more info.

Immaculate Conception Regional School is accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year. Please call the office (360-428-3912 x16) or go to www.ICRSweb.org to apply today.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

The feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross celebrates two historical events: the discovery of the True Cross in 320 by Saint Helena, mother of the Emperor Constantine, and the dedication in 335 of the basilica built on Calvary by Constantine to mark the site of the Crucifixion.

Although the basilica was destroyed by the Persians in 614, the crusaders built the Church of the Holy sepulcher on the same site in 1149.

The feast, more than anything else, is a celebration and commemoration of God's greatest work: his salvific death on the Cross and His Resurrection, through which death was defeated and the doors to Heaven opened.

Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than thirty-eight million people in the United States live in poverty.



This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to the communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd.

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Can You Walk the Walk?

I've met and talked with enough people to feel confident that if you polled 100 fallen-away Catholics about why they didn't want anything to do with the Church, the term "accountability" would pop up in almost all of their answers.

And to be fair, a lack of accountability isn't just a Catholic problem. Talking the talk but not walking the walk has been a shortcoming handed down throughout the ages, across all creeds and nationalities.

Loving our neighbor, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, feeding the poor — it all sounds fantastic, especially when we're the ones saying it. But the doing — well, that's a different story, isn't it? We would do well to remember that Christ calls one of his best friends "Satan" when Peter tries to convince Jesus to stray from his destiny.

Have you ever been called Satan by one of your good buddies? I'll bet it's not a great feeling. But think about what Peter was doing. He had just said, "You are the Christ." And now, mere moments later, he's saying: "Don't say these things. Don't say you're going to suffer. Don't say you'll be killed."

He was telling Christ to squander what the Lord had given him. He was telling him that having faith was fine, but being faithful? It's just a little too hard. God has a destiny for you, too, and He's asking you to be open to it. Maybe it's not in your comfort zone. Maybe you don't think you can do it.

Lord, give us faith — but help us, also, to do the work.— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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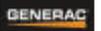
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