

WHO IS GOD CALLING US TO BECOME?

ONE PARISH FAMILY:
ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL, IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, CHRIST OUR HOPE

In preparation for reflecting on and sharing about this question, each of us is invited to take a step back to look at our “current reality.” This report is provided to help you prepare to participate in listening sessions in the coming weeks. As you read, reflect on these questions: What troubles, surprises, or encourages you in these pages? What new groups of people are we being called to reach out to? Who have we not been serving? What ministries or programs do we need to enhance (or begin) in order to become who God is calling us to be?

GIFTS AND CHALLENGES

In the first year of Partners in the Gospel (2024-2025), each parish conducted listening sessions reflecting on the question of “Who are we?” and identifying strengths and weaknesses.

Parishioners in all three parishes highlighted these shared strengths:

- Diversity and inclusion
- An atmosphere of welcoming and acceptance
- Commitment to social justice
- Prayerful liturgies
- Engagement of parishioners in ministry

Weaknesses (places to grow):

- Need more opportunities for youth and young adults
- Geographic dispersion of parishioners in all three parishes makes it difficult to engage people between Sundays
- Shortage of parking in downtown Seattle

MINISTRIES SNAPSHOT

Across our parish family, many ministries help us fulfill our mission of prayer, faith formation, and service in the heart of our city. This overview captures a few of the ministries all our parishes share as well as those unique to individual communities.

ALL THREE PARISHES

Finance Council
Sunday hospitality/fellowship
Liturgical Ministries
St. Vincent de Paul Society
Outreach Commission
Christian Initiation for Adults

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Pastoral Council
Liturgical Commission
Faith Formation Commission
Outreach Commission
Knights and Ladies of St. Peter Claver
Legion of Mary

Saint Pedro Calungsod Guild
 Annual Mardi Gras Festival
 Annual Lu'au
 Adult Bible Study

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL

Cathedral Bookstore
 Cathedral Guild
 Cathedral Tours
 Cathedral Choirs
 St. James Youth Music
 Cathedral Kitchen
 Cathedral Kitchen Garden
 St. James Immigrant Assistance
 Emmaus Companions
 Care for Creation Committee
 Housing Advocacy Committee
 Immersion Program

Operation Nightwatch
 Mental Health and Wellness Ministry
 Grief Support
 Sandwiches for St. Martin de Porres
 Solanus Casey Center
 Evenings for the Engaged
 Welcome Back to Returning Catholics
 Children's Faith Formation
 Pastoral Vision Council

CHRIST OUR HOPE

Pastoral Council
 Liturgical Commission
 Communications Committee
 Parish Life and Vitality Commission
 Sacred Encounters
 Immersion Program

BY THE NUMBERS

Please note: these figures are taken from the 2024-2025 Annual Report.

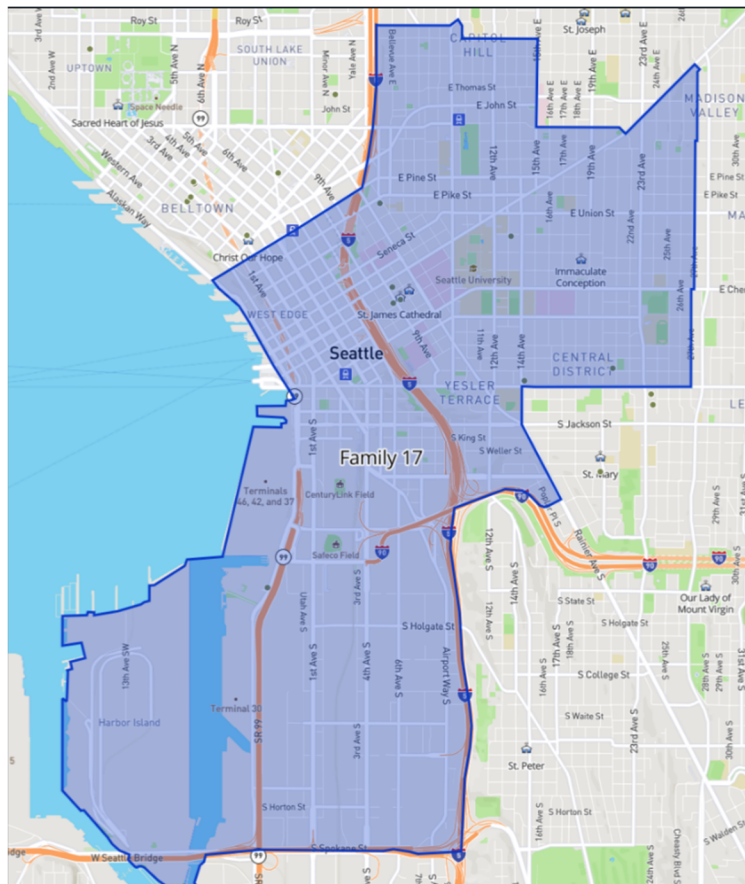
SACRAMENTS	St. James Cathedral	Immaculate Conception	Christ Our Hope
Baptisms	59	5	22
First Communions	39	1	21
Confirmations	26	6	32
Weddings	20	7	6
Funerals	23	9	1

PARISHIONERS	St. James Cathedral	Immaculate Conception	Christ Our Hope
Registered households	2,683	253	342
Weekend attendance	2,056	129	303

FINANCES	St. James Cathedral	Immaculate Conception	Christ Our Hope
Ordinary income	\$3,192,346	\$253,202	\$473,135
Total income	\$8,004,207	\$992,033	\$614,187
Expenses	\$6,564,480	\$746,379	\$610,754
Savings	\$2,956,866	\$258,610	\$925,196
Debt	\$0	\$0	\$0

OUR PARISH BOUNDARIES

The boundaries of St. James Cathedral and Immaculate Conception embrace a large part of downtown Seattle as well as SODO, Capitol Hill, First Hill, and the Central District. While the majority of parishioners of all three of our parishes come from neighborhoods throughout Puget Sound, the boundaries of our parish family can be a helpful way of looking at our “mission field.” This is currently the area for which we have a particular pastoral responsibility. *Note that Christ Our Hope was established by Archbishop Brunett in 2010 as a “personal parish,” with no territorial boundaries.*



OUR PARISH BUILDINGS

In 2023, the Archdiocese of Seattle undertook a safety and maintenance inspection of all Church properties, and provided a report detailing the condition of each building. The report is intended to help parish families strategize necessary maintenance in the years ahead. No cost or time value has been assigned to suggested repairs.

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	Building	Condition	Comments
St. James Cathedral	Cathedral, 1907	Repairs needed	Outdated systems (electrical, galvanized pipe, unsafe mechanical room), unreinforced masonry, uncontrolled stormwater
	Rectory, 1907	Repairs needed	Galvanized pipe, asbestos, old electrical, old systems, single pane windows, roof approaching end of life
	Pastoral Outreach Center, 1962	Good condition	Completely renovated in 2005
	Cathedral Place, 1912	Repairs needed	Roof is approaching end of life, old systems, inefficient heating, uncontrolled stormwater, unsafe emergency egress, plumbing issues, single pane windows
Immaculate Conception	Church, 1904	Significant repairs needed	Failing stairs, structural cracks in concrete, end of life systems, some windows are falling out (major safety concern)
	Rectory, 1910	Significant repairs needed	Old building, systems at end of life
	School, 1912	Significant repairs needed	Old building, systems at end of life
Christ Our Hope	Church, 2010 (lease from Josephinum)	Good condition	As leased property, the church does not operate the building, nor is it responsible for the upkeep of the stories above. The church portion of the building is well cared for and in good repair