

POPE ST. JOHN XXIII PARISH FAMILY

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SCHEDULES

Pope St. John XXIII - Viet Mass:

Sunday | 7:45am & 4:00pm
Tuesday & Thursday | 7:00pm
First Friday | 7:00pm

Vietnamese Reconciliation

Sunday | 3:00pm

English Mass:

Saturday | 4:30pm
Sunday | 9:45am
Monday to Friday | 8:00am

Reconciliation:

Saturday | 3:30pm
Adoration - Thursdays:
9:00am-10:00am and 4:00-6:00pm

Visitation Church

3314 S 58th Street
Tacoma, WA 98409
Phone (253) 472-1360

Mass Schedule:

Thurs - 9:00 a.m Sat - 9:00 a.m.
Sunday - 9:30 a.m.
Rosary Mon – Fri: 8:20AM

St. John of the Woods Mission

9903 24th Ave. East Tacoma, WA 98445
Phone – (253) 537-8551
Fax-(253) 537-0459
Email: sjowmission@psj23.org

Mass Schedule:

Saturday | 6:00pm
Sunday | 8:00am & 11:30am
Wed. & Friday | 9:30am

Reconciliation:

Saturday | 5:00pm
Rosary: Sat 5:30pm & Sun 7:30am
Adoration: Mon 7pm & Wed 10am

PSJ XXIII STEM Academy

3306 S 58th St, Tacoma, WA 98409
Phone (253) 474-6424
bostwickk@psjstem.org

St. Rita Church

1403 S Ainsworth Ave,
Tacoma, WA. 98405
Prayer: Saturday Prayer 10am

OUR PRIESTS



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PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Parishioners of Pope Saint John XXIII Faith Community,

Welcome to the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time. We reflect today on Faith. When we speak about faith, either we have faith, or we don't. Because when the disciples of Jesus ask him to increase their faith, He responds, to increase their faith to the size of a mustard seed suggests that they did not even have a little faith yet. One of the first steps to increasing faith is to humbly admit our lack of faith. In our pride, we often want to convince ourselves and others that we are filled with faith. But if that were the case, God would be doing incredible things through us. He would be doing that which is otherwise humanly impossible. Faith itself is a gift, let's ask God in prayer for His gift of faith, so that we also would be able to witness the impossible in our own lives.

We have entered the month of October, a month specially dedicated to our Blessed Mother and Rosary. It is important we join together in our houses and churches to pray the rosary during this month with special intentions. Let us unite to pray for world peace and for the immigrants.

We also begin the Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure. Each one of us are responsible for the upkeep of the various facilities and the ministries that we are doing, so that it will be possible for us to continue to serve for many more generations. Therefore, this appeal for Stewardship is your commitment towards this faith community and to God. Each of you are called to respond personally in whatever way you can help take forward the good work that we are doing now in many locations of our parish.

You could be part of the Faith Formation program that enlightens the future generation in their faith. You can be part of the liturgy, which requires the involvement of many as there could be so many who can assist us in being EMs, Lectors, Ushers, Sacristans, Altar servers etc. You could also be volunteers who can assist in maintaining the lawn, parking lot, church grounds and surroundings. You could also take initiatives to organize various events of the faith community. If you are talented and have time, be part of Parish's Pastoral and Financial council members to help the Pastor in planning and decision making. You could also be part of various ministries like in Food bank and outreach to help us reach out to people in need. Above all, your financial support to maintain all our facilities is also very important. I invite all of you to pray and meditate in which area you will be able to assist your faith community, so that, when we begin this appeal, you are ready to respond. Thank you to some who signed up as a volunteer.

At the SJOW campus, Father Hendry and parish leaders continue the cherished tradition of the Blessing of the Animals on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. I also invite everyone to join the Fall Harvest Festival and Bazaar on October 10-11. It promises a joyful environment with food, games, and activities for the whole family, while supporting our parish.

We keep in prayer all families who have lost loved ones. Heartfelt thanks to Lazarus and the Bereavement Team for accompanying these families, and to parishioners who visit and attend funeral Masses, especially supporting single-parent families. May God bless your compassion and prayers.

Finally, we look forward to celebrating our Patron Saint, Pope St. John XXIII, next Sunday at the main campus. Please join us for Mass and the procession at 9:45 AM.

Thank you for your prayers as I am away for my vacation, let us continue to grow in faith and charity. May God bless us all.



Fr. Tuan Nguyen, D. Min
Pastor

PARISH FAMILY NEWS

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Stewardship of Treasure - Week September 15-21



Giving	PSJXXIII	Visitation	SJOW
Sunday Sacrificial Giving	\$6,598	\$1,969	\$3,896.46
Online Sacrificial Giving	\$1,416	\$990.77	\$690.94
Total Sacrificial Giving	\$8,014	\$2,959.77	\$4,587.4
Viet Sunday Breakfast	\$1,408		
Envelopes	182	23	64

Online Giving

The Sunday collection is very important for us to maintain our fiscal responsibilities. So, if you are away on a Sunday, ENJOY; but, remember YOUR church. Set up your gift today or consider an additional gift via our Online Giving at QR Codes below:



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SJOW Sacrificial Giving

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Volunteer Sign Up

Pope Saint John XXIII

Mission Statement: We parishioners of Pope St. John XXIII are a renewed multi-cultural Catholic faith community of South Tacoma united in proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ. We welcome all to come to join us by living our faith as a Eucharist-centered Catholic family in worship and service to all God's people.

LITURGY/ FAITH FORMATION



Pope St. John XXIII Adult Catechism Classes
Every Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:30 at the
Church School

Religious Education Program

For First Communion and Confirmation
classes, last day to register is on Oct. 5th.
So don't wait to the last minutes.

OCIA – Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

We meet every Monday evening from 6:30 PM to
8:30 PM at the PSJXXIII Religious Center.

Vietnamese Class: The 2025 OCIA

Class will begin on Sunday, October 5, 2025, and
will conclude on April 5, 2026.

Class time is from 2:00 to 3:45 PM every Sunday at
Milner Center.

Welcome New Families Register to PSJXXIII



Veronica Titiali
Eli Ghorley



Registration Form

PSJ - Pray for those in In Our Prayer List

Don Brock, Veronica Titiali, Krista Brown, Virginia
Wooten, Marian Bronson, Helene Cordeau, Muriel & Ron
Bate, Cathy Bunker, Olivia Davis, Kathleen Genge, Anita
Griggs, Wayne Haverkorn, Sally Ives, LeeAnn Koch, J. Mam,
Nancy Jones, Jackie Lane, Gloria Montes, Terry Mathern,
Doris McGuire, Wesley McMakin, Helen Murray, Peggy
Neagle, Diane Orris, Shirley Pietz, Bob & Rayanne
Richardson, Rita Shingledecker, Eldon Weber,

Anointing of the sick or need a priest?

Call Sr. Anna 253.592.2455

EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

THE FEAST DAY OF PARISH'S PATRON POPE SAINT JOHN THE TWENTY-THIRD



9:45 am

Sunday, Oct 12th, 2025

Rv. Tuan Nguyen, D. Min,
Pastor



Announcement

A reminder for everyone: please keep the parish
giving envelopes away from children. These
envelopes are costly—we just ordered 5 boxes at a
total of \$1,571 plus shipping. For the little ones, we
provide special Pew Art Envelopes so they have
something of their own to use during Mass. Thank
you for helping us take good care of our parish

resources.



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7025 South Park Avenue
Tacoma, WA 98408

Welcome

- ☐ I have forgotten my envelope
- ☐ I am visiting
- ☐ I don't have envelopes
But would like some
- ☐ I am new and want to register

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ADDRESS _____
PHONE NUMBER _____ \$ _____
AMOUNT _____

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- ☐ This envelope for deposit to
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St. John of the Woods

St. John of the Woods is a rural Catholic community centered in Jesus Christ, growing in faith and sharing the Word of God through the Eucharist and Sacraments. We are a welcoming parish of active, involved people of all ages and cultures, serving families and recognizing the gifts that each person brings.

LITURGY/ FAITH FORMATION

Mass Intentions

As part of the job reorganization, going forward, Carmen will be receiving all requests for Mass intentions from all campuses. Below are the guidelines we'll follow:

- All requests from all campuses go to Parish Secretary: Carmen Lozano (253) 472-1360, ext. 100 | carmen@psj23.org
- The only Masses that cannot be used for a Mass intention are weekend Masses at PSJ and SJOW. Exceptions will be accommodated after being approved by Sr. Theresa.

Faith Formation Program



SJOW: Classes from 9:45 AM – 11:10 AM.

For First Communion and Confirmation classes, last day to register is on Oct. 5th.

Parish Survey – Thank You!

Thank you to all our parishioners who completed the parish survey last weekend at Mass.

Bible Study Class

Tuesday, from 1pm -3pm.
Or Wednesday 6-8:00 PM

Prayers Needed

Lettie Devish, Carol Kalapus, Danny Sneed, Dave, Casey, Debbie DeWitt, Dixie Knoll, Donna Severson, Elizabeth Wells, Glenna Nyegaard, Irmgard Wilcox, Joan Ellis, Joan Halmrast, Jonathan Keen, Keith Browne, Ken Knobbe, Lynn Sneed, Marge Berntsen, Maryann Straling, Ron Knoll, Natalie Vieira, PJ Carpenter, Vanessa Rojas, Patricia Burns.

- Anointing of the sick or need a priest?
Call Sr. Anna 253.592.2455
- **Schedule a prayer request at 253-537-8551**

EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

SJOW animal blessing

Saturday, October 4th at 4:30PM.

Thank you

We would like to express our gratitude to our Administrative Assistant at St. John of the Woods, Alexis Tibbits. Alexis's last day of work for PSJXXIII Parish was September 22. We are grateful for all of the contributions she brought to the PSJ Family, and in particular to St. John of the Woods Mission. We wish Alexis the best in her future endeavors!

Volunteer Needed:

There is a place for you in the life of our parish community. Volunteer form, Link and QR code are available in Bulletin, Website, Facebook, and church's vestibule.



There will be fun, food and vendors

OCT. 10TH +
11TH

10AM -
5PM

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So don't miss out on all the fun, and be ready for some hooting and hollering

Ministry of the Poor

Monday through Friday,
from 9:30 am - 11:30 am



Monetary Donations

October Donation Requests**Food Requests**

- Canned Chicken / Spam
- Canned Stew / Canned Soups w/meat
- Peanut Butter – 16oz /18oz jars
- Canned Fruit / Fruit Pouches
- Tomato Paste 6oz cans / Tomato Sauce
- Cup of Noodles
- Pasta 12oz - 16oz box / Rice 32oz bags
- Hot Cocoa Mix

Additional Requests

- Sweatshirts / Hoodies Sizes M – 3X
- Men's & Women's Socks/Underwear/ long sleeve shirts
- Sleeping Bags / Blankets
- Hand/Foot warmers
- Gloves – Men's L/XL
- Men's Shoes size 10.5 & larger

*** non-perishable / non expired food new / gently used & laundered items no oversized or bulk containers

A big Thank You to all of you that supported the Parish Supply Drive. We received so many wonderful donations and the lower hall is now restored for another year. We could not have done this without you and your generosity!

Saint Rita Church

Upcoming Events - We would LOVE to have more of you join us on Saturday mornings. We are usually done with coffee hour about 11:15 a.m.

- Saturday, October 4, Rosary recited at 9:40 a.m.. Prayer Service at 10 a.m. Coffee hour follows in the hall
- Saturday, October 11, Rosary recited at 9:40 a.m.. Prayer Service at 10 a.m., including Anointing of the Sick, Coffee hour follows in the hall

The proposed fall fundraiser has been postponed until after the winter holidays. As soon as we have a date, I will let you know so you can put it on your calendar.

PLEASE consider donating to our church. With no regular Saturday/Sunday Masses, our contributions are not sufficient to pay our bills each month. PSJXXIII has had to take funds from our savings for St. Rita to make ends meet. We are looking at possible ways to reduce expenses, but most are set expenses. So, we need to increase our contributions YOU can help!.

Upcoming Events

- Sunday, October 12 - 9:45 am - Feast Day Mass for PSJ23, main campus
- Free Dress with an item from the food bank list, Oct. 7
- October 23 - October 24 - Parent-Teacher Conferences

Reminders - We warmly invite all parents, guardians, and family members to join us for the school Mass at Visitation Church every Thursday at 9 am, and to attend Sunday Mass at Pope St. John XXIII Parish.



Pictures:- Fr. Hendry was teaching 4th grade students how to altar serve.

Visitation and St. Rita – In Our Prayers

Jeanette Gatbunton, Trisha Sloan, Cathy Adam, Bob Rooney, Jim SwanRay, Hasselman, Louise Peterson, Richard Baron, Elisabeth Douglas, Milo Ternes, Tony George, Rick Shurbet, Sabina & George Lockhart, Dick Vargo, Elaine Elliott, Lillian Albers, Odkod McMillin, Jennifer Brandt, Emma Millikan, Shirley Keyes, Mick Flynn, Philip Stumpf, John Meier, Joseph Rivera, Bob Woorley, Peter Pagano, Gene Hall, RosAnn Bridges, Petra Polequin, Brenda Gadson, Dean Lucchesi, Frank & Willie Faniel, Jerry Landridge, Jim & Karen Keithley, David Lamb, Tyler Anglin, Vanessa Elmer, Lucy Romo, Benjamin & Linda Holm, Charles, Robin Mazza, Charlie Faniel, Bobby Gatbunton Myrl Greggs, Sharon Turner and her Family. All those suffering in war and strife. Please email srlinh@psj23.org to add or remove names from the lists.



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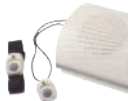
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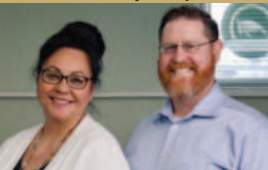
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Horace Gozon Friend, Jr., 91, of Tacoma, WA, passed away on October 1, 2022 from natural causes. He was predeceased by first spouse Aida, Christine & Catherine and is survived by spouse Teresita and children: Sandra, Geraldine, Horace III, Stella, Philip, Therese, Jeffrey, Charles & 13 grandchildren.

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