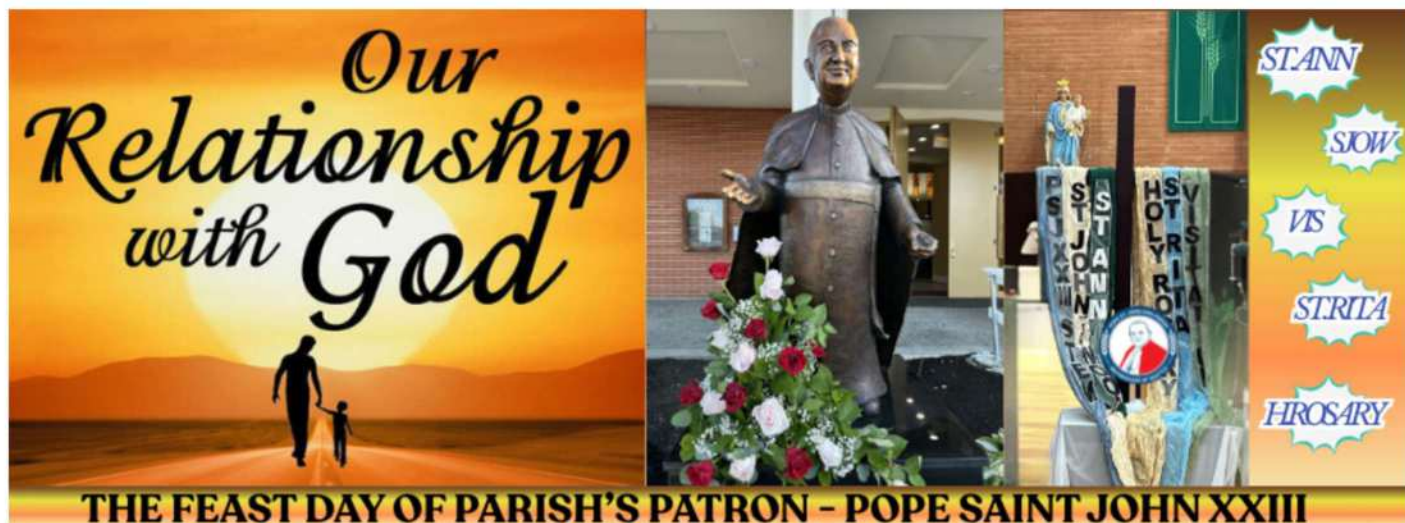


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THE FEAST DAY OF PARISH'S PATRON - POPE SAINT JOHN XXIII

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

SCHEDULES

St. John of the Woods Mission

9903 24th Ave. East Tacoma, WA 98445
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
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St. Rita Church

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

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PASTOR'S LETTER

Happy Feast Day to you

Dear Parishioners of Pope St. John XXIII parish faith community,

Welcome to the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time. We reflect today upon the mercy and grace of God and our response. Naaman the Syrian commander comes to Israel to be healed of his leprosy and upon being healed according to the command of prophet Elisha, Naaman acknowledges the true and living God and vows to offer sacrifices only to Him. In the Gospel also we see 10 lepers plead with Jesus for mercy and only the Samaritan returns to thank Him for the healing.

The lepers represent us all. Their illness was a symbol of all sin and the consequences of sin. They no longer could gather freely with their loved ones as the lepers entered isolation and shame. Analogously, all sins have similar effects. Sin causes pain within our souls as we discover the growing wounds it causes. Sin affects our relationships and our ability to freely relate to those whom we love. The initial cure for sin is simple. We cry out, "Jesus, Master! Have pity on me!" But that is only the first step. By curing the lepers, Jesus was showing us that He had power over our sin. He will forgive us when we seek His mercy. But forgiveness will end in tragedy if it does not lead us to faith and to a following of the will of God with zeal and determination.

Today we celebrate the feast day of our patron Pope St. John XXIII. It has been two years since we moved on with the new parish family patron and name change. We are still the only parish that has progressed this far in the Partners in the Gospel program initiated by the archdiocese. Thanks to all of you in welcoming this change though with lot of sacrifices and challenges. We have been moving along to function as one parish with many locations. Let us thank God and our patron saint in helping us through these hard times.

I also thank Deacon Themen and other liturgy committee members who gathered to plan for this feast day celebrations. It is important we recognize and pray for them in planning meticulously every aspect of these celebrations in order that we are able to witness this spirit filled celebrations and obtain blessings of through the intercession of our Patron Pope St. John XXIII.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the 28 parishioners who took part in the Lector Training on September 26, led by Fr. Hendry. In addition, 60 parishioners attended the Eucharistic Minister Training on September 29, 2025, led by Deacon Mike Teskey.

All participants have been called and commissioned, in the name of Archbishop Etienne, to serve for a three-year term. Each will also receive a certificate in recognition of the successful completion of their training.

We will kick start the Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure for this year from the end of this month; there's still time for everyone to prayerfully consider serving the parish with everything you are capable of. We should be generous enough to repay the Lord for all that He has blessed us with. Once again invite you to be part of the parish's various ministries that help the members from birth to rebirth. Considering your interest and availability with your time, please come forward to help us serve better. If you are restricted by your schedule, do not hesitate to join us in the ministry through your donations.

Thanks to everyone for your prayers, I had a blessed vacation and returned safely. Praying that through the intercession of our patron saint, all the families of our parish communities be blessed. Wish you a blessed week ahead.



Fr. Tuan Nguyen, D. Min
Pastor

PARISH FAMILY NEWS

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Stewardship of Treasure - Week September 22-28



Giving	PSJXXIII	Visitation	SJOW
Sunday Sacrificial Giving	\$6,535	\$2,155	\$3,708.34
Online Sacrificial Giving	\$2,007	\$445.77	\$832.55
Total Sacrificial Giving	\$8,542	\$2,600.77	\$4,540.89
Viet Sunday Breakfast	\$2,017		
Envelopes	182	26	57

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:



PSJ Sacrificial Giving



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St. Rita Sacrificial Giving



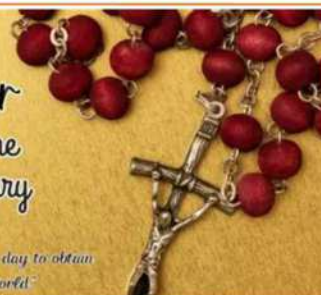
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LITURGY/ FAITH FORMATION



Sunday:

10:30-12:30 Viet language class
12:35-1:40 Viet Religious Education class
1:45-3:30 Viet Eucharistic Youth group
2:00 - 3:45 PM OCIA Viet Class

Monday

6:30 - 8:30 PM OCIA – English Class

Wednesday

6:30- 7:30 PM Religious Education
6:00-8:00 pm - Parish Finance Council and
Pastoral Council Meetings

Saturday

10-12noon: Vovinam activity



New Families
Register to PSJXXIII

Marcos A Perez and Rosaura
Zepeda; Onreiuni Perez, Camila
Perez, Xiomara Perez



Registration Form

Announcements

Please keep the parish giving envelopes away from children. For the little ones, we provide special Pew Art Envelopes so they have something of their own to use during Mass. Thank you.

Do you know this name: Bruce Burglin?

We are trying to contact him regarding transferring his online giving from WeShare to Pushpay. Please contact Sr. Linh.253-905-7269 srlinh@psj23.org Thank you

PSJ - Pray for those in In Our Prayer List

Don Brock, Veronica Titilii, Krista Brown, Virginia Wooten, Marian Bronson, Helene Cordeau, Muriel & Ron Bate, Cathy Bunker, Olivia Davis, Kathleen Genge, 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, 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



- Visitation Church, 9.30am Mass
- St John of the Woods church,
 - Sat 6.00 pm Mass,
 - Sunday 8.00am
 - and 11.30am Mass
- St Rita church
 - Saturday prayer, 10am

Coffee & Donuts

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LITURGY/ FAITH FORMATION

The Feast Day of Parish's Patron

Sunday October 12th at 9:45AM at Main Campus.
Feast Day Mass of Parish's Patron Saint.
All Campuses celebrate the Parish' Feast Day this Sunday.

The commissioning for Ministers

- October 11th at 4:30pm (PSJ)
- October 19th at 8am (SJOW), 9:45am (PSJ) and 11:30am (SJOW)
- October 26th at 9:30am (VIS)



New Parishioners register to SJOW

Randich Carolanne
Raymond A Peter, Leyonet
Schigh Peter, Eumond Peter,
Gabriella Ruben
Rosario Peter, Miah DelaCruz
Ramona Nonata Peter
Lana Lei Manalo
Isa Rose Manalo
Lia Leona Peter
Ashtan Manalo

Mass Intentions

As part of the job reorganization, going forward, Carmen will be receiving all requests for Mass intentions from all campuses. Please contact:

- Parish Secretary: Carmen Lozano (253) 472-1360, ext. 100 | carmen@psj23.org

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

Next Senior Lunch

Join us for lunch and fellowship October 15 at 11:30am. You don't have to be a senior citizen, everyone is welcome. Senior Lunch is held every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Halloween Event:

Please consider providing candy donations for the **Halloween Party** on Sunday Oct. 26th from 1:00 -4:00 PM.

Donations can be dropped off in the box in the vestibule.



Harvest Festival - Thank you

A big thank you to all of the volunteers who make Fall Harvest Bazaar event possible. We appreciate your hard work and donations that make the annual bazaar a success !

✦ Annual Catholic Appeal Update ✦

For St. John of the Woods, our goal is \$33,934, and thanks to your generosity we have already pledged \$30,361. That means we are less than \$3,620 away from completing our Annual Catholic Appeal!

Your gift, no matter the amount, makes a real difference. Together, we can reach this milestone and support the vital ministries of our Church.

🙏 Thank you to all who have already contributed.

If you haven't yet made your pledge, please prayerfully consider joining us today—your participation will help us cross the finish line!

Contact Sister Theresa if you want to join this event:



Ministry of the Poor

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

**October Donation Requests**

Monetary Donations

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

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

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

Announcement:

We have a parishioner who is selling one space in the columbarium at Getsemany Cemetary. If you are interested in purchasing this spot, please contact the Parish Office.

**Visitation Church
Annual Catholic Appeal Update**

GOAL: \$13,440

- Goal: \$13,440
- Total Pledged & Given: \$15,300
- Pledge Balance: \$6,390
- Actual Received: \$8,910

🙏 Thank you for your generosity and continued support in helping us surpass our goal!

**Saint Rita Church**

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

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.

Saturday, October 18, Rosary at 9:40 a.m. and Prayer Service at 10 a.m. Coffee hour follows in the hall

Saturday, October 25, Rosary at 9:40 a.m. and Prayer Service at 10 a.m. Coffee hour follows in the hall.

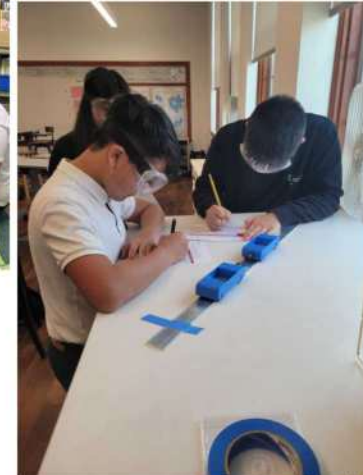
Information

- Seussical Play Performance October 17 & 18
- NO SCHOOL for K-8 on Thursday, Oct. 23 & Friday, Oct. 24 for Parent-Teacher Conferences
- NOON DISMISSAL for K-8, Friday, Oct. 31 for Teacher Collaboration

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.



Attend Mass Thursday

**Time in Library****Think like Engineers and Scientists**

Pictures:- A day at STEM Catholic School

Visitation and St. Rita - In Our Prayers

Paul Silone, 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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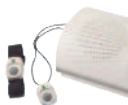
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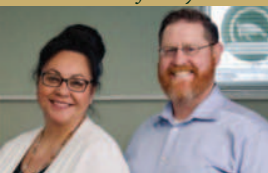
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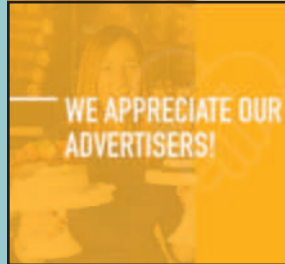
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