

# POPE ST. JOHN XXIII PARISH FAMILY

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**Sunday November 9th**

Feast of the Dedication of the  
Lateran Basilica in Rome

**THE LATERAN BASILICA**  
in Rome

## 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 St. Tacoma, WA 98409  
Phone (253) 472-1360

### Mass Schedule:

Thursday - 9:00 AM  
Saturday: Reconciliation 8 -8:55 AM  
Mass 9:00 AM  
Sunday - 9:30 a.m.  
Rosary Mon – Fri: 8:20AM

### St. John of the Woods Mission

9903 24th Ave. East Tacoma, WA 98445

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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

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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

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

We enter the 32nd week in Ordinary Time. Though it is a Sunday, we still celebrate the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome. Because this is the mother church of the entire Roman Catholic Church. It was given to the Bishop of Rome in the fourth century and remained the pope's primary residence until the building of St. Peter's Basilica, at a time when the Lateran Basilica was falling into ruins. However, the Lateran Basilica to this day remains the most important Church in the world, since it is officially the Cathedral Church of Rome.

As we honor this church, we honor more than a building. The Lateran Basilica is a symbol of the one true Church of Jesus Christ. Its interior is beautiful and awe-inspiring so as to point us to the unimaginable beauty of the Church Herself, which is the Mystical Body of Christ. While celebrating this Feast Day, let us also celebrate our own local churches which are part of the universal church, and celebrate ourselves who are also the temple of the Holy Spirit; appreciating and learning to love and nurture our own bodies.

Last weekend, we heard from six wonderful speakers who shared about the Stewardship Treasure. They generously offered their gifts in service to our parish, and I sincerely thank each of them for accepting the invitation and doing such an excellent job.

A vibrant and thriving parish depends deeply on the prayers, service, and generosity of its members. Each of us plays an important role in the life and mission of the Church. I warmly invite you to continue caring for our parish—by serving in ministry, supporting the church financially, and living your faith each day—so that we may pass on the treasure of our Catholic faith to future generations.

Last week, we also celebrated Children's Masses. My heartfelt thanks to all the leaders who helped the children prepare for their roles as readers, ushers, and singers. It is a beautiful opportunity for our young people to learn the meaning of the Mass and the order of liturgy. Thank you, dear parents, for nurturing the faith of your children and guiding them in their journey with God.

I also take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to all who serve our community so generously. Thank you to our Faith Formation and OCIA teachers, our Food Bank volunteers and donors, our choir members, Eucharistic Ministers, lectors, ushers, and all who help with parish events, maintenance, and outreach. I especially thank the Lazarus Committee, ministry leaders across our campuses, and our Pastoral, Finance, and PFAC members who assist in guiding the parish's mission and decisions. You are the hands and heart of Christ at work in our community.

As we look ahead, all campuses are joyfully preparing for Advent and Christmas. St. John of the Woods is selling raffle tickets to raise funds for the homebound and outreach ministries. Visitation has a Giving Tree to provide gifts for the poor, and both PSJ and SJOW have Giving Trees to support seniors in the homebound and outreach programs. Our STEM school, Vietnamese community, Pre-K, CCD, and Religious Education classes are all busy preparing for their Christmas pageants. Please keep them in your prayers and lend your support—especially when they need help from parents and volunteers.

Over the past few weeks, we've also reflected on God's blessings and our call to generosity. I am deeply grateful to all who have already made a stewardship commitment—your gifts and participation are a living testimony of faith in action. Because of you, our parish continues to offer vibrant liturgies, faith formation for all ages, outreach to those in need, and a welcoming home where many encounter Christ. If you haven't yet made your commitment, there is still time.

Finally, as we journey through the month of November, let us lovingly remember and pray for our departed loved ones. You are invited to offer Masses for their repose; please contact the parish office for available dates. Thank you for your love, your prayers, and your dedication to our parish. May God bless you and your families abundantly this week.



Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Fr. Tuan Nguyen, D. Min, Pastor

# Parish Community

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## Stewardship of Treasure - Week Oct.20-27

Giving	PSJXXIII	Visitation	SJOW
Sunday	\$6,114	\$2,161	\$4,265
Online	\$2,858	\$855	\$1,069
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,972</b>	<b>\$3,016</b>	<b>\$5,334</b>
Viet Breakfast	\$1,220		
Envelopes	174	34	65



## 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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## Devotions, Explained!



It may seem strange to pray for someone who is already dead and who, according to our earthly reckoning of time, has already undergone judgment. But God is not subject to the constrictions of time as we understand them.

Our prayers for the dead are, like our prayers for the living, an expression of charity and the unity that exists between all members of the Body of Christ.

Prayer for the dead is a practice which not only predates Catholicism but predates Jesus Christ, as we see in the Second Book of Maccabees (2 Maccabees 12:42-45).

“By virtue of the ‘communion of saints,’ the Church commends the dead to God’s mercy and offers her prayers, especially the holy sacrifice of the Eucharist, on their behalf,” says the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 1055).

The most common Catholic prayer for the dead is as follows: “Eternal rest grant unto them, Oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.”

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# Parish Community

**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.

## Parish Calendar November 9-15

**Sunday:** 8:45 AM Vietnamese Breakfast;  
Christmas Raffle Sale for the Poor Begins (SJOW);  
9:45 AM Coffee & Donuts (PSJ);  
9:45-11:10 AM Faith Formation(SJOW);  
10:30-12:30 PM Vietnamese Language Class;  
12:35-1:40 PM Vietnamese Religious Education;  
1:45-3:30 PM Viet Eucharistic Youth Group;  
2-3:45 PM OCIA Vietnamese (PSJ).  
**Monday:** 6:30-8:30 PM OCIA English (PSJ).  
**Tuesday:** 1-3 PM Bible Class (SJOW);  
STEM - No School (Veterans Day).  
**Wednesday:**  
11:30 AM-1 PM Senior Luncheon (SJOW);  
6:30-7:30 PM CCD & Religious Education (PSJ);  
6-8 PM Bible Class (SJOW);  
6:30 PM SJOW Liturgy Meeting.  
**Saturday:** 8AM-5 PM Missionaries of Families of  
Christ Retreat(Vis);  
9:40-11:15 AM Prayer Group(St. Rita);  
10-12 Noon Vovinam Activity.

## Thanksgiving Mass

Pope St. John XXIII 11 A.M.  
Tri-Lingual Mass

St. John of the Woods Mission  
9:30AM

**NO Mass**  
**8AM (Eng) or 7PM (Viet)**



Thanksgiving to God

## Advent Reflection with Father Mike McDermott

*Gathered in Faith, United in Prayer*  
Friday, December 12 @ 8:00 AM Mass  
All are invited to join us for a special time of  
Scripture reading, reflection after Mass, worship,  
and fellowship as we prepare our hearts for the  
coming of Christ this Advent season.

## Request Mass Intentions

All campuses, please contact:

- Parish Secretary: Carmen Lozano (253) 472-1360, ext. 101 | carmen@psj23.org

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GOD'S GIFTS TO YOU AND MAKE  
YOUR PLEDGE TODAY.



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## Training for Extraordinary Ministers

Holy Communion for  
the Sick and  
Homebound  
Thursday November  
20th  
6:00 PM at Parish Hall  
(PSJ)  
By Father Hendry

# Parish Community

## Giving Trees

**PSJXXIII and SJOW** invite you to participate in our Giving Tree Project from *November 30 to December 17*.

You'll find a Christmas tree at both parishes decorated with paper ornaments. Each ornament lists a small gift or item that will bring comfort and joy to our seniors. Please take a tag, purchase the item, and return your gift with the tag attached by December 17.

Thank you for your generosity and compassion!

**Visitation**-The Ministry of the Poor will sponsor a Giving Tree at Visitation Church from *November 16 to December 25* to collect items for those in need who use our food and clothing bank.

Take a tag from the tree, purchase the listed item, and return it under the tree with the tag anytime before Christmas.

For questions, contact Mary Ann Harshman at Sunday Mass or 253-318-0953.



## Gratitude Parishioners



Thank you to SJOW Leaders and all the volunteers for making this Halloween event a great success!

## Welcome to Our New Parish Families!

We joyfully welcome the following families to our parish community:

Pham Thi Le Thu, daughters Patricia Thu Dao, and Annette Thu Dao



Thank you for caring for our church grounds with such love and pride



Thank you Diana Doyle and Family for donating these banners

## CHRISTMAS RAFFLE FOR THE POOR

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## SJOW Christmas Raffle for the Poor

### ✦ Win a Piece of History! ✦

Two beautiful woven tapestries depicting "The Last Supper"

— donated by parishioners, originally purchased in Vietnam in the 1940s —

will be raffled as our special Christmas prizes!

♦ Tickets: \$1.00 each

✦ Sales Begin: Sunday, November 9th (after each Mass)

📅 Drawing: December 21st during the Christmas Children's Program

❤️ All proceeds will support our homebound ministry and help the poor this Christmas.

## Visitation - Save the Date!

The Western Washington Catholic Charismatic Renewal (WWCCR) will be hosting a "Life With The Holy Spirit" retreat at Visitation on Jan. 31, 2026. Mark your calendars to attend this special event! Registration will open soon.

## 🎵 SJOW Pre-School Christmas Celebration

Join us for a Live Nativity and Christmas Songs presented by our SJOW Pre-School!

🕒 Time: December 18, at 7:00 PM

📍 Location: St. John of the Woods Hall

# Parish Community

## Ministry of the Poor

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

### November Donation Requests



#### Food Requests

- Canned Chicken / Spam
- Canned Stew / Canned Soups w/meat
- Peanut Butter – 16oz /18oz jars
- Canned Fruit
- Hunts canned Spaghetti Sauce 28 oz cans
- Cup of Noodles
- Rice 32oz bags
- Hot Cocoa Mix
- Macaroni and Cheese

\*\*\* 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

*Monetary Donations*

## Visitation - One Parish Plan Brainstorming Sessions

These sessions are designed to help us understand what is most important to us about our current church life. This will then help us see what can help us keep growing in faith through our new parish family, PSJXXIII.

Brainstorming Questions:

1. How has your experience with the Visitation Community brought you closer to God?
2. What are the gift and/ or strengths at Visitation Community?
3. What is your favorite thing about the Visitation Community?

Nov. 4, 8-8:40 am - Ministry of the Poor Session

Nov. 16, 10:30-11 am: Coffee & Donuts Session

Nov. 17, 7-7:30 pm: Visitation Leadership Committee Session

Nov. 18, 4:30-5pm: School Commission Session

**HELP SHAPE OUR FUTURE  
WITH YOUR PARTICIPATION**

## Saint Rita -Upcoming Events

**Heat Pump Replacement:** PLEASE consider donating to our church. We recently had some vandalization to our heat pumps and are incurring about \$20,000 to repair/replace them. We are looking at possible ways to reduce expenses, but most are set expenses. So, we need to increase our contributions YOU can help!

**Prayer Group:** Saturday, November 15, Rosary at 9:40 a.m. and Prayer Service at 10 a.m. Coffee hour follows in the hall

## STEM Academy School



Pajama  
Day



## Pray for Those in Need

**PSJXXIII:** Norma Vettori, Don Brock, Veronica Titillii, Krista Brown, Virginia Wooten, Marian Bronson, Helene Cordeau, Muriel & Ron Bate, Cathy Bunger, 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,

**VIS and St. Rita** - 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.

**SJOW:** Luis A. Arce Jr. Lettie Devish, Carol Kalapus, Danny Sneed, Dave Casey, Debbie DeWitt, Dixie Knoll, Elizabeth Wells, Glenna Nyegaard, Irmgard Wilcox, Joan Ellis, Joan Halmrast, Jonathan Keen, Ken Knobbe, Lynn Sneed, Marge Berntsen, Maryanne Straling, Ron Knoll, Natalie Vieira, PJ Carpenter, Vanessa Rojas, Patricia Burns.



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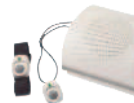
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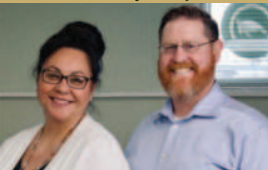
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