

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 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

9903 24th Ave. East Tacoma, WA 98445
Phone – (253) 537-8551
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 and
Sun 11:00 am
Adoration: Mon 7pm & Wed 10am

PSJ XXIII STEM Academy

3306 S 58th St, Tacoma,
WA 98409
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St. Rita Church

1403 S Ainsworth Ave,
Tacoma, WA. 98405
Prayer: Saturday Prayer 10:00 am

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PASTOR'S LETTER

**Dear Parishioners of Pope St. John XXIII Parish Family,
Happy Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe!**

Dear fellow citizens of God's Kingdom, Let's celebrate today, Christ our King. This being the last Sunday of the Church year, we focus on the final and glorious things to come! We are in the last week of November; we still continue to pray for our faithful departed. This solemnity all the more gives us the reason to pray for those who have gone before us. The first reading speaks of David, the great king of Israel who defended the people of God from their enemies. while as the second reading presents before us, "Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead who has delivered the people God from the darkness and death."

Through His resurrection, Jesus has confirmed our beliefs in eternal life, because He has assured in the Gospel reading today a place in the paradise to the repented thief. Moreover, we who have professed our faith in Him and have tried to live out His command of love, would surely have a place in His Kingdom. Having resurrected from death, Jesus is celebrated as the Lord of living and dead, King of all the Universe. Let us encourage one another with this certain hope of the eternal life to come.

As we mark the last Sunday of the liturgical year, we also look ahead to next Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent, which begins a new season of preparation for the Nativity of the Lord. In this spirit of preparation, we invite you to enter more deeply into the Sacrament of Reconciliation throughout Advent. Our regular confession times will remain available, and we will also offer additional Reconciliation opportunities for the students in our CCD programs. These special celebrations will help our children prepare their hearts to welcome Jesus more fully at Christmas.

The parish will also host a retreat for the Vietnamese community from December 10 to December 12 in the evenings, and Father Mike will lead a retreat for the English-speaking community on December 12 following the morning Mass. We warmly welcome everyone to participate in these moments of spiritual renewal.

Our parish is blessed with a multilingual and multicultural community, and we joyfully embrace and celebrate this diversity. As a visible sign of this unity, we will once again host two Simbang Gabi Masses—one at Visitation and one at Pope St. John XXIII. All are invited to join us in these beautiful celebrations of faith and culture.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation, falls on Monday this year. To ensure all parishioners can participate, several Masses will be offered across our parish locations. We encourage everyone to choose a Mass that best fits their schedule and honor Our Lady on this special feast.

As we prepare to enter the holy season of Advent, let us pray for one another, support one another, and invite the Lord to deepen our faith. Please be assured of my prayers for you and your families on this solemn feast. I also invite you to review the CCD break schedule for PSJ and SJOW as we approach the holiday season. Remember, all details of our parish schedule are available in the parish bulletin and on our website. May you have a blessed and grace-filled Thanksgiving.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Fr. Tuan Nguyen, D. Min , Pastor



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Stewardship of Treasure - Week Nov.3-9

Giving	PSJXXIII	Visitation	SJOW
Sunday	\$7,191	\$2,565	\$3,619
Online	\$2,748	\$751	\$920
Total	\$9,939	\$3,316	\$4,539
Viet Breakfast	\$2,106		
Other Income			
Envelopes	144	30	61

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-VIS-SR
Sacrificial Giving



SJOW Sacrificial Giving



Volunteer Sign Up

ADVENT RECONCILIATION 2025



	PSJXXIII	SJOW	VIS
Saturday	3:30 - 4:40pm	5-6pm	8-9am
Sundays	3-4pm		
Mon thru Fri	7:30am		
Wed & Fri		9am	
Dec. 3rd	6:30pm		
Dec. 7th		9:30-11:20am	
Dec. 10th -12th	6-7pm		

Advent Reflections

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.

with Father Dominic Tran Quoc Bao

Wed, Thurs, and Friday, December 10-12

@ 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

For Vietnamese Community

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 23-30

Sunday

10:30 AM: Parish Potluck and Bingo (Vis)

8:45am Viet breakfast

10:45 AM Coffee and Donut (PSJ)

9:45 – 11:10 AM Faith Formation (SJOW)

10:30-12:30 Viet language class

12:35-1:40 Viet Religious Education class

1:45-3:30 Viet Eucharistic Youth group

2 - 3:45 PM OCIA Viet (PSJ)

Monday 6:30 - 8:30 PM OCIA – English Class (PSJ)

Tuesday 1-3:00 PM Bible Class (SJOW)

Wednesday Thanksgiving Break all classes in SJOW

Thursday Thanksgiving Day - Office close

Friday: Office Close

Saturday: Giving Tree for homebound begins in PSJ and SJOW

Sunday 30 Thanksgiving Break all classes in PSJ

Anointing of the Sick

On the fifth weekend of the month, both PSJXXIII and SJOW campuses offer the Anointing of the Sick. This month, the sacrament will be available at all Masses on November 29 and 30.

Thanksgiving Mass Thursday Nov. 27th

Pope Saint John XXIII

- 11:00 AM – Trilingual Mass
- No Mass at 8:00 AM (English) or 7:00 PM (Vietnamese)
- Saint John of the Woods 9:30 AM Mass

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Monday December 8th,

POPE ST. JOHN XXIII

8:00 a.m. English

5:00 p.m. English

7:00 p.m. Vietnamese

ST. JOHN OF THE WOODS 6:00PM



Request Mass Intentions

All campuses, please contact:

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



As we conclude our Stewardship of Treasure series, we thank all who have responded with faith and generosity. Your commitment strengthens our parish family and helps us grow in prayer, service, and mission.

If you haven't made your pledge yet, there's still time! Join us in building a vibrant community rooted in Christ. Please make your pledge online at QR Code below or complete the card in the pew. Thank you for your faithful support!



138-Sacrificial Pledge 2026



142-Sacrificial Pledge 2026



138-PSJ,Vis,SR Sacrificial Giving



142-Sacrificial Giving 2026

Parish Community

Giving Tree Ministry

At PSJ XXIII and SJOW, tags will be put up on first Sunday of Advent November 29th and remain until December 18th. Gifts collected will be shared with our Nursing home residents and the Homebound parishioners before Christmas.



Visitation- tags will be available from November 16th through December 25th, all the gifts from the giving tree at Visitation will support our parish food bank and help local families in need this Christmas season.

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

Welcome to Our New Parish Families!

We joyfully welcome the following families to our parish community:

SJOW: SJOW: Melinda Richburg, Emma Harr,

Advent Senior's Mass and Party

Advent Senior's Mass December 17th at PSJXXIII Mass and Anointing of the Sick to Celebrate Christmas on Wednesday, December 17th at 10:30AM at PSJXXIII and reception will follow the Mass.

We will have some entertainment from Pre-K class and raffle tickets with many prizes. All are welcome.



Christmas Volunteers Appreciation

December 20 after 4:30 PM Mass

Invite volunteers and their spouses from all campuses.

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

Congratulations



Tom & Marge Berntsen

Happy Birthday, Deacon Mike!



Wishing you a blessed and joyful day filled with peace, laughter, and the love of God. Thank you for your faithful service, your kind heart, and your witness of Christ's joy in our community.

Excellence Award



Congratulations to Ms. B for receiving Fulcrum's St. John Baptist de La Salle Educator Excellence Award! We are so proud of you, Ms. B!

Thanksgiving at St. John of the Woods

On Thanksgiving day if you would like to bring food from your thanksgiving meal to be blessed please place it on the table that will also have food for the poor. Please remember to take it home after Mass.

Experience a LIFE^{with the} Holy Spirit RETREAT



Registration for the Holy Spirit Retreat at Visitation on Jan. 31 is now open. Please click the link below to register.

<https://wwccr.org/holy-spirit-retreat/>

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

Monetary Donations

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

Ministry of the Poor at Visitation reports:

In October, we sent out:
• 714 Lunches for 357 people, 123 bags of groceries, 128 bags of frozen bread, apples, potatoes, 10,680 pounds of food.
• Clothing to 285 people, 103 families, Food 267 people.
• 35 bus tickets for \$5 (\$175).
• 24 volunteers, we opened 19 days of month, 316 hours for two months.

Saint Rita Church

We have heat! The vandalized church heat pumps were both replaced and are working great. We plan on having a fundraiser in February to recoup some or all of the \$20,000 expense. If you know anyone who would be a major sponsor, please contact them to donate. Refer them to me if they want more information.

Registration Reminder:

If you are unsure whether you are registered and wish to be included, please call Pope St. John XXIII Parish at 253-472-1360 to confirm you are on the list. Registered households also receive the weekly bulletin by email.

Our 2nd annual St. Rita Christmas Potluck

Brunch Saturday, December 13. ALL IN THE PARISH ARE INVITED. Bring your favorite brunch goodies. In true St. Rita fashion, there should be plenty to share and TONS of fun! We will have some door prizes! We also appreciate donations for our St. Rita expenses.

Prayer Group Gatherings

Saturdays, November 22 and 29; Rosary at 9:40 a.m. Prayer Service at 10:00 a.m. Coffee hour follows in the hall.

Thank you to those who have sent donation checks for our church.

VISITATION CHURCH

TURKEY BINGO and Potluck

SUNDAY, NOV. 23 AFTER 9:30 AM MASS

LOWER HALL

Items Needed: (drop off in lower hall on Nov. 22)

Food Donations for
Potluck Breakfast
(sign ups in church
& hall)

Prizes for bingo,
such as kitchen or
household items,
wine, spa items

Pray for Those in Need

PSJXXIII: Norma Vettori, Don Brock, Veronica Titiali, 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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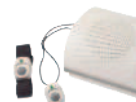
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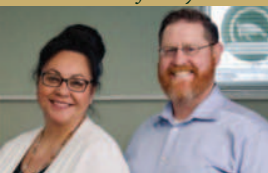
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