

# POPE ST. JOHN XXIII PARISH FAMILY

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*Third Sunday of*  
 **ADVENT 2025**  
**ANTICIPATION**

Lord, come and save us.



## 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

*Rejoice and be Glad: Purify yourself to receive Him*

### **Dear brothers and sisters of Pope St. John XXIII faith community,**

Welcome you all to the third week of Advent. The liturgy of the Word invites us to rejoice as we get closer to the coming of our Savior. At the same time, it also requires us to clean and purify ourselves and our hearts to welcome the Savior to be born for us. As in the Gospel, clarifying the question of John the Baptist, Jesus says Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them". That's the mission of Christ and every Christian as well.

Hence, each one of us can also do what we can, in order to prepare ourselves and help others to experience the same joy at the Nativity of our Lord. Thanks to everyone who donated for the giving tree setup by sister towards the out-reach ministry. Appreciations also for all the faithful who have generously donated towards the Christmas basket. Sincere thanks to all the leaders of each of our locations for meeting and preparing for the Christmas decorations and events with the gifted volunteers who are ready to help us. I also whole heartly thank and pray for everyone who are instrumental in decorating the crip and the church for this beautiful celebration. Please do not hesitate to help if you have the time and means in any way. In appreciation towards the hard work and commitment of all the leaders and volunteers, this coming Saturday, that's the 20th of December, we have the volunteer's appreciation dinner. I am taking this opportunity to invite all the volunteers from all the locations of our parish to come with your spouse to take part in the eucharist and the dinner that follows.

Our gratitude to Fr. Dominic Tran Quoc Bao CSSR, for guiding the retreat for the Vietnam faith community as Advent preparation. Fr. Mike for guiding the Advent reflection for English speaking faith community. Mark your calendar also for the December 17, we have the Senior Christmas celebration for the home-bound parishioners, please help anyone not able to come for our Christmas liturgy, so that we can share our joy with them, through the special Eucharistic celebration, sacrament of healing and a fellowship meal along with small entertainment by our pre-school children.

A concluding reminder to come and participate in the Pilipino traditional Simbang Gabi celebrations on 15th of December at PSJ23 at 7pm. I thank those who organized the Simbang Gabi at Visitation last week. I am very proud to see the confirmation students and teachers at SJOW created Advent Wreaths. It is meaningful to nourish faith in youth.

At St. Rita, we have the Christmas Brunch Potluck this Saturday, as well as every Saturday prayer at St. Rita's church. Thank everyone for organizing and participating in it. We have School Christmas Pageant in STEM Academy, Pre-School Christmas Celebration, and CCD Christmas program in SJOW, Christmas Pageant in PSJXXIII. Thank you all. I invite all of you to come and join them at every campus. We have lot of events and celebrations in our parish during this final phase of the Advent preparations, please read through the bulletin to know them all and join us in the events.

Please remember to say a special prayer for me on Tuesday as it's my birthday. Pray that God gives me the health and strength to serve his people. Let us prepare joyfully for the coming of our Lord amidst us through these spiritual events, May God bless us all.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Fr. Tuan Nguyen, D. Min , Pastor



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## Stewardship of Treasure - Week Nov.24-30

## ADVENT RECONCILIATION 2025

Giving	PSJXXIII	Visitation	SJOW
Sunday	\$6,082	\$1,596	\$3,447
Online	\$1,263	\$371	\$581
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,345</b>	<b>\$1,967</b>	<b>\$4,028</b>
Thanksgiving	\$2,065		\$951
Envelopes	180	18	57

	PSJXXIII	SJOW	VIS
Saturday	3:30 - 4:40pm	5-6pm	8-9am
Sundays	3-4pm		
Mon thru Fri	7:30am		
Wed & Fri		9am	

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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 Dec. 14-20

### Sunday

- 8:50AM Coffee and Donut (SJOW)
- 8:45AM Viet breakfast
- 10:45AM: Coffee and Donut (PSJ)
- Advent Reflection group after 9:30 AM Mass (VIS)
- 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

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

- 7:00 PM Simbang-Gabi Mass (PSJ)

### Tuesday

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

### Wednesday

- 10:30 AM Advent Senior's Mass and Party (PSJ)
- 11:30AM-1PM Senior Luncheon (SJOW)
- 6:30 -7:30 PM CCD Class & Religious Education (PSJ)
- 6-8:00 PM Bible Class (SJOW)

### Thursday:

6:00 PM School Christmas Pageant (STEM)

### Friday

- No school, K-8
- Alar Server's and families Dinner (SJOW)

### Saturday

9:00 -11:00 AM Decorate the Christmas trees

- 9:40-11:15 AM Prayer Group (SR)
- 10-12noon: Vovinam activity
- 4:30 PM Mass followed by Volunteer Appreciation dinner

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December 13 and 14 at PSJ XXIII and SJOW

## Request Mass Intentions

All campuses, please contact:

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

## Christmas Season

# MASS SCHEDULES

CHRISTMAS EVE | WEDNESDAY  
12/24/2025

### PSJXXIII:

4:00 P.M. English Carols & Pageant  
4:30 P.M. English Mass  
7:00 P.M. Vietnamese Pageant & Mass  
10:30 P.M. Bilingual Mass

**Visitation:** 5:00 P.M. Mass

**St. John of the Woods:**  
9:00 P.M. Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY | THURSDAY  
12/25/2025

### PSJXXIII:

7:45 A.M. Vietnamese Mass  
9:45 A.M. English Mass  
4:00 P.M. Vietnamese Mass

**Visitation:** 9:30 A.M. Mass

**St. John of the Woods:**  
11:00 A.M. Mass

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY,  
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Holy Day of Obligation  
Thursday 1/1/2026

### PSJ XXIII:

7:45 A.M. Vietnamese Mass  
9:45 A.M. English Mass  
4:00 P.M. Vietnamese Mass

**Visitation:** 9:30 A.M. Mass

**St. John of the Woods:**  
11:00 A.M. Mass



# Parish Community

## Advent Senior's Mass and Party

Advent Senior's Mass December 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

## STEM Advent Program

The annual Advent Program will take place on Thursday, December 18, beginning with 9:00 AM Mass for the children, followed by the 7:00 PM Advent Program at Visitation Church. All are invited to attend this beautiful tradition featuring Christmas songs and a Nativity reenactment.

## SJOW CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Sunday, December 21st at 1:00 P. M.  
in the Hall at SJOW



## PSJXXIII Children's Christmas Pageant

Wednesday, December 24th at 4:00 P. M.



## SJOW Church Decorating Day

You are invited to purchase and bring to church either a white or red poinsettia. Please put a small tag or sticker on it with your family's name. Please bring it the weekend of December 20/21 they will be used to decorate the sanctuary. You are invited to decorate the Christmas trees and set out some of the poinsettias on December 20th at 9:00AM to 11:00AM.

## SJOW Christmas Post Office



Our annual Christmas Post Office will open the first weekend of Advent in the church entrance. Parishioners are encouraged to share Christmas greetings with one another—and save a stamp.

## VIS Advent Small Group

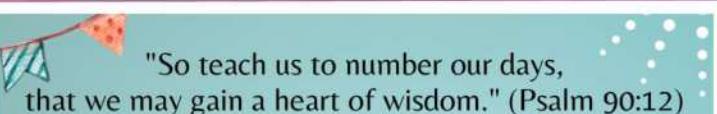
Advent Small Group meets each Sunday during advent after mass in the upper hall prepare both individually and as a group for the great feast of Christmas!

## 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



HAPPY  
Birthday  
FR. TUAN  
DEC. 16



# Parish Community

## Ministry of the Poor

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



## December 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
- Instant Oatmeal Packets
- Canned Vegetables

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

### 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

## November Report - Food Bank

- 34 Bus tickets
- 618 lunches for 309 people
- 102 bags of groceries
- 77 bags produce/frozen
- 80 Families Food Bank
- 249 people
- 278 Clothes
- 7545 pounds of food

- 63 served Thanksgiving
- Meal (provide by the Wargo Family)
- 30 Volunteers (Wargo Family included)
- 19 days opened
- 226 Volunteer hours
- 933 total people helped

## Saint Rita Church

### Christmas Brunch Potluck Saturday, Dec. 13

Prayer Service at 10 a.m.

Brunch Immediately Following in Hall

ALL ARE INVITED

### Help Needed

Saturday, December 13 -bring your favorite brunch dish to share. Some suggestions are fruit, breads, coffee cakes, brunch casseroles, cookies

We will provide paper products, coffee, tea and door prizes! We also appreciate donations for our St. Rita expenses.

### Mass and Dinner Fundraiser Sunday, Feb. 15

Mass at 1 p.m.

Dinner and Raffle Immediately Following in Hall  
Purpose is to recoup some or all of the \$20,000 expense to replace the vandalized church heat pumps.

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

## Some Images in the Week

This Thanksgiving, our Food Bank was able to offer over 60 hot meals to our neighbors in need. A special thanks to the Hartman, Berntsen, Knobbe and Wargo Families for organizing this Thanksgiving meal!



Pre-K 4 and Kindergarten  
were fully embracing the Advent season

## Simbang-Gabi

Mass at PSJ XXIII on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM





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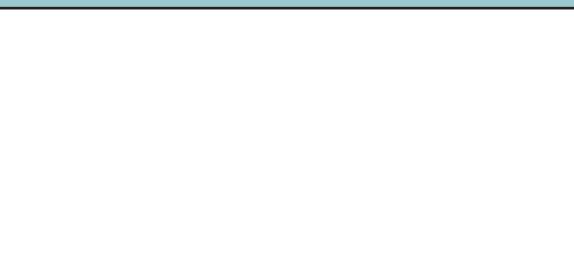
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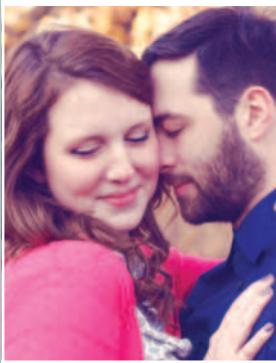
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