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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Behold, the virgin shall conceive
and bear a son, and they shall
name him Emmanuel, which means
"God is with 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
Phone (253) 474-6424
bostwickk@psjstem.org

St. Rita Church

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

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PASTOR'S LETTER

*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,
which means "God is with us." Mt 1:23*

Dear brothers and sisters of Pope St. John XXIII parish family,

Merry Christmas to you and your family! We are in the Fourth Sunday of Advent; the Word of God invites us to reflect more personally how God fulfills His promise through the instrumentality of His chosen ones. While Mary says yes to Divine Will, we hear in the Gospel that, Joseph obediently takes Mary as his wife as instructed in his dream. This helps us to realize how and what we need to do, especially during this holy season; by being obedient to God's Will in our lives, we can also become partakers in His plan of salvation.

Last week, STEM Academy School hosted a beautiful Christmas Program, SJOW Pre-School presented beautiful Live Nativity and Christmas Songs. Today our Faith Formation students of SJOW will celebrate at 12:30pm following the 11:30am Mass. The children did wonderful jobs sharing the spirit and joy of Christmas through their performances. We also had a blessed Mass and Christmas Party for our seniors. My heartfelt thanks to all for preparing these joyful celebrations.

Our CCD children have been practicing diligently these past weeks, and our Vietnamese Youth Group is also preparing their Christmas Program before the Christmas Eve Mass at the main campus. You are warmly invited to join us for this special celebration. This annual tradition brings together almost our entire parish community, with many parishioners contributing their talents and time. We joyfully welcome our guests, former parishioners returning home, and all relatives and friends who are visiting for Christmas. May the Newborn Christ bless you abundantly!

We wish you a blessed Christmas with Peace, Love, Joy, and Good Health. We thank you for the special gift to our parish's End of the Year Giving. We also thank you for supporting the parish's special project, the Giving Tree, giving monetary donations and Christmas gifts, so we can share with those who are in need. Your gifts have been distributed to the homebound and families who have contacted us for help. It is a joy for the homebound ministers to present Christmas gifts to members of our local community and family on behalf of our faith community. We thank you for bringing the light of Christ to those families, so they can experience the joy of Christmas.

We have dedicated families and individual members who have come to assist us to decorate at each of our parish sites and location. I was worried that we would not have anyone to assist to decorate at the liturgical celebration for Christmas. I am amazed to have so many people who are willing to help us at the time of need. We are very blessed by God who inspires and motivates these wonderful people and families to assist us with decoration and other liturgical celebration. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Liturgical Ministers who have assisted us during the Advent Season in preparing for Christ's coming; and many of you for giving to the parish your time and talent and getting involved in different parish ministries. We are grateful as well for your support of this year's Catholic Community Services Appeal. You heard from our witness speaker about the mission of CCS here in Tacoma, and your donations directly support the needs of our local community. Many of our own parishioners have benefited from this assistance. Every dollar you give stays in Tacoma to strengthen the agencies serving the vulnerable around us.

You have received a Christmas Card from our parish to invite you and your family to join us at Christmas celebrations throughout this season. You are very special to us and your support to serve the poor among us is a joy of being a Catholic. On behalf Father Hendry, Father Vaiula, and other priests, Deacons, Sisters and Brothers, Parish Leadership Teams, and Parish Staff, we thank you for your faithfulness and continual support of our parish through your time, talent and treasure. May you have a blessed Christmas Season! It was a joy for me, Father Hendry and sister Anna to go with the Outreach Ministers to visit our homebound members, who are unable to attend Church regularly. We reach out to them by visiting and celebrating the sacraments with them, and they have expressed their joy and appreciation when we come to visit them. We thank our Outreach Ministry for this special ministry to assist our parishioners.

We are starting the Christmas Season after Christmas Day; you are cordially invited to join us to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family next week. Family is the foundation of the Parish and country, please join us to pray for our Parish Family. Jesus is Emmanuel, God is with us!

Once again wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and your family!

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


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Stewardship of Treasure - Week Nov.24-30

Giving	PSJXXIII	Visitation	SJOW
Sunday	\$7,595		\$4,199
Online	\$2,944		\$1,225
Total	\$10,539		\$5,424
Breakfast	\$1,023		\$286
Envelopes			65

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	

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- As beneficiaries of your retirement fund and/or life insurance
- As a memorial or remembrance gift

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Apply for a matching gift from your employer. Some companies may have religious restrictions on matching gifts. However, your gift may be eligible for a match if funds are for an outreach ministry or parish school.



Year- End Reminder



142-SJOW



138-SR



138-PSJXXIII



138-VIS

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. 21-27

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)
- Children's Christmas Play: Sunday at 12:30 PM
- 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, Thursday, Friday

- **Office Close**

Mass for the Closing of the Jubilee Year

Dec. 28 | 10 a.m. | St. James Cathedral

Welcome to Parish

PSJXXIII: Jesse Perez, Bernadette Crisostomo, Xavier-Francisco Crisostomo, Nina Rose Perez
SJOW: Maria & Jerry Constantino, Frances, Gerald, and Daniel Constantino

Request Mass Intentions

All campuses, please contact:

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

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the Holy Mother of God

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

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.



Western Washington Catholic Charismatic Renewal

HOLY SPIRIT RETREAT

Life with the Holy Spirit

JAN. 31, 2026

Visitation Church of PSJXXIII

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

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.

SJOW Monthly Breakfast

The monthly Breakfast is Sunday, January 4th between the 8am and 11:30am Masses in the parish hall. Your generous donations help support the daily operations of our church. We hope you and your family can join us — you'll be delighted by the variety of delicious foods waiting for you. We look forward to seeing you there!



Thank you to the team
for your commitment and hard work.

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Ministry of the Poor

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



MonetaryDonations



Thank you all for supporting the Giving Tree —
we are ready to share with those in need.

Immigrant and Refugee Ministry

You Are Not Alone - Pastoral Support for
Immigrants

Do you know an immigrant who would like to
receive a pastoral support call from a priest? As a
part of our local USCCB You Are Not Alone
initiative, these calls are available in both Spanish
and English. To make a referral, please contact
Rebecca Burdullis at
rebecca.burdullis@seattlearch.org

Deacons authorized to wear clerical attire

After consultation with priests, deacons and other
dioceses, Archbishop Etienne has authorized
permanent deacons to wear gray clerical shirts
when actively engaged in ministry. The new policy
goes into effect on Dec. 26, the feast of St.
Stephen the Martyr, one of the first deacons.

Saint Rita Church

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.

STEM Academy in the week

First grade made Advent wreaths and wrote
reflections for each candle.

Happy Saint Nicholas Day!

Color the Immaculate Conception pictures



Pray for Those in Need

Matthew 5:4: "Blessed are those who mourn, for
they will be comforted."

PSJXXIII: Norma Vettori, Don Brock, Veronica Titiali,
Krista Brown, Virginia Wooten, Marian Bronson,
Helene Cordeau, Muriel & Ron Bate, 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: Cirila Elfleda Bardelas, 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,
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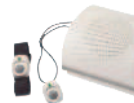
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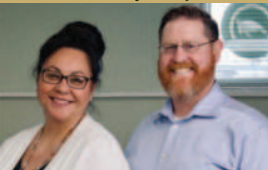
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Horace Gozon Friend, Jr., 91, of Tacoma, WA, passed away on October 1, 2022 from natural causes. He was predeceased by first spouse Aida, Christine & Catherine and is survived by spouse Teresita and children: Sandra, Geraldine, Horace III, Stella, Philip, Therese, Jeffrey, Charles & 13 grandchildren.

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