

# 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  
Saturday 9:40am Rosary  
Prayer 10:00 am

## OUR PRIESTS



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## PASTOR'S LETTER

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

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We wish you and your families peace, joy, and love throughout this Christmas season. Christmas is a special season to honor Emmanuel—God with us. We gather today with great joy to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, and in a few days we will conclude the year 2025.

We cherished the month of December with various events and celebrations, sharing our love, joy, and devotion with our faith community and with our loved ones. I pray and bless you all with the hope that we will also have a joyful time celebrating Mary's motherhood at the dawn of the New Year. May our Blessed Mother be with us always, protecting and guiding us throughout the coming year.

We continue the Christmas season with blessings and much joy through the celebrations of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. A special thank-you to all the children of our parish, the students from Faith Formation, and the students from our Catholic school who joined us for the Christmas program. We are grateful to all who helped prepare the children and the liturgical celebrations, and to all of you who were able to attend and share in these beautiful moments during this holy season.

We also thank our parish volunteers who assisted in decorating the church and cleaning the grounds, making them beautiful and welcoming as we celebrated these spiritually nourishing events as a faith community. It has taken weeks of commitment and hard work from our dedicated parish volunteers, who brought their vision to life through the beautiful decorations around the church building, the Christmas tree, and the Nativity scene, which looked so natural and inspiring. Many people have stopped by to take pictures with their families. Let us wholeheartedly thank them and offer our prayers for them and their families for their generous sacrifices.

Our parish is truly vibrant, with so many activities taking place. I was deeply impressed and grateful to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with students from our Faith Formation program. Many children, teenagers, and young people received this sacrament throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons. I wish them a blessed Christmas break with their families and a joyful New Year. I also encouraged our students to enjoy their Christmas break and New Year with family and friends, while always remembering God, who remains at the center of our lives. I encourage them to attend Mass and pray daily with their parents.

At the heart of this season is the spirit of sharing, which we as a faith community have witnessed and lived through our sacrifices for our loved ones and for our beloved parish, especially through your end-of-year gifts. We thank the faithful supporters of our parish for your financial contributions toward Christmas decorations, supplies, trees, flowers, and assistance for families in need. On behalf of our parish, I also thank you for your generosity and Christmas gifts to our priests, deacons, parish staff, and parish leadership team, and for your prayers for all who serve our parish throughout the year. Your encouragement and prayers mean so much to us.

Regarding ministry leadership and contact at the PSJ23 Main Campus: through the Archdiocese of Seattle's Partners in the Gospel process, we are moving toward the goal of becoming One Parish of PSJ23. In this process, liturgical ministries will be shared across all parish locations. Each person may serve as a leader in only one ministry, while still participating in others. This approach allows for greater participation from all parish locations and brings a rich variety of gifts and talents into our ministries. We warmly welcome and encourage more parishioners to become involved. Please see additional details on the community page of this bulletin.

As we celebrate this joyful Christmas season, I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of you who remembered me on my birthday. Your prayers, cards, and thoughtful gifts truly warmed my heart, and I am deeply touched by your kindness. I want to thank everyone who sent cards, gifts, and well wishes to me, the sisters, and the staff of our parish. Your generosity and love are a blessing to us all. A special thank you to our homebound parishioners. Though you cannot join us in person at the parish, I am grateful for the opportunities to visit and share the love of Christ with you.

Once again, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! My prayer and blessing for you: The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD let his face shine upon you and be gracious to you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! (Numbers 6:24-26)

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



# Parish Community

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## Stewardship of Treasure - Week Dec.8-14

Giving	PSJXXIII	Visitation	SJOW
Sunday	\$5,962	\$3,125	\$6,125
Online	\$1,853	\$958	\$971
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,815</b>	<b>\$4,083</b>	<b>\$7,096</b>
Others	\$1,463	\$2,000	\$302
Envelopes	170	25	71

## Year- End Reminder

### Remember us . . .

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

## PARISH MINISTRY CONTACTS AT PSJ23 MAIN CAMPUS

🕯 Altar Server  
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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. 28-Jan.3

**Sunday** 7:45-9:45 AM Viet Breakfast

**10:30-12:30** Viet language class

**12:35-1:40** Viet Religious Education class

**NO** Viet Eucharistic Youth group

**2-3:30pm** Daughters of Mary meeting

**2:00 - 3:45 PM** OCIA Viet (PSJ)

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

**Saturday 9:40-11:15 AM** Prayer Group/ Anointing of the Sick (SR)

**10-12noon:** Vovinam activity

**1 -4:00PM** Baptism Preparation Class

## CCD Classes Announcement

Please note that CCD classes at both campuses—Pope St. John XXIII (PSJXXIII) and St. John of the Woods (SJOW) will be closed on December 28 and January 4 in observance of the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Classes will resume the following week. We wish all our CCD students, families, and catechists a joyful and blessed holiday season.

## Welcome to Parish

**Vu Vinh Viet and Tran Thi Sinh**

## Experience a LIFE with the Holy Spirit RETREAT

**Saturday, January 31, 2026**

9:30am to 4:30pm

**Church of the Visitation**

in the Social Hall

5645S. Warner St., Tacoma

### Details:

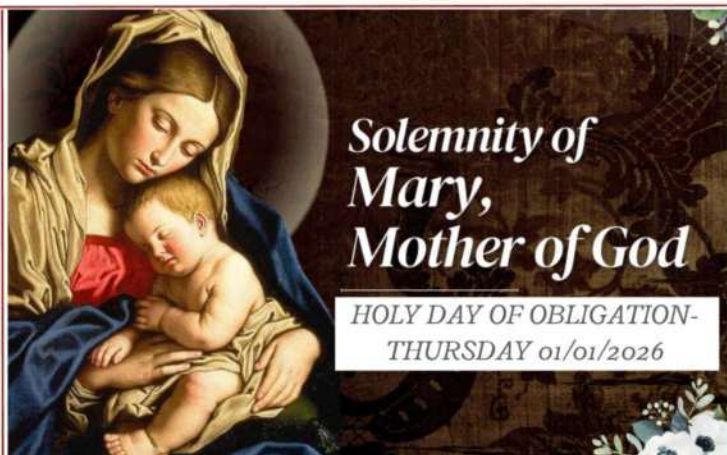
•Register early online at <https://wwccr.org/holy-spirit-retreat/> or call 206-364-2272.

Suggested donation: \$20

•Pre-registration is required. No onsite registration. Registration cut-off date is Thursday, January 22nd.

•Bring your lunch. It's a very full day, so this is a closed retreat and we stay together for lunch.

•We begin promptly at 9:30am. Doors open at 8:30am for check-in. Retreat ends at 4:30pm.



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



All Are Welcome!

## PSJSTEM Blue Mass

A day of building trust & unity

- School Mass with WA State Patrol
- Q&A and conversation with local law enforcement after Mass
- All community members are welcome to attend



Thursday, January 8th

Visitation Church | Mass at 9:00 AM | Coffee & Donuts after Mass in the School Cafeteria



# Parish Community

## Appreciate Volunteers

Our heartfelt thanks to all our volunteers from every campus for your time, dedication, and loving service in decorating the Christmas Nativity scenes and carrying out the many big and small tasks that support our churches. Your generosity and creativity made our sacred spaces truly beautiful and helped bring the joy and meaning of Christmas to life for our parish community. We are deeply grateful for each and every one of you.



At Pope St. John XXIII Parish, gathering up the 'straws' means offering our time, treasure, and talents to prepare our hearts to welcome the Infant Jesus at Christmas.



Thank you so much, Deni, Bill, Daniel, Gary, and Nancy Baskett, for your generosity and hard work.



The school kids decorate VIS Church for Christmas

## Vietnamese Sunday Breakfast

Vietnamese Sunday Breakfast – “Quán Ba Miền”  
You may not have heard about our Vietnamese Sunday Breakfast, a volunteer-run ministry that prepares and sells homemade Vietnamese foods every Sunday from 7:45 AM to 9:45 AM.

This joyful effort has been a wonderful blessing to Pope St. John XXIII Parish, contributing \$75,300 in support of our parish. The foods offered represent the rich culinary traditions of Northern, Central, and Southern Vietnam, which is why the ministry is lovingly called “**Quán Ba Miền**” (Three Regions Café).

We sincerely thank you for your generosity and kindly ask for your continued support so this charitable work may continue to flourish. To purchase food, please contact a team member you know or reach out to:

- Mrs. Hùng: 253-394-8166
- Mrs. Uyên: 253-224-7726
- Mrs. Michelle: 253-327-9132

Thank you for supporting this beautiful ministry and our parish community.



Thank the Team for your hard work



# Parish Community

## Ministry of the Poor

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

### January 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

## STEM Academy in the week

Thank you to the STEM principal, teachers, and students for creating a wonderful surprise birthday celebration for Father Tuan.



## Flood Influence - Thank you Mike Do for your humble work

Thank you, Mike Do, for your humble and dependable service during the recent flooding. Your timely presence in checking and protecting our parish basements has been a great blessing to our parish.



## 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, 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:** Lornell Soderlind, Cirila Elfleda Bardelas, Luis A. Arce Jr. Lettie Devish, 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.

## Saint Rita Church

Thank you Kathy Brands for made this reader board



**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.





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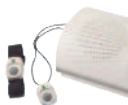
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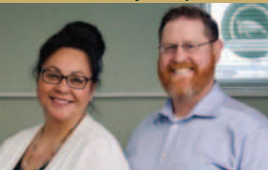
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