



January 31 – February 1, 2026

To the Parishioners of  
Pope St. John XXIII Parish, Tacoma  
St. John of the Woods Mission, Tacoma

Dear Parish Family #38,

I am writing to share some good news and to offer clarification regarding Fr. Hendry Arockiasamy, HGN, and his ministry among you.

You may have heard that Fr. Hendry was expected to return home this June due to the expiration of his Religious Worker Visa. However, I am pleased to inform you that we have been able to apply for and receive an additional year, due to delays in his original 2019 application caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

As a result, Fr. Hendry will be able to continue serving as Parochial Vicar through June of 2027, under the pastoral leadership of your pastor, Fr. Tuan Nguyen.

This letter serves as the official clarification regarding Fr. Hendry's status, and I hope it brings reassurance and joy to your parish community. We are grateful for his ministry and for the stability this extension provides.

With gratitude for your faith and support,

Sincerely in Christ,

Very Rev. Gary M. Zender  
Vicar for Clergy