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*The Baptism
of the Lord*

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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

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PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Parishioners of Pope St. John XXIII parish family,

Welcome to our celebration of the Baptism of the Lord. In today's Scripture readings, we hear and witness the purpose of the birth of Jesus, the Son of God. He comes to bring consolation to God's people, to establish justice, and to form a covenant with them. John the Baptist proclaims that Jesus will baptize all with the Holy Spirit. Indeed, Jesus is the fulfillment of all the prophecies of the Old Testament. As we celebrate His Baptism today, we are also reminded of our own baptism and the responsibilities that accompany it.

We have been blessed with beautiful and joyful celebrations throughout the Christmas and New Year seasons. With the celebration of the Epiphany last week, the Christmas season came to a close. I sincerely thank you for your active participation in these celebrations, and I am grateful to all who helped with setting up and taking down the decorations as we now enter Ordinary Time following the Baptism of the Lord. I am very proud of our faith community for your commitment, dedication, and cooperation during this holy season. May the love of God we shared and demonstrated continue to bring us His blessings and guide us in His ways.

As we complete the holiday celebrations, we welcome our students back to school and to our Faith Formation programs. We also warmly welcome our Catechumens and those who are inquiring and seeking to learn more about the Catholic Church. I thank our Catechumens and all our volunteers who faithfully serve in Faith Formation. Because of your dedication, our parish is able to offer programs that support our faith journey from beginning to end, including preparation for Baptism, CCD and Religious Education, First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Adult Education, Marriage Preparation, the Order of Christian Initiation for Children and Adults, Scripture Study, and more. We thank God for the many talented and generous individuals who willingly assist with these ministries.

During the first week of the year, I met with our Parish Leadership Team to review priorities, concerns, and plans for both immediate and long-term needs. We are truly blessed to have qualified and dedicated leaders who help guide our parish, including assisting with budget preparation and setting priorities for the year ahead.

Thank you for your continued love and care for our parish. I am deeply grateful for your support through your time, talents, and treasure. Your generosity helps us maintain our aging facilities and preserve the rich traditions of our parish. Your contributions truly make a difference and help keep our parish vibrant and alive.

We extend our congratulations to all the babies who have received the Sacrament of Baptism and to the couples who celebrated the Sacrament of Matrimony. We also thank you for joining us at Funeral Masses to pray for families mourning the loss of their loved ones, and for keeping in your prayers those who are sick and suffering.

We are especially grateful to our Homebound Ministers for delivering Christmas gifts to many of our homebound parishioners. May you continue to experience the peace of the New Year. Thank you for your ongoing support, and please continue to keep our parish and its ministries in your prayers. Finally, please mark your calendars: the Vietnamese community will host the annual Sticky Rice Cakes (Bánh Chung, Bánh Tét) celebration on February 5 and 6, from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM. This is a wonderful opportunity—especially for children—to learn about Vietnamese traditions and the Lunar New Year. I encourage parents to have their children participate. Our youth leaders will also provide hands-on training for children to make their own cakes. We sincerely thank our benefactors who generously donated your time, talents, funds and materials such as banana leaves, glutinous rice, pork, and seasonings to make this event possible and to help younger generations stay connected to their cultural heritage.

May the Prince of Peace continue to guide and bless you all.

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

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Remember Church in your Will

Stewardship of Treasure - Week Dec.22-28

Parish Sacrificial Giving Week: December 22–28

Thank you to all our parishioners for your generous contributions to the Church throughout the year 2025, especially during this Christmas season. Your sacrificial giving supports our parish mission and ministries in many meaningful ways.

We will update the total amount very soon. You may scan the QR codes below and select the fund you wish to support. May God bless you for your generosity and faithful stewardship.

A NEW LITURGICAL SEASON HAS BEGUN - IT'S CALLED ORDINARY TIME:

1. In the Roman Rite (Novus Ordo), the Solemnity (Major Feast Day) of the Baptism of the Lord (January 11th, 2026), which occurs on the Sunday after the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord (6th of January), ends the Season of Christmas and then Ordinary Time begins.
2. The weekdays that follow the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord belong to the first week of Ordinary Time and this continues until the Tuesday that precedes Ash Wednesday (February 18 in 2026). After Eastertide the Ordinary Time resumes on the Monday after the Solemnity of Pentecost (June 25th in 2026).

Online Sacrificial Giving



142-SJOW



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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 Jan.11-17

Sunday

7:45-9:45 am Viet breakfast
 9:45 AM Coffee and Donut (PSJ)
 8:45AM to 12:30 PM Monthly Sunday Breakfast
 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
 2:00 - 3:45 PM OCIA Viet (PSJ)

Monday

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

Tuesday

1-3:00 PM Bible Class (SJOW)

6:30- 7:30 PM

CCD Class & Religious Education (PSJ)

6-8:00 PM Bible Class (SJOW)

Saturday

9:40-11:15 AM Prayer Group St. Rita Church
 10-12noon: Vovinam activity



Happy Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth and Elida Hurd



Mr. and Mrs. Ban Lam and Dao Lu
 on 60th Wedding Anniversary



Invitation to Eucharistic Adoration

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him"
 (Revelation 3:20).



Jesus is waiting for us in the Blessed Sacrament. Eucharistic Adoration is a sacred time to rest in His presence, to pray, to listen, and to open our hearts to His love.

Our parish family has a long and beautiful tradition of Adoration, and we warmly invite all parishioners to join:

- **Pope St. John XXIII (PSJXXIII):**
- Adoration every Thursday from after the 8:30 AM English Mass until 6:00 PM, before the evening Vietnamese Mass.
- **St. John of the Woods (SJOW):**
- • Mondays: 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- • Wednesdays: 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Whether you come for a few minutes or a full hour, your presence matters. Let us open the door to Christ and spend time with Him who loves us so deeply.

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Appreciation

Over the past few weeks, you have seen many images of the Christmas season in our parish bulletin, on Facebook, and on the parish website. Below are some photos from the Christmas Vigil Masses at 4:30 PM and 7:00 PM at the main campus of Pope Saint John XXIII Parish.

We sincerely thank every member from all our campuses for your contributions in making this Christmas season warm and joyful. As the Christmas season comes to a close following the Sunday Mass of the Baptism of the Lord, we pray that God's people may continue to be filled with abundant grace and peace.



Request Mass Intentions

All campuses, please contact:

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

Bellarmino Ignatian Evening of Prayer

JAN 29 • 6:30 - 8 P.M. • ORELL HALL, ACE

You're invited to join us for prayer, reflection and community! Bellarmine's Ignatian Evening Series is designed to foster growth in relationship with Jesus through Ignatian Spirituality, within the context of prayer and community.

Please read more information on weekly email, Website and Facebook

RSVP AT [BELLARMINEPREP.ORG/IGNATIAN-EVENING](https://www.bellarmineprep.org/ignatian-evening)

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.

Marriage Life - Love Retreat

All are invited to a Love Retreat for anyone who wishes to grow deeper in love—whether you have been married 20 or 50 years, or together just a few months. This retreat is a meaningful gift for couples and individuals alike.

Location: Pope St. John XXIII Church

Date & Time: Saturday, February 14, 2026

- 9:00 AM–4:00 PM

Presenter: Fr. Trần Quốc Bảo, C.Ss.R.

Cost: \$50 per couple or \$30 per person (includes breakfast & lunch)

Contact: Thủy Tiên (253) 307-3320 or Lan Phương (253) 844-6032

Parish Community

Ministry of the Poor

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

January Donation Requests



Monetary Donations

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

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



Welcome to Parish

SJOW: James Alphones Ndegwa Kahiga
Mary Muthoni Ndegwa , Angela Wangui Ndegwa
Elijah Chuli Wekhomba , Shannon Shitemi Chuli
Wasike Seretta Chuli , Juan Naputi

Martin Luther King's Day

OFFICE CLOSED

MONDAY JANUARY 20TH, 2026

Saint Rita Church - Events & Gatherings

Please join us for prayer and fellowship every Saturday Morning

- Saturday, January 10, Rosary at 9:40 a.m. and Prayer Service at 10 a.m. including Anointing of the Sick. Coffee hour follows in the hall
- Saturday, January 17,, Rosary at 9:40 a.m. and Prayer Service at 10 a.m. Coffee hour follows in the hall

Thanks to those of you who have sent Francie donation checks for our church. With no regular weekend Masses, our contributions are not sufficient to pay our bills each month. Donate to St.Rita with a monthly or occasional contribution. Bring to Saturday prayer services or take/mail directly to PSJXXIII and mark clearly for St. Rita's upkeep.

STEM Academy

January 16, 2026

NOON DISMISSAL K-8, Teacher Collaboration Day
Bunco Game Night in the Lower Hall

January 17, 2026 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Catholic Schools Week 2026

JANUARY 25 – 31, 2026 WWW.NCEA.ORG/CSW

We are looking for volunteers to help with planning our Catholic Schools Week!

CSW Coordinator:

- Work with school & PTO leadership to determine schedule of events - using NCEA daily themes as inspiration
- Promote and recruit participation in events
- Coordinate materials with day of coordinators (if any)

Volunteer Day Coordinator(s):

- recruit and coordinate volunteers for events during CSW
 - Mass speakers across parish family, Career Day speakers across classrooms, cultural foods/potluck, etc
- Coordinate materials (if any)

If you would like to volunteer, please email PTO@psjstem.org

Pray for Those in Need

PSJXXIII: Johnny Goon, Norma Vettori, Don Brock, Veronica Titalii, 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, 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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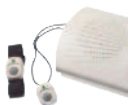
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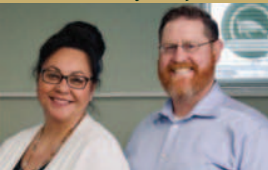
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