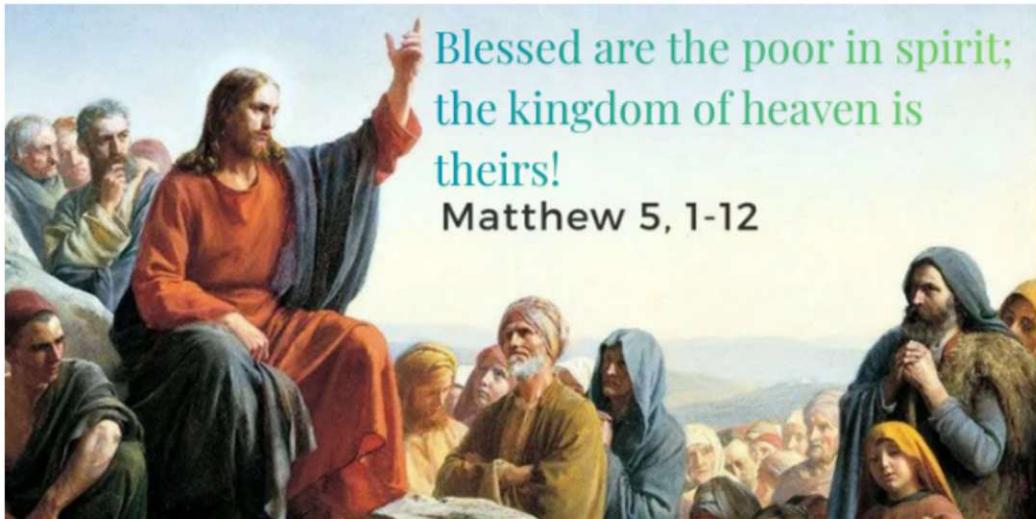


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the kingdom of heaven is
theirs!

Matthew 5, 1-12

FOURTH
SUNDAY

in Ordinary
Time
Year A



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

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St. Rita Church

1403 S Ainsworth Ave,
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Saturday 9:40am Rosary
Prayer 10:00 am

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PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear faithful Parishioners of PSJXXIII parish Family,

Welcome you warmly to the fourth week of the Ordinary Time. The liturgy of the Word today invites us to reflect on the Beatitudes. The Beatitudes call us to the heights of morality and holiness. Those who live according to these divine precepts are blessed beyond measure. The promises to those who live this high calling are great: They become children of God and inherit the Kingdom of Heaven. Furthermore, they receive comfort, satisfaction, mercy, purity, and peace. Though the rewards are great, so are the requirements: spiritual poverty, holy sorrow, meekness, longing for righteousness, a merciful heart, purity, peacemaking, and patient endurance during persecution.

The Beatitudes elevate all laws of the Old Covenant. Jesus not only calls us to profound holiness, but He also provides the means to achieve it through His Sacrifice, transmitted through the grace of the Sacraments. To live the Beatitudes is to live in imitation of Christ, who perfectly embodied all virtues in His life, Passion, and Resurrection. Hence, the Beatitudes are not only a moral code we must follow, but they are also a participation in and union with the Son of God, who lived the Beatitudes to perfection. We are called as disciples of our Divine Master to follow Him in His footsteps, that we also could be with Him, where He is.

The middle of this week kick starts the preparation for the Vietnam Lunar New Year celebrations. Though the celebration is itself falls on the third week of February, it requires a lot of preparation. I sincerely thank all the volunteers and the Vietnam leadership team working tirelessly to organize this celebration. Anyone who likes to get a glimpse of the preparation or the celebration itself, you are most welcome. I earnestly urge everyone to pray for the success of this event, at the same time remember to pray for everyone working hard night and day.

I warmly welcome all parishioners to join the Lunar New Year Celebration on Sunday, February 15, in the Parish Hall. This is a special time for our parish family to pass on this beautiful tradition to the next generation by teaching our children how to make traditional New Year foods, such as sticky rice cake, to enjoy with their families as they celebrate this occasion. We also have parish groups practicing traditional dances with drums, as well as traditional songs for the New Year celebration. There will be many traditional New Year performances, raffle tickets for adults, and fun quizzes with prizes for youth. More information can be found on the church bulletin board and in the parish bulletin.

We also begin in our diocese the Right of Election for the OCIA candidates, let us keep them in our prayers and those who are introducing them to our faith and the Faith-Formation team. I also thank all the parents and grandparents who accompany the kids to CCD. It is a great commitment to bringing them to the faith formation, so that they learn about our faith and be deeply rooted in it. I also pray for all the volunteers who assist us in various ministries in our parish family.

St. Rita church has a fundraiser dinner on the 15th of this month. The event starts with the Holy Eucharist at 1pm followed by the dinner. The fund is raised to refund the cost of a new heating system that had to be installed because of the vandalism incurred to the old one. I encourage everyone to assist and support our little church by your prayers, participation and your generous donations.

I invite you to pray for those who are getting married and receiving baptism in our parish. Remember to pray for those who are sick as well as those who are mourning the loss of their loved ones. Assuring my prayers for each one of you, request your prayers for our parish, specially for the PFAC members, who are working so hard to plan for our parish.

You are encouraged to be a Good Stewardship of your time, talent, and treasure to support our parish. Wish you all a blessed day and week!

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Fr. Tuan Nguyen, D. Min - Pastor

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Stewardship of Treasure - Week Jan. 12-18

Giving	PSJXXIII	Visitation	SJOW
Sunday	\$5,405	\$2,682	\$3,412
Online	\$1,441	\$1,033	\$1,163
Total	\$6,846	\$3,715	\$4,379
Breakfast	\$1,457		

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**THANK
YOU**

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 Feb. 1-7

Sunday 7:45 - 9:45am Viet breakfast
9:45 AM Coffee and Donut (PSJ)
8:45 AM -12:30 PM -Monthly Breakfast (SJOW)
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 7-8:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration
6:30 - 8:30 PM OCIA – English Class (PSJ)

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

Wednesday
6-8 PM Pastoral & Finance Councils Meetings 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: 9 AM-9PM Sticky Rice Cakes (PSJ Hall)
Eucharistic Adoration from after 8:00 AM Mass to 6:00 PM (PSJ)

Friday
9 AM-9PM Sticky Rice Cakes

Saturday
9 AM-9PM Sticky Rice Cakes
9:40-11:15 AM Prayer Group St. Rita Church
9:30-11 AM: Vovinam activity

Invitation to Eucharistic Adoration

- **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

Registration Forms

Please Scan this QR Code for Registration Forms and others.



Order of Christian Initiation of Adults / OCIA

- February 8th: Rite of Sending at 9:45am Mass at PSJ23, godparents/sponsors need to be there.
- February 15th: Vietnamese Lunar New Year Celebration at 4pm Mass, then performances and food will follow after Mass. All are welcome.
- February 22nd: 9:45am first communion parents meeting at SJOW
- February 25th: 6:30pm first communion parents meeting at PSJ23
- February 28th: Rite of Election at 11am at St. Charles of Borromeo, 7112 S 12th St, Tacoma, WA 98465.
- March 1st: at 6pm confirmation parent meeting at PSJ23

Rite of Sending: *This rite is celebrated within the parishes and marks the community's affirmation of the catechumen's readiness to proceed to the Rite of Election and to receive their Sacraments.*

Palms for Ash Wednesday

Baskets will be available in the South Vestibule of the Church during the month of January through February 15th for collecting Palms. The Ashes are made by burning the blessed palms that were distributed the previous year on Palm Sunday.



Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule February 18, 2026

Pope St. John XXIII

8:00 AM & 5:00 PM English
6:15 PM Distribution of Ashes for CCD Children
7:00 PM Vietnamese

St. John of the Woods

9:30 AM & 7:00 PM

Visitation

9:00 AM School Mass
5:00 PM Visitation

Parish Community

Traditional Making Sticky Rice Cakes (Bánh Chưng/Bánh Tét)

Parishioners are warmly invited to join us in making traditional Sticky Rice Cakes as we celebrate the Lunar New Year together.

 Thursday-Sunday, February 5-8, 2026

 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM

Come for an hour or stay longer—your time, hands, and joy are all welcome!

Lunar New Year Festival

February 15, 2026

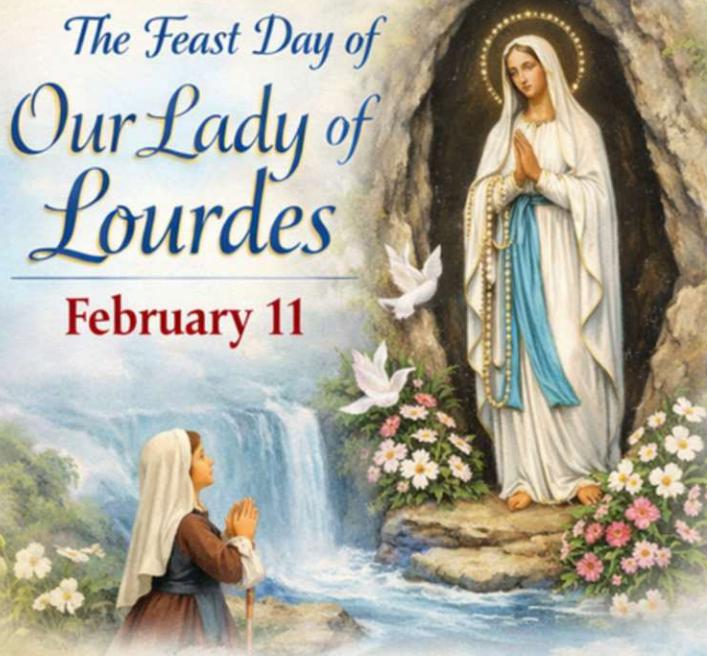
Join us for Mass at 4:00 PM, followed by a festive reception in the Parish Hall with performances, raffle prizes, and interactive quizzes.

Appreciation for Linda Lamb's Years of Service



After 15 years of dedicated and faithful service, Linda Lamb has officially stepped down as President of the Food Bank. We are deeply grateful for her tireless leadership, compassion, and commitment to serving those in need. Her generosity of time and heart has made a lasting impact on countless families and on our parish community as a whole.

Please keep both Linda and Deacon Mike (new president of Food Bank) in your prayers as we give thanks for the past and look forward with gratitude to the future of our Food Bank ministry.



All are invited to join us for a

Special Mass for Peace & Healing

February 11 at 9:30am

at Saint John of the Woods



Welcome, Congratulations

Baptisms

We joyfully welcome our newly baptized children into the Church:

- Camerun Perez
- Mila Rosario Lopez

New Parishioners

- VIS: Jasper Cabrera
- PSJ: Duc and Thi Nguyen

Newly Married Couples

- Kevin Nguyen & Kieu Tram Nguyen – PSJ23
- Peter Camacho & Rosette Flores – SJOW

Please keep these families in your prayers.

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

February 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
- Cold Cereal boxes
- Top Ramen Packets
- 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



St. Rita of Cascia

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MASS and DINNER
Sunday, February 15, 2026
Mass at 1:00 pm
Dinner immediately following

*You're Invited
to bring your hearts, generosity & appetite!*

All are invited to join us to celebrate Mass, however the dinner is limited to 150. This delicious dinner in true "St. Rita style" is a **fundraiser** to recoup unexpected expenses replacing the church heat pumps that were vandalized earlier this year. Your dinner donation of \$40 covers our expenses and contributes to our goal. **Grazie! Thank you!**



We will also have a **RAFFLE** (*donations requested*). If you cannot join us, please consider sponsoring the dinner. To book and for more information, email francie2011@gmail.com or send a message via Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/friendsofsaintritaoftacoma>

All are Welcome



Each Saturday morning in the sanctuary, please join us to pray the Rosary at 9:40 am, and at 10:00 am, to share Scripture Readings and Prayers of Petition, followed by coffee and fellowship in the church hall. Anointing of the Sick is held every second Saturday.

With God all things are possible!

*With God all things are possible.
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STEM Academy Upcoming Events

- Friday, February 6 - Required professional development day for all employees, ELC included. No programs, no ELC, no K-8
- Valentine's activities on Thursday, February 12
- Friday, February 13 - No K-8, ELC open - Midwinter break
- No K-8, No ELC - Monday, February 16 - President's Day
- Wednesday, February 18 - Ash Wednesday, school Mass
- Thursday, February 26 - Noon dismissal, PTCs
- Friday, February 27 - No school, PTCs



Pray for Those in Need

PSJXXIII: Johnny Goon, 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, 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 Snead, Dave Casey, Debbie DeWitt, Dixie Knoll, Elizabeth Wells, Glenna Nyegaard, Irmgard Wilcox, Joan Ellis, Joan Halmrast, Jonathan Keen, Ken Knobbe, Lynn Snead, Marge Berntsen, Maryanne Straling, Ron Knoll, Natalie Vieira, PJ Carpenter, Vanessa Rojas, Patricia Burns.



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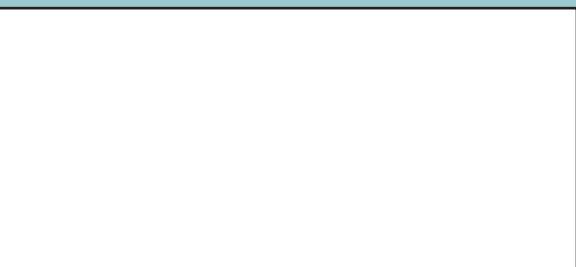
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