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"You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned?" Mt 5:13-16

Salt



Light

**FIFTH
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

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Saturday 9:40am Rosary
Prayer 10:00 am

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PASTOR'S LETTER

"You are the salt of the earth...You are the light of the world". (Mt 5: 13-14)

Dear parishioners of Pope St. John XXIII parish family,

Welcome you warmly to the fifth week of the Ordinary Time. As we reflected last week on the Beatitudes, the liturgy of the Word today invites us to reflect on how to live concretely the beatitudes in our daily lives. The first reading invites us to share, shelter, and cloth the needy. The Gospel today asserts the same theme in calling us to be the salt and light to the world. We as Christians are expected to bring glory and honor to our Creator and God, by living an exemplary life, thus drawing the rest of humanity towards our God in worship.

Speaking about the feeding and clothing, I wish to thank all our generous parishioners and the volunteers at the food bank. We are able to serve the needy neighbors because everyone assisting us with your time, energy and resources. We feed and clothe thousands every month. With your generous donations, we can even do much more. Therefore, I request you to be salt and light of the world, following Jesus' teaching, let us be ready to support in whatever way possible.

At Saint John of the Woods, we will celebrate a special Mass for unity and healing on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, February 11. The Mass will be held at our regular Wednesday time, 9:30 AM. This feast is especially meaningful because of its strong connection to healing and care for the sick. In 1992, Pope Saint John Paul II designated this day as the World Day of the Sick, inviting the Church to pray in a special way for those who suffer. Immediately following Mass, we will have one hour of Eucharistic Adoration. This is a sacred and intimate time—just you and God—after receiving Holy Communion, the eternal food for our souls. I warmly invite you to remain in prayer, draw closer to the Lord, and place all your intentions, hopes, and needs before Him.

At our St. Rita's church, we have fundraiser lunch next Sunday, I urge you to reach out and help our small community, as they are working hard to raise some funds to refund the vandalized heat pump. The eucharist celebration starts at 1 pm and is immediately followed by the lunch. I also thank and appreciate all the members of St. Rita's church in taking initiative to care for the facilities. The Vietnam community is very busy with the Luna New Year preparations that are coming up next week. I extend the invitation to all the members of Pope St. John XXIII faith community. You are most welcome to join the celebrations to experience the different culture and traditional celebrations. My prayers for all the volunteers who work tirelessly to make this event a great success.

This week, you will see envelopes labeled "2026 Open Your Heart Appeal." This appeal supports the PREPARE Ministry, a compassionate outreach and promise of our Church to care for mothers, fathers, infants, and children in need. I kindly invite you to offer your support by placing your donation in the envelope and returning it in the collection basket. Additional information about this appeal will be shared in the weekly parish email. Thank you for opening your hearts and supporting this important ministry.

We are also beginning the season of Lent by the 18th of February. Those who wish to return their palms from last year in order to prepare them for the Ash Wednesday, please do so at the earliest. We need time to burn them and prepare them for our celebrations.

As we progress in the Partners in the Gospel, I thank and appreciate the hard work of our PFAC committee members, at the same time I also urge you to cooperate with them by responding to their sessions at different locations, so that they would be able to come up with the future plans for our parish. Assuring you all my prayers, I request you for the same for our parish and all the upcoming events.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Fr. Tuan Nguyen, D. Min - Pastor

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Stewardship of Treasure - Week Jan. 19-25

Giving	PSJXXIII	Visitation	SJOW
Sunday	\$5,115	\$1,634	\$4,678
Online	\$1,761	\$1,235	\$856
Total	\$6,876	\$2,869	\$5,534
Breakfast	\$1,454		

Online Sacrificial Giving-SJOW campus

Fund

142 - Stewardship of Treasure 2026

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142 - Sacrificial Giving 2025

142 - Building Maintenance

142 - Food Bank

142 - STEM Academy

142 - Flowers

142 - Outreach

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138 - Flowers for Services

138 - Holy Days

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138 - PSJ XXIII Pre-K Class

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138 - Lunar New Year Programs



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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. 8-14

Sunday 7:45 - 9:45am Viet breakfast
Deliver Traditional sticky rice cakes (PSJ)
9:45 AM Coffee and Donut (PSJ)
8:45 AM -12:30 PM -Coffee and Donut (SJOW)
9:45 AM OCIA Rite of Sending, Sponsors need to be there
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

9:30am Mass special for Peace and Healing(SJOW)
6:30- 7:30 PM CCD Class & Religious Education (PSJ)
6-8:00 PM Bible Class (SJOW)

Thursday: Eucharistic Adoration from after 8:00 AM Mass to 6:00 PM (PSJ)

Friday

Saturday

Wedding Mass for Peter Camacho and Rosette Flores (SJOW)
9:00 AM-4:00 PM Marriage Life - Love Retreat
9:40-11:15 AM Prayer Group St. Rita Church
9:30-11 AM: Vovinam activity

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.



Lent 2026 Hope and Renewal

February 18 – April 4



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

LENTEN Events

Visitation will be doing the Lenten small groups also each Sunday after the 9:30 am Mass in the upper hall.

Main Campus: Five Bible study sessions throughout Lent, immediately after Mass at 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 PM every Thursday.

2026 LENTEN REFLECTIONS SCHEDULE

Thu. Feb. 26 Leader/Prophet - Moses, part I
Thu. Mar. 05 Leader/Prophet - Moses, part II
Thu. Mar. 12 Leader/Prophet - Moses, part II
Thu. Mar. 19 King David
Thu. Mar. 26 King Solomon

Lent Reconciliation 2026

Saturdays	PSJXXIII	SJOW	Visitation
Sunday	3:30-4:40pm	5-6 pm	8-9 am
Mon-Fri	3-4 pm		
Wed &Fri		9am	
Mar. 11-13	6 pm		
Mar. 18	PSJ 6:30 pm /1 st Reconciliation		
Mar. 20	SJOW 6pm/ 1 st Reconciliation		

Parish Community



Knights of Columbus Announcement

NO coffee and Donut on Feb 15 at main campus as the Parish Hall will be prepared for the Vietnamese Lunar New Year Festival.

Donations to support the Coffee and Donuts ministry may be made here. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.



Open Your Heart **PREPARES** Pregnancy & Parenting Support

The 2026 Statewide Bishop's PREPARES "Open Your Heart" Appeal takes place the weekend of February 7-8.

The PREPARES donation envelopes are available in the pews. Thank you for your generosity and loving support.

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.

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

1401 S. Ainsworth
Tacoma, WA

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/friendsofsaintritaoftacasia>

All are Welcome



*With God, all things are possible
St. Rita of Cascia*

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.

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STEM Academy DESIGNING OUR FUTURE

Pope St. John XXIII STEM Academy is embarking on an exciting new chapter. We are proud to present the executive summary of our new strategic roadmap, *Designing Our Future: 2025-2030*, the result of survey engagement, collaborative reflection, and framed around research based best practices for highly-effective Catholic Schools. Rooted in 100 years of excellence and legacy in South Tacoma, this strategic plan readies our school for growth into the next 100 years. The final document, which will guide our path forward, was developed over a year by our dedicated planning committee representing parents, benefactors, teachers, parish leadership and other community stakeholders, together with expert guidance from the consultants and co-collaborators at Meitler, a firm renowned for its five decades of service to Catholic education nationwide.

Pray for Those in Need

PSJXXIII: Carmela St. Pierre, Johnny Goon, Norma Vettori, Don Brock, Veronica Titialii, 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 Mather, 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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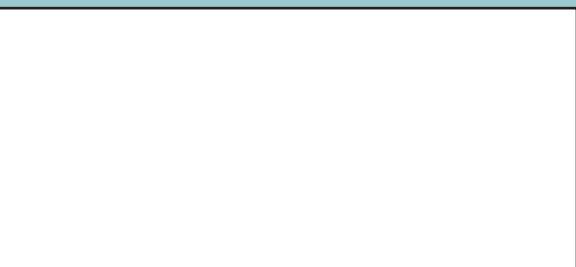
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Horace Gozon Friend, Jr., 91, of Tacoma, WA, passed away on October 1, 2022 from natural causes. He was predeceased by first spouse Aida, Christine & Catherine and is survived by spouse Teresita and children: Sandra, Geraldine, Horace III, Stella, Philip, Therese, Jeffrey, Charles & 13 grandchildren.

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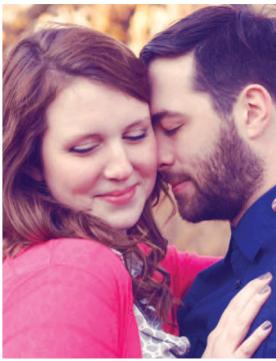


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