

# POPE ST. JOHN XXIII PARISH FAMILY

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Lent 2026

## Hope and Renewal

February 18 – April 4

### 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  
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#### 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,  
Tacoma, WA. 98405  
Saturday 9:40am Rosary  
Prayer 10:00 am

### OUR PRIESTS



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## PASTOR'S LETTER

*"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill." (Matthew 5:17)*

**Dear faith-filled community of Pope St. John XXIII Parish,**

Welcome to the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. This coming Wednesday, we will begin the holy season of Lent.

As we reflect on today's Liturgy of the Word, we hear about God's commandments and the choice every person has—to obey or to disobey them. For many, the Old Testament can seem confusing, filled with laws, rituals, and prophecies that are difficult to connect with the New Testament. Yet Jesus' words remind us that the Old Testament is not merely a relic of the past, but an essential part of God's divine plan. Indeed, every law, prophecy, and detail—down to "the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter"—finds its deepest meaning and fulfillment in Christ.

Though it may be an arduous task to read through the entire Old Testament, those who do so with understanding discover the truth that everything finds its fulfillment in Christ. "Fulfillment" does not mean that Jesus altered or discarded the Old Testament; rather, He revealed its true and hidden meaning, bringing it to perfection. What the Old Testament could only foreshadow, Jesus fully accomplished, achieving the fullness of God's plan and leading us on the path that brings us to our Creator.

I also warmly welcome you all to the grand celebrations of the Vietnamese Lunar New Year, which begin this Sunday with a special honoring of our elders. I invite our entire parish family to pray for the Vietnamese community, especially for all the volunteers who have committed themselves to making this event possible. This celebration is not only an expression of culture and tradition, but also a beautiful way to pass these values on to future generations.

This Sunday, we will also have a fundraiser Mass and lunch at St. Rita. I thank and pray for all the members of the community who have organized this event, and I thank all the parishioners who will attend and support this celebration beginning at 1:00 PM.

As mentioned, we begin the holy season of Lent this Wednesday. I trust that many of you have returned your palms in preparation for the ashes. Masses will be celebrated at all locations. I invite everyone to read the bulletin carefully for Mass times at each location and to plan ahead so that you may begin this sacred season prayerfully.

Once again, I urge everyone to cooperate with the PFAC as they work to help us become one parish family more effectively, considering the most viable options that will assist our priests and staff in serving you in the best way possible. As this concerns our future, I encourage all of you to be more involved and to respond thoughtfully to the Advisory Council.

Thank you to our Operations Staff for installing Populife key boxes at both the PSJ and SJOW campuses, making access easier and more secure for volunteers, retreat groups, and facility rentals while keeping keys safely organized. I am also grateful to our Facilities team for inspecting and repairing all the broken pews in the church—your care and dedication help keep our worship space safe, welcoming, and beautiful for everyone. Please treat our church as your second home by helping children avoid playing with contribution envelopes and hymn books, and by collecting any trash around you after Mass.

Wishing the Vietnamese community a Happy New Year, filled with God's blessings and prosperity, I also pray for God's abundant blessings upon every member of this faith community.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Fr. Tuan Nguyen, D. Min - Pastor



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## Stewardship of Treasure - Jan. 26 - Feb. 1

Giving	PSJXXIII	Visitation	SJOW
Sunday	\$6,672	\$2,725	\$4,242
Online	\$1,783	\$675	\$1,037
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,455</b>	<b>\$3,400</b>	<b>\$5,279</b>
Breakfast	\$1,626		

## Online Sacrificial Giving-SJOW campus

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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.*

## 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



## What is Lent?

Wednesday, February 18, 2026  
- Thursday, April 2, 2026

Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition in this reflection. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs." (CCC. no. 2446).

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## LENTEN Events

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

Beginning Friday 20 February, and continuing on each of the Fridays in Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be prayed in the church beginning at 5.30pm. Please join us for this time of prayer! After the Stations, around 6pm, all are welcome to gather in the Lower Hall for a Soup Supper. Please see sign-ups this week in the church if you would like to bring something to share for these Lenten meals.

**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 <sup>st</sup> Reconciliation		
Mar. 20	SJOW 6pm / 1 <sup>st</sup> Reconciliation		

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS – 2026

Pope St. John XXIII

- Fridays: 3:00 PM English | 5:00 PM Samoan
- Sundays: 3:30 PM Vietnamese
- Palm Sunday: 3:00 PM Vietnamese
- Good Friday: 11:00 AM Samoan | 3:00 PM English

St. John of the Woods

- Fridays: After 9:30 AM Mass | 7:00 PM
- Good Friday: 3:00 PM

Visitation

- Fridays: 5:30 PM
- Good Friday: 5:00 PM

St. Rita

- Good Friday: 12:00 noon

Join us in walking with Christ through His Passion.



# Parish Community

*Happy  
Lunar New Year  
2026*



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.

## **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.



Donation for KoC  
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## **Faith Formation News**

Baptism Class for parents and godparents at PSJXXIII every second Saturday (by Deacon Theman) from 1pm to 2:30pm at PSJXXIII Parish Center.

Contact Sr. Theresa 253-592-2541.

- 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 St. Charles
- March 1st: at 6pm confirmation parent meeting at PSJ23

## **Thank You for a Wonderful Retreat!**

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the WWCCR, Nancy Keller-Scholz, and the Visitation hospitality team for their amazing work in organizing and hosting the Life with the Holy Spirit retreat this past Saturday.

Over 80 participants attended, including many from local parishes, making it a truly grace-filled and inspiring day.



## **Appreciation Linda Lamb President of Ministry of the Poor at Visitation Campus**



## **Ministry of the Poor Introduce New Leadership**

- Deacon Mike Teskey President
- Mary Ann Harshman VP/Treasurer
- Margaret Thompson Chief Purchasing Officer
- Richard McMakin Team Lead Officer





# Parish Community

## Ministry of the Poor

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



## January Outreach Summary

*MonetaryDonations*

### Assistance Provided

- 45 bus tickets
- 476 lunches served to 238 individuals
- 137 bags of groceries
- 140 bags of produce and frozen foods
- 11,780 pounds of food distributed

### People Served

- 95 families received food assistance
- 279 individuals served with food
- 329 individuals received clothing
- Total: 891 people helped

### Volunteer Support

- Open 19 days
- 24 volunteers
- 276 volunteer hours

*Thank you*

### Kindly Reminder from Food Bank

Please do not donate items that need to be refrigerated or frozen in the food boxes in the churches. That find does not always get picked up timely, and the food spoils.

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15 "HAVE A HEART FOR ST. RITA"

MASS AND ITALIAN DINNER FUNDRAISER All are invited to both the Mass and dinner; tickets for the catered dinner are pre sold and close to selling out.

Please join us for prayer and fellowship: February 15 dinner tickets will be sold Saturday, February 7, Rosary at 9:40 a.m. and Prayer Service at 10 a.m. Coffee hour follows in the hall with February birthday celebration and last day to get February 15 dinner tickets

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

In celebration of Catholic Schools Week, each class created posters and cards to thank the staff and volunteers at PSJ.



Pope Saint John XXIII

# OFFICE CLOSED

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16 2026

President's Day

## Pray for Those in Need

**PSJXXIII:** Carmela St. Pierre, Johnny Goon, Norma Vettori, Don Brock, Veronica Titilii, 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, Danny Sneed, Dave Casey, Debbie DeWitt, Dixie Knoll, Elizabeth Wells, Glenna Nyegaard, Irmgard Wilcox, Joan Ellis, Joan Halmarst, Jonathan Keen, Ken Knobbe, Lynn Sneed, Marge Berntsen, Maryanne Straling, Ron Knoll, Natalie Vieira, PJ Carpenter, Vanessa Rojas, Patricia Burns.





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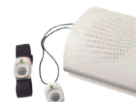
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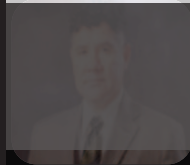


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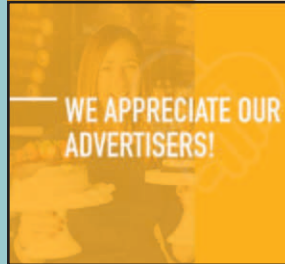
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