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PARISH FAMILY

AUGUST 23, 2026 | TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A



*"You are Peter and upon this rock
I will build my Church."*

Matthew 16:13-20

Pope Saint John XXIII Main Campus

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Vietnamese Mass:

Sunday | 7:45 AM & 4:00 PM
Tuesday & Thursday | 7:00 PM
First Friday | 7:00 PM

Vietnamese Reconciliation

Sunday | 3:00 PM

English Mass:

Saturday | 4:30 PM
Sunday | 9:45 AM
Monday to Friday | 8:00 AM

Reconciliation:

Mon-Fri 7:30-8:00 AM
Saturday | 3:30 PM

Adoration - Thursdays:

9:00-10:00 AM and 4:00-6:00 PM

Anointing of the Sick:

The 5th Saturday and Sunday

SJOW Campus

9903 24th Ave. East Tacoma, WA 98445

Mass Schedule:

Saturday | 6:00 PM
Sunday | 8:00 AM & 11:30 AM
Wed. & Friday | 9:30 AM

Reconciliation: Sat. | 5:00 PM

Rosary: Sat 5:30 PM
Sun 7:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Adoration:

Mon 7:00 PM & Wed 10 AM

Anointing of the Sick:

The 5th Saturday and Sunday

VIS Campus

3314 S 58th Street - Tacoma, WA 98409

Mass Schedule:

Thursday - 9:00 AM
Saturday - Mass 9:00 AM
Sunday - 9:30 AM

Reconciliation: Sat. 8 - 8:55 AM

Rosary: Mon – Fri: 8:20AM

Anointing of the Sick:

The 2nd Saturday and Sunday

St. Rita Campus

1403 S Ainsworth Ave,
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Rosary: Saturday 9:40 AM

Prayer: Saturday 10:00 AM

Anointing of the Sick:

The 2nd Saturday

PSJ – STEM Academy

3306 S 58th St, Tacoma, WA 98409

School Mass:

Thursday 9:00 AM

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Weekly Stewardship of Treasure**For the Week of Aug 3-9/2026**

	PSJXXIII	SJOW
Sunday Donations:	\$9,678	\$2,858
Online Donations:	\$ 2,944	\$1,162
Weekly Total	\$12,622	\$4,020
Viet Breakfast:	\$1,462	

*We are merging the finances of Visitation and HolyRosary into PSJ***Online Giving**

PSJ XXIII



SJOW Campus

Simple Steps to Make**Your Donation:**

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How to Give Online

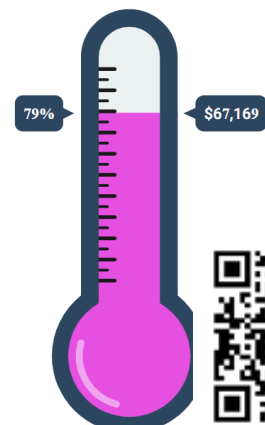
1. Please click the Online Giving link, or Scan the QR Code
2. Select the fund you would like to support from the drop-down menu (for example: Stewardship of Treasure, Faith Formation, Food Bank, Mass Intentions, STEM Academy, etc.).
3. Enter the amount you wish to give.
4. Choose whether this is a one-time gift or a recurring donation.
5. Complete your payment information and submit.

Thank you for your generous support of our Parish Community!**Annual Campaigns Weekly Update****Congratulations, SJOW!**

We are grateful to announce that St. John of the Woods has reached its 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal goal!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has supported the Annual Catholic Appeal through your prayers and generous contributions. We are especially grateful to a generous parishioner whose recent gift helped us reach our goal and close the remaining balance.

PSJ Main Campus and VIS need \$17,570 to get the goal.

GOAL: \$84,739

Dear Parishioners of Pope St. John XXIII parish faith community,

Welcome you to the 21st Sunday in the Ordinary Time, today the Church gives us a question that Jesus still asks—not just about what people say of Him, but what you confess: “But who do you say that I am?” In the Gospel, many answers float around like opinions in the air: some think Jesus is this great prophet, others that great one. But Jesus does not ask for a clever guess. He draws His disciples to a personal profession of faith. Peter answers for the group: “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus calls that confession a gift from the Father, not merely a human conclusion.



Jesus then promises that Peter will be the rock on which He builds His Church and that He will give “the keys of the kingdom of heaven.” With those keys comes a real authority for the life of the Church: what is bound and loosed on earth is bound and loosed in heaven. In other words, this is not an idea that stays inside our heads—it has visible consequences for the guidance, unity, and holiness of Christ’s people.

We are in the last weeks of summer; I wish to remind everyone about our ACA; we have not reached our goal. We are not very far from achieving it, but at the same time it is not possible without everyone responding to it. Hence, I urge those who have not responded to prayerfully consider making a donation to reach our ACA goal. We will have to begin our Stewardship campaign as after the summer break; therefore, it’s time to wrap up the ACA. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Though we are in the summer break, the Parish Family Advisory Council (PFAC) has met several times to plan and execute the pilot program well, which would be helpful to make the decision to become One Parish in every possible way. Therefore, I wish to remind you of our pilot program for the weekend vigil services at the main campus and St. John of the Woods campus. Please be aware of the mass time change and location and plan well to attend vigil service. Your co-operation is the key, as we will be watching eagerly and listening attentively to your inputs before we make the final decisions.

We had wonderful summer BBQ celebration at St. John of the Woods this Saturday, thanks to everyone who are committed in making this event possible. As we know, it is all done by faithful parish volunteer team, their selfless service and sacrifice is the reason for the various activities and events happening in our churches. Please feel free to join any of our ministries and be part of that volunteer team to bring out your talents and put them to use for the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

Our parish family programs are beginning to resume as we welcome the new school year. STEM students are returning to school, and School Masses at Visitation will resume on Thursday, August 27, at 9:00 a.m. CCD registration will remain open for the next few weeks, and we encourage families to enroll their children and grandchildren in our Catholic School and Faith Formation programs. Many other parish activities at St. John of the Woods (SJOW) and Visitation will also resume in September. We look forward to another year of growing together in faith and community.

Congratulations to the couples who recently celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage and to the young people who celebrated their Quinceañeras (15th birthdays).

Please go through the bulletin for further information of all the events of our parish. Thank you.

Fr. Tuan Nguyen, D. Min, Pastor

We are one multicultural Catholic parish family of Pope St. John XXIII, united across our campuses to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. We welcome all to come join us by living our faith as a Eucharist-centered Catholic family in worship and service to all God's people.

Welcome New Parishioners

- Tan Tran and Vy Le
- Edward and Amanda Horstman,
- Elle, Gia, Reese, Emma Horstman
- Asumptha Kinunda
- Louis and Judith Pietenburg
- Kim Brown
- Clarissa Hominda
- Crystal Aguilar, Anthony Aguilar, Kailena Acfalle, Jeremy Henry, Keanu Aguilar
- Maria de Jesus Santiago Alejandre

Our School

at Main Campus, Summer Class Ended

Register, please contact Sr. Theresa

PSJ STEM Academy – Welcome Back!

- August 17: Teachers return to prepare for the new school year.
- August 20: Teachers will attend the Staff Mass.
- August 21, 5:00–6:30 p.m.: Join us for our Ice Cream Social and School Supply Drop-Off!
- August 26: Students begin the new school year.
- School Masses will resume at Vis on Thursday, Aug. 27 at 9:00 am

Faith Formation Workshop

Mark your calendars for a special morning of faith and inspiration!

Saturday, September 19

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Theme: "The Way, the Truth, and the Life"

Presenter: Dr. Monty Montes

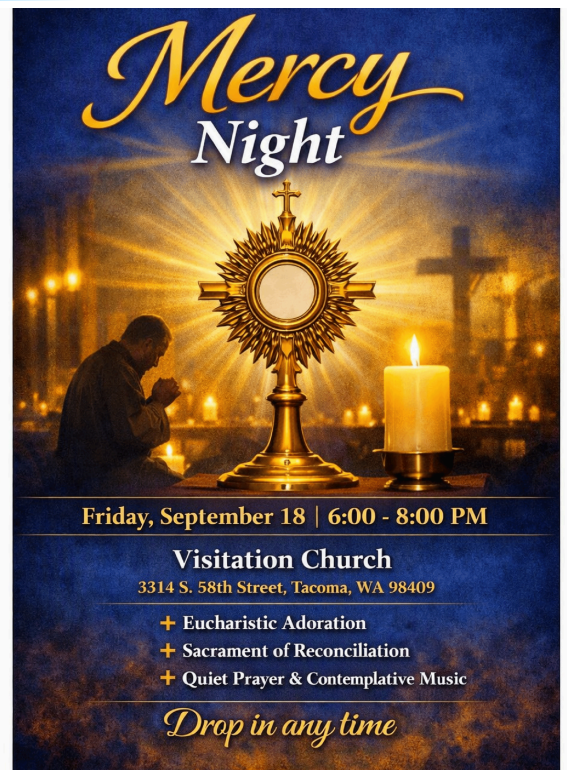
Join the Faith Formation Commission for an enriching presentation that will deepen your understanding of Christ's call to discipleship and strengthen your journey of faith.

Everyone is welcome. We look forward to seeing you there!

Events at Campuses



The poster for Sacristy Day features a circular logo at the top left with a portrait of Pope St. John XXIII and the text "POPE ST. JOHN XXIII PARISH" and "ARCHDIOCESE OF SEATTLE". To the right is a large cross. The title "SACRISTY DAY" is in large, bold, blue letters. Below it is a calendar icon and the text "Friday, August 28 6:00-7:30 pm By Fr. Hendry". A central image shows a golden chalice and other sacramental vessels on a white cloth. At the bottom, it says "Gather to share best practices as Sacristans. All past, present, and future sacristans are welcome!"



The poster for Mercy Night has a dark blue background with a golden sunburst containing a cross. A person is kneeling in prayer in the foreground. The title "Mercy Night" is in large, elegant, golden script. Below it, it says "Friday, September 18 | 6:00 - 8:00 PM". The location "Visitation Church" and address "3314 S. 58th Street, Tacoma, WA 98409" are listed. A list of activities includes "Eucharistic Adoration", "Sacrament of Reconciliation", and "Quiet Prayer & Contemplative Music". At the bottom, it says "Drop in any time" in a golden script.

Religious Education

Looking for a way to give back to the church? Stewardship-time-talent? Teaching Religious Education or helping with the Confirmation Program may be for

you. As Catholics our responsibility is to play an active part in educating the young people of our parish. If you feel like you can be a Catechist, please contact us.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

The CCD Registration Form is ready for families to pick up at the entrance to church or you can go to the parish website:

Please register as soon as possible so that we can prepare for the year make students lists for each grade and teachers can prepare.

Religious Education classes for our young people from Pre-K to 8th grade; First Communion classes for 2nd grade and older. These help them know their Faith, learn to live it and love it.



Coming Soon !!!

CHRISTIAN INITIATION

For Adults (OCIA)

Classes are held on Monday nights from 6:30-8:30pm at the Religious Education Center from September to June.

For Children and Youth

Based on the OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults), this process of Christian initiation is adapted for children and youth age 7 and up who have not been baptized Catholic.

Classes are held on Wednesday evenings beginning in September and continue through Easter Vigil.

For anyone from 16 and up:

- 1) Interested in learning more about the Catholic faith
- 2) Would like to be Baptized Catholic or confirmed
- 3) A lapsed Catholic
- 4) Anyone wanting a refresher.

It's going to be GREAT!!!

Please call our office or email L.B: lbgilmer@gmail.com or Sr. Theresa 253-592-2541 or sotheresa2022@psj23.org.

Please pray for those

Who Are Sick or Homebound

PSJXXIII: Leigh Ann Gilmer, Joe Knoll, Leigh Ann Gilmer, Mary Margaret Brasher, Carmela St. Pierre, Norma Vettori, Don Brock, Veronica Titillii, 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: Gabriele Wallner, Merle Gregg, Bob Gatbunton Tom Molzan, Shirley Mazzuca, Joyce Taylor, Paul Silone, Jeanette Gatbunton, Cathy Adam, Bob Rooney, Jim SwanRay, Hasselman, Louise Peterson, Richard Baron, Elisabeth Douglas, Milo Ternes, Tony George, Rick Shurbet, Sabina 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, Vanessa Elmer, Lucy Romo, Benjamin & Linda Holm, Charles, Robin Mazza, Charlie Faniel, Sharon Turner and her Family. All those suffering in war and strife.

SJOW: Vida Yingling-Thomas, Marsha Wells, Bettie Gallaway, Janis Schmidt, Christian Blum, Lornell Soderlind, Cirila Elfleda Bardelas, Luis A. Arce Jr. Lettie Devish, Danny Sneed, Debbie DeWitt, Dixie Knoll, Elizabeth Wells, Glenna Nyegaard, Irmgard Wilcox, Joan Halmrast, Jonathan Keen, Ken Knobbe, Lynn Sneed, Marge Berntsen, Maryanne Straling, Ron Knoll, Natalie Vieira, PJ Carpenter, Vanessa Rojas, Patricia Burns.

In Loving Memory of:

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SJOW Campus:

Coffee & Donut Sunday after the 8:00am Mass and 11:30am Mass

The "SJOW Breakfast Gang" is looking for volunteers to help with clean up after the Big Ole BBQ. Please text Tom Cruz at 253-297-0274.

Visitation Campus: Coffee & Donut after 9:30 AM Sunday Mass

Viet - Sunday Foods

Some basic foods we usually have each week are listed below.

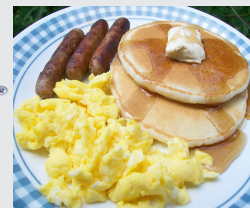
To purchase food, please come directly to the Parish Center or contact a team member:

- Mrs. Hùng: 253-394-8166/ Mrs. Uyên: 253-224-7726 / Mrs. Michelle: 253-327-9132

Sunday Breakfast, and Fellowship



Knights of Columbus



PSJ Main Campus:

Join us Sundays after the 9:45am Mass at PSJ23 - Contact: Anthony Quintanilla - Grand Knight Council #15462



Quán 3 Miền

- Cà phê sữa đá (\$5) Vietnamese iced coffee
- Bánh mì chả thịt nguội xá xiu (\$5) Vietnamese bread
- Mì Quảng tôm thịt (\$13) Traditional noodles with shrimp, pork and eggs
- Bánh bèo tôm chảy (\$10) Vietnamese steamed rice cakes with minced shrimp
- Thịt heo xào mắm ruốc (\$5) Pork with shrimp paste
- Bánh patechaud (\$4) Vietnamese meat pie
- Gỏi cuốn (\$8/2 cuốn) Spring roll with shrimp & barbecue pork (\$8/2 rolls)
- Chà bông ½ lb (\$18) Dried shredded pork
- Chả chiên (\$9) Vietnamese fried pork roll
- Chả lụa (\$9) Steamed pork loaf
- Mọc (\$8) Frozen raw pork loaf
- Xôi lá dứa (\$4) Sweet sticky rice
- Bánh bao (\$4) Dumplings
- Bánh giò (\$4) Vietnamese steamed rice cake
- Chè chuối (\$4) Sweet banana soup with coconut milk
- Ya - ua (\$2) Vietnamese yogurt

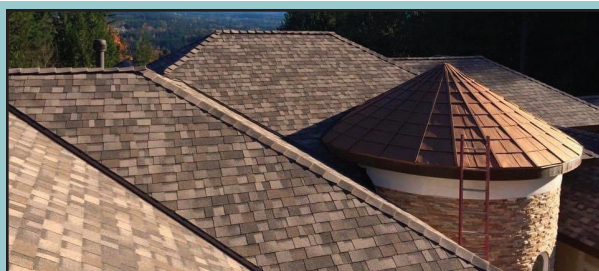
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Sue Potter -Chief Excecutive Officer of Nourish Pierce County sent a letter to our parish family that:

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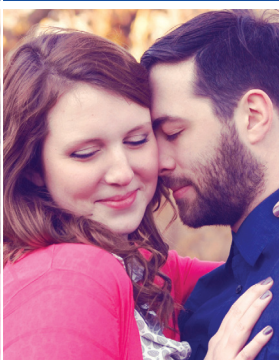
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