



+June 20–21, 2026

*To the Parishioners of  
Pope St. John XXIII Parish, Tacoma  
St. John of the Woods Mission, Tacoma*

Dear Friends,

I am happy to greet all of you in the name of the Lord Jesus!

Today, I am pleased to announce that, after consultation with the Priest Personnel Board, I have appointed Father Khoi Trong Le, S.D.D., as your new parochial vicar, effective July 15, 2026. Father Le is a newly ordained priest from the Domus Dei Society.

Father Le is a wonderful priest who will diligently and faithfully serve you and your parish family. Be assured that he will receive all the necessary support and assistance from the Archdiocese of Seattle to ensure quality pastoral care for your parish family.

Father Tuan Nguyen will continue in responding to God's call as your pastor, and Father Hendry Jesu Rajan Arokiasamy, H.G.N., as your parochial vicar. Together with Father Le, they will serve your parish family while also supporting the hospital ministry needs of the Pierce Deanery.

Times of transition can be challenging, especially as we prepare to welcome new priest. However, if embraced in an open and positive way, this can be a time of blessing for the entire parish and the Catholic Church of Western Washington. I am confident that will be the case as you welcome Father Le to your parish family. As always, I remain,

In The Heart of Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Paul D. Etienne".

Most Rev. Paul D. Etienne, DD, STL  
Archbishop of Seattle