January 4, 2026 Year A

# POPE ST. JOHN XXIII PARISH FAMILY

7025 S Park Ave., Tacoma, WA 98408 -Phone - (253) 472-1360 -Fax - (253) 475-6335



# **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

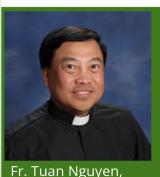
## **PSJ XXIII STEM Academy**

3306 S 58th St, Tacoma, WA 98409 Phone (253) 474-6424 bostwickk@psjstem.org

#### 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**

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." (Mathew 2:2)

#### Dear Parishioners of Pope St. John XXIII parish family,

Happy New Year and Happy Epiphany of the Lord! Today we celebrate the solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, where the Lord is manifested to the whole world that seeks Him with sincere heart. This feast reveals that Jesus came for all people and all are called to adore Him. These Magi were "wise men" who studied the stars. They set a perfect example for us by laying their lives down before Christ Child in complete surrender and adoration. If these astrologers from a foreign land could come and adore Christ in such a profound way, we must do the same during this celebration.

Adoring and worshiping Christ, we as a gratitude filled faith community, thank you for all your support throughout 2025. We had a blessed year with many challenges throughout the year as well as many different opportunities that assisted us to nurture our Faith through God's providence. We have a strong faith in God who is always with us each moment of our lives. Thank you for taking time to reach out to get to know each other and to support the parish. We do need your help in all areas of the parish ministry, so please continue to assist our parish in whatever way you can.

We had a wonderful Advent Season last year. We are in the Christmas Season after celebrating Christmas Day, and we have been blessed with a joyful Christmas Day celebration. We celebrated the Feast of the Holy Family on the last Sunday of the year, which we believe is the foundation of the Faith Community and society. We started the New Year on the Solemnity Feast of Mary, the mother of our Lord. We asked our Spiritual Mother Mary to bless and comfort us throughout the New Year! We are celebrating the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. It is good for us to pray and meditate on different characters to help us to know what Christmas is about and to fully celebrate it.

We welcome our students back to school in the new year. We also welcome students for the Faith Formation and other parish programs this new year. We hope that they had a lot of fun during their Christmas break and the New Year. Before they left for their Christmas break, they invited their parents and family to join them in the Church for their Christmas Program, performing the Christmas Story. It was a wonderful performance, and we also encouraged them to attend Mass when they were on vacation with their family. I was very surprised to see them at Mass and very proud of them and their parents participating faithfully in our spiritual celebrations.

We had many people who came for Christmas and New Year's celebrations. We thank our benefactors for their financial support to pay for most of the expenses, such as decorations and materials for Christmas and the New Year. We thank all the volunteers who worked night and day to make these events spirit filled and heart-warming.

As we mentioned, we were able to complete many of the projects we had planned for the betterment of our facilities. We have some important projects that we will have to look into this New Year. I have sent a letter to your home with some explanations, so you know what is going on with our parish facility. Our parish facility is ageing and needs a lot of attention (repairs) and we need your continual support to enable us to keep these buildings usable for all of our parish's activities and other events.

We thank you for your support and prayers for our parish. We ask you to pray for the vocation to priesthood and religious life as well as vocation of family life (marriage), which is important, to provide sons and daughters who can continue to serve God's people.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your love and care for our parish. Our parish is growing and needs more young and energetic volunteers who can make our parish more vibrant and dynamic. The Feast of the Epiphany that celebrates Christ who is our light, may He fill and brighten our hearts in this New Year. May you have a blessed New Year!

Sincerely yours in Christ, Fr. Tuan Nguyen, D. Min - Pastor

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#### Parish Leadership:

Pastoral Council: Louie Tran - (253) 230-4265 Finance Council: Bob Richardson - (253) 922-2412

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OCIA Director: LB Gilmer - (253) 472-1360 | lbgilmer@psj23.org

Lazarus Committee: Theresa Naufahu, theresa.snaufahu@gmail.com| (253) 290-6249/ Darlene

Cartwight, (253) 848-1633 | Cartwright5915@comcast.net

## <u>Stewardship of Treasure - Week Dec.22-28</u>

Giving	PSJXXIII	Visitation	sjow
Sunday	\$11,832	\$2,068	\$4,236
Online	\$2,408	\$1,428	\$1,433
Total	\$14,240	\$3,496	\$5,669
Envelopes	181	21	60
Other income			
Viet Breakfast	\$1,392	Thank You	
Baby Jesus	\$1,860		
Senior Mass	\$477		
Simbang Gabi:	\$605		

# AT PS J23 MAIN CAMPUS

Altar Server

Rosalie Raffaell • (253) 691-1758

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Louis Matej • (253) 921-5612

Lazarus & Samoan MinistriesTheresa Naufahu • (253) 290-6249

Lector

Pele Faleono • (253) 533-5705

Slideshow / Livestream Janet Gummersall • (253) 312-0389

Sacristan

Anna Belle • (360) 731-3454

Lina Tausinga • (425) 394-2701

Usher

L.B. Gilmer • (928) 446-9045

Greeter Minister

Senia Papaia • (253) 886-9140

Remember us in your wills and trusts;

As beneficiaries of your retirement fund and/or life insurance; as a memorial or remembrance gift

# Online Sacrificial Giving



142-SJOW



138-SR



138-PSJXXIII



138-VIS

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 Jan.4-10

#### Sunday

8:45am Viet breakfast

9:45 AM Mass/OCIA Rite of Acceptance

10:30-12:30 Viet language class

12:35-1:40 Viet Religious Education class

1:45-3:30 Viet Eucharistic Youth group

2-3:30pm Daughters of Mary meeting

2:00 - 3:45 PM OCIA Viet (PSI)

**Tuesday** 1-3:00 PM Bible Class (SIOW)

Wednesday

11:30am-1pm Senior Luncheon (SJOW)

6:30 -7:30 PM CCD & Religious Education (PSI)

6-8:00 PM Bible Class (SJOW)

Saturday

9:40-11:15 AM Prayer Group/ Anointing of the Sick (SR)

10-12noon: Vovinam activity

1 -4:00PM Baptism Preparation Class

4: 30 PM PS|23 Mass/Baptism

#### Welcome to Parish

Amanda and Ron Joslin, Isaia Tavete, Hang Nguyen, Jason and Stephen Tran

# OCIA - Rite of Acceptance

Jan. 4 (Sun) – Rite of Acceptance

Time: 9:45 AM | Location: PSJ23

Sponsors are asked to be present.

The Rite of Acceptance is a significant liturgical event in the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). It marks the beginning of the journey for those who wish to enter the Catholic Church

# Thank you for Baby Jesus Contributions

It is a blessing for our parish to receive your contributions to the parish project through the Baby Jesus Fund during this Christmas season. May God grant you abundant grace.

# Request Mass Intentions

All campuses, please contact:

• Parish Secretary: Carmen Lozano (253) 472-1360, ext. 101 | carmen@psj23.org

# Bellarmine Ignatian Evening of Prayer

IAN 29 • 6:30 - 8 P.M. • ORELL HALL, ACE

You're invited to join us for prayer, reflection and community! Bellarmine's Ignatian Evening Series is designed to foster growth in relationship with Jesus through Ignatian Spirituality, within the context of prayer and community.

Please read more information on weekly email, Website and Facebook

RSVP AT BELLARMINEPREP.ORG/IGNATIAN-EVENIN

Experience a LIFE with the Holy Spirit RETREAT

Saturday, January 31, 202<mark>6</mark>

9:30am to 4:30pm

**Church of the Visitation** 

in the Social Hall 5645S. Warner St., Tacoma

**Details:** 

 Register early online at https://wwccr.org/holy-spirit-retreat/ or call 206-364-2272.

Suggested donation: \$20

- Pre-registration is required. No onsite registration. Registration cut-off date is Thursday, January 22nd.
- •Bring your lunch. It's a very full day, so this is a closed retreat and we stay together for lunch.
- •We begin promptly at 9:30am. Doors open at 8:30am for check-in.Retreat ends at 4:30pm.

# 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

## Appreciation

## **PSJ XXIII Turkey Drive**

A huge heartfelt Thank You to our school children and their families for their overwhelming generosity in collecting food and gift cards for the Ministries of the Poor during this holiday season. And also to the school staff for hosting the drive and encouraging all to participate. The amount of food collected was absolutely amazing and has allowed us to prepare over 50 Christmas boxes of food for families in our community that are in need. We are truly blessed to have this support from our school and the families attending it, as well as the support of the members of this parish. Thank you all for everything you do.

The Ministries of the Poor



Volunteer Appreciation







## Pictures of the Week





Seniors Mass and Party



# Ministry of the Poor

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

#### <u>January Donation Requests</u>

#### **Food Requests**

- Canned Chicken / SpamCanned Stew / Canned
- Soups w/meat
   Peanut Butter 16oz /18oz
- Canned Fruit
- Hunts canned Spaghetti Sauce 28 oz cans
- Cup of Noodles
- Rice 32oz bags
- Hot Cocoa Mix
- 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**

#### <u>Additional Requests</u>

- 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

## "Blue Mass" at Visitation Church

On Thursday, Jan. 8, we will be celebrating a "Blue Mass" at Visitation Church. This Mass is dedicated to our law enforcement officers. Mass will be at 9 am during the school Mass, with a reception following. All are welcome to come support our local members of the police force at this special Mass.

#### Do you know?

Washington State Patrol wants to have many opportunities to meet with community members. We have participated with "Faith in Blue" which encourages both faith-based communities and law enforcement agencies to partner together with amazing events. Such as a 'Blue Mass'. Which will be great to be able to invite the community around the church. And introducing the students at the school to those who help with public safety for our community is amazing.

# Saint Rita Church - Events & Gatherings

- Jan 6, 10:30 AM Rosary, 11:00 AM Funeral Mass for Sandy Mazzei
- Jan 10 Prayer Group/ Anointing of the Sick
- All Saturdays 9:40-11:15 AM Prayer Group

# Saint Rita Christmas Brunch The hass

## Pray for Those in Need

Matthew 5:4: "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."

**PSJXXIII**: 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 Mathern, Doris McGuire, Wesley McMakin, Helen Murray, Peggy Neagle, Shirley Pietz, Bob & Rayanne Richardson, Eldon Weber,

VIS and St. Rita - Paul Silone, Jeanette Gatbunton, Trisha Sloan, 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 Sneed, Dave Casey, Debbie DeWitt, Dixie Knoll, Elizabeth Wells, Glenna Nyegaard, Irmgard Wilcox, Joan Ellis, Joan Halmrast, Jonathan Keen, Ken Knobbe, Lynn Sneed, Marge Berntsen, Maryanne Straling, Ron Knoll, Natalie Vieira, PJ Carpenter, Vanessa Rojas, Patricia Burns.