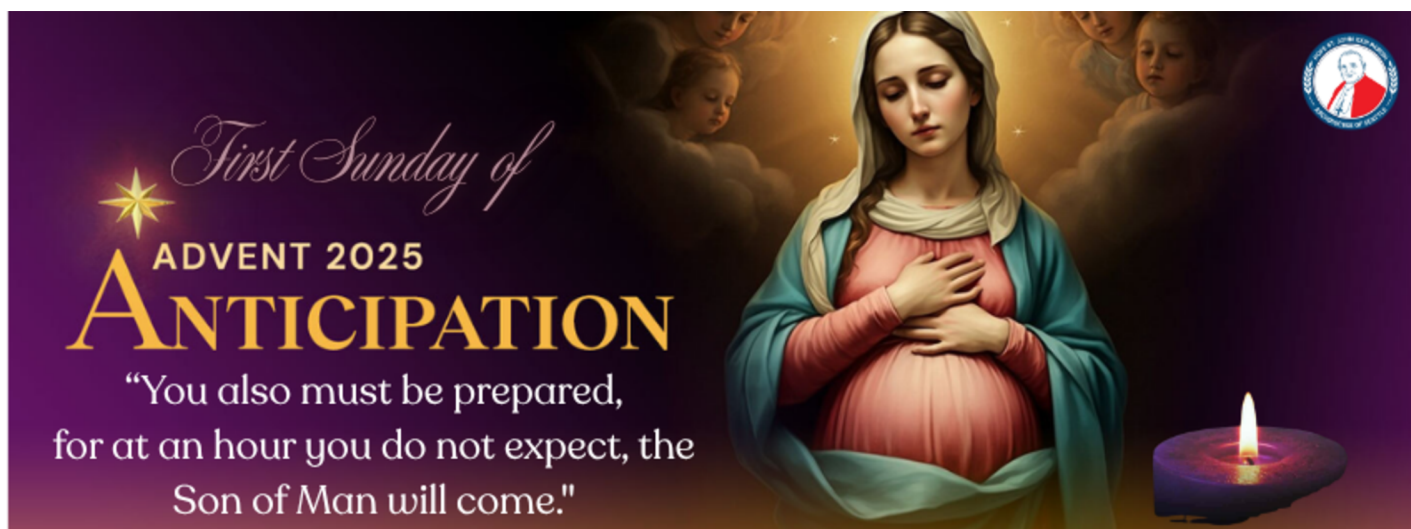


POPE ST. JOHN XXIII PARISH FAMILY

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
Prayer: Saturday Prayer 10:00 am

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PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Parishioners of Pope St. John XXIII Parish Family,

Welcome you all to the new liturgical year of the church, with this first Sunday of the Advent. We enter into this new cycle "year A" with an invitation to "stay awake, for you do not know on which day your Lord will come." (Mt 24:42). Advent is a time of eager waiting for the coming of the Lord as prophesied by Jeremiah in the first reading. Indeed, it's a time of preparation to welcome the Messiah who comes to save us. He comes to save us, from our own selfishness and our bondage to sinfulness. That's also the main reason we share gifts at His coming, a sign of breaking free from our bondage and looking out for our neighbor. Let us make this Advent more meaningful by preparing ourselves worthily, utilizing the opportunities provided in the parish in the form of advent retreats and sacrament of reconciliation, so that we be ready to receive the Lord at His Nativity.

Thank you to the Confirmation students from PSJ's English and Vietnamese classes for completing three hours of community service inside the church. Thank you also to the parents for your support and for bringing your children. In addition, on December 14th, from 9:30-11:30 a.m., the Confirmation students from SJOW will visit the King Manor Senior Living Facility to socialize with the residents, uplift their spirits, and share the joy of Christmas by singing carols. It is beautiful to see our young people taking the initiative to reach out and spread joy. Thank you to the teachers, parents, and children for this kind and meaningful effort.

Speaking about sharing, the parish Food Bank is planning for the Christmas basket for the poor families that need them the most. The ministries of the Food Bank will come up with the list of the necessary items. We can participate in donating to the food bank to prepare the baskets by dropping the requested items at each of our locations in the destined spot. May I also request you to bring to our notice, if any family in your neighborhood would need the Christmas Basket, so that we can reach-out to them. We also have the giving tree set up by the out-reach ministry, you can pick a slip from the tree and buy the gift named in the slip to brighten the day of those home-bound and confined to care-homes. The tree will be set up from the first to the third week of advent.

This year, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception falls next Monday, therefore I urge everyone to participate in the Eucharist on December 8. This Holy Day of Obligation will be celebrated with Masses at various times and locations: PSJ23 (English at 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Vietnamese at 7 p.m.), and St. John of the Woods at 6 p.m. We invite you to attend any of these Masses. Remind you also of the celebration of the Simbang-Gabi this year at Visitation on the 9th of December at 7pm and at PSJ23 on 15th of December at 7pm. All are invited to come and celebrate with our Pilipino community their faith and culture on these days.

The out-reach ministry of our parish also plans to celebrate the Christmas with the senior members of our parish on December 17 at 10:30 am, specially who are home-bound with the Eucharistic celebration with the sacrament of healing followed by the entertainment by the pre-K children and lunch. Help bring those who can't partake in our parish Christmas celebration to come and participate on this day.

We warmly welcome our new parishioners and those recently baptized, and we are grateful for everyone joining our parish leadership roles. Finally, a sincere thank you to everyone who helps keep our church grounds clean. Your efforts create a welcoming environment for all, and we ask everyone to help maintain clean restrooms across our campuses and check the doors and gates before your leave the church premises so that we can secure our facilities from vandalism and excess heating bills. Let us together build our parish with responsibility and love.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Fr. Tuan Nguyen, D. Min , Pastor

Parish Community

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 OCIA Director: LB Gilmer - (253) 472-1360 | lbgilmer@psj23.org
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Stewardship of Treasure - Week Nov.10-16

Giving	PSJXXIII	Visitation	SJOW
Sunday	\$ 6,639	\$2,306	\$4,857
Online	\$2,883	\$921	\$750
Total	\$9,522	\$3,227	\$5,607
Viet Breakfast	\$2,214		
Other Income			
Envelopes	178	25	67

Online Giving



The Sunday collection is very important for us to maintain our fiscal responsibilities. So, if you are away on a Sunday, ENJOY; but, remember YOUR church. Set up your gift today or consider an additional gift via our Online Giving at QR Codes below:



138-PSJ-VIS-SR
Sacrificial Giving



142-SJOW Sacrificial
Giving



Volunteer Sign Up

ADVENT RECONCILIATION 2025



	PSJXXIII	SJOW	VIS
Saturday	3:30 - 4:40pm	5-6pm	8-9am
Sundays	3-4pm		
Mon thru Fri	7:30am		
Wed & Fri		9am	
Dec. 3rd	6:30pm		
Dec. 7th		9:30-11:20am	
Dec. 10th -12th	6-7pm		

What is an Advent Wreath?

Traditionally, Advent wreaths have four candles that represent the four weeks of the season. The subsequent lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation

and hope of our Lord's coming into the world at Christmas, as well as the anticipation of his second coming at the end of time.



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 November 30-Dec 6

Sunday Thanksgiving Break all classes
Monday 6:30 - 8:30 PM OCIA – English Class (PSJ)
Tuesday 1-3:00 PM Bible Class (SJOW)
Wed. 11:30am-1pm Senior Luncheon (SJOW)
 6:30 - 7:30 PM CCD Class&Religious Education(PSJ)
 6-8:00 PM Bible Class (SJOW)
Friday: Advent Song at 8:15 AM (STEM)
 PTO Family Movie Night 5-8:00 PM (STEM)
 Usher and Greeter training at 6PM (PSJ)
Saturday: Giving Tree for homebound begins in PSJ and SJOW



TRAINING

USHER & GREETER MINISTRY

Friday, Dec. 5, 2025
At 6pm - Parish Hall
At the Main Campus

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

December 7th after the 9:45a.m. Mass in the PSJ Parish Hall.
 Please join us for breakfast and Fellowship!

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Monday December 8th,

POPE ST. JOHN XXIII

8:00 a.m. English
 5:00 p.m. English
 7:00 p.m. Vietnamese

ST. JOHN OF THE WOODS 6:00PM



CCS Reflection before Masses of the weekend December 13 and 14 across all campuses.

Request Mass Intentions

All campuses, please contact:

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



POPE ST JOHN XXIII PARISH
TỈNH TÂM MÙA VỌNG
 ADVENT RETREAT

BƯỚC ĐI TRONG HY VỌNG

NGÀY 10-12 THÁNG 12, 2025

6 PM | GIẢI TỘI
 7-9 PM | THÁNH LỄ VÀ GIẢNG THUYẾT

NGÀY 10/12 | THÁP SÁNG HY VỌNG ĐỜI MÌNH.
 NGÀY 11/12 | THÁP SÁNG HY VỌNG GIA ĐÌNH.
 NGÀY 12/12 | THÁP SÁNG HY VỌNG CỘNG ĐOÀN.

LINH MỤC GIẢNG THUYẾT:
 DOMINIC TRẦN QUỐC BẢO, CSSR

7025 S. PARK AVE - TACOMA WA 98408
 THAM DỰ TRỰC TUYẾN QUA:
<https://www.facebook.com/psj23parish/>



ADVENT REFLECTION

With
Father Mike McDermott

Gathered in faith, united in prayer

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12
0800 AM MASS

All are invited

- Scripture reading
- Reflection after Mass
- Worship & fellowship

Join us at:
 7025 S. Park Ave - Tacoma WA 98408
<https://www.facebook.com/psj23parish/>

Parish Community

Giving Tree Ministry

At PSJ XXIII and SJOW, tags will be put up on first Sunday of Advent November 29th and remain until December 18th. Gifts collected will be shared with our Nursing home residents and the Homebound parishioners before Christmas.



Visitation- tags will be available from November 16th through December 25th, all the gifts from the giving tree at Visitation will support our parish food bank and help local families in need this Christmas season. For questions, contact Mary Ann Harshman at Sunday Mass or 253-318-0953.



VIS: Please choose a tag after Mass. Thank you to all our donors for your generosity.

Advent Senior's Mass and Party

Advent Senior's Mass December 17th at PSJXXIII Mass and Anointing of the Sick to Celebrate Christmas on Wednesday, December 17th at 10:30AM at PSJXXIII and reception will follow the Mass.

We will have some entertainment from Pre-K class and raffle tickets with many prizes. All are welcome.



Christmas Volunteers Appreciation

December 20 after 4:30 PM Mass
Invite volunteers and their spouses from all campuses.



Welcome to Our New Parish Families!

We joyfully welcome the following families to our parish community:

PSJXXIII: Atonino, Aukusitino, and Sitina Tufuga; Carla Padron; Stephanie and Vicente Untalan; Jennifer Lamm; Wilhelmina Guiao; Kimanh Tran; Thao Huynh; Alexia and Celestine Rodney; Huyen Nguyen; Tam Quang Nguyen

SJOW: Dulce Moreno Sandoval, Lucio Abner Tobon Mendoza

Some Images in the Week

Our 6th graders explored particle interactions using marbles and magnets to model energy transfers between different states of matter.



VIS Christian Life Seminar Retreat - Experience a deeper relationship with God.

SJOW Pre-School Christmas Celebration



Join us for a Live Nativity and Christmas Songs presented by our SJOW Pre-School!

 Time: December 18, at 7:00 PM
 Location: St. John of the Woods Hall



Vietnamese Holy Martyrs Choir
Feast Day Celebration

Parish Community

Ministry of the Poor

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

December 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
- Rice 32oz bags
- Hot Cocoa Mix
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Instant Oatmeal Packets
- Canned Vegetables

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

*** non-perishable / non expired food new / gently used & laundered items no oversized or bulk containers

Homebound Ministry Announcement



Thank you everyone for joining us the Homebound Training yesterday Nov. 22nd. Fr. Tuan asks that, we will promulgate the norms of the Archdiocese from the first Sunday of Advent.

All ministers who bring holy communion to the sick, you are encouraged to come well before the mass begins, Contact the sacristan at the Mass and give the pyx to them and let he/she know you need 1 or 2 or more hosts. Then the sacristan/altar server will place the pyx on the Altar at Mass.

The pyx can't be brought during the communion procession and ask 1 or 2 hosts you need.

Priest will consecrate at the Mass and will give ministers the pyx after the final blessing, before he walks out after the Mass.

No one should go up to open the Tabernacle after Mass or if you late for Mass, you must wait until everyone leaves the church to open the Tabernacle.

We handed out a Communion to the Sick Book to the EMs, please follow the guideline on it.

All ministers who bring holy communion to the sick/homebound/nursing home, must do a background check.

Saint Rita Church

We have heat! The vandalized church heat pumps were both replaced and are working great. We plan on having a fundraiser in February to recoup some or all of the \$20,000 expense. If you know anyone who would be a major sponsor, please contact them to donate. Refer them to Francie Jordan if they want more information.

Registration Reminder:

If you are unsure whether you are registered and wish to be included, please call Pope St. John XXIII Parish at 253-472-1360 to confirm you are on the list. Registered households also receive the weekly bulletin by email.

Our 2nd annual St. Rita Christmas Potluck

Brunch Saturday, December 13. ALL IN THE PARISH ARE INVITED. Bring your favorite brunch goodies. In true St. Rita fashion, there should be plenty to share and TONS of fun! We will have some door prizes! We also appreciate donations for our St. Rita expenses.

Prayer Group Gatherings

Saturdays, November 29 and Dec. 6; Rosary at 9:40 a.m. Prayer Service at 10:00 a.m. Coffee hour follows in the hall.

Thank you to those who have sent donation checks for our church.

In Loving Memory



Pope Saint John XXIII Parish, especially St. Ann campus offer our deepest condolences to the family of **Cathy Bunger**, a long-time and dearly cherished member of our parish community.

We are grateful for her many years of faithful service and dedication to our church.

Funeral services for Cathy will take place on Tuesday, December 2nd:

- Rosary: 10:00 a.m.
- Funeral Mass: 11:00 a.m.

Please keep her husband and family in your prayers during this time of sorrow. May Cathy rest in the peace of Christ, and may God bring comfort to all who mourn her passing.