

POPE ST. JOHN XXIII PARISH FAMILY

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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 Mission

9903 24th Ave. East Tacoma, WA 98445
Phone – (253) 537-8551
Fax-(253) 537-0459
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
Adoration: Mon 7pm & Wed 10am

PSJ XXIII STEM Academy

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St. Rita Church

1403 S Ainsworth Ave,
Tacoma, WA. 98405
Prayer: Saturday Prayer 10am

OUR PRIESTS



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PASTOR'S LETTER

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

This weekend we celebrate the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Scriptures remind us that the Lord always listens to our prayers. True prayer, however, begins with humility — with an honest recognition of our weakness and dependence on God. The tax collector in the Gospel shows this humility as he bows his head before the Lord, while the Pharisee reveals the sin of pride, both in his words and in his attitude. Let us always be mindful of our own disposition before God whenever we pray and worship.

In the first reading, we hear an important phrase: “The one who serves God willingly is heard; his petition reaches the heavens.” Serving God opens our hearts to Him. We can serve the Lord in many ways — by keeping His commandments, by serving our neighbors, and by actively supporting our parish ministries. This is also an invitation to each of us to reflect on how we can serve God more faithfully within our parish family.

As we continue our Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for the many sacrifices you make as a parish community. Thank you to all our volunteers across the five campuses who dedicate their time and energy to parish life — especially during our Feast Day celebrations and parish events.

Bsides weekly events, in these weeks, we witnessed the joy and generosity of our community through various events: the Fall Harvest Bazaar at St. John of the Woods, the Potluck Breakfast at Visitation, the Holiday Bazaar at our main campus. We are deeply grateful to all the volunteers, vendors, and participants who made these possible. Because of your generosity, we were able to continue funding important parish projects.

Today, we celebrate Halloween for all children, including our CCD students, from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. Thank you to everyone who helped organize this joyful event.

This coming weekend, we will celebrate All Saints' Day (Saturday, November 1) and All Souls' Day (Sunday, November 2). Please check the bulletin for the Mass schedule at all campuses, including the Vietnamese Mass at Gethsemane Cemetery. Praying for the souls of the faithful departed is a sacred duty of the pilgrim Church. You are encouraged to offer Mass intentions for your departed loved ones, that they may rest in God's peace and intercede for us in heaven.

Many have asked about Fr. Hendry's pilgrimage to Medjugorje. He has written a reflection, which you can find in this week's Parish News. I also recently returned from a vacation in Australia, and I would be happy to share my experience with anyone who is interested.

As we enter this annual focus on the Stewardship of Treasure, I invite you to reflect on how God has blessed you throughout the year. Later this week, you will receive my stewardship letter encouraging you to prayerfully consider how you can return a portion of those blessings to our parish family. Your generosity allows us to continue our mission — helping one another encounter Jesus Christ in meaningful and transformative ways. Next weekend, one of our parishioners will share how your stewardship truly impacts the life of our parish.

Finally, I would like to remind everyone that we have not yet completed our Archdiocesan Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) goal at our mission stations. Let us come together to finish this important effort so we can focus on growing our parish ministries. I invite all of you to participate fully in the life of our Church — through your time, talent, and treasure. Together, we strengthen our parish and nurture the faith of our children, building a legacy of hope for generations to come.

Thank you for your continued love and support for our parish family. Please know that you are always in my prayers, and I humbly ask that you keep me and our parish in yours.



Fr. Tuan Nguyen, Pastor

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Stewardship of Treasure - Week Oct.5-12

Giving	PSJXXIII	Visitation	SJOW
Sunday	\$6,450	\$2,450	\$3,901.31
Online	\$1,502	\$805.88	\$1,128.10
Total	\$7,952	\$3,255.88	\$5,029.41
Viet Breakfast	\$1,809		
Envelopes	179	28	71



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:



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Sacrificial Giving



SJOW Sacrificial Giving



Volunteer Sign Up

Father Hendry Shares About His Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

"It was indeed a long journey — not as long as traveling to India — but every bit of the effort and risk was worth it for the spiritual renewal I experienced.

Medjugorje is a small town in Bosnia and Herzegovina, in Southeast Europe. Everyone you meet there is a pilgrim. The town itself has grown because of the apparitions of our Blessed Mother. Though filled with souvenir shops and restaurants, the atmosphere remains deeply peaceful — not just outwardly, but with an inner peace that fills the soul. Our Lady appeared to six children, all of whom are still alive today. I was blessed to pray with one of the visionaries during my visit. The chaplain for English-speaking pilgrims emphasized the central message of Medjugorje, known as the "Five Stones" or "Spiritual Armor" for Christians:

1. Eucharist – Participation and Adoration
2. Reading of Scripture
3. Praying the Rosary
4. Fasting – on Wednesdays and Fridays
5. Confession – at least once a month

There are daily Masses celebrated in many languages, and each evening, numerous priests are available for confessions. Climbing Apparition Hill and Cross Mountain offers a unique experience of penance and joy — the rocky paths themselves invite prayer and reflection.

If you desire to draw closer to God through solitude and prayer, I encourage you to consider a pilgrimage to Medjugorje."

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 October 26-31

Sunday

- Stewardship of Treasure Kick off
- Anointing of the Sick – VIS
- Commissioning of Ministers – VIS
- 8:45 AM – Vietnamese Breakfast
- After 9:45 AM Mass – Coffee & Donuts (PSJ)
- 9:45 – 11:10 AM – Faith Formation (SJOW)
- 10:30 – 12:30 PM – Viet Language Class
- 12:35 – 1:40 PM – Viet Religious Education
- 1:00 – 4:00 PM – Halloween Celebration (SJOW)
- 1:45 – 3:30 PM – Viet Eucharistic Youth Group
- 2:00 – 3:45 PM – OCIA (Vietnamese) – PSJ

Monday

- 6:30 – 8:30 PM – OCIA (English Class) – PSJ

Tuesday

- 1:00 – 3:00 PM – Bible Class – SJOW

Wednesday

- 6:00 – 8:00 PM – Bible Class – SJOW
- 6:30 – 7:30 PM – Religious Education – PSJ

Thursday

- 9:00 AM – School Mass – VIS

Friday

- Noon Dismissal (K-8) – Teacher Collaboration

All Saints Day - Saturday November 1st

At Gethsemane Cemetery

10:30 AM Eng Mass

12:30 PM Viet Mass

PSJXXIII

4:30p.m. English Mass (PSJ)

7:00 p.m. Vietnamese (PSJ)

Visitation 9 A.M. Mass

St. John of the Woods

6 P.M. Mass

All Souls Day -Mass as regular Sunday Schedule.

PSJXXIII:

SATURDAY, November 1st

ROSARY AT 4:00 P.M

MASS AT 4:30 P.M

SJOW:

SUNDAY, November 2nd

MASS AT 11:30 A.M

The children will take part in the liturgy by serving as lectors, choir members, and gift bearers for this special celebration.



Children Mass

Parish Family Advisory Council (PFAC)

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to all who completed the Parish Demographic survey. This was a team effort, and I appreciate the work of the Parish Family Advisory Council (PFAC) and our staff who support them in their work. The survey was our first step in the One Parish Plan process. Very soon we will be asking for your participation to help answer the question – “What are our Gifts?”. PFAC is coordinating with ministry leaders and staff on how to best get as many parishioners as possible to share their response to this question. More information is coming soon. As a community we are working through the process: we know where we came from - merging five parishes, where we are today – Pope St. John XXIII Parish, and learning where we are headed as one canonical parish. We are guided by God's love and are intently listening to the wisdom of the Holy Spirit so we can hear where we are being called. We pray to open ourselves and our hearts.

Parish Stewardship of Treasure Renewal

Our Annual Stewardship Renewal is underway! This is a time to prayerfully reflect on God's blessings and renew your commitment of time, talent, and treasure to support the mission and ministries of our parish family across all four campuses:

- Pope St. John XXIII
- Visitation Church (VIS)
- St. John of the Woods (SJOW)
- Saint Rita

Your contributions help sustain parish operations. Pledge forms are available in the pews or online through the parish website. Every gift, large or small, makes a meaningful difference in supporting our parish family and its mission.

Important Update: Our Phone System

We recently updated our phone system to better serve our parish family. While our main number remains the same, you will now hear an automated greeting that will guide you to the appropriate church locations, staff, and ministries. Rest assured, all individual phone numbers remain unchanged, and calls will be routed accordingly.

Parish Community

PSJ Coffee and Donuts



Held By: The Knights of Columbus Council #15462

When: Every Sunday after the 9:45 AM Mass

Where: PSJXXIII Parish Hall

Update:

The Knights hosted their parish breakfast on September 7, enjoying great fellowship and strong parish support, despite a small loss in donations. They have ordered coats for the Coats for Kids program to benefit our Youth Faith Formation children. Coat distribution is planned for November 12 or 19.

The Knights are also pleased to welcome three new members and continue their weekly fellowship after the 9:45 AM Mass, bringing together about 40-50 parishioners each week. Thank you for your prayers and continued support!

Thank you

SJOW Fall Harvest Festival was a wonderful success! Thanks to your generosity and participation, we raised \$8,234. After covering event expenses, the net proceeds will be about \$7,000 — a fantastic result!

A heartfelt thank you to Karen Knobbe and her amazing team of volunteers for their hard work, creativity, and dedication in organizing such a joyful and memorable event for Saint John of the Woods and our parish family!



Congratulations to Eileen H. and Maggie K. for winning the raffle ticket prizes!



The **PSJXXIII** Holiday Bazaar was completed yesterday.

SJOW Coffee and Donuts



No Coffee Hour on Sunday, October 26th.

The hall will be reserved for Halloween decorations. Thank you for your understanding!

SJOW Seniors Lunch

Join us for lunch and fellowship November 5 at 11:30am. You don't have to be a senior citizen, everyone is welcome. Senior Lunch is held every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month.



Visitation - Here are a few photos from the Feast Day Mass at Visitation Church, followed by a joyful potluck breakfast shared in community.

A heartfelt thank you to all who participated, contributed food, and helped make this celebration a beautiful expression of our parish family's faith and fellowship.



SJOW Annual Catholic Appeal Update

Our parish goal is \$33,934. Some families who made pledges earlier were unable to fulfill their commitments, so those pledges have been adjusted. As of now, SJOW has pledged \$30,361 — we are less than \$3,000 away from reaching our goal! 🙏 Thank you to everyone who has already contributed. If you haven't yet made your pledge, please prayerfully consider joining us today—your support will help us cross the finish line!

Halloween Celebration at Saint John of the Woods!



Join us on Sunday, October 26, from 1:00 – 4:00 PM for a fun-filled Halloween event!

🎉 Free admission for adults and children

🎵 Music, games, delicious food, and plenty of candy for everyone

🎪 Fun activities for the whole family

Bring your friends and family and celebrate Halloween with our parish community!

Parish Community

Ministry of the Poor

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

October Donation Requests



Monetary Donations

Food Requests

- Canned Chicken / Spam
- Canned Stew / Canned Soups w/meat
- Peanut Butter – 16oz /18oz jars
- Canned Fruit / Fruit Pouches
- Tomato Paste 6oz cans / Tomato Sauce
- Cup of Noodles
- Pasta 12oz - 16oz box / Rice 32oz bags
- Hot Cocoa Mix

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



New Families
Hazel King and Joseph Kho
Register to PSJXXIII

Request Mass Intentions

As part of the job reorganization, going forward, Carmen will be receiving all requests for Mass intentions from all campuses. Please contact:

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

Baptism Preparation Class

Class will be offered for parents and godparents who have new born babies and children under 7 years old. PSJXXIII Every Second Saturday
Next class is November 8, or December 13
1:00 –2:30pm class in English
2:30 – 4:00pm in Vietnamese
By Deacon Theman
At PSJXXIII Parish Center. Please call Sr. Theresa

Saint Rita -Upcoming Events

We would LOVE to have more of you join us on Saturday mornings. We are usually done with prayer and coffee hour about 11:15 a.m.
Saturday, October 25, Rosary at 9:40 a.m. and Prayer Service at 10 a.m. Coffee hour follows in the hall.
Saturday, November 1, All Saints Day Rosary recited at 9:40 a.m. and Prayer Service at 10 a.m. Coffee hour follows in the hall.

STEM Academy School

Our STEM Academy Academic Growth

- Grades 4–8: Enhanced STEM curriculum and Humanities classes
- Grades PK4–3: Science of Reading / LETRS Training
- Infant – PK4: High Scope Curriculum Training, school readiness, and high expectations for all
- Additional Programs: Vietnamese class, choir, and music classes



Our Students at Parish Feast Day's Mass

Pray for Those in Need

PSJXXIII: Norma Vettori, Don Brock, Veronica Titilii, Krista Brown, Virginia Wooten, Marian Bronson, Helene Cordeau, Muriel & Ron Bate, Cathy Bunger, 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, Diane Orris, 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: 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.