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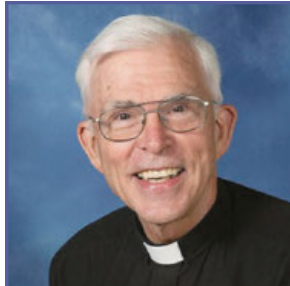
To St. Ann, St. John of the Woods & Visitation Communities

**MAR 06, 2022**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**



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## **St. Ann**

7025 South Park  
Tacoma, WA 98408  
(253) 472-1360

### **English Masses & Reconciliation**

Reconciliation: 3:30pm  
Saturday Mass at 4:30pm  
Sunday Mass at 9:45am

Weekdays Mass:  
Mon through Fri 8:00am

### **Vietnamese Mass:**

Tue & Thus Mass at 7:00pm  
Reconciliation on Sunday: 3:00pm  
Sunday Masses: 7:45 am and 4:00pm



## **St. John of the Woods**

9903 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue East  
Tacoma (Midland), WA 98445  
(253) 537-8551

### **English Masses & Reconciliation**

Reconciliation: 5:00pm  
Saturday vigil Mass at 6:00pm

Sunday Masses  
at 9:30am & 11:30am  
Weekdays (Wed & Fri) Mass  
at 9:30am



## **Visitation**

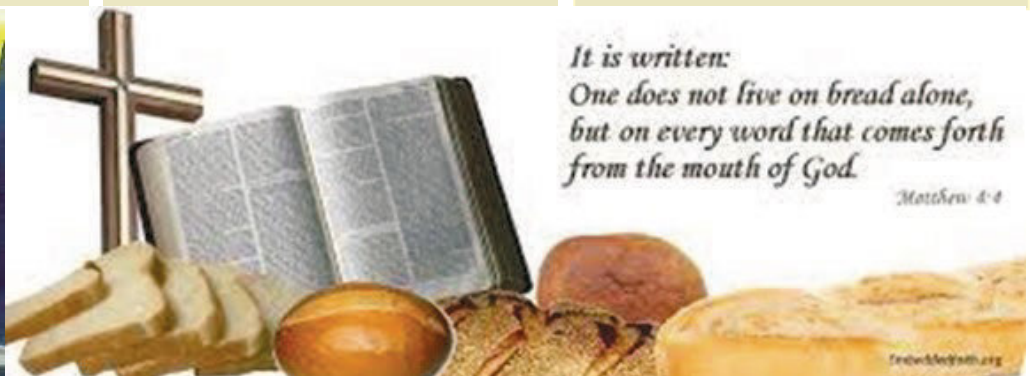
3314 So 58th Street  
Tacoma, WA 98409  
(253) 473-4960

### **English Masses & Reconciliation**

Reconciliation:  
Wed. & Fri: 8:30-8:55am  
Saturdays: 8:15-8:55am  
Saturday Mass: 9:00am

Sunday Masses  
at 8:00am & 11:30am

Weekdays Mass:  
Wed. through Sat.: 9:00am



*It is written:  
One does not live on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes forth  
from the mouth of God.*

*Matthew 4:4*

# Pastor's Letter

Dear Parishioners,

We had a prayerful Ash Wednesday as we commence the Forty Days of the Lenten journey with the Elects and Candidates for Full Communion with the Catholic Faith. We started our Forty Days of the Lenten journey by praying, fasting from food and all kinds of daily temptation, and doing works of Mercy and Charity! We thank our Liturgical Ministers who spend time serving us at different celebrations at each of the merging parishes.

We thank you for spending time to be with those families who are mourning for their loved ones, and you were there with them at difference Funeral Services to give your support to them. We welcome parishioners who have not been coming to the Church for a long time, because of the pandemic (COVID-19) and for other reasons, back to their regular routine. We warmly welcome you back and we hope that you are making your commitment to join us with the parish ministry. You will enjoy doing what you love to do! We thank you for engaging and participating in the Synodal listening process with us. I thank the Synodal Coordinators' Team, who organized different listening sessions for us to participate in. We also thank our Synodal Recorders from each of the merging parishes, assisting us to record the information from the group's session. We will be sorting out the general information by highlighting the main points from the issues and this important information will be sent to the Archbishop's Office. His staff will sort out then send them to the Pope, who will work with his Cardinals and core team to prepare for the Synodality Council in 2023. You will be very happy and pleased that you have been involved in this important process.

It was a joyful moment for me to meet with Confirmation Candidates' parents last Sunday evening at St. Ann Parish as well as those from Religious Education, especially with parents of those Candidates who will receive the First Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent, as well as the Sacrament of Initiation at the Easter Vigil! I also learned a lot when I met with students and parents at Visitation Parish on how to prepare their children who are going to receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation during this Lenten Journey, and they will receive First Holy Communion after Easter Sunday. I thank them for their dedication and commitment that they are going to make for their families by supporting their children to complete the preparation for them to receive these Sacraments.

I was very pleased to meet with Catholic Community Services (CCS) to sign the lease with them, to allow them to use the facility of Holy Rosary Convent, school building, and the parish's rectory to reach out to assist the poor and needy. I thank Ed. William and Don M. who spent time to walk them through the property. Michael, the Regional Director of CCS spent time to check the campus and we presented him the keys of the buildings, and he will work with his team to take care of those buildings that they are using. CCS is also in partnership with another agency to support the Catholic Ministry by serving the poor in this neighborhood. They will have different programs to provide support and also housing accommodation for those who have no other place to reside, especially those who are living in their cars. Catholic Community Services will have the Outreach Ministry to serve them at Holy Rosary place.

We are on the Forty Days of the Lenten journey with Catechumens and Candidates. We thank their sponsors and godparents who are supporting them with their journey. We also thank you for praying for them each day. They will be participating in the Rite of Election, and will become the Elects of God and Candidate for Full Communion. We will join them with different Rites of Scrutiny, and we will invite them to come to different merging Churches to celebrate the Parish's Weekend Mass. I ask you to make them feel welcomed when they join you at these celebrations. I also thank the core team who organized and support this program and to you for journeying with them.

We thank you for coming to the Youth Night and Family Night at Visitation Parish. It was a wonderful event that we had, and we also thank our coordinators who spent time to organize these events. Our merging parishes are sorting out many different ministries, so that we can join with each other for various activities and events. We thank the commission and committee members who spent time to work on this concern. We thank the Maintenance Committee at St. John of the Woods Mission Church for their time to install the speaker in the choir area, so they can hear when they sing and all those that are attending the Mass can hear as well. We thank the Visitation Maintenance Committee for taking care of the Church's doors and they know how to maintain the doors during the wintertime.

There are some concerns about beggars in front of the Church after Weekend Masses. Many of us are very generous to give those soliciting money, and they keep coming back to ask for more. You can prefer them to different outreach ministries within our parishes that can give to them the support that they need. I am encouraging you to support their ministry, so they can give to those that need help the support that they need. It is hard to ask those soliciting to leave our parish's grounds. We have parishioners who are afraid of getting hurt from these strangers. We have St. Vincent De Paul and other outreach ministries within our merging parishes, and they are more than happy to serve them, and take care of the poor and needy around our parishes.

You are cordially invited to join us for Daily Mass, daily praying of the Rosary, Stations of the Cross on Friday, and to do works of Mercy and Charity by serving the poor with food bank and St. Vincent De Paul in our nearby parishes. May you and your family have a blessed day and week!

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Fr. Tuan Nguyen, D. Min  
Pastor

**Please remember your parish in your Will.**

Our website: [www.trparishes.org](http://www.trparishes.org)

[www.facebook.com/stanntacoma/live](https://www.facebook.com/stanntacoma/live)

# Community Center

## Emergency Contact Sr. Anna (253) 592-2455

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Fr. Patrick McDermott, Mass help/

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**OUTREACH/ HOME BOUND MINISTRY:** Sr. Anna Hang Nguyen (253) 592-2455 - hangnguyenmtg@gmail.com

**WEDDINGS:** Fr. Tuan Nguyen -Arrangement should be made with the Pastor at least 6 months in advance.



## RCIA

RCIA/RCIC is the process by which people become members of the Roman Catholic Church.

**March 7:** Living Lent

March 14: Scrutinies: Looking within

⇒ **Saturday, Mar. 12th:** Rite of Election at 11:00 AM (Sponsors need to be there) St. Charles (7112 S 12 St.,)

⇒ Sunday, Mar. 20th: First Scrutiny at

Visitation church at 11:30AM Mass. (3314 So 58th St. Tacoma, 98409)

⇒ Saturday, Mar. 26th: Second Scrutiny at SA 4:30PM Mass

⇒ Sun. April 03: Third Scrutiny at SJOW 11:30am

Any questions, please call LB (928) 446-9045

### Rite of Election

#### Chosen By God - Chosen for Baptism

Do they live a spirit of charity in their family and work life? Have they learned to sacrifice themselves for the good of others? When we see these signs in the person's life, we can affirm that God has chosen them to be baptized.

This discernment, testimony, and election are formally ritualized in the Church's ancient Rite of Election. This rite is the turning point for those who are seeking to be baptized. It is when their months and years of preparation take the final turn because the Church recognizes that God has chosen them to be baptized at the next Easter Vigil. This rite, which takes place at the beginning of Lent, propels them and the Church into the final preparations for the great Easter celebration. After they celebrate the Rite of Election, the catechumen's baptismal preparation is less like catechesis and more like a retreat. It's a bit like the time before a couple's wedding when this concern is less about getting to know their soon to be spouse and more about preparing themselves to make this life-long commitment. (to be continued)



## Religious Education & RCIC

**First Reconciliation (Confession) for students:**

**March 23** at **St. Ann** at 6:30pm in the Church.

**March 31** at **SJOW** at 6:30pm in the Church.

One of the requirements for your children to receive 1<sup>st</sup> reconciliation and 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist next spring is that they attend Holy Mass every weekend. We ask that you take your child(ren) to Holy Mass so they will learn that this is part of being an active Catholic following the laws of the Church and be ready to receive the sacraments.

Preparing for Lent, there are the Rice Bowls at the church doors, you are welcome to take home and practice with the children for "almsgiving virtue." Bring back the Rice Bowls to the church on the Holy Week.



## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



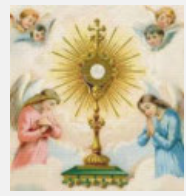
The classes will be on **zoom** except some classes need to be in-person. See the schedule.

**March 6th:** Confirmed in Love; Parents meeting for retreat @ 6:00pm Parish Hall. Submit paperwork to Sr. Theresa

Confirmation retreat day is changed to **April 2nd** 9am-7pm. March 27th: Reconciliation at 7pm. Confirmation Mass will be at 7:00 p.m on Thursday, June 02, 2022 at St. Ann Church.

Any question, contact Sr. Theresa at (253) 592-2541. Submit your paperwork to Sr. Theresa before March 19.

# Community Center



## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Holy Hour every Thursday in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament at **St. Ann's Church from 4pm to 6pm**. We will be saying the Rosary, Chaplet of Mercy, Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary and more. Please come and join us to pray in honor of Jesus in the

Eucharist. If you want to sign up for being one hour with Jesus, please let the office know.

**St. John of the Woods** right after 9:30am Wednesday Mass to NOON. Mondays from 7:00 –8:00pm. Open to all.

**Visitation** Thursday's after the 9am Mass. From 10am to Noon.

**St. Rita parish is celebrating daily Mass** on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 12:00 Noon. The 2nd Wednesday Mass will be a Mass for the Sick and include Anointing of the Sick. The fourth Wednesday Mass will be a Mass where we pray for vocations to the priesthood.



## St. Ann Adult Catechism Classes

Every Weds at 6:30 to 7:30 at the Church School  
*Come to the class and Join Us!*

We use the Catechism of the Catholic Church as our study, prayer, and meditation guide. Bring your bible, Pray For Us, O Holy Mother of God, That We May Be Made Worthy of the Promises of Christ  
Contact Monty at (253) 304-4473 – Class is No-cost

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

From March 2 to April 19, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Cedar River Clinic on 14th & MLK, and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: [Tacoma40daysforlife@gmail.com](mailto:Tacoma40daysforlife@gmail.com)



## Baptism Class for Parents and Godparents

Class will be offered for parents and godparents who have new born babies and children under 7 years old. Class is on every 2nd Saturday of the month at St. Ann site. (Class in the afternoon)

**Mar. 12th**, May 14th or June 11th.

⇒ 1:00pm -2:30 in English

⇒ 2:30 - 4:00pm in Vietnamese.

**At Visitation:** Baptism classes 12:00 noon

Class on **Ap. 23, 2022**.

Call Sr. Theresa 253-592-2541;sotheresa512@gmail.com.

Or contact Rebecca [rebecca@visitationchurch.org](mailto:rebecca@visitationchurch.org)

## Pastoral Plan Activity

**March 6** Reread Luke 4:1-13 and Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18. The Sunday Gospel describes the devil tempting Jesus in the desert after his 40 days of prayer and fasting. The reading from St. Matthew's Gospel is from Ash Wednesday the beginning of our 40 days of Lent. In Matthew's Gospel we find Jesus talking about the traditional Lenten practices of Prayer, Fasting (Sacrifices), and Almsgiving (Generosity).

**Dialogue:** Prayer leads us to true worship of God (3rd temptation). Discuss lighting a candle (religious glass candle container found in many stores) and placing it on the family table at the main meal. Together pray the Our Father, and let each one ask God's special blessing for some need. Fasting fast from bread, crackers, cookies for one meal a week(1st temptation). Discuss when and how you will do this. Discuss placing the saving in the Rice Bowl. Almsgiving (2nd temptation) as a family think of how you might you might help someone: (invite someone to dinner, bring a meal, dessert, flowers to a neighbor, bring some food to the St. Vincent de Paul food box in the church entrance, etc.)



An invitation to all Vis., St Ann, St. John of the Woods, St. Rita and Holy Rosary youth 7-12th grades to add your voice in forming a Youth Group for our new Parish! Come gather with others and Alvin Matuata for fellowship, deeper understanding and love of our faith: Mar 8th 6-7pm in the Visitation Lower Hall. Questions? Contact Rebecca at: [rebecca@visitationchurch.org](mailto:rebecca@visitationchurch.org)  
Hope to see you there!



An invitation to all women of the Pierce Deanery. **Come join the fellowship, love and grace with other Catholic Sisters thru YLI (Young Lady's Institute)**. Share your devotion to Jesus thru prayer, outreach & active discipleship. Questions: Call Angela at 253 572-8802. Next meeting Mar 14 @ 10:45am St. Pat's Parish Center 1001 No J Street.

## SAVE THE DATE

### VISITATION CATHOLIC STEM ACADEMY



Annual Gala Auction

**March 26, 2022**

*Timeless: Honoring our past  
Gearing up for the future*



McGavick Conference Center

4500 "Steilacoom BLVD SW  
Lakewood, WA 98499



## The Light is on for You

During Lent, confessions are before and after each Mass through out the regional parishes.

### Saint Ann Parish

- ◆ Before and after 8:00 a.m. Mass from Mondays through Fridays
- ◆ 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p. m. Saturdays
- ◆ 3:00 p.m to 4:00 p. m Sundays

### Saint John of the Woods

- ◆ Before and after 9:30 a.m. on Weds & Fridays
- ◆ 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m on Saturdays

### Visitation

- ◆ Wed. & Fri: 8:30-8:55am
- ◆ Saturdays: 8:15-8:55am

Please let the priest know you wish to go to confession before or after Mass.

## Stations of the Cross during Lent



**St. Ann:** 3pm on Fridays and 3:30pm on Sundays.

**SJOW:** After the 9:30 morning Mass on Fridays and again in the evening at 7:00 pm.

**Visitation:** 6:30pm on Fridays

## Lenten Reflection

**This Lent** we invite you to walk together with Jesus and each other. We invite you to come join us this Lenten Reflection

**Main speaker: Rev. Vaiula Iulio**  
**It is No-cost, come join us**

**At St. Ann** on Wednesday, **March 23rd**  
**Mass at 8am; Lenten Reflection after Mass.**



**Vietnamese Lenten Retreat** from Mar 28th to April 1st; confession at 6pm then Mass at 7pm.  
All are welcome

## MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASS



**Where?** at St. Ann School

**When?** Sat. May 14th from 10:00am to 1:00pm

Sun. May 15th 11:00am to 2:00pm

You will receive a certification after class.

Contact Monty 253-304-4473

**ONLINE GIVING** **Support our parish!** Online Giving is very convenient, fast, and safe. You might want to take a tour over to see how it will benefit you and our church, especially during the time you are away from your Church. **Click here for more information and instruction:** <https://trparishes.org/70>



## FOR LENT FOR LIFE

## FIRST WEEK OF LENT! THE PILLARS OF LENT

As we begin our Lenten journey, reflect on how your prayers, fasting and almsgiving can guide you. As Pope Francis explains, these are “elements which, when lived sincerely, can transform life and

provide a sure foundation for dignity and fraternity.” How can practicing the Lenten pillars transform your life and the lives of our sisters and brothers around the world?

Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more.

Rice Bowls will be available at each church. Please be sure to take home a Rice Bowl and use this fun and easy resource to deepen your family’s Lenten experience and make a difference in the lives of the poor.

Please bring back your Rice Bowl on the Holy Week.

## Our Lady Queen of Peace Prayer Team

You are welcome to send in your prayer requests to Our Lady Queen of Peace Prayer Team. This team is made up of members from each of our 5 parishes. You may email to [frgummer@protonmail.com](mailto:frgummer@protonmail.com) or call Bob at [253-459-2486](tel:253-459-2486).

## TRANSITION EXPRESS NEWS

The Joint Advisory Team met on February 17 with Fr. Tuan, Leigh Stringfellow and Deacon Sam Basta, Seattle Archdiocese Strategic Planning. The following items were discussed.

### Updates

**Archbishop listening session with Parish Leaders** – a draft is with the Archbishop for his review regarding questions that were raised at the January meeting. Once finalized the responses will be shared with Fr. Tuan and then will go out to all the parishioners.

**New Parish Name** – over 300 votes from parishioners have been received and recorded. At the March Joint Pastoral Council meeting, the data will be analyzed, and the top three names will be given to Fr. Tuan. Fr. Tuan will send a letter to the Archbishop and after discernment, the Archbishop will make the final decision on the new parish’s name.

### Webinar

The Advisory Team discussed best options for delivering the webinar that will allow parishioners to hear what was discussed at the January Archbishop listening session with leaders from Holy Rosary, St. Ann, St. John of the Woods, St. Rita, and Visitation. Representation from the archdiocese will be Leigh and Deacon Sam. Other participants will be representatives from the Joint Advisory Team. A date for the webinar will be announced once the schedule is determined.

### Overview of the Webinar

Archbishop/Bishop review of the vision and why changes are necessary

Brief historical timeline

Where we are today

What’s next

During discussion of “where we are today,” it became apparent that there are differences of opinions among the Joint Advisory Team members. We decided to meet after the Consultative Leadership training on March 5 to continue creating the information

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**Fax (253) 475-6335**

**Deacon:** Theman Pham (253) 224-0237  
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**Parish email:** [stanntacoma@gmail.com](mailto:stanntacoma@gmail.com)

**Mission Statement:** We, parishioners of St Ann Parish, are a Catholic faith community in the south end of Tacoma who proclaim the Gospels and embrace our many cultures and the gifts we share. We come together as one faith community to celebrate the Eucharist and the Sacraments. We are grateful to those who built this place of worship with faith, sacrifice and sanctified it with their many years of devotion. We remain focused on our Roman Catholic traditions and promote an environment of hope, where all can grow into the likeness of Christ.

## This Week at St. Ann

### March 7th

**Monday:** 8AM Mass  
 5:30 PM RCIA -School  
 5PM Yoga- 6PM Vovinam SCH

### Tuesday:

8 AM Mass  
 9AM Pre-School  
 10 AM SVDP-School  
 7PM Mass-Vietnamese

### Wednesday

8 AM Mass  
 9AM Pre-School  
 5PM Yoga-School  
 6:30PM CCD-School  
 6:30 PM Adult CCD -School  
 6:30PM Calcutta Choir-House

### Thursday:

8AM Mass  
 9AM Pre-School  
 Adoration After Mass  
 10AM SVDP-School  
 7PM Vietnamese-Mass

### Friday:

8AM Mass  
 9AM Pre-School  
 3PM Stations of the Cross  
 5PM Stations of the Cross-

Samoan Language

6PM Class-School  
 6PM Vovinam-School  
 7PM Choir Pract-Sch-Viet.  
 8PM Choir CTTDVN-School

### Saturday:

9:30AM Vovinam--  
 3PM-Food Prep. Sun/Deli-  
 3:30PM Confessions  
 4:30M Mass

### Sunday:

7:45 AM Mass Vietnamese  
 8:30 AM Viet. Café & Deli-SCH  
 9:30 AM-Viet. Faith Form-SCH  
 9:45 AM Mass  
 10:45 RCIA (Viet) -Hall  
 11AM-School  
 1:30PM Charismatic -SCH  
 3PM Reconciliation  
 4PM Mass Vietnamese



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## MASS SCHEDULE

Monday through Friday 8:00 A.M. Rosary is prayed at 7:30a.m.  
*Vietnamese Mass:* Tuesday and Thursday 7:00p.m.

Weekend Mass Schedule Saturday: Confessions 3:30PM Mass 4:30 PM Sundays: 7:45 AM Vietnamese 9:45AM English 3:00 PM Confessions 4:00 PM Vietnamese

*Masks Required At All Masses & Confessions*

**Adoration:** You are invited to come adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament while He is exposed on the altar in the monstrance. Adoration every Thursday following the 8am Mass. Those wishing adoration between 9am and 4pm, please call or text Sr. Theresa at (253)592-2541 or Sr. Trinh at (253)592-3025 to sign up.

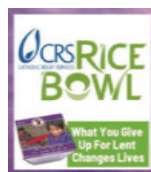
There is a Holy Hour from 4 to 5pm followed by silent adoration until



**In Our Prayers:**  
 Muriel Bate,  
 Olivia Davis,  
 Kathleen Genge,  
 Wayne Haverkorn,

Nancy Jones, Jackie Lane,  
 Terry Mathern,  
 Doris McGuire, Wesley McMakin, Helen Murray,  
 Neagle, Donald Orris,  
 Shirley Pietz, Joleane Reece  
 Olivia Ripka,  
 Rayanne Richardson,  
 Milla Schlatter,  
 Eldon & Marge Weber,  
 Joan & Woody Woodring,  
 Virginia Wooten.

We pray for Ssgt. Samuel Wells, all servicemen, servicewomen and their families. For anointing of the sick please call Sr. Anna at 253-592-2455.



## Rice Bowls

Available in the South Vestibule of the Church. Please take one home, and return it on Holy Thursday.

Lent Fridays, are days of fast and abstinence during Lent. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed.

**God Gives It All Then Calls Us To Share**  
 Contribution: Feb: 19th & 20th: \$6,582 Env: 171  
 Online Giving: Feb. 14th \$2,524 Breakfast: \$943;  
 Feb.: 26th & 27th: \$5,691 Env: 164;  
 Online Giving: Feb. 20th \$582 Breakfast: \$1,780

*Thank you for Supporting our Parish.*



St. Vincent de Paul We are in current need of: toilet paper, tooth paste, tooth brush, cereal, canned fruit, chili, juice, pasta, pasta sauce, pork & beans, top ramen, rice, rice-a-roni, tuna, tuna helper, peanut butter, rice, cup of soup, canned soup, macaroni & cheese, spam, stew, box scalloped potatoes, canned vegetables, any kind of desserts.

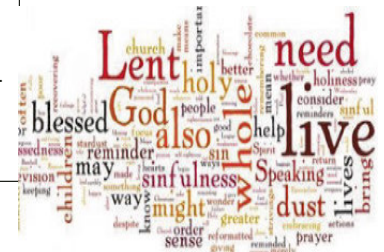
Thank you for your continued support. **SVDP Team**

**Stations of the Cross**  
 Every Friday  
 3 PM

5 PM Samoan

## The First Week of Lent

Lord God, you who breathed the spirit of life within me. Draw out of me the light and life you created. Help me to find my way back to you. Help me to use my life to reflect your glory and to serve others as your son Jesus did.



# ST. JOHN OF THE WOODS PARISH (253) 537-8551 Fax (253) 537-0459

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Finance Council: Gaye Dolan (253) 531-7548

Lazarus Commission: Nancy Burkholder (253) 537-9283

Facility Committee: Daniel Soderlind (253) 377-1952

Music Ministry: Nancy Burkholder (253) 537-9283

Bible for Adults: Brenda Kelly (253) 922-6569

Usher Ministry:

Youth ministry: James Hardesty (253) 539-5952

Stewardship Commission: Sr. Kim Tran (253) 304-8929

Altar Servers: Joan O'shea (253-531-5159)

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**Mission Statement:** St. John of the Woods is a rural Catholic community centered in Jesus Christ, growing in faith and sharing the Word of God through the Eucharist and our Sacraments. We are a welcoming parish of active, involved people of all ages and cultures, serving families and recognizing the gifts that each person brings.



1st Sunday of Lent  
March 6, 2022

## Stewardship

February 20, 2022  
66 Envelopes Total \$4,247.10  
February 27, 2022  
76 Envelopes Total \$4,803.85  
(all totals include online giving)

Thank you all for your continued support to St. John of the Woods.



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Thank You!  
For returning your ballot to help rename the new parish at St Ann.



If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: Tacoma40daysfor-life@gmail.com



## Eucharist Adoration

During Lent

Come spend time with Our Lord at adoration:

Mondays 7pm to 8pm and Wednesdays right after the 9:30am Mass until 12 noon



Please pick up a CRS Rice Bowl at the church entrance and collect money during Lent to help the poor and needy, thank you.



**Abstinence** is a penitential practice consisting of refraining from eating meat as observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age or older. Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays during Lent are day of abstinence.

**Fast & Abstinence** in addition to Abstinence, fasting is to be observed by all Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 years (inclusive) On Ash Wednesday & Good Friday one full meal is allowed. Two small meal to maintain strength may be taken according to one's needs. No eating between meals but liquids are allowed.

**Note:** Those who are unable to observe due to ill health or other serious reason are encouraged to practice some other form of self-denial, suitable to their condition.



Thursdays, in March, at 9:30AM you are invited to gather in church for Scripture readings, prayers and sharing.

There is no need to study, just come hear and open your heart to the word.



**Our next Lunch Box is: March 16, Please call to reserve your lunch the Sunday before that Wednesday lunch call Paula 253-507-5705 or Pat 253-537-4077**



Summit Christian Preschool at St. John of the Woods is holding a Garage Sale fundraiser on March 12 from 9:00-4:00 in the parish hall. Donations welcomed. All proceeds directly benefit the children and families we serve. We hope you find treasures to buy that day. If you have questions, please contact Laurel Samples at 253-536-1687 or laurelsamples@gmail.com. Bring your donations to the parish office during the week of March 7-11

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**Rice Bowl program** has a recurring fundraising component. 75% of donations raised through this go to funding Catholic Relief Services' agriculture, health and educational projects overseas. 25%

is distributed as grants in Western Washington for local anti-hunger projects. Be sure to pick one up from the back of the Church.



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Sandwich Ministry & Food Bank

M thru Fri. 10am - Noon Open to all.

Gift Card/Voucher Assistance:

T & Thurs 10am - Noon

Required For Gas Vouchers:

Car registration must match current Driver's License

*No Utility or Rental assistance available.*

*Social distancing and Masks required.*



**Outreach Ministry: Sandwich Ministry, Food Bank & other needs:**

Do you have time to help? We need assistance with donation deliveries, food bag and lunch preparation and distribution. The gift of your time will make a difference in the lives of many. **Please call Linda Lamb @ 253 474-0835.**

**ALL messages are returned**

Office Hours:

**Mon, Wed & Fri 10-Noon**  
**Tues & Thurs 10am-Noon & 1-3pm**

**March 06, 2022**  
**1st Sunday of Lent**

### Masses

*Required at all Masses & Confessions:*  
Social distancing & Masks

Daily 9am Wed-Sat

Rosary said 30 minutes prior

Sundays 8 & 11:30am

9:15am Rosary Sunday for Visitation Parish

Confessions:

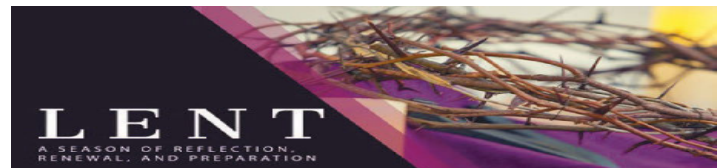
8:30-8:55am Wed. - Fri.

8:15-8:55am Sat.



**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Thur. 10am-Noon



**Stations of the Cross (Fridays beginning Mar 11) 6.30p**



**Palm Sunday** (Apr 10th) Masses at 8.00am and 11.30am  
(with procession)

**Holy Thursday** (Apr 14th) Mass at 7pm

**Good Friday** (Apr 15th) Service at 7pm

**Easter Vigil** (Apr 16th) Mass time TBD

Sunset is at 8pm or 8.30pm

**Easter Sunday** (Apr 17th)

Mass at 8am and 11.30am.

*Our Mission: To represent the face of Christ to the vulnerable and needy who come to our door.*



# Parish Giving

As of February 27, 2022  
 \*Due to print deadlines, latest information available:

Total Received: \$ 4,593.53

Budget 7-01-21 to 06-30-22

Budget amount: \$5,936.15

UNDER Budget <1,826.62>

Year to date Under Budget Goal  
UNDER <23,456.43>

## Archdiocese Resources:

FAITH / Faith Life

<https://archseattle.org/living-catholic/family-and-parenting/>

## On-line Youth Ministry

<https://archseattle.org/for-parishes/for-parishes-youth-ministry/>

The Food that Truly Satisfies  
 Learn about how Christ is present in the Eucharist, and can truly nourish us. Go to: <https://archseattle.org/living-catholic/sacraments/eucharist/>

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

From March 2 to April 19, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. Come stand peacefully in pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Cedar River Clinic on 14th & MLK: Questions: [Tacoma40daysforlife@gmail.com](mailto:Tacoma40daysforlife@gmail.com)

## DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

*In the words of Pope Francis*

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.


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## Upcoming EVENTS

**Mar 06:** 1st Sunday of Lent 40 days for life Mar 2—Apr 19th

**Mar 08:** Calling all Youth 7-12grades 6-7pm LH

**Mar 12:** Generation of Hope Catholic Youth Convention Info: [archseattle.org/events/category/youth-events/](http://archseattle.org/events/category/youth-events/)

**Mar 13:** 2nd Sun. of Lent Daylight Savings Time begins. Teen focused Synod 10:30am 

**Mar 20:** 3rd Sun. of Lent

**Mar 25:** Annunciation of the Lord

**Mar 26: Annual Gala Auction STEM Academy**

**Mar 27:** 1st Comm. Class only 4th Sunday of Lent

**Apr 02:** Confirmation Retreat 9am—7pm St. Ann'

**Apr 03:** 5th Sunday of Lent

**Apr 10: Palm Sunday** Yes RE Classes No Confirmation Classes

**Apr 14: Holy Thur.** Mass TBA

**Apr 15: Good Friday** Mass TBA

**Apr 16: Holy Sat.** Mass TBA

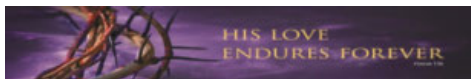
**Apr 17: Easter Sunday** Mass TBA No RE Classes

**Apr 23:** Last Confirmation Class

**Apr 24:** 1st Comm. Class #6 Devine Mercy Sunday TBA

**Apr 30:** 1st Eucharist Retreat 10am

**May 01:** Last RE Classes



An invitation to all women of the Pierce Deanery. **Come join the fellowship, love and grace with other Catholic Sisters thru YLI (Young Lady's Institute).**

Share your devotion to Jesus thru prayer, outreach & active discipleship. Questions: Call Angela at 253 572-8802. Next meeting Mar 14 @ 10:45am St. Pat's Parish Center 1001 No J Street.



## Sat Mar 05 9AM

Is 58:9b-14 Lk 5:27-32

Mass Intention: Those who serve in the name of Christ

## Sun. Mar 06 8 & 11:30am

1st Sunday of Lent Mass Intention: +Margaret Mitchell

## Mon Mar 07 No Mass

Lv 19:1-2,11-18 Mt 25:31-46

## Tues Mar 08 No Mass

Is 55:10-11 My 25:31-46

## Wed Mar 09 9am

Jon 3:1-10 Lk 11:29-32

Mass Intention: James Marincel

## Thru Mar 10 9AM

Est C:12,14-16,23-25 Mt 7:7-12

Mass Intention: Allyssa Baker


## Fri, Mar 11 9AM

Ez 18:21-28 Mt 5:20-26

Mass Intention: +Joann Keller

## Sat Mar 12 9AM

Dt 26:16-19 Mt 5:43-48

Mass Intention: First Communicans & families 

## Sun. Mar 13 8 & 11:30am

2nd Sunday of Lent Mass Intention: Shirley Esterbrook

## Prayer Requests

Mick Flynn, Brad Bowles, Philip Stumpf Norma Marchesini, Eduardo Elizaga, John Meier, Joseph Rivera, Bill Bradley, Bob Woorley, Peter Pagano, Gene Hall, Robert & RosAnn Bridges, Petra Polequin, Brenda Gadson, Fr. Dave Gese, Dean Lucchesi, Frank & Willie Faniel, Jerry Landridge, Jim & Karen Keithley, Maxine Campbell, David Lamb, David Rapp, Jim Kelly, Tyler Anglin, Venessa Elmer

**Military Men, Women and families. Those who's suffering is known only to God.**

Please keep the Mitchell Family as they mourn the loss of Margaret & the Stumpf Family as they mourn for Tony, in your prayers

**Thank you my Lord,** for never leaving my side! You always draw me closer to You and I have grown in Your likeness. **Let me be reminded daily of the GREAT gift of your SON!** Continue to create in me a clean and humble heart, Oh Lord, one worthy of you **Amen**

# **VISITATION STEM ACADEMY**

[www.VisitationStemAcademy.org](http://www.VisitationStemAcademy.org)

**Phone (253) 474-6424**

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**Hours: 8am-4pm Mon-Fri**

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[bostwickk@visitationschool.net](mailto:bostwickk@visitationschool.net)

**Heather Liufau: Bookkeeper**

**Bihn Dang: Head Custodian**

**School Commission Chair: Romela Neal**

**PTO Co-Chairs: Kanecia Dixon & Dianne Follett**



## **Daily Schedule**

Before School Care: 6:30am-8:00am

Morning Carpool: 8:00am-8:15am

Start Time: 8:15 am

Lunch: 12-12:45pm

Dismissal: 3:00pm

After School Care: 3:15pm-6:00pm

### **Mass**

Thursdays at 9:00am

Mar 10 2nd Trimester concluded

Mar 11 No School Staff Retreat

Mar 19 2nd Trimester Report Cards go home

***We are growing our school community and would like to invite your family to come and see what Visitation Catholic STEM Academy has to offer young learners. Call to set up a tour!***

Dear Catholic Community,

My name is Marc Nuno and I serve as the principal at Visitation Catholic STEM Academy. Thank you for your applause and appreciation for the parents, students, and staff who spoke at Mass a few weeks ago! We are all stakeholders in our Catholic school and this is a significant and important ministry of our combined parishes. At present, there are approximately 90 families who entrust our school with the academic and faith development of their children. Moreover, Catholic education is about relationships. The partnership between the parish, parents, faculty, staff, and students is sacramental. We learn about God through our relationships with each other.

Having a supportive parish is evidence of a vibrant Catholic school. Through our Catholic school, we provide an invitation to faith and community. Our school enrollment is at its highest level in ten years.

Within the next few months, we will be providing daycare to infants and toddlers. To add to all of these accomplishments, the Parish Council and School Commission have both approved their support for construction of a new school building. There is exciting growth happening at our Catholic school, but we are an ongoing work in progress and that is why we are grateful for the support of our parish community. Thank you for your support, thank you for providing a place of welcome and prayer, and thank you for contributing to a vibrant Catholic community!

In prayer and partnership,  
Marc Nuno. Principal, Visitation STEM Academy



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### **Kid's Tip:**

So here is something to think about; since God thinks you are special and since many people think you are special, isn't it time for you to agree with them?

**Of course it is!** It is time to say: "God created only one of you." to the person in the mirror.

**A Prayer to help you remember:**

**Dear Jesus,** today and every day, I will do my best to see the good in those I meet and to love myself as YOU love me....unconditionally.

**Amen**



An invitation to all Vis., St Ann, St. John of the Woods, St. Rita and Holy Rosary youth 7-12th grades to add your


voice in forming a Youth Group for our **new Parish!** Come gather with others and Alvin Matuatia for fellowship, deeper understanding and love of our faith: Mar 8th 6-7pm in the Visitation Lower Hall.

Questions? Contact Rebecca at:

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**Hope to see you there!**

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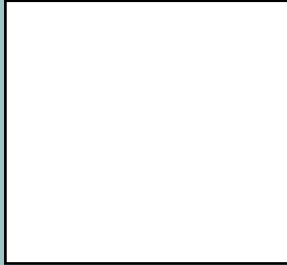
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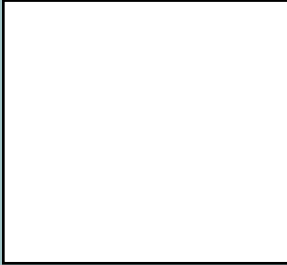
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