

## **Fr. Tuan Nguyen returns to Visitation as Pastor July 1, 2021**

Born in Vietnam and he came to America in 1981 with his brother Nghia Nguyen. After completing college in the US, he went to Mount Angel Seminary and was ordained in 1992 by Archbishop Thomas Murphy at St. James Cathedral, Seattle.

He has been assigned to many parishes. In 1997, he was assigned as pastor for six parishes in Lewis County and helped two communities: he worked with the Spanish community in Lewis County and the Vietnamese Community in Olympia.

In 2006, Fr. Tuan was assigned as pastor of four parishes in Tacoma: St. Ann, St. John of the Woods, Sacred Heart and Visitation. In 2008 two more parishes, Holy Rosary and St. Joseph in Tacoma, were added. In 2011, the cluster reduced to three parishes: St. Ann, St. John of the Woods and Sacred Heart.

Now in 2021, as the Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning takes place, we are back again joining in one new big parish including St. Ann, St. John of the Woods, Visitation and Holy Rosary. In addition shepherding to many English speaking parishioners, includes several ethnic communities: Vietnamese, Samoan, Filipino, Spanish, Chamorro (from Guam), etc.

**His prayers remain are for all and asks the Holy Spirit to help us, guide us and together assist us build the Kingdom of God for His greater honor and glory.**

## **Meet Fr. Patrick McDermott**

Born in Seattle, he grew up in Christ the King Parish in north Seattle. He went to St. Edward's and St. Thomas Seminaries in Kenmore at the north end of Lake Washington both of which are now closed. He was ordained in 1967 by Archbishop Connolly, who was the Archbishop of Seattle.

He has a brother who is a priest and is the Pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Tacoma.

He has served in a variety of parishes in the Archdiocese. The Archbishop "loaned" him to the Maryknoll Missionaries and he ministered in Peru and Bolivia for five years. He learned Spanish at the Maryknoll language school in Bolivia.

He is now retired from full time ministry and **has helped with weekday and Sunday Masses at St. Ann's, and St. John of the Woods Parishes and will help at Visitation Parish.**



### **Fr. Hendry Jesu Rajan. HGN**



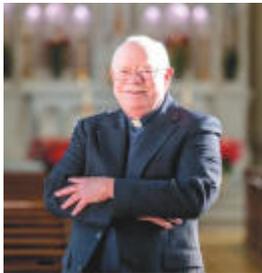
Fr. Hendry Jesu Rajan, HGN. is the second son of the three sons born on 9th of June 1982. After 10 years of schooling he joined the seminary in pursuit to the priesthood. After almost 10 years of formation he was ordained on December 27, 2006.

He continued studies, earning a Masters of Theology and was appointed Vice Rector of his Minor Seminary. Expressing a desire for pastoral experience he was designated Assistant Parish Priest in the Archdiocese of Madras-Mylapore.

He was sent onto Italy in the Diocese of Fabriano-Matelica, to serve as Administrator of two small parishes where he remained for 8 years. He returned to India, as a the school Principle for two years and has been Secretary to the Administrator this past year.

He is eager to experience another world in his pastoral ministry in the Archdiocese of Seattle and under Fr. Tuan. He will be joining us later in the year.

**We welcome Fr. Hendry (as he prefers to be addressed).**



### **Fr. Michael A. Williams, S.J**

By time I entered high school, I knew I wanted to be a priest, and when I attended the Jesuit high school (St. Joseph's Prep) Philadelphia, PA I realized I wanted to be both a priest and a teacher, and the Jesuits were a perfect match for me! After completing collegiate studies at Wernersville and Fordham University, I began graduate studies in English at the University of Southern California as a National Defense Educational Act Graduate Fellow. I received the Ph.D. degree in Medieval English Literature and then completed theological studies at The Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley. I was ordained at Loyola College, Baltimore, in June, 1975.

My career in higher education has taken me to Gonzaga University in Spokane, where I served for 10 years as Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and then to Spring Hill College in Mobile, Al. where I am currently Emeritus Associate Professor of English.

I am very much involved in student life activities. For the past 25 years, I have lived with freshman students in the residence hall system, which makes me either a masochist or a saint! I am faculty adviser to three student organizations: Alpha Sigma Nu, the Jesuit honor society, the Knights of Columbus, and The Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity. I work actively with Campus Ministry as a student retreat director, and regularly spend my summers in London, England as a parish priest and a teacher in Ireland. I am excited to join the Visitation Parish Community for the month of July! I have many friends (former students) in the Seattle-Tacoma area, and look forward to visiting them.

My Jesuit life has been and continues to be unimaginably exciting and rewarding as I help train young men and women to be faith-filled Christian leaders for our nation. **Blessings, Fr. Mike**

***Be sure to take a moment to welcome them and introduce yourself. There will be name tags available in the front entry of the church for you to use.***