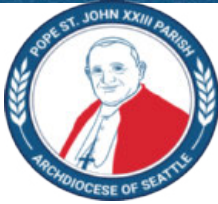




POPE ST. JOHN XXIII PARISH

December 25, 2022



The Nativity of the Lord
(Christmas)

Mass Schedule and Reconciliation:

Pope St. John XXIII Parish
7025 South Park Ave.
Tacoma, WA 98408

Daily Mass:
Saturday | 4:30pm
Sunday | 9:45am
Monday to Friday | 8:00am

Reconciliation:
Saturday | 3:30pm

Vietnamese Mass:
Sunday | 7:45am & 4:00pm
Tuesday & Thursday | 7:00pm
First Friday | 7:00pm

Vietnamese Reconciliation:
Sunday | 3:00pm

St. John of the Woods Mission
9903 24th Ave. East
Tacoma, WA 98445

Daily Mass:
Saturday | 6:00pm
Sunday | 8:00am & 11:30am
Wed. & Friday | 9:30am

Reconciliation:
Saturday | 5:00pm

South Tacoma Chapel
3314 So 58th Street
Tacoma, WA 98409

Daily Mass:
Saturday - 9:00 a.m.
Sunday - 9:30 a.m.

Reconciliation:
Saturday - 8:00 a.m.

St. Rita Station
1403 S Ainsworth Ave,
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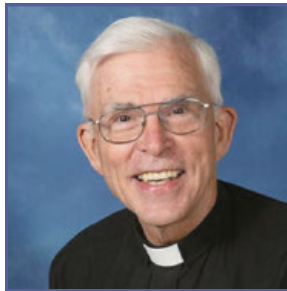
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Pastor's Letter

Dear beloved brothers and sisters,

Merry Christmas to you and your family! May the Peace and Joy of the Newborn Christ be with you on Christmas Day! We thank you for your support to our parish's ministry and activities throughout the year. We thank our Liturgical Ministry core team who had been involved with the Advent and Christmas decorations and with all different preparations to make the Church's environment so warm and welcoming to share the love of Christmas. We thank the school students who was in the choir to sing at Mass each month, as well as their parents for supporting them with different school activities and bringing them to their practice each week, and for attending Mass with them. We also thank students from the Faith Formation for attending their weekly classes during those Four Weeks, as well as on Wednesday night, and they had been involved with the Christmas Program and other activities on the weekend. Especially, we thank their parents for driving them to their classes and encouraging them to attend the Sacramental classes. We have a blessed Eucharistic Youth Group, who have been very active throughout the year, and they are taking their break during this time from their activities with the end of the year with a retreat. We had a blessed Four Weeks of Advent to prepare for Christmas this week, before we celebrate Christmas Eve and Day. It is a joyful weekend for our New Parish of Pope Saint John XXIII to have so many different activities during those Four Weeks, as well as having many people involved with the Outreach Ministry to create Christmas baskets to offer to those who are in need. We thank our volunteers who support our Priests, Deacons, Religious Sisters, Parish Staff, and Parish Leadership Team who are serving us! We thank God for His blessings upon our Faith Community.

We thank our Priests, Deacons, Religious Sisters, Parish Staff and Leadership Team who serve our parish so well throughout the year. We had invited them to the leadership gathering on Saturday to share and reflect together on God's blessings throughout the year, especially to support one other and to celebrate the Spirit of Christmas. On behalf of the parish, I had thanked them and appreciated them for their ministry in praying for us as well as setting a wonderful example of being patient with all the challenges of our parish's life, and the change of the merger from five formal parishes into one parish, our Pope Saint John XXIII Parish. We have been learning on how we are able to support each other and to work as one. The Advent Season is the time of hope with full expectation to be patient as we wait for each other and be fully alert in understanding and having compassion towards each other. There is so much that we must do, and this requires a lot of love from each one of us. I learned from what we have done, and it is hard with lots of challenges ahead of us all. But the Spirit of Christmas brings peace and joy to have strong hope to celebrate the Newborn King, who is leading us with love throughout the year.

You may enjoy our Christmas Carol and the Christmas Program that we have with our parish and school students, which brings Christ to our Christmas celebration. Pope Francis encourages us to pause to watch the manger and the Christmas Nativity with the Holy Family, Mary, Joseph, and Jesus as well as representatives of many different characters who were present around the Holy Family. The beauty of this scene represents and highlights the Spirit of the Joy and Comfort. We can relate with the incarnation of Christ who is with us and among us. We can offer gifts to our Lord with what we have done in preparing ourselves within the last Four Weeks of the Advent Season. We thank our Parish Staff and Parish Leadership Team members who spent time in working with our volunteers to decorate the inside and outside of our Church. When you are entering our Church, you experience the Spirit of Christmas is with us. The Spirit of Generosity and Hospitality surrounds us when we gather to praise the Lord and we have been receiving the End of the Year's Giving from you (your special donation for this special time of the year to our parish). We thank you and may the Lord continue to bless upon your generosity and kindness to our lovely parish. We thank you for your special gift for Christmas for different projects and programs for our parish.

I would like to encourage you to register your membership of your family to Pope Saint John XXIII Parish. By registering, you are assisting us to have sufficient information to have a vision and priority to serve you and build up our newly formed parish. If you are registered as a member, you can provide your support and commitment to our parish and our parish's responsibility is to serve you on what you need us to assist you and your family with. Being a member is important, as this helps us to identify the needs and we can do what we can to support you! We had an informative and prayerful meeting with our Parish Staff and Leadership Team on Saturday for our Gathering Day on the Third Week of Advent to pray for each other and we shared with each other the vision and priority on our parish's future with hope for our newly formed parish. If you are not registered to our Pope Saint John XXIII Parish, you are cordially invited to join us by completing your registration form. We wish that our students will have a blessed Christmas break with their family. The Christmas Season is a special time for families to gather and spend time catching up and having various celebrations together.

On behalf of our Parish Staff, we wish you and your family a joyful Christmas and a wonderful New Year to come! We thank you for the opportunity to allow us to serve you and for your support throughout the year and the Christmas Season! May the Newly Born King continue to comfort you and bless upon you with joy and peace! Next weekend is the New Year's Celebration, you are cordially invited to join us for this celebration. We have all the important holidays on during the weekend celebration! We are looking forward to seeing you at the New Year's Celebration.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Fr. Tuan Nguyen, D. Min, Pastor



Mission Statement

We parishioners of Pope Saint 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.

Pope St. John XXIII Parish

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- Linda Lamb Ministry Chair
- Margaret Thompson Vice Chair
- Deacon Mike Teskey Chaplain



Sandwich Ministry & Food Bank

M thru Fri. 9:30—11:30am

Gift Card/Voucher Assistance:

By appointment only:

T & Thurs 9:30—11:30am

No Utility or Rental assistance available.

Stewardship of Treasure - Sacrificial Giving

Pope St. John XXIII Parish

Dec 11: \$6,799 - 167 Env | Online: \$289

Breakfast: \$1,085 | Fence: \$6,845

St. John of the Woods Mission

Dec 11: \$4,064.35 - 74 Env & online

South Tacoma Chapel

Dec 11: \$2,090 - 34 Env



All Contributions received after Sunday, December 31st will be posted in January "2023". Thank you all for supporting our parish.

Parish Fencing Project

The fencing project has already started for weeks in order to protect parishioners and especially children from any unfortunate & unforeseen accidents and also to keep intruders out of PSJ23 campus. To help the parish substantially reduce the loan to complete this project, you have options to donate to the Fencing Project, by mail, collection basket or directly donate online through website www.psj23.org or by scanning the QR code to donate. We appreciate your generosity and everything you do for our parish.



Parish News



Baptism Class for Parents and Godparents

Next class will be **January 14th** at PSJXXIII Parish

- 1:00pm - 2:30pm in English
- 2:30pm - 4:00pm in Viet

More information, contact: Sr. Theresa Nguyen at sotheresa2022@psj23.org or 253-592-2541

From the Ministry of the Poor

Thanksgiving was a big success! Thank you to your generosity, Our partnership with Brian from Grocery Outlet, Visitation School, monetary and food donations FROM GENEROUS PARISHIONERS and to all of the volunteers who joined the dedicated members or the Ministries of the Poor we were able to supply Thanksgiving meals both in baskets and in hot meals provided to those homeless who came to our door on Thanksgiving.

83 Baskets: actual cost per \$52.69, total \$4,373.27. Cost paid after donations and discounts \$2,607.09. Hot meals: total prepared 53. Cost \$ 536.51. 29 Handed out at the South Tacoma Chapel. 24 Delivered to the Tacoma Homeless Shelter. Thank You to the 32 volunteers, the Wargo family and ALL who worked to make this a great success!

Pope St. John XXIII Week of Dec 26, 2022

Monday
Parish Office Closed
8AM Mass

Tuesday
8 AM Mass
Choir Pract After Mass-9:30AM
7PM Vietnamese Mass

Wednesday
8 AM Mass
5PM Yoga - School
6:30PM Calcutta Choir-House

Thursday
8AM English Mass
Adoration after Mass - 10AM
4PM - Adoration - Church
7PM - Vietnamese Mass

Friday - Parish Office Closed
8AM Mass
Choir Pract After Mass-9:30AM
6PM Class & Vovinam School
7PM Calcutta Choir - School
8PM Choir CTTDVN - School

Saturday - New Year's Eve
4:30PM - New Year Eve Mass - Bilingual

Sunday - New Year's Day
7:45 AM Vietnamese Mass
9:45 AM Mass
4PM: Vietnamese Mass

Parish Office of Pope St. John XXIII Parish, St. John of the Woods Mission Church, and South Tacoma Chapel will be closed from Thursday Dec 22 to Monday Dec 26 for Christmas.

Solemnity of Mary Mass Schedule

- **December 31**
4:30 PM (PSJ23)
- **January 1st**
7:45 AM Viet (PSJ23)
9:45AM - English (PSJ23)
4PM Viet (PSJ23)
9:30am Mass at South Tacoma Chapel


St. John of the Woods Corner

Prayer Corner

Merry Christmas

We would like to thank all parishioner for their continued stewardship to St. John of the Woods Mission. May the Christ child bless your families with joy, happiness and good health.

From Fr. Tuan, Fr. Hendry, Fr. Pat, Sr. Theresa, Sr. Anna, Sr. Kim and Susan Teskey



For anointing of the sick please call Sr. Anna at 253-592-2455.

Pope St. John XXIII Parish

Muriel Bate, Krista Brown, Olivia Davis, Kathleen Genge, Anita Elizabeth Griggs, Bob Gummingsall, Wayne Haverkorn, J. Mam, Nancy Jones, Jackie Lane, Terry Mathern, Doris McGuire, Wesley McMakin, Helen Murray, Peggy Neagle, Donald Orris, Shirley Pietz, Joleane Reece, Bob & Rayanne Richardson, Rita Shingledecker, Eldon & Marge Weber, Joan & Woody Woodring, Virginia Wooten. We pray for Ssgt. Wells, all servicemen, servicewomen and their families.

St. John of the Woods Mission

Danny Sneed, Joan Ellis, Aida & Felix Almogela, Larry & JoAnn Reyes, Daniel & Laricia Garcia, Gordon & Nichole & Margaret & Liam Chisholm, Carlos & Claudia Caballero, Aurora Maddela, Gary Wilke, Roxane Fulp, Larry Perez, Robert Lumas, Marge Berntsen, Donna & Dick Severson, Jan Talley, James Moe, Dave Casey, Brandon, Courtney Kryder, Treaver Yates, Gary Almogela, Isaako Malo, Angie Anderson, Judith Levesque, Kari Tinsely, Susan Kitaji, Natalie Vieira, Betty Polansky, Robert Delgado, Heidi Gibson, Jennifer Akins, Jonathan Keen, Rod Stormshak, Wendy Hanchett, Evymae Sablan, Evelyn Allen, Damian Roldon, Irene Simon, Isaiah Williams, Lois Zahnan, Larry Luedke, Dorothy Harris, Larry Anderson, Keith Browne, Anna Kaperick, Carol Kalapus, Connie Bender, Military: SPC Sean Gilson, AMN Mason Land, WO-1 Stephen Adelman



To everyone who participated in this year Giving Tree. Your kindness has made so many people happy during this Holy Season

To everyone who brought food items for the Christmas Baskets. Ministries of the Poor appreciate your generosity and continued support.

We thank the CCD children for the beautiful pageant they shared with us on Dec 18. To Twyla Halmarst who directed the Christmas program, and all CCD teachers for their hard works. To Karen Knobbe and her team who helped with Christmas Party with food, drinks, and beautiful decorations. To all who came to see and share some fun at the Christmas Party

Our thanks to the Black Apron Ladies who share "Senior Lunch" with all parishioners that are able to come the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month. We appreciate your dedication to this ministry.

And we would like to thank all the Liturgical ministers, members of committee and volunteers who organized and assisted us with Christmas celebrations and decorations. We thank you for your time, talent, and your faithfulness to your Faith and for generously sharing with us! St. John of the Woods Mission church is truly blessed with your presence.

THANK YOU
and Merry Christmas

South Tacoma Chapel

Shirley Keyes, 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, Tyler Anglin, Vanessa Elmer, Lucy Romo, Benjiman Holm. All those suffering in war and strife.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

St. John of the Woods Mission

- **Saturday, Dec 31** - New Year Eve: Mass at 6pm
- **Sunday, Jan 1, 2023** - New Year Day Mass at 8am & 11:30am

Christmas Cards

Reminder: we have the Christmas card post office set up in the vestibule of the Church now until January 8th. Save a stamp and drop your parishioner Christmas card in the bins provided. Please check for cards when you come to Mass.

Coffee Hour

No coffee hour on Christmas Day and New Year Day. Share this time with family. Merry Christmas



Merry Christmas from Pope St. John XXIII STEM Academy!

Students and staff of PSJXXIII alike are on break from school after a successful first trimester filled with learning and growth. Some highlights of the beginning of the school year were the



STEM Open House in October, various PTO events like Movie Night and a Restaurant Takeover, and weekly Mass with added special School Mass days to celebrate events such as the Feast of St. Nick and the Feast of La Virgen de Guadalupe. The blessings brought to students from parish

involvement and Fr. Tuan and Fr. Hendry help to support students' faith everyday. As we reach the end of the year, we reflect on the many blessings brought to Pope St. John XXIII STEM Academy from the involvement of the PSJXXIII parish community. If you would like to invest in Pope St. John XXIII STEM Academy, be involved in the Annual Fund, or consider a legacy gift, please contact steinera@psjstem.org. We are blessed by the partnership allowed to create lasting support for Catholic education.



Upcoming events:

- 1/5/2023 First All School Mass of the New Year
- 1/8 Join us for student readers and presenters at mass!

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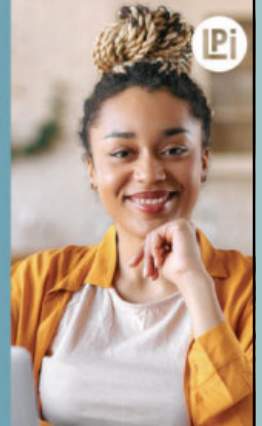
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