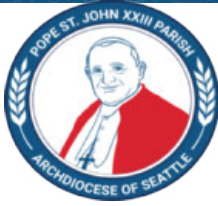




POPE ST. JOHN XXIII PARISH

January 08, 2023



The Epiphany of the Lord

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

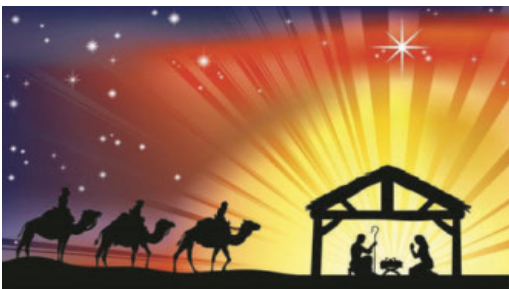
Reconciliation:
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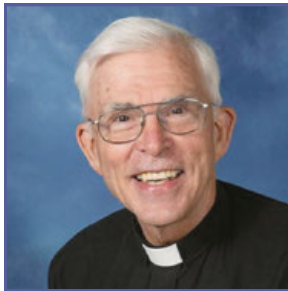
Daily Mass:
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Reconciliation:
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Pastor's Letter

Dear beloved brothers and sisters,

We welcome you to the Feast of the Epiphany this Sunday, when Three Wise Men brought gifts to present to Baby Jesus, laying their gifts at Jesus' feet. May we too share our gift of time, talent, and treasure to help Him with His ministry at our parish. Our gifts assist with our parish's ministry, supporting our priests, Religious Sisters, Permanent Deacons, Parish Staff, and the Parish's Leadership Team, in their roles and ministry to make our parish feel more welcoming and engaging with the parish life. We also cordially invite you to join us to celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Monday, which concludes the Christmas Season. As you know, we will take all the decorations down after this Feast Day. We need a lot of assistance with this task to clean up and pack all the equipment away. We thank our core team from each location of Pope Saint John XXIII Parish, who have helped and supported us with this.

We welcome our students back to school after the Christmas and New Year's break. They had a break for the holiday from their activities at the parish and we missed them. May you have a blessed time with your family, and may you enjoy your break with family and friends. I took a little time to reflect on what we had done for last year and what we wish to move forward with for this New Year (after Christmas and New Year's Celebrations). I thank you so much for your love and support of our parish. We have been working hard with the planning of many different events of the parish. We spent a lot of time planning throughout the year with the focus of building up our Parish Community. We had been looking into different options and many ways on how we are able to work with each other to keep different parish locations such as Mission, Chapel, and Station? How can we sustain and keep these buildings and facilities? We will not be able to repair and rebuild the facilities if we do not have sufficient financial resource. I have spent time consulting with the Parish Leadership Team, Financial and Pastoral Councils, and Advisory Team and praying for guidance for the Holy Spirit to assist me on what we need to do. There have been many meetings already and there will be more meetings for consultations with the leadership team before I can make the decision on what we need to do. I ask you to keep our parish in your prayers so we can make the best decision for our parish's future, creating a vibrant parish. I will continue to share with you information regarding different steps that we will take. I thank our Priests, Deacons, Religious Sisters, Parish Staff, Parish Leadership Team, and Volunteers, for your love and care for our parish. We have been focusing on the goal of how to build up our Parish's Faith Community by meeting with the leadership team, different parish's ministries and reviewing different celebrations and events. We need to do our Catholic School feasibility study regarding enrollment, as well as financial resource feasibility study, so we can have a short and long-term plan for our parish. The New Year is exciting with the plan that we hope to have. The Partnering with the Gospel that our Parish Staff and Leadership Team members are a part of, have invited them to assist us to have some vision, which will allow us to work on our priority.

We thank the Parish Outreach Program for reaching out to care for the poor by providing them with hot meals and prepared the Christmas Basket to offer to many families. This Outreach Program also offered Christmas gifts to our homebound parishioners and organized the Healing Mass with Anointing for them, as well as Christmas Party in the Parish's Hall for them to enjoy and to feel the Spirit of Christmas. The Pre-K children performed Christmas Carols for them to enjoy and presented them with a gift. It was a joyful celebration that we had with our Parish's Outreach Program to try to build up our Parish Community. Our school students had presented a beautiful and prayerful Christmas program before they went on their Christmas and New Year's break. We welcome them back to school again for the new school year and we will have the School Commission's meeting on Tuesday of this week.

You are cordially invited to join us celebrate the Vietnamese New Year, the Year of the Cat. The Vietnamese Catholic Community of Pope Saint John XXIII Parish will be preparing for this celebration and will be spending a week to make tradition stinky rice cakes and other traditional food. The leadership team will have a special day to share with the community on how to make this traditional sticky rice cake and other traditional food eaten for the New Year's Celebration. They also have homemade food to share with other members who are not able to make it or do not have time to prepare it, but they can still enjoy and celebrate the traditional New Year's food with their family. There is more information on our parish's bulletin as well as parish website and other source of communication from our parish. Please join us for this special celebration!

You are cordially invited to help us to take down all the decorations and pack them away, so we can use them for next year. We thank you for continuing to support our parish mission as well as ministry and activities. We wish you a blessed New Year with good health and blessings from the Lord! We thank our Parish's Leadership Team for their meeting, and they shared with me many different concerns and issues that we need to spend time to pray for and they assisted me with many different decisions that I need to make. We spent some time looking into our parish's staff job description and we must raise their salary and responsibilities. We also spent time to investigate our parish's facilities and property, and we need to evaluate on our parish's ministry and activities. I will continue to share with you information regarding our parish and our future.

Happy New Year to you and your family! I thank you for the gift that you gave to our Priests, Deacons, Religious Sisters, Parish Staff and Parish Leadership Team for serving our parish and your family. May you and your family be blessed with Good Health, Peace, Love, and Comfort. May Jesus the Newborn Prince Heal you and may the blessed Virgin Mary, and our Patron Saint, Pope Saint John XXIII continue to bless you throughout this New Year

Sincerely yours in Christ,



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.

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Sandwich Ministry & Food Bank

M thru Fri. 9:30—11:30am

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By appointment only:

T & Thurs 9:30—11:30am

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Pope St. John XXIII Parish

Dec 24 & 25: \$13,664 | Online: \$1,732

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St. John of the Woods Mission

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South Tacoma Chapel

Dec 25: \$4,188 - 32 Env



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

Giving Tree Participation

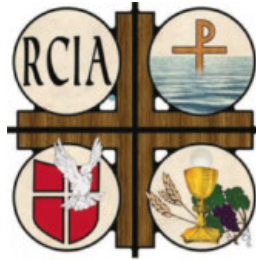


We would like to thank everyone who participated in this year Giving Tree. We have received total 104 gifts (68 from SJOW & 36 from PSJ23) and Christmas cards made by the kids of CCD classes of SJOW. We have delivered 110 gifts and Christmas Cards to the seniors who are living in nursing homes and homebound. Thanks again for your kindness, you have made many people happy during Christmas season.

RCIA - Rite of Acceptance

Jan. 8th, 2023 at 9:45 AM Mass
at Pope St. John XXIII Parish

Catechumen, candidates from RCIA and RCIC classes, godparents and sponsors, please be present at church before 9:45am. Thank you



Welcome New Hire

JESSE TORRES

Title: Facility Supervisor



Jesse returned to Tacoma in 2020 and has found his way back to the parish community of his youth. He grew up in the neighborhood and graduated from the former St. Anne's school in 1985. He brings experience in property and project management (including Catholic Housing Services), and is a former Officer of Marines and traditional martial arts instructor. He loves weekends away with his wife Sheila, espresso, the Seahawks, and hiking the Camino de Santiago. He is happy to be home!

Jesse has started working for Pope St. John XXIII, St. John of the Woods, South Tacoma Chapel, and St. Rita station in January 2023. We welcome him to join our team. If you see him around, please say hi and treat him well :)

Making Sticky Rice for Lunar New Year

In preparation to celebrate the Lunar New Year, our Vietnamese community will make the traditional food, which is "banh chung" or sticky ricecake. The Vietnamese community of Pope St. John XXIII parish will gather to make Sticky Rice Cakes on Jan. 12-14. Vietnamese Lunar New Year Masses will be on Sat Jan 21st to Jan. 24th Mass at 7pm (Sun. Mass at 4pm). All are welcome



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

For more information, please visit www.wwme.org. For questions, or to find out more about a Virtual Encounter Weekend, feel free to contact: Jeff and Sandy Coneil at 360-930-2321



Pope St. John XXIII Week of Jan 09, 2022

Monday

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

6:30PM - CCD classes - school

Thursday

8AM English Mass

Adoration after Mass - 10AM

4PM - Adoration - Church

7PM - Vietnamese Mass

Friday

8AM Mass

Choir Pract After Mass-9:30AM

6PM Class & Vovinam School

7PM Calcutta Choir - School

8PM Choir CTTDVN - School

Saturday

3:30PM - Confession

4:30PM - Mass

Sunday

7:45 AM Vietnamese Mass

9:45 AM Mass

4PM: Vietnamese Mass

Baptism Preparation Class

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

Livestream Mass

All the Masses at PSJ23 are livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube. Follow us on

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St. John of the Woods Corner

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Christmas Cards

Today is the last day to pick up your Christmas cards from the Post office table at the entrance of the church. Please check for cards before you leave today.

NOTE: the office is not responsible for cards not picked up.



SJOW Breakfast

Come join us for Breakfast today **January 8th from 8am to 11:00 am**. Cost \$5

Menu: Island fried rice, Sausage w/Gravy, Hash Browns, Scrambled eggs, Pancakes, Biscuits, Tea, Coffee, Juice, Cider and Hot Chocolate.

Sorry we will not be serving after the 11:30am Mass.

New Bible Study: The Early Church

The next Bible Study class will begin on January 17, 2023. This 10-week class will be offered in-person on Tuesdays from 1:00-3:00 pm, and now also as an at-home online study that may be done over the course of 1 year. It is an historical look at Church development, growth and trials following the Ascension of Christ and for its first 500 years.

45-minute video presentations are a part of each session, and accompany a student workbook guide. Cost of the workbook is \$27.

Register anytime by calling Cheryl Penry at 253-531-4355. Signups will also be taken following some Sunday Masses. Please register soon so that materials may be ordered. We look forward to this chance to get in touch with the Church's beginnings. Please join us!



Tax Letter

Your 2022 Tax letter with Stewardship information will be mailed by February 1, 2023. Please be patient, we have many parishioners to process.

Prayer Corner

Almighty and merciful Father, by the power of your command, drive away from those suffering, all forms of sickness and disease. Restore strength to their bodies and joy to their spirits, so that in their renewed health, they may bless and serve you, now and forevermore. AMEN

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

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Muriel Bate, Krista Brown, Olivia Davis, Kathleen Genge, Anita Elizabeth Griggs, Bob Gummersall, 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

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Collecting Palms

Palms will be collected beginning the first week of January through the first week of February. Please place your palms in the basket you can find in the entrance of the church. The palms will be burned for use on Ash Wednesday.





Happy New Year from Pope St. John XXIII STEM Academy! We wish a blessed 2023 to all in the Pope St. John XXIII community.

Students and teachers are preparing to return back to classes after a delightful Christmas Break. During the break, teachers caught up outside of the classroom and had time to relax while students completed projects, celebrated holidays, and prepared for their to return to school.



The final day before break, December 15th, saw the PSJXXIII STEM Academy annual Advent program, pictured right. Students and teachers prepared for the annual performance for families, with this being the first year back performing in

the church together after three years. Pope St. John XXIII STEM Academy's students are so lucky to have the support of the Parish and Chapel to practice their faith and celebrate Advent and other occasions with families and as a community. Thank you, PSJXXIII, for all of your support! We look forward to celebrating together in the New Year! We invite you to the community events listed below.

If you would like to invest in Pope St. John XXIII STEM Academy or consider a legacy gift, please contact steinera@psjstem.org. Thank you for the continued partnership to ensure access to a faith-based education enriched by STEM.

Upcoming events:

1/8/23 Join us for student readers and presenters at mass!

1/29/23 Catholic Schools' Week Open House from 11-12:30 AM

Coffee and donuts will be served in the school following mass
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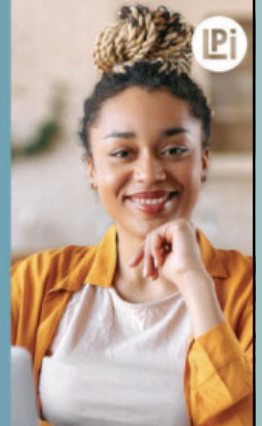
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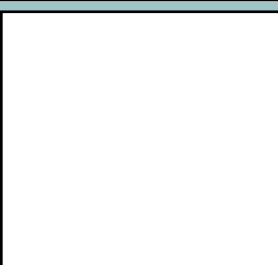
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