

POPE ST. JOHN XXIII PARISH

January 22, 2023



The Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time

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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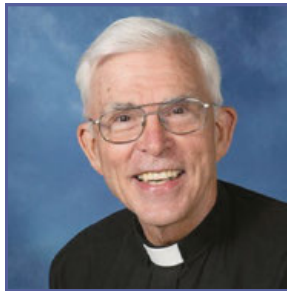
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Pastor's Letter

Dear beloved brothers and sisters,

We welcome you to join us to celebrate the Vietnamese New Year (Tet or Lunar New Year). We gather as a community of believers and to support each other to celebrate the Vietnamese New Year. We are very grateful for many members from Pope Saint John XXIII Parish who joined with the core team to assist us to prepare for this day. We had so much fun in learning to make the traditional food, so we can taste and enjoy on this New Year. We thank our benefactors who sponsored and donated financial support to pay for most of the materials for this event. We also thank the core team members on the leadership team as well as many volunteers who assisted us with this special event. We also thank the parish who sponsored and supported this wonderful celebration.

Father Hendry is returning home to his country, so he can join his religious community for his annual retreat, and he will spend time to be with his religious community, as well as spend a few weeks with his family. We thank you for your support of his ministry among us and I ask you to pray for him and his family! I also thank Father Maula and Father Patrick who are assisting us when Father Hendry is away for his retreat and vacation. We also are organizing the date for our Lenten Retreat for this year. We thank the Liturgy Commission who spent time at their meeting in planning different events that we will have for our parish. We also thank all the Liturgical Ministers at each parish location for serving us faithfully at each liturgy that we have and Weekend Masses! They have made a big sacrifice and contributed their time and talent to serve us!

We thank our Parish Leadership Team members who joined us at different meetings and workshops during this month and we are starting the New Year with much hope and expectation. There are more meetings that we have been requested to attend, and it is hard for many of our members. We have many different issues and concerns, so we need to take some time to learn and to try to understand each other, as we are all different and have different opinions and viewpoints. We thank the core team on the Parish Leadership Team for their time in assisting us with what is the most important for our parish to keep and nurture, as well as how we can sustain it.

Our Priests have had a wonderful conversation with Archbishop to check in with each other to update the information of the Archdiocese and different events that we are having for this month. We also had a blessed meeting with other Priests in our own Deanery on Wednesday, so we had the opportunity to visit each other at each of the parishes within our Deanery. I am very happy that we can see each other to learn from other parishes and support each other. We also thank our Parish Staff and Leadership Team who attended the meeting with Archbishop, Bishops, Priests, Parish Staff, and Leadership Team on the Partner with the Gospel workshop last Wednesday at Greater Tacoma Convention Center. We will share with you the information that we have.

I encourage you to register and if you have not yet registered to our Pope Saint John XXIII Parish, I would like you to please take some time to do this now, so we can have this valuable information to assist you as members (parishioners). We need this information, so we can communicate with you, and it will also assist us to update the parish's ministry and activities. In addition, this information will be shared with my Advisory Team and Leadership Team members, so we can work on our vision and priority of what we need to do. I am working with our Parish Leadership Team to develop the ministry to serve the parish's mission. I need to have good information to present to the Leadership Team members, so they can assist me. We have been listening to the Parish Staff and we asked them on how we can support them during this transition by working not only in one location, but they had been asked to be in different parish locations in their parish ministry program. We have been working on sharing our parish's resources to serve you.

We thank you for supporting our parish's ministry and activity at different locations. We thank the regular members of Saturday's Prayer Group at Saint Rita's location. We thank this group for their time to pray on Saturday as well as their donation to the Church. We also thank their Funeral Committee members who assisted us to reach out to our long-time parishioners at Saint Rita's Church to support them. We also thank all the volunteers who assisted Pope Saint John XXIII Parish in different locations to take care of the Church's building. We are also very happy to have Breakfast after Sunday Mass back again at Saint John of the Woods Mission and Pope Saint John XXIII Parish, and Coffee and Donut at South Tacoma Chapel with the school students and their parents as they join with us once a month for Sunday Mass. The students from different classes assisted us by being a lector to read and to sing in the choir at Weekend Mass once a month. Their parents are joining them as well for this celebration and it is a joy for our parish.

We are very happy to have the opportunity to celebrate different cultural events within our parish's site that we have. We thank the core team members who organized the Lunar New Year. We started last week for preparation, and we had set up a place to welcome people to come to assist us, so we can gather to cook the food and the Youth Leadership Team had a session to teach the children and teenagers on how to make the traditional food for this special celebration. It was a wonderful experience for those who were there and being able to fully participate in this event to learn about the "Tet" preparations and to join in to celebrate the Lunar New Year's Day is what makes this event special. We thank different parish's ministry groups who said "yes" to share their presentations at our community entertainment after Mass on New Year's Day, which allowed others to experience the beauty of their culture and tradition. May you have a blessed Year of the Cat with Good Health, Prosperity, Peace, Love, and Joy! May we be all gentle like the cat! Meow!

Happy New Year to you and your family!

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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- 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

Jan 08: \$5,849 - 157 Env | Online: \$3,105

Fence: \$1,465 | Breakfast: \$1,027

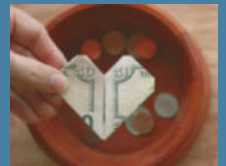
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Jan 08: \$4,895.54 - 75 Env & online

South Tacoma Chapel

Jan 08: \$2,700

Your 2022 Tax letter with Stewardship information will be mailed by February 1, 2023



The Mobile Community Services Office is coming!

Date: Friday, Jan 27, 2023

Time: 10:00am - 2:00pm

Place: Tacoma Project Homeless Connect
710 S 13th St Tacoma, WA 98405

At this event, you can apply for:

- ☞ Cash Assistance
- ☞ Basic Food Assistance
- ☞ Medical Assistance
- ☞ Medicare Savings Program

You can also drop off paperwork, complete an Eligibility Review, Mid-Certification Review or make changes to an existing case



Parish News



Religious Education

CCD and First Communion classes Wednesday, classes from 6:30 to 7:30pm. **Feb. 15th first communion parents meeting** in the school at 6:30 pm.

We will send out the reminders to each family in February. Fr. Tuan will check with parents the list that all students are supposed to go to Sunday Mass and participate in any activities at church. There will be a retreat for parents and first communion students on March 17th and 19th

First communion students need to have their prayers memorized: Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Act of Contrition and 10 Commandments. Fr. Tuan will ask students questions to make sure they know what they are doing. Parents please help your children to study these prayers at home. Thank you for the help you give your children

Pope St. John XXIII Week of Jan 23, 2022

Monday

8AM Mass
Choir Pract After Mass-9:30AM
11AM - Funeral of Leo Rogacki
9AM - Pre-k - School
6PM - Vovinam - School
7PM - Viet Mass - Tet

Tuesday

8 AM Mass
Choir Pract After Mass-9:30AM
9AM - Pre-k - School
7PM Vietnamese Mass

Wednesday

8 AM Mass
9AM - Pre-k - School
6:30PM Calcutta Choir-House

Thursday

8AM English Mass
Adoration after Mass - 10AM
9AM - Pre-k - School
4PM - Adoration - Church
7PM - Vietnamese Mass

Friday

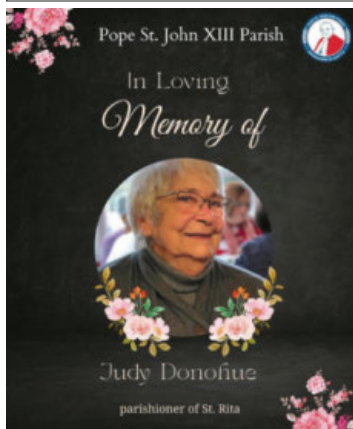
8AM Mass
Choir Pract After Mass-9:45AM
9AM - Pre-k - School
6PM Class & Vovinam School
7PM Calcutta Choir - School
8PM Choir CTTDVN - School

Saturday

9:30AM - Vovinam - School
3PM - Food Prep. Sun/ Deli
3:30PM - Confessions
4:30PM - Mass
Choir Pract. After Mass - 8PM

Sunday

7:45 AM Vietnamese Mass
9:45 AM Mass
3PM - Confession
4PM: Vietnamese Mass



From St. Rita

Funeral Mass of Judy will be Saturday, Feb. 18, 2023, at 11:00 am at St. Rita's with Reception following in the St. Rita Hall. There was a Rosary Dec. 16, 2022 at Gaffney Funeral Home. Fr. Gene presided over the graveside committal on Dec. 17, 2022 at Calvary Cemetery .

Eternal rest grant unto her, and let the perpetual light shine upon her. May the soul of Judy, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2023, taken from the first chapter of the Book of Isaiah, reflects his concern for the oppressed who suffer from injustice and inequality fed by hypocrisy that leads to disunity. He teaches that God requires righteousness and justice from all of us, to create the peace and unity that God desires. Isaiah's challenge to do good and seek justice together applies equally to us today .

Jan 18 - Jan 25



Happy Lunar New Year

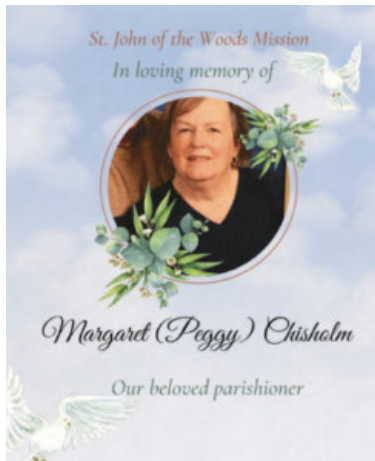
With the good spirit of celebrating the Lunar New Year, the Year of Cat, the Vietnamese Community wish you all the best for a year full of happiness, blessings, and joy. May God shed his graces and his love upon our parish and each of parishioner during this New Year. Happy Lunar New Year.

Palms for Ash Wednesday

Baskets will be available in the South Vestibule of the church during the months of January - February 19th, for collecting Palms.

The Ashes are made by burning the blessed palms that were distributed the previous year on Palm Sunday.

St. John of the Woods Corner



We send our condolences to Gordon Chisholm and family for the loss of their loved one, Margaret (Peggy) Chisholm, who passed away Jan 11. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Chisholm family.

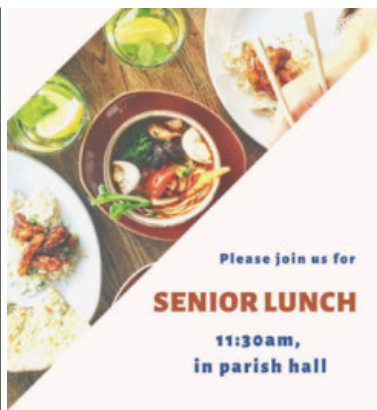
Eternal rest, grant unto him, and let the perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Senior Lunch

Our Next Senior Lunch will be Wednesday **February 1** in the parish hall at 11:30am.

Please join us and enjoy a great lunch.

ALL ARE INVITED



Spaghetti Feed

Mark your calendar for the Spaghetti Feed **Saturday Feb 25, 2023**. More details coming soon!

Religious Education & RCIC

Sunday, CCD and first Comm. classes 9:45 to 11:10am. **Feb. 26th first communion parents meeting** at the Parish Hall at 9:45 am.

We will send out the reminders to each family in February. Fr. Tuan will check with parents the list that all students are supposed to go to Sunday Mass and participate in any activities at church. There will be a retreat for parents and first communion students on March 17th and 19th

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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.

Pope St. John XXIII Parish

Gayle Jensen, 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

Danny Sneed, Joan Ellis, Aida & Felix Almogela, Larry & JoAnn Reyes, Daniel & Laricia Garcia, Gordon & Nichole & 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

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, Benjamin & Linda Holm, Kathy McSperitt. All those suffering in war and strife.

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.

NW Catholic Collection

The collection for the NW Catholic is January 28th & 29th. Please use the envelopes in your mailed packet.



Pope St. John XXIII STEM Academy students are excited and preparing for Catholic Schools Week next week! From January 29th through April 4th, different themes recognize the value of Catholic schools, importance of the Parish community, and other aspects that



make Catholic schools unique and special. We invite you to join us on Sunday, January 29th from 11:00 to 12:30, following mass, for an Open House to tour Pope St. John XXIII STEM Academy. Students from each grade are preparing to give tours of the school and regular coffee and donuts will be moved to the school for the day.

Thank you for your continued support of Pope St. John XXIII STEM Academy and students! If you would like to be involved in Catholic Schools Week or speak to students about your

vocation on Monday, January 30th, please contact steinera@psjstem.org.

We would also like to invite Pope St. John XXIII community members to consider attending or donating to the auction this year. With all benefits supporting PSJXXIII STEM Academy, this is the largest event of the year to support access to a Catholic education with foundations in STEM. We invite you to visit the link below.

Please contact steinera@psjstem.org about donating to the auction or investing in Pope St. John XXIII STEM Academy another way.

Upcoming events:

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

Coffee and donuts will be served in the school following mass
SAVE THE DATE for the PSJXXIII STEM Academy Auction on 3/25/23

More information: www.psjstem.org/auction/

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Horace Gozon Friend, Jr., 91, of Tacoma, WA, passed away on October 1, 2022 from natural causes. He was predeceased by first spouse Aida, Christine & Catherine and is survived by spouse Teresita and children: Sandra, Geraldine, Horace III, Stella, Philip, Therese, Jeffrey, Charles & 13 grandchildren.

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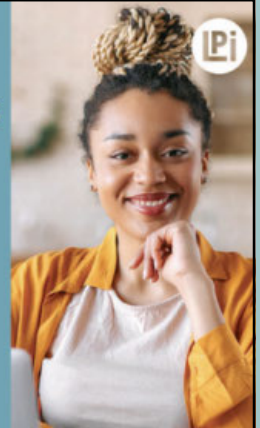
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