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POPE ST. JOHN XXIII PARISH

January 29, 2023



The Fourth 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.

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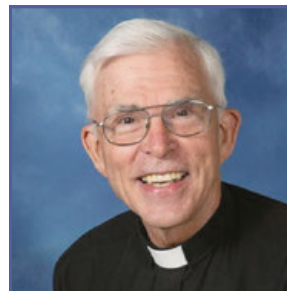
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Pastor's Letter

Dear beloved brothers and sisters,

We had a blessed celebration last Sunday for the Lunar New Year (Tet). It was a blessed weekend with many people joining us for New Year's Eve and New Year's Day events. We thank the core team members who organized these events to welcome those who do not know our Faith Community and have come to join us for these events! We also had a blessed Convocation at Tacoma Convention Center for the Partners in the Gospel event. We received the material and information from this event and have posted them on our parish website and parish weekly newsletter, so you know what is happening. We are entering the Fourth Weekend of Ordinary Time with many different celebrations within our Parish of Pope Saint John XXIII. We had a gathering with the Parish Staff and Leadership Team members to follow up with our journey that we had started on December 10th, and we had smaller groups continually meet and we gather on Saturday to share what we had been hearing from each other! We thank you for taking your time to listen to each other and allowing the Holy Spirit to guide us on encountering and accompanying each other on the Journey of sharing the Good News from the Gospel!

As I had mentioned to you in my last weekend's letter that we had many different meetings, so we can listen and understand each other, and we are able to find the way to work with each other on the issue and concern that we have. I thank you for taking time to join our parish on the leadership team as well as joining us in different ministries and activities that we have. We celebrated the life of our long-time parishioners, and we thank you for coming to attend their Funeral Masses. Their families deeply appreciated you for your love and care, especially your presence and prayers for them. It is hard for us to lose our faithful parishioners, who have been so faithful to their Faith and support our parish's mission. When they were young that they encountered, accompanied us on the journey of their Faith, and they witnessed the Living Gospel and when they were unable to support us with participation and involvement in our parish's activities, we had reached out to them by visiting them. They keep praying for the parish until God called them home. It is a big loss for our parish for support of prayers and finance when they passed away. We had been encouraging young families to support our parish, but it is very hard for many of them with paying for their children's education, mortgage, and other expenses. Being a good steward of God's gift is a little challenging for many of us! So, I encourage you to support our parish's mission, so she can support other parish's ministry such as our Catholic School and Faith Formation Program and other expenses for us to maintain our facility and property.

We had a wonderful week to celebrate the Lunar New Year and we had a beautiful day to talk about Vocation. On Monday our Catholic School invited guests to different classrooms to talk about different vocations such as marriage, religious order in their community, and about the priesthood in parish life. There are many different vocations, and we need time to pray and discern, which will allow us to decide what is the right path for our lives. Our parish had been housing/hosting many formal Seminarians during their Formation for the Priesthood. They are still contacting us and thanking us for supporting them during their Formation. We thank you for continually pray for Vocation and we thank you for supporting us as well.

We thank our parish's Liturgy Committee as well as the Commission members who assist us with visions and priorities for the Liturgical events happening within our parish's locations that we are planning to have. We must plan and prepare for these Liturgical events, as you know, this takes a lot of work and time to prepare for them. We are very blessed to have the Liturgy members to assist our parish. We will celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord, when we traditionally bless Candles and we also planned to celebrate the Feast of Saint Blaise with the blessing of the Throat and of all illness (disease and sickness). We also join with the Universal Church to end a weeklong of prayers for Christian Unity. Pope Francis called upon leaders of different denominations for a big celebration on Sunday to pray for each other. We thank you for gathering with us to pray at our merging parish as well!

We thank you for praying for all members who are journeying with us in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adult and Children program. We thank the core team who assists us with this program, and we also thank members who are joining us. We thank you for praying for them and I introduced them at the Rite of Welcoming, Accepting, and we will send them to the Rite of Election when the Lenten Journey begins! We are very blessed to have a strong Faith Formation Program within our Parish of Pope Saint John XXIII. We have been working together with different sites and locations and it is hard for us to have volunteers to have this program. We have been consultation with each other on how to best share the resources within our Parish of Pope Saint John XXIII. It is hard in starting this, but we need to be patient and learn from each other, so we can build a strong parish.

We had a blessed first month for the New Year of 2023. We thank you for encountering within our parish by registering your family into our Pope Saint John XXIII Parish. You are also cordially invited to join us on the leadership team and assist our parish with what you can do. The parish is always there to support your family. We also have the program for young families. We cordially invite you to join our Catholic School for a week in promoting our Catholic School. We ask parents and students to join us to share the Good News of our School's Ministry. You are cordially invited to join us for Daily and Weekend Masses at Pope Saint John XXIII Parish and other parish sites (we continue to have them for the elderly and those who can come to Weekend Mass). I also met with a few people who are still not willing to come to the Church yet and we pray for them to feel at ease and able to join us again at Church.

Happy New Year and May the Year of the Cat bring you much joy and peace! May you have a blessed weekend! We thank you for continually support our parish's ministry and activities!



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
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Sandwich Ministry & Food Bank

M thru Fri. 9:30—11:30am

Gift Card/Voucher Assistance:

By appointment only: Tue & Thur 9:30 - 11:30am

No Utility or Rental assistance available.



Stewardship of Treasure - Sacrificial Giving

Pope St. John XXIII Parish

Jan 15: \$6,095 - 164 Env | Online: \$449

Fence: \$470

St. John of the Woods Mission

Jan 15: \$4,805.15 - 81 Env & online

South Tacoma Chapel

Jan 15: \$3,872 - 38 Env



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Parish News

EM Training at South Tacoma Chapel

Are you called to serve as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion at Mass? We need your help!

If you are interested in learning more about becoming an EM, please join Dcn. Mike for training on **Sunday, Feb. 5 following Mass at 9:30 am**

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING

Blessing of the Throat & Candles

Pope St. John XXIII

- Feb 2: Blessing of Candles in 8am Mass
- Feb 3: Blessing of the throat

South Tacoma Chapel

- Feb 5: Blessing of the throat during 9:30am Mass



Pope St. John XXIII Week of Jan 30, 2022

Monday

8AM Mass
Choir Pract After Mass-9:30AM
9AM - Pre-k - School
6PM - Vovinam - School
6:30PM - RCIA - School

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
6PM - Finance Council - Hall
6:30PM Calcutta Choir-House
6:30PM - Children & Adult CCD - School
7PM - Pastoral Council - Hall

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

Religious Education

Pope St. John XXIII

- Feb. 4th: Rite of Sending for RCIA/RCIC at 4:30pm Mass PSJ23, . Godparents/ sponsors need to be there.
- Feb 15: First Communion Parents Meeting at 6:30pm in school
- Feb 25: Children Mass at 4:30pm
- Mar 17: First Communion Retreat

South Tacoma Chapel

- Mar 11: First Communion Parents Meeting at 10am
- Mar 17: First Communion Retreat at PSJXXIII



With Sincere Sympathy

Lucy, a former parishioner of Pope St. John XXIII Parish, passed away Jan 11, 2023.

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

Lucy is the mother of Theresa Naufahu. We send our thoughts and prayers to Theresa and her family during this time.

The Funeral Mass of Lucy will be Feb 11, at 11:00am at Pope St. John XXIII



Fence Project

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 donate online through website www.psj23.org. We appreciate your generosity and everything you do for our parish.

Old Palms Collection

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

St. John of the Woods Corner

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



Religious Education

- Feb 26: First Communion Parents Meeting at 9:45am in Hall
- Mar 5: Children Mass at 11:30am
- Mar 19: First Communion Retreat



Parish Breakfast

February 5, from 8am to 11am

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

We will not be severing after the 11:30am Mass. So plan to join us early for a great breakfast.



Donation from Pacific Islander People

A big THANK to El Sablan and Lou Sablan who took Baby Jesus to visit different families during the Christmas season. This is the tradition of Pacific Islander people during Christmas. They take baby Jesus to those who live far away from the church or could not able to go to Church. The donation they contributed to SJOW this year is \$801.00. Thank you for your generosity.



Blessing of the Throat & Candles

February 3, is the Memorial Mass of St. Blaise. Traditionally blessings of the throats take place on this day. In keeping with this tradition the liturgy at SJW will include Blessing of throats.



In honor of the tradition for the Feast of the Presentation a table will be set up for those who wish to bring candles from home to be blessed after Mass on Friday February 3rd. Candles representing those used in our liturgical celebrations will be set out for blessing

Prayer Corner

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

Pope St. John XXIII Parish

Deborah Raynes, Ann Kormos, Emma Millikan, 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 & Larica Garcia, Gordon & Margaret; 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, Evmay 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

Widman family, Deborah Raynes, Ann Kormos, Emma Millikan, 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.

Ministry of the Poor

Ministries to the Poor thanks you all for your generosity in donating so much food to make the Holiday Season so wonderful for so many.

We have two requests:

- 1) Please check the dates on all non-perishable items, we ask that you not donate expired food.
- 2) Please can you make your bags/boxes less heavy. We are not so young anymore and we can't handle heavy things. So once again thank you all and consider using 2 bags when bringing food for the poor.

Funeral Mass of Peggy Chisholm

will be Tuesday Jan 31 at 1:00pm at St. John of the Woods Mission

Happy Catholic Schools Week

from Pope St. John XXIII STEM Academy!

We invite you to join us today, Sunday, January 29th for an Open House following mass! Students from each grade are giving tours of the school and regular coffee and donuts will be moved to the school for the day. We look forward to connecting and celebrating the themes of CSW:



Faith. Excellence. Service.

These are important themes of education at Pope St. John XXIII STEM Academy, and something displayed everyday. If you would like to be involved in Catholic Schools Week or present about your vocation on Monday, January 30th, please contact steinera@psjstem.org.

Pope St. John XXIII STEM Academy and students are blessed by the contributions from the parish community. We also invite you to visit the link below to consider registering for the 2023 auction.

Upcoming events:

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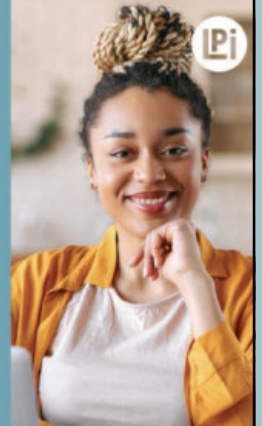
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