



Jesus
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POPE ST. JOHN XXIII PARISH

April 16, 2023



Second Sunday of Easter
(Sunday of Divine Mercy)

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

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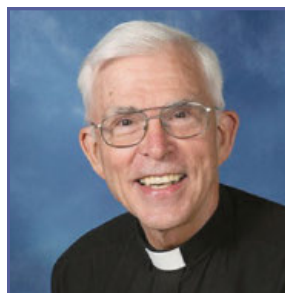
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Pastor's Letter

Dear Parishioners,

We had a blessed Triduum and a joyful Easter Sunday Celebrations at Pope Saint John XXIII Parish. We joyfully welcomed newly baptized members into our Church. We had a wonderful time with them and their families to celebrate Christ, who has Risen from the Dead and is present with us in sacraments that we celebrate. We thank all the Liturgical Ministers, Priests, Deacons, Lay Leadership Team, and especially you for your support of each liturgical celebration throughout the Lenten Season. We are entering the Easter Season and will celebrate Pentecost, Fifty Days from Easter Sunday. We thank the Parish Staff and Leadership Team members who spent time assisting us throughout the Holy Week. We deeply appreciate our Security Team members who are taking turns to secure the parish grounds and parking areas to keep us all safe when we gather for our liturgical and parish events. The children enjoyed coming to the Church for the Easter Egg Hunt at different locations of our parish during Holy Week and Easter Sunday. We thank the parish youth leadership core team members who assisted us to organize this event for us.

We are very blessed to have a core team of our parish who organized the Divine Mercy on this Second Sunday of Easter, so we can have the Divine Mercy with the procession of the Blessed Sacrament after the Second Sunday of Easter Mass, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction on this special day. We welcome you to join us for this celebration on this Second Sunday of Easter. We thank you for joining us for the Divine Mercy Novena prayers throughout the nine days before this celebration. We are very pleased to welcome many members back to join us after the pandemic for this celebration. When they came back for this special devotion of the Divine Mercy Sunday, they made themselves a promise to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Pandemic is over, according to many of us who believe in the general public's perception within our society, but it is not for many of us who are still adjusting to this perception. We have a few parishioners who have the winter flu and because of their ill health, it is still challenging for them to join us (our Church's family).

Last week, we had a prayerful celebration for our homebound parishioners, as they gathered to celebrate the Mass of Anointing before Holy Week. We thank our Homebound Ministers and our volunteers of this ministry within our parish. You were able to invite them to join us for this prayerful celebration. We thank the core team who organized this event to pray for our homebound parishioners and their ministers within our parish.

We had so much fun for those who came for Bunny Bingo at Pope Saint John XXIII Parish. We thank Poncho and Debbie, his wife, together with the core team members who organized this event for us. Because of this event, we can welcome back former parishioners who loved to be with their friends who were with them for Bingo for social gatherings and fellowship. This Bingo event is like our Annual School Auction that we had within our parish. We can see many parishioners who came for this event, and they love to socialize with people that they know. We need more volunteers in assisting both Poncho and Debbie if you want this event for our parish again!

We thank you for remembering our students during their Easter Break. We thank them for taking time to join us at different celebrations as Altar Servers and for joining us for different sacraments that we celebrated with them. We have the Thieu Nhi Thanh The (TNTT) Eucharistic Youth Group, who are commencing their activities and ministries within our parish this Sunday. They had open enrollment and registration for the last few weeks. I congratulated their new leadership team for their new term. We thank you for registering your child, grandchild, and great grandchild into this parish's ministry. We have a strong Faith Formation Program for our children as well as for teenagers and adults within our parish.

We have a blessed group of volunteers who have been working very hard on the Fence Project, which is almost completed. We also thank God who has blessed many young families to join our parish to raise their children, because we have many different programs which supports them. We are very blessed to have skillful and talented parishioners who are assisting us with different projects within our parish. I have learned so much from working with the Lay Leadership Team of the Archdiocese of Seattle and of our own parish. Their presence in our parish shows the vitality of our parish's family. We thank God for welcoming them to be among us and for giving us a special gift of love and caring for each other as a parish family!

We are very happy that we are in the Second Week of Easter. We will have many different celebrations for First Holy Communion and for the Sacrament of Confirmation. We have so much to thank God for what we have. We are looking for a good system in supporting and nurturing the vocation for family life and religious life as well as keeping each other in our prayers. I met with the Facility and Maintenance Committee at Pope Saint John XXIII Parish as well as the Mission, Chapel, and Station! We have been trying to investigate each of the buildings to determine if we need to keep up with any repairs or to continue to maintain it. I also need to work with our Parish Leadership on updating the information that they may need to know. You are cordially invited to join us to work on some of the projects that we need to do!

We thank you for continuing to support our parish and mission. Please keep praying for our parishioners who are still in need of help and support. Happy Easter and Happy Divine Mercy Sunday! May the Risen Lord continue to bless 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

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

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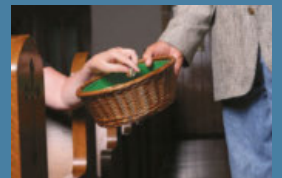
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Fence project: \$4,403

St. John of the Woods Mission

April 1st/2nd : \$ 6,750.70
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South Tacoma Chapel

April 1st/2nd: \$ 3,555



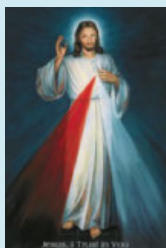
Saint Rita's Station

We join with the former parishioners of Saint Rita's Station to celebrate the Dedication Day of the Church on April 16th. We are honoring Saint Rita's Station which is belong to our Parish of Pope Saint John XXIII Parish. May the Divine Mercy and the Resurrection of our Lord continue to bless upon us all!

St. Rita Feast Day is May 22nd. The nearest weekend is May 21st. We invite you to join the 9:45 AM Mass on May 21st at Pope St. John XXIII for celebrating St. Rita Feast Day.

Parish News

Divine Mercy Sunday 4/16



Pope St. John XXIII parish
Divine Mercy Sunday,
Mass at 9:45 AM
Procession after Mass

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed in 3 different languages while we process.

Benediction will follow in the church. This is The Great Feast of Mercy – A day of Extraordinary Grace, for as Jesus said to St. Faustina “On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon the souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy”. **All are invited.**



FAITH FORMATION

CONFIRMATION MASS: on May 10th at 6:00 PM at PSJXXIII by Archbishop Paul Etienne.

FIRST COMMUNION MASS

May 6th, 9:00 AM at STC
May 20th, 10:00 AM at SJOW
May 27th, 4:30 PM at PSJXXIII

First communion and confirmation students need to have their prayers memorized: Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Act of Contrition and 10 Commandments. Fr. Tuan will schedule to see you in April and May. Parents please help your children to study these prayers at home. Thank you for the help you give your children.



Baptism Preparation Class

Class will be offered for parents and godparents who have new born babies and children under 7 years old. Class on Saturday, **May 6, 2023**
9:30am -11:00 class in English
11:00am -12:30pm in Vietnamese

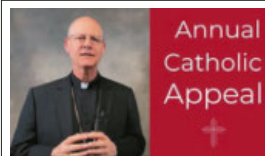
At Pope St John XXIII Religious School. Please call Sr. Theresa at 592-2541 or email <sotheresa2022@psj23.org>

Parish Fencing Project

The fencing project is going to complete. We are very grateful to Louie Tran and his volunteer team for their time, talents and dedication. This fence is 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.



Knights of Columbus: Meeting will be Sunday, April 16th after the 9:45 a.m. Mass in the parish hall.



Archdiocesan Campaign: Annual Catholic Appeal

April 22nd – 23rd Appeal Kick off

April 29th – 30th Presentation/Ask 1
May 6 th – 7 th Presentation/Ask 2
May 13th – 14th Follow Up/Ask 1
May 20 th – 21 st Follow Up/Ask 2

The Annual Catholic Appeal provides a portion of the financial resources needed for the central budget of the Archdiocese. It funds over 60 ministries and services throughout our Western Washington communities...
Contact: Carolyn Foster, 206-382-4274; carolyn.foster@seattlearch.org or kimtran@psj23.org.

Quilters

We still have a Quilting Group. We meet once a week for two hours. We could use more people to join us. We sew the pieces together at home and bring them in to put together and tie them. Anyone is welcome and we're in need of people who can sew. For more information, please call Virginia Wooten at 253-474-8826.

We meet on Wednesdays in the school building from 10AM-Noon. The time and day can be changed if need be. Thank you

Marriage Preparation Class will open soon, For more information, please contact Monty Montes, (253) 304-4473; montypm@psj23.org

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND, AUSTRIA & ITALY: \$4,150. Sep-tember 8-22, 2023. Join Fr. Thomas Tran as together we visit and learn about saints from these 3 countries. For all details call Evelyn Czapiewski.253-229-5554.

Garage Sale

Dates have been scheduled to go through the items we've already received: Tuesday April 11th and May 9th after the 8 a.m. Mass until 4p.m. Please plan to come whenever you can, and stay as long as you are comfortable.



St. John of the Woods Corner

Prayer Corner



Divine Mercy at SJOW

Today Divine Mercy Sunday April 16th at the 11:30am Mass. After Mass @ 12:45

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is placed on the altar for Holy Hour and Benediction by Deacon.

Confessions will be available at this time. During Holy Hour the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is recited. After benediction is completed we will venerate the image of the Divine Mercy, all are welcome to come forward and show their respect. When leaving the church a snack and water will be distributed. Thank you for participating in this celebration.

Bible Study

Interested in a boost to your faith, and to your understanding of the Mass? Come join us as we study the Letter to the Hebrews, an 8 week class beginning Tuesday April 18th from 1pm to 3pm in the RE Center Cost \$30. To Sign up contact Cheryl Penry 253-531-4355.

Senior Lunch

Our Next Senior Lunch will be Wednesday April 19th in the parish hall at 11:30am. Please join us and enjoy a great lunch.

Breakfast at SJOW

Due to Holy Week the parish will skip the breakfast in April. Let us concentrate on our Lord's passion and Resurrection. Come back on May 7th for the parish breakfast serving from 8 to 11am.

Online Giving

The Sunday collection is very important for us to maintain our fiscal responsibilities. So, if you are away on a Sunday, ENJOY; but, remember YOUR church. Set up your gift today or consider an additional gift via our Online Giving link at <https://www.psj23.org/donate-now/-/manage-your-account>

Pope St. John XXIII Parish Registration

We invite all who are attending Masses at PSJXXIII Parish and South Tacoma Chapel, but not currently a registered parishioner to consider registering at this time. This information will help us to update the parish database.

Registration card is available at the entrance of PSJXXIII Parish and ST Chapel, can be filled online at parish website www.psj23.org/forms

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

Eucharistic Adoration

Pope St. John XXIII

Thursdays:
9:00am-10:00am and 4:00-6:00pm

St. John of the Woods Mission

Mondays : 7:00-8:00pm
Wednesday: 10:30am-12:00pm



Pope St. John XXIII Parish

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

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.

St. John of the Woods Mission

The office will be cleaning up the Prayer List. All names will be removed on Easter Sunday's bulletin and placed in the prayer book in the Church. So please call Susan in the office 253-537-8551(Wednesday -Friday 9am to 4pm) if you have someone that need emergency prayers to add to the prayer listing. Many people have been listed for years, many have passed. We still want to give people a opportunity to be listed.



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Pope St. John XXIII STEM Academy students are preparing for First Communion and First Reconciliation in partnership with teachers, parents, and the parish! This has been a very exciting time for third graders who are developing their faith.



The school's First Communion Coordinator, Agnes Burns, has been working with Fr. Tuan and students to prepare for their First Communion mass on Saturday, May 6th. Members of the Pope St. John XXIII Parish community are invited and encouraged to join on May 6th at 9AM at South Tacoma Chapel for First Communion Mass and to celebrate these students dedicated to their faith.



Partnership between Pope St. John XXIII STEM Academy and the parish community is essential to students' faith formation and sense of community, serving as just one example of the importance of this relationship. Students are grateful for the opportunity to grow in faith with such a supportive parish community involved. If you are interested in contributing to Financial Aid for Pope St. John XXIII STEM Academy students, the Annual Fund is still in full swing! We encourage you to visit psjstem.org/annualfund or scan the QR code below to donate today! If you are interested in involving PSJXXIII in your legacy, please contact steinera@psjstem.org for more information.



Upcoming events:

TBD - April Open House and Student-Led Tours for Parish Members!
Saturday, May 6 - First Communion Mass at South Tacoma Chapel

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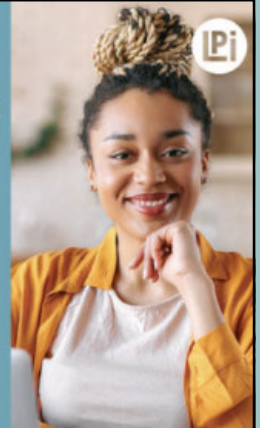
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