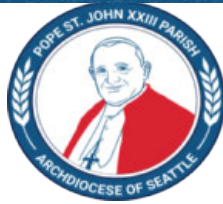


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# POPE ST. JOHN XXIII PARISH

April 23, 2023



The Third Sunday  
of Easter

## 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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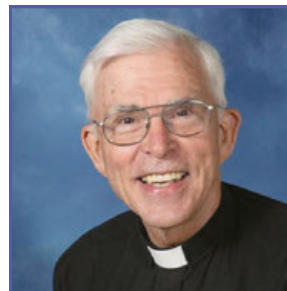
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# Pastor's Letter

Dear Parishioners,

We had a blessed Divine Mercy Sunday celebration at Pope Saint John XXIII Parish and Saint John of the Woods Mission! We thank the core team members who assisted us in organizing this event for our parish. It was a prayerful procession of the Blessed Sacrament, after the Second Sunday Mass for the Divine Mercy. We thank you for your devotion and response to this celebration to honor the Divine Mercy event within our Parish Family. We also gathered to celebrate the dedication of the Church of Saint Rita of Cascia, to remember the date when this Church was built. She was faithful to serve many families who came to this holy place, and we thank former parishioners of this Faith Community for joining us on this special day to pray for their members. May the Lord continue to bless upon us! We also thank the core team members from Saint Rita's Station Church who sponsored The Shroud of Turin Traveling Exhibit, displayed at our parish during Holy Week, and we had many parishioners who came to pray in front of this Exhibit. I am working with the core team members at Saint Rita's Station to plan for the celebration of her Feast Day in May. When I know more information, I will share it with you!

We thank the Financial and Pastoral Councils who gathered for their regular meeting during Holy Week. It is important for me to consult with our leadership on issues and concerns of our parish. They are very important to me in my leadership, providing consultation on all different matters relating to our Parish Family. We thank the Financial Council for their time in preparing the budget for the coming year. We had a difficult time creating the budget document for the coming year, because we are not sure of the income and there are many expenses that we must pay, which is coming up and we are not able to predict the amount. There are many unknown things that we must do during this transition. We thank you for joining us to pray for the Partner in the Gospel's planning for our Parish Family, to allow us to open our hearts to listen to the Gospel and we can share the Good News of Christ with those we meet each day. We can ask ourselves this question: How can we join to support the ministry of our Parish Family, so we can reach out to touch more lives?

It was a joy for our Parish family to witness the Baptism that we celebrated with the family who shared with us the new life through this sacrament. It was a wonderful event for me to baptize the child and newborn as well as to celebrate the Sacrament of Initiation with those new members at the Easter Vigil this year. I thank you for your prayerful support of them and making them feel welcomed to our Faith Community. We thank the RCIA Team members who spent the whole year with them on their journey and you are continuing to pray for them as new members to our Parish Family. I also congratulate all the students who received the sacrament of their First Reconciliation, and they are planning for their First Holy Communion with us. You are cordially invited to join them and their families for this sacrament. I am very proud of each one of them and I also thank their parents for their commitment to their time and sacrifice for their children. They showed true love and care for their children. We thank parents who have been trying to set a wonderful example of their faith in teaching their children. It was a joy for our parish to support them and their children to receive the sacrament. We also thank our parish volunteers who gave themselves in serving our parish with different ministries. Because of you, our Parish Family is alive and vibrant! We are entering the Third Week of the Easter Season and hear the story of the new Christian Community experiencing so much joy, united and sharing what they had to support those who did not have enough or had nothing. When you are living in this situation, you can truly experience the Risen Christ who is among us and with us!

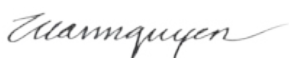
We welcome all the students back after the Easter break for their Faith Formation and school. Happy Easter to you and may you find peace and joy during this Easter Season when we gather each day to remember the Risen Christ who is among us and with us and is truly present with us. We can also learn from the early community on how they celebrated their Faith in Jesus, who has Risen from the Dead and is on our journey with us during these Fifty Days of the Easter Season.

We had an informative meeting with the Parish Staff, and I thank them for their ministry among us in different areas they are responsible for in serving us. I thank you for your support of our parish to be a good steward of your gift, giving to support our parish. We thank you for praying for those families who are mourning for their loved ones. It is very hard for them during this Easter Season without their loved ones. Your prayers and support are very important to them during their time of grief.

I hope that you have finished filing your Income Tax for this year. It is an obligation of each citizen who lives in this county. I was able to file my Income Tax and sent it in before Holy Week, so I had time to prepare for Holy Week and Easter Celebrations. Our parish has many different projects that we are planning to do. There are some projects that we have been working on, such as the fence around the parish's property, fitted and upgraded the Church's elevator, replacing the old carpet in the CCD classroom at Saint John of the Woods Mission, the baseball team is cleaning up the field and ready them to practice, and other projects as well. I thank our Parish's Leadership Team for assisting us with these projects!

May you have a blessed Easter Season with peace and joy! I thank you for continuing to support our parish's mission, ministry, and activities that we are having.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Fr. Tuan Nguyen, D. Min

## 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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Finance Council: Bob Richardson - (253) 922-2412

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Faith Formation Commission/ Knights of Columbus: Monty Montes, (253) 304-4473; [montypm@psj23.org](mailto:montypm@psj23.org)

RCIA Director: LB Gilmer - (253) 472-1360 | [lbgilmer@psj23.org](mailto:lbgilmer@psj23.org);

Lazarus Committee: Theresa Naufahu, (253) 330-7219/ Nancy Burkholder, (253) 537-9283

### St. John of the Woods Mission

9903 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue East, Tacoma WA 98445 / **Phone** - (253) 537-8551 / **Fax**-(253) 537-0459

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Pastoral Secretary - Susan Teskey, (253) 537-8551

### South Tacoma Chapel and St. Rita's

**For questions, contact Pope St. John XXIII Office at (253) 472-1360**

Administrative Assistant: Jeannine Wargo - 253-229-2077 | [jwargo@psj23.org](mailto:jwargo@psj23.org)

#### Ministries to the Poor

##### Ministries of Care

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So. Tacoma Chapel:

3314 So 58th St

- 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: Tue & Thur 9:30 - 11:30am

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#### Stewardship of Treasure - Sacrificial Giving

##### Pope St. John XXIII Parish

April 8 & 9: \$ 11,760 | Online: \$2,952

Fence project: \$1,150

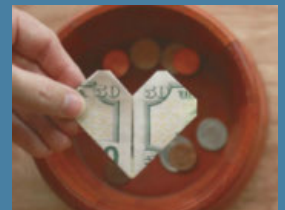
##### St. John of the Woods Mission

April 8 & 9 : \$ 5,766.20

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##### South Tacoma Chapel

April 9: \$ 4,282



#### Ministries to the poor

are in need of socks, sweats, men's jackets and coats.

Please consider a donation.

Thank you

#### St. Rita's

- will be having Mass on Sunday, April 30 at noon to celebrate the anniversary of the consecration of the church in 1924. A reception will follow
- will be having Mass on Monday, May 22 at noon to celebrate the feast day of St. Ritas. A reception will follow



# Parish News

## Archdiocesan Campaign Annual Catholic Appeal 2023 begins



**"Give, and it will be given to you." Luke 6:23** is the theme of this year's **Annual Catholic Appeal**, and this weekend kicks off the 2023 Campaign. The Annual Catholic Appeal funds ministries and services for your local Catholic community across Western

Washington. This combined effort of parishes and missions ensures the availability of outreach ministries, education, faith formation, administration services for parishes and much more! You should have received Archbishop Etienne's in-depth letter this week highlighting the ministries that support our communities.

**This year, our parish has set goals of \$53,707 for Pope St. John XXIII and \$24,963 for St. John of the Woods.** We believe we can achieve this with your generosity.

**All gifts received over our goals will be returned to the parish for our parish project which is**

- "fence project" for Pope St. John XXIII
- "new sound system for St. John of the Woods

Please prayerfully consider how you can participate in helping our parish be a light to others.



**It's easy to give to the ACA:**

- Drop your envelope in the parish collection
- Call 800-809-4921
- Online at [archseattle.org/GiveACA](http://archseattle.org/GiveACA)
- Scan the QR Code



## FAITH FORMATION

**CONFIRMATION MASS:** 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 interview the students in April and May. Parents please help your children to study these prayers at home.

## 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](mailto:sotheresa2022@psj23.org)>

## Garage Sale

Dates have been scheduled to go through the items we've already received: May 9 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 List to be cleaned up

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(Wed - Fri 9am to 4pm) if you have someone that needs emergency prayers to add to the prayer listing. Many people have been listed for years, many have passed. We still want to give people an opportunity to be listed. Thank you.

### 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.



### Summit Christian Preschool

Summit Christian Preschool at St. John of the Woods is now taking registration for fall 2023. Our faith based program is filled with fun learning opportunities to prepare your child for Kindergarten. We have openings for children who are 3, 4, & 5. Please call 253-536-1687 or email [laurelsamples@gmail.com](mailto:laurelsamples@gmail.com).

### Senior Lunch

Our Next Senior Lunch will be **Wednesday May 3rd in the parish hall at 11:30am.**

Please join us and enjoy a great lunch.



### Monthly Breakfast

Join us for the Parish Breakfast Sunday **May 7th from 8am to 11am**. It's a great breakfast and a nice time to share with friend and family. We will not be serving after 11:30am Mass so plan to join us early that morning. For your information we will not have coffee hour on the Sunday we have our parish breakfast.

## Prayer Corner

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

Ron Bate, 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

Jan Tally, Jonathan Keen, PJ Carpenter



Pope St. John XXIII STEM Academy students are empowered in STEM and enriched in faith, something shown everyday by students of every age!



This week kicks off the Lions VS Hunger Food Drive hosted by Bellarmine Preparatory School every year! PSJSTEM students are blessed to be invited to partner with BPS for this Food Drive, helping serve a greater need in Tacoma one non-perishable food item at a time. Service is an important component to a Catholic education, helping students and young leaders to see their effect

on the world around them. Students learn and thrive knowing they can provide service and a helping hand to their communities.

In partnership with Pope St. John XXIII STEM Academy, the parish impacts students' faith and service, bringing opportunities for practicing and sharing both. PSJSTEM students are blessed by this partnership and the opportunities presented through the parish. Thank you for your involvement and commitment to a Catholic education in South Tacoma! We encourage you to contribute to apple St. John XXIII STEM Academy's financial assistance Annual Fund at [psjstem.org/annualfund](http://psjstem.org/annualfund). It is through this that PSJSTEM is able to provide tuition assistance and access to students and families otherwise unable to attend. If you are interested in involving PSJXXIII in your legacy, please contact [steinera@psjstem.org](mailto:steinera@psjstem.org) for more information.

### **Upcoming events:**

TBD - Open House and Student-Led Tours for Parish Members!

Saturday, May 6 - First Communion Mass at South Tacoma Chapel

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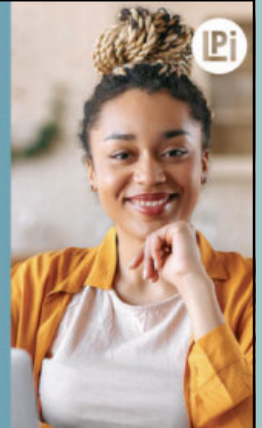
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