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# POPE ST. JOHN XXIII PARISH

May 07, 2023



The Fifth 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**  
1403 S Ainsworth Ave,  
Tacoma, WA 98405

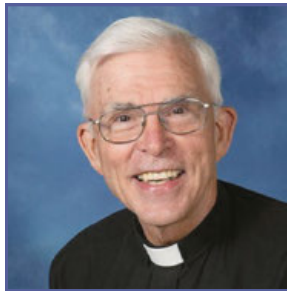
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# Pastor's Letter

Dear Parishioners,

May the Peace of our Risen Lord be with you! We are in the Fifth Week of the Easter Season, and we are enjoying all different celebrations within our Parish Family for this joyful season of new life! We had a blessed last two Sundays with Baptism and Funeral celebrations with our Parish Family! I also spent time meeting with students and their parents for an interview for their First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Candidates for Confirmation will receive this Sacrament from Archbishop Paul Etienne on May 10<sup>th</sup> at Pope Saint John XXIII Parish, 6PM. I cordially invite you to join your Parish Family to welcome him and to pray for our Candidates on this special night. I also would like to thank the core team of volunteers in the parish's Faith Formation, who assisted us in different programs that we have from Baptism Preparation to all different sacraments, and especially the Lazarus' Ministry that assists families to celebrate the lives of their loved ones at Funeral Masses and Services. You are cordially invited to join us in the ministry that you care for the most and share your talent(s) to assist our Parish Family. We are very blessed to have volunteers who assist our parish in different areas, such as in various areas that many are assisting us with now.

We thank you for supporting the Partner in the Gospel and engaging with the convocation and orientation about it. We have shared with you information on our Parish Family's bulletin, parish's website and by our weekly email sent to your family's email address as registered in our parish's database. You are encouraged to register with our parish so we can send the Parish Family's information to you. We have a lot of good news to share with you, so please assist us to share our Parish Family's Good News with others from our local community.

I thank our Financial and Pastoral Councils for their regular meeting to assist me with our parish's vision and priorities. I am very proud of our Parish Family's leadership core team and the Parish Staff, who are supporting me during this time of transition. I had mentioned this in my bulletin letter last week that there are many things which are unknown for this year's budget that we were not able to plan for. We are working on the budget for the coming year, which is challenging with many things that are unknown. Therefore, we need to adjust, adopt, and learn how to change and how to work well with each other in a loving and caring way, which is the core value of a Christian life. We have been very blessed despite all challenges, and it is through spending time to pray together around the Eucharistic Table to break the Bread and sharing the blessing of the Chalice that has enabled us to continue to build a vibrant Parish Family. Also, by doing the work of God by listening to His words and living by example, we can share with others His love. God has blessed us with many things, and we need to continue to love and care for each member of our Parish Family. We have been celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Matrimony, Sacrament of Healing with Anointing and Funeral Mass at all different locations of Pope Saint John XXIII Parish. We have been blessed with resources that we need and volunteers who assist us with all different events.

We thank you for coming to First Friday and First Saturday devotion to honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus and devotion on Saturday for the Virgin Mary and many came to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We are very thankful to our Priests who serve us such as Father Patrick, Father Viaula, Father Jose, Father Hendry, Father Phuong, Father Gene, and other guest priests who love to come to be a part of our Parish Family. We also thank our Religious Sisters, Deacons, Parish Staff, Parish Leadership, Advisory Team, and volunteers who assist and support us! This week is the National Days of Prayers for peace and unity of the world and for our Parish Family. We pray for the unity of all Christians from different denominations to be one mind and one heart to serve the Lord and care for each other!

You have received a letter from Archbishop who has asked you to support the Annual Catholic Appeal campaign. You have all the information from more than sixty different ministries that this campaign supports. Our parish is not able to offer these services, but the Archdiocese is able to do it with the support of all different parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Seattle. So, I ask you to be generous with the Annual Catholic Appeal campaign for this year. You have watched a Video and Heard from Witness Speakers and announcements. We have more needs than before, so please pray, and support this campaign!

Our own Parish Family also needs your support by being a good steward of God's gift of your time, talent, and treasure. Please engage and participate with our Parish Family to support our spiritual home for our Parish Family. It is a joy for us when we find a home which we can call "Home Sweet Home" for us to live in. So, our spiritual home is where God is, a place of abundant blessings for us! We have different projects for each parish's locations, and we need the Annual Catholic Appeal rebate (the amount beyond our goal) to fund them. These projects are the Sound System at Saint John of the Woods Mission, the fence around the parish's property at Pope Saint John XXIII, and other projects at Chapel, Mission, as well as our parish ministries that we need to have funds to support.

I have spent some time working with the Parish Staff and the Parish Leadership to have a final draft for the parish for the coming year, and we are still spending time working on it. We thank volunteers from each location of our parish for keeping the parish's ground looking so clean and nice. It is hard, but you are doing it. We have had many Funerals within the last few weeks, and I thank you for supporting those families who have lost their loved ones by praying for them. I thank you for your continued support of our parish. We also congratulated all parishioners who received different sacraments during this Easter Season. May the Lord continue to bless upon 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.

### Pope St. John XXIII Parish

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### St. John of the Woods Mission

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**Parish Email:** [sjowmission@psj23.org](mailto:sjowmission@psj23.org) | **Facebook:** [@sjowtacoma](https://www.facebook.com/sjowtacoma)

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

**Phone: (253) 474-0835**

**MinistryOTP@psj23.org**

**So. Tacoma Chapel: 3314 So 58th St**

- Co-Presidents: Linda Lamb & Dcn. Mike
- Vice President: Margaret Thompson
- Treasurer: Maryann Harshman

##### **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

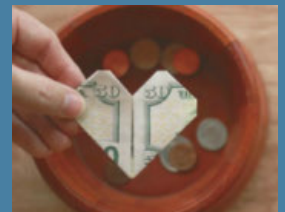
April 22 & 23: \$ 6,157 - 173 Env | Online: \$1,763  
Fence project: \$140 | Viet Breakfast: \$1,680

#### St. John of the Woods Mission

April 22 & 23 : \$ 3,570.41  
64 Env & online

#### South Tacoma Chapel

April 23: \$2,135 - 31 Env



### Annual Catholic Appeal

#### 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)



This year, the goal of PSJXXIII is **\$53,707** for and SJOW is **\$24,963**. All gifts received over our goals will be returned to the parish for our parish project which is

- "fence project" for PSJXXIII
- "new sound system" for SJOW

# Parish News

## Congratulations First Communion Students at South Tacoma Chapel May 6, 2023

- Ellen Ripley Smith
- Evelyn Dale Santos
- Emma Elizabeth Hemphill
- Ismael Eleazar Roque Gaspar
- Jade Guadalupe Morales Duran
- Julian Ivan de la Cruz
- Madeline Campbell Molina
- Ravaye Marie Stefani
- Daleyza Anahi Hernandez
- Fox Louis American Horse Beasley

May the Lord bless you and grant you love



### Fellowship Breakfast

(hosted by the Knights of Columbus)

**Sunday, May 21  
after the 9:45 A.M**

at Pope St. John XXIII Parish Hall  
Come and join us



### Confirmation Mass

Archbishop Paul Etienne will preside the Confirmation Mass at our parish on **Wed May 10 at 6pm.**



### YARD SALE

Pope St. John XXIII parish will hold our yard sale on **Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, June 1, 2, and 3, from 9:00am until 3:00pm.**

We will begin accepting donations next week, May 1. Please make sure that donated items are clean and in good condition, just as you want your purchases. We will accept household items in working condition; please make sure cords come with appliances. Please do not give TVs, as we have no way for them to be tested.



We have nowhere to store furniture, so please don't bring it in until May 29 - 31. We also seek volunteers to help with picking up large items during those 3 days and volunteers to help setting up and helping during the entire week.



### Feast Day of St. Rita

We will be also having Mass at St. Rita's station on **Monday, May 22 at noon** to celebrate the feast day of St. Rita's. A reception will follow. All are invited

### Memorial Day Mass

Memorial Day Mass will celebrated at Calvary Cemetery Tacoma on Monday, May 29th at 11:00 am. The address is 5212 70t St. West Tacoma, 98467. If you have questions the phone number is 253.472.8875. Please join us in honoring our deceased veterans.



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## St. John of the Woods Corner

### Breakfast

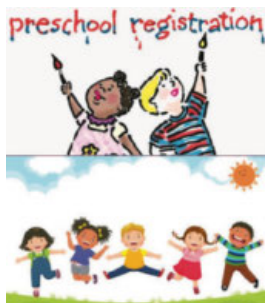
The Parish Breakfast is today join us after 8:00 Mass. It's a great breakfast and a nice time to share with friend and family. We will not be serving after 11:30am Mass and no coffee hour on the Sunday we have our parish breakfast.

### May Crowning & Children's Mass

TODAY at 11:30am we will be having the Children's Mass.

However before the Children's Mass the children will be crowning Our Blessed Mother Mary, all are invited to attend.

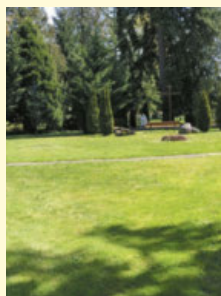
### Summit Christian Preschool



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).

### Grounds care

As our weather begins to warm up; we invite everyone who signed up to do grounds maintenance for a particular section of St. John of the Woods to come out and work in their section. We need to prime each section to handle this coming summer. Hope to see you around. If you can't remember what you signed up for, the white binder is in the vestibule of the church. Thank you all.



### Annual Catholic Appeal 2023

THE ACA IS HERE! **Our parish goal this year is \$24,963. Any gifts received after this goal is reached will be returned to the parish for our parish project which is a "new sound system"**. The current sound system is beyond it's life expectancy and has had periodic problems recently. Please give generously.

## 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, Donna Severson, Wendy Hanchett, Marge Berntsen, Natalie Vieira, Dave Casey

### Collecting Items for Baby

We will be collecting new items for newborn to toddlers beginning Mother's day May 14th thru May 28th. Thank you for your generosity

Pope St. John XXIII STEM Academy helps students from 6 weeks old through 8th grade to grow and learn, preparing them for their next step in the world! Whether working in collaboration on a STEM project or



leading their class in prayer, students across the school demonstrate leadership, service, and faith in a multitude of ways. We encourage and invite members of the parish to visit Pope St. John XXIII STEM Academy to see these exemplary students in action!



To schedule a visit to the school and receive a student-led tour, please contact the school's Advancement Coordinator, Alex Steiner, to schedule your visit today! Parish support is essential to the foundations in faith and success of PSJXXIII students, helping to build community and inspire students' faith in the future. One student shared that support from Pope St. John XXIII Parish is wonderful because:

*it helps our  
community grow!*

-Leonard, 3rd Grade

We encourage you to support PSJXXIII students by contributing to Pope 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.

### **Upcoming events:**

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

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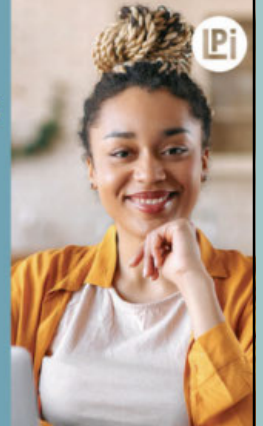
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