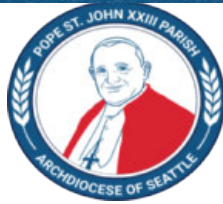


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May 21, 2023



The Ascension of
the Lord

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
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Daily Mass:

Saturday - 9:00 a.m.

Sunday - 9:30 a.m.

Reconciliation:

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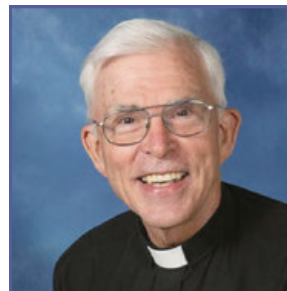
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Pastor's Letter

Dear Parishioners,

We had a blessed Mother's Day that we celebrated on the Sixth Sunday of Easter, as well as the Ascension of Our Lord on this special day. Jesus rose from the dead after forty days, as He had promised to continue to be with us and to send His Advocate, the Holy Spirit to be with us. During those forty days, He appeared to His disciples many times and ascended to Heaven and sits at God's right hand to judge all the living and the dead on His Heavenly Throne. We continue our journey on Earth as Jesus had promised us that the Father will send us the Holy Spirit, the Advocate who will remain with us and guide us. The Holy Spirit gives us new life and nurtures us each day! You are cordially invited to join us to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost next Sunday!

We had a prayerful celebration with families and friends of those students who just received the Sacrament of the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Confirmation. We thank you for attending those celebrations in different locations in our parish. We also thank the core team members who spent a lot of time assisting us in organizing this celebration and they made sure that all the guests felt welcomed when they attended our parish's worship and social fellowship. We have been working very hard on building up our Parish Family, which is not by laying of one brick or stone, but by focusing on fellowship within our Faith Community, our human family, which focuses on full human dignity, and love for each other; and the unity among each other from diversity to unity from different cultures and ethnic backgrounds, and we request all members to honor each other by giving full respect and love towards each other within our Pope Saint John XXIII Parish.

We have many different celebrations and many events during the month of May. We welcomed the students back from the Easter Break and we started the Eucharistic Youth Program that we have at our parish. We have the Installation of the new leadership team, blessed upon them, and commissioned them as well as sending them out to serve our Parish Family. We thank them for saying "Yes" with their time and talent in serving the youths within our parish. Please join me to congratulate the new leadership team members and to keep them in your prayers!

We thank our volunteers from different parish's sites that assisted us with keeping our parish's grounds clean by mowing the grass and trimming the plants and flower beds during this time of the year. When you stop by at our Parish Office, you can see our parish's grounds and be amazed at the amount of work that needs to be done to take care of it. We thank you for your love and care, especially giving our parish your time to assist with the cleaning and landscaping of our parish's grounds! Currently, we have more facilities and properties that we need to take care of. Please keep our volunteers in your prayers and you can engage and thank them when you see them working in our parish's grounds.

You are cordially invited to join us celebrate Saint Rita's Feast Day on Monday, May 22nd at the Noon Mass as well as Visitation of Mary, Mother, with the School Students' Mass on Wednesday, May 31st at 10 AM. We thank our Patron Saints of our Church, and we pray, through their intercession, that they grant their blessings upon us! We have been working on updating the parish data using a new program called Parish Stag. We are updating the information and cleaning the parish data! We spent time training to learn on how to use this new program, and we thank you for your support by providing information about your family. We need to have the correct address and phone number as well as other information that is needed to assist us to serve you and your family efficiently!

I am working with the Parish Staff and parish leadership on the Financial and Pastoral Councils, to prepare the coming year's budget. We are focusing on our parish vision and priorities to prepare a budget that will support our parish ministry. Many activities within our parish are wonderful, but we may not need it, or we are not able to support it due to insufficient financial support. We need to focus on the parish ministry and that is, with your support we can unite our parishioners and have a vitality Parish Family. We are having a blessed year with the Faith Formation Program, and we will be ending classes and programs for the Summer Break. We celebrated the last Children's Mass, and we had the First Holy Communion Mass with their friends and families. We thank Sister Theresa who is overseeing the Faith Formation Program as Coordinator. We thank those who volunteered to assist us in the Faith Formation Programs for this year. May the Lord continue to bless upon you and your family!

We also have a strong Outreach Ministry within our parish. We thank members on this commission who provided us with the vision and priority on how to reach out to those in need, so our parish can continue with the program and ministry to support them. We thank all volunteers who assisted us with this parish's ministry. We thank you for making your donations to support this ministry, so we can continue to provide this service to our parishioners. You know that we are very blessed to have Priests, Religious Sisters, Deacons, and Lay Leaderships as well as volunteers assisting with our parish's Outreach Ministry. Please call us when you are sick and please reach out to this team, so they can serve you and assist you with what you need! Please call us when you want to be anointed or receive a sacrament, so we can reach out to you!

Our parish's leadership has been in many different meetings to investigate issues and concerns of our parish's pastoral planning. I thank them for taking their time to assist me with the vision and priority of our Parish Family. We have many different projects that we need to pray to God for guidance on and need the support from our parishioners to make it happen. We thank God that many young parents and others who were concerned about the issue of safety for their children and of our parishioners, are so happy that we have almost completed the Fence Project for our parish grounds at Pope Saint John XXIII's main campus. The children are safe when they have their activities, and we have not experienced any breaking-in of cars in our parish's parking area when our parishioners come to attend Mass or parish events. Please continue to assist us after your meetings/activities by turning off the heat and lights, closing windows, close doors, and lock doors before you leave! We thank you for continuing to support our parish's mission and ministry! May you have a blessed week!

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.

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Pope St. John XXIII Parish

May 6 & 7: \$ 8,086 - 184 Env | Online: \$2,389
Fence project: \$1,380 | Viet Breakfast: \$1,320

St. John of the Woods Mission

May 6 & 7 : \$5,902.47
80 Env & online

South Tacoma Chapel

May 6 & 7: \$4,009 - 37 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



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 projects which are

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

Parish News

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 are accepting donations. 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.



First Communion Mass

First Communion Mass will be **Saturday May 27 at 4:30pm at Pope St. John XXIII church.** Please keep our children in your prayers as they are preparing to make their First Holy Communion



Marriage Preparation Class



Class is offered at Pope St. John XXIII Parish on **Sat, 27 May 2023 at 10 am in the School Classroom.** Contact Sister Theresa 253-592-2541 for registration and more information

St. Rita's Feast Day Mass

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



Annual Catholic Appeal 2023

"Give, and it will be given to you." (Luke 6:23). **Thank you to 68 families have returned your ACA pledge and gift totaling \$10,955.** Please remember that all funds received over our goal \$53,707 will be returned to our parish to pay off the expenses of fence project. Every penny is a mustard seed of hope. Your gift is very important !!!



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9:00 AM - 10:45 AM Morning General Session

11:00 AM - 11:45 AM Workshop One

12:00 PM - 12:45 PM Workshop Two

12:45 PM - 2:00 PM Lunch

2:00 PM - 2:45 PM Workshop Three

3:00 PM - 3:45 PM Workshop Four

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Evening General Session

Location University of Washington - Tacoma

Date Saturday, June 24th, 2023

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Questions? Email karlie@humanlifewa.org

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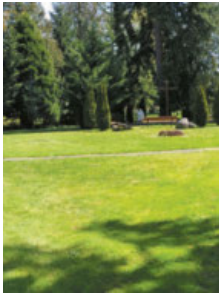
Annual Catholic Appeal 2023

"Give, and it will be given to you." (Luke 6:23) . Thank you to 27 families have returned your ACA pledge and gift totaling \$7,710. Please remember that all funds received over our goal \$24,963 will be returned to our parish to support our new sound system. Every penny is a mustard seed of hope. Thank you For Supporting the Annual Catholic Appeal!



Annual Catholic Appeal
"Give and it will be given to you." — Luke 6:20
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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.

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of volunteers to help move furniture in the RE center before the carpet is installed. We need to move everything necessary, **our moving day is Saturday June 3rd at 9am.** If you can donate your time and strength please contact Daniel Soderlind at 253-377-1952



Congratulations First Communion Class

Congratulations to our First Communicants. May the Heaven's blessings shine down upon you always. We are so grateful for the whole First Holy Communion Team that prepared the children for this Sacrament and made their big day possible

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

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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. 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, Carol Kalapus

Congratulations

On Your

First Communion



Pope St. John XXIII STEM Academy helped ten students celebrate their First Communion mass last weekend! See a photo of these students with their families below!



This is an exciting time of year as we are also celebrating our 8th Grade graduates. We are featuring three more students this week! See photos of these students to the right!

Aeris, top, is excited to attend Bellarmine next year! She hopes to join Model UN and Marine Chemistry while there. She also hopes to try out for the soccer and volleyball teams! Alyssa, middle, is attending Bellarmine next year

and is excited to try out for a sport. Her favorite memory of her time at PSJXXIII was glassblowing for a field trip and she tells students in younger grades to, "follow your goals and remember to be kind no matter what".

Brandon, bottom, is attending Bellarmine and looking forward to playing basketball. His favorite memory from PSJXXIII was P.E. and he is looking forward to basketball camp over the summer. Congrats, graduates! We invite you to join on Friday, June 9 at South Tacoma Chapel for Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation from 10-12!



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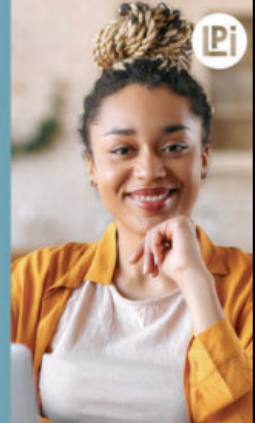
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