



POPE ST. JOHN XXIII PARISH

May 28, 2023



Pentecost Sunday

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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1403 S Ainsworth Ave,
Tacoma, WA 98405

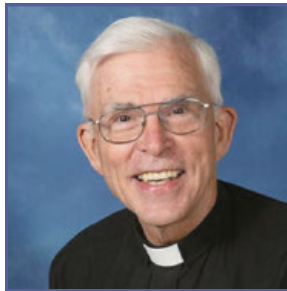
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Pastor's Letter

Dear Parishioners,

We had a blessed celebration on the Feast of Ascension of our Lord, and we congratulated all the students who received the Sacrament of the Eucharist for their first time at our Faith Community within our Parish Family. We have different classes and groups of students who celebrated with us at different locations of Pope Saint John XXIII Parish. It is a joy for our Faith Community to celebrate this sacrament with our children during this Easter Season. We also celebrated the Feast Day of Saint Rita, the Patron Saint of Saint Rita's Church, and we thank you for taking the time to join us for this event within our parish. We thank the core team members who organized this event for us. I had a prayerful retreat with my brother priests at the Archdiocese's Retreat Center. I deeply appreciated your prayers and your support to pray for me and for our Parish Family. We are ending our Easter Season with the Feast of Pentecost this weekend. You are cordially invited to wear something red to join our Faith Community's celebration for this Feast Day, so we can receive the Holy Spirit and go out into the world to proclaim the Good News of the Resurrection of Christ. We have been sent out to witness the Resurrection of Christ and to baptize people in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Lord is truly present in the sacraments that we celebrate and, when we gather in Jesus's name, He is present with us.

We thank the Liturgical Commission of our parish for taking time to organize the liturgical celebrations for us each week, and for all different feast days and parish celebrations. There are many different events and feast days that we will celebrate after the Easter Season, which is being organized and planned for. We deeply appreciate you for the love that you have for our Faith Community and of our Pope Saint John XXIII Parish! The coming weekend is the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, which is the foundation of our Catholic Faith that we profess and believe. You are cordially invited to join us for this celebration!

We thank you for taking time to fill in a Commitment Card and returning it to the Parish Office or sending it to the Office of the Annual Catholic Appeal! If you have not filled in and returned your Commitment Card, I would like to ask you to complete a card and write an amount that you can give as well as what you can do to support the campaign by praying or say that you are not able to assist the campaign for this year. I deeply appreciate you for continuing to support this campaign and supporting our parish. We are looking for a rebate from this campaign, the amount that is over the goal amount for this year! We already have a project that we need to do for our parish. Safety is very important for our parish and Faith Community; we need to create a place of safety for our children to learn and to be with each other. We are very blessed to work on the Fence Project and it is almost completed. We still have a little more detailed work to do for this project.

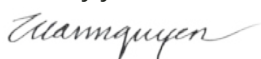
May is a blessed month for our parish, as we honor the tradition of praying the Rosary each day in the Church. We thank the core team members who assisted us by leading the Rosary at Daily and Weekend Masses, and at Funeral Services. We are very blessed to have this ministry and they are very important for our Parish Family. We also thank all the volunteers in the Faith Formation Program for assisting our students to learn how to pray the Rosary before Mass and in their classrooms during the month of May. We are very proud of our students for trying to memorize prayers and they can say these important prayers before they receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Confirmation! We thank you for your faithfulness in your devotion in joining us during this month of May, so we can have a strong group to support praying of the Rosary at our parish. You are cordially invited to join us for the coming month of June for the devotion of the Sacred Heart and to pray for all the fathers to pour out their love just like Christ, to love their families unconditionally and to continue to be loving fathers to their children.

Sister Kim is ending her contract with our parish in June, and she has a new assignment from her religious community. We thank her for her ministry among us, we deeply appreciated her presence with us and will miss her. Please keep her in your prayers and may the Lord continue to bless upon her! I thank our Parish Staff for their hard work and dedication for their ministry during this time of transition. We are a united Parish Family and there are many things that we need to adjust and learn to do, which is new for many of us. I would like to ask you to pray for our Parish Staff, so they are able to adjust and with the new situation of our parish's mission and ministry. You are cordially invited to register into our parish. If you have not or if you are registered, please assist us, and provide us with the correct information, which will assist the Parish Office to communicate with you and your family efficiently.

We thank our parish's volunteers in different areas of the parish ministry. We have a strong number of volunteers within the Faith Formation Program, Liturgy Commission, School Commission, Outreach Ministry, Facility Commission, and as well as in the Pastoral and Financial Councils. We have a strong Advisory Team that meets with me regularly to assist me with their insights and advice on different matters of the parish. We thank God for all different consultation groups who love and care for our Parish Family. We have had blessed months and years, but there are many concerns and issues that we must pray for, so the Holy Spirit can guide us and show us the right path for us to go!

Summertime is a little challenging for us to keep our parish's grounds clean and green! We need your support by volunteering your time with the parish's ministry as well as parish's activities to keep our parish vitally alive. The grass is growing faster than we can mow them, the plants around the parish's grounds need to be watered to keep them alive and green. Please assist your parish's grounds to continue to look nice to welcome all those who come to be with us!

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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Annual Catholic Appeal 2023

"Give, and it will be given to you." (Luke 6:23) .

Thank you to 88 families have returned your ACA pledge and gift totaling \$16,270. 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 !!!

Stewardship of Treasure - Sacrificial Giving

Pope St. John XXIII Parish

May 13 & 14: \$ 7,001 - 175 Env
Online Giving: \$1,173

St. John of the Woods Mission

May 13 & 14 : \$4,245
77 Env & online

South Tacoma Chapel

May 14: \$2,991.50 - 31 Env



THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SEATTLE
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MASSES OF ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE
of
MAX MUÑOZ



Max will be ordained on Wednesday, May 31, 2023, at 7:00pm at Holy Spirit in Kent by the Most Reverend Eusebio Elizondo. Congratulations Deacon Max

YARD SALE

Pope St. John XXIII parish will hold our yard sale on **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.



Parish News

Congratulations 80 First Communicants this year 2023

At South Tacoma Chapel

1. Daleyza Anahi Hernandez
2. Ellen Ripley Smith
3. Emma Elizabeth Hemphill
4. Evelyn Dale Santos
5. Fox Louis American Horse Beasley
6. Ismael Eleazar Roque Gaspar
7. Jade Guadalupe Morales Duran
8. Julian Ivan de la Cruz
9. Madeline Campbell Molina
10. Ravaye Marie Stefani

At Pope St. John XXIII

1. Anna Chau Huu Minh Le
2. Anna Tabitha Linh Dinh
3. Anna Vivian Phuong Pham
4. Francisco Alan Huynh Vu
5. Joachim Viet Nam Nguyen
6. Maria Karly Nguyen
7. Maria Kasey Xuan Vy Nguyen
8. Maria Kristine My Ha-Bang Chu
9. Maria Lexi Nguyen
10. Maria Sydney Tam-Nhi Chu
11. Maria Vivi Gia Pham
12. Mattha Kaylen Pham Le
13. Paul Henry Lai Tran
14. Teresa Vicky Nguyen
15. Vincent Ryan Pham Chu



At Pope St. John XXIII

1. Aiden Armani Quintanilla
2. Alex Reyes Zambrano
3. Alexander Cigarroa Torres
4. Allisson Rosas Fresnares
5. Angel Mendoza-Cruz
6. Angelique Abigail Vargas Anaya
7. Ashley Janet Montes
8. Boyblue (Michael) Prince Nielsen
9. Brandon Rosas-Renteria
10. David Sigala
11. Fanolua Semaia Gabriel Pua'avasa
12. Jayden Montes-Cardenas
13. Jeancarlo Torres Gutierrez
14. Jose Luis Reyes Zambrano
15. Kei'Alohilani Jennarose Camacho Santos
16. Kennedy Keith Mukasa
17. Khloe Maria Yun
18. Larry Mateo Alvarez-Joaquin
19. Mailefihi Maria Luana Sosefo
20. Reyna Guadalupe Cigarroa Torres
21. Samiya Ann Chafin
22. Sophia Michelle Vargas Anaya
23. Taeaoolii Margarit Pua'avasa
24. Tania Sophia Montes
25. Yvette Aviles-Beltran

At St. John of the Woods

1. Aaron Melchor-Esquivel
2. Alexis Julian Francisco-Moreno
3. Diego Melchor-Esquivel
4. Eliciana Kayleigh Tenorio Torres
5. Emilio coria
6. Francisco Javier Domingo, Jr.
7. Gabriel Ongoco Esparza
8. Giovanni Hernandez Cervantes
9. Giovanni Jose Acevedo-Villasana
10. Hannah Camila Sanchez Mercado
11. Ignacio Jaren Cruz Sahagon
12. Inoah Jathan Cruz Sahagon
13. Irvin Pablo Domingo
14. Irwin Pablo Domingo
15. Iy'annah Jachelle Cruz Sahagon
16. Jesus Osvaldo Cornelio Morales
17. Joel Jacob Andres
18. Johannes Yinzor Narooq
19. Jose DeJesus Melchor
20. Kassandra Camila Francisco-Moreno
21. Khloe Riley Lujan
22. Leona Lilith-Marjorie Cody-Hughes
23. Magaly Angel-Gervacio
24. Mateo Coria
25. Peighton Lynn Reichert-Wilson
26. Rancisco Javier DeJesus Melchor
27. Sophia Leanne Garcia-Ramirez
28. Valentin DeJesus Melchor
29. Yareliz Margarita Amaral-Perez
30. Yazmin Melchor Esquivel

We wish to thank LB Gilmer for volunteering to be the director of RCIA also the RCIA/RCIC Core Team: Joleane Reece, Hoa and Helen Nguyen.

We thank the confirmation core team: Lasini Silone, Alvin Matautia, Cindy Amogela, Brian Pham and Sr. Kim.

First Communion and Re. Ed teachers and helpers: Twyla Halmrast, Maria Wilson, Cecilia Tamayo, Dee Dawson, Esmeralda Domingo, Sarah Martin, Bernie Mesa, Gloria Montes, Ching Feliciad Mousel, Louis Matej, Richard McMakin, Don McMakin, B. Huong Doan, Hien Tran, Thuan Nguyen and Agnes Burns.

Marriage Prep and adult catechist: Monty Montes and Tien Vo
Baptism class: Deacon Theman Pham.
Bible class: Cheryl Perry and Brenda Kelly

St. John of the Woods Corner

Prayer Corner

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



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

Annual Catholic Appeal



Thank you again for your response to the Annual Catholic

Appeal this year. For those who have not yet made a commitment, this week you will receiving a follow up letter from Bishop Etienne. If you have made your pledge and it has crossed in the mail, kindly disregard the letter and thank you for your gift. **We have received gifts and pledges totaling \$12,996 from 52 families of the parish. We are looking forward to surpassing our goal of \$24,963 to fully fund our parish project a new sound system for the church.** So please prayerfully consider a gift today.

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.

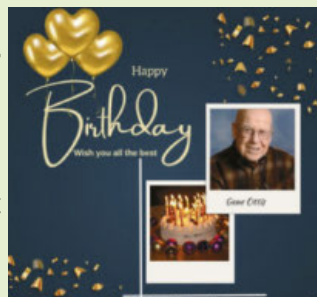
We pray for Ssgt. Wells, all servicemen, servicewomen and their families.

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. All those suffering in war and strife.

Special Breakfast for Gene Otis

"The family of Gene Otis will be celebrating his **100th Birthday on Sunday June 11th with a special breakfast.** Tom Cruz and his team are cooking up a parish breakfast in honor of Gene. As always we will be serving from 8am to 11am. Gene attends the 8am Mass, so after all parish-ioner are invited to come share a great breakfast and some time with Gene. His family will be present and plan to share a birthday cake with him. Please plan to come and share in Gene's joy. Congratulations Gene!



St. John of the Woods Mission

Jan Tally, Jonathan Keen, PJ Carpenter, Donna Severson, Wendy Hanchett, Marge Berntsen, Natalie Vieira, Dave Casey, Carol Kalapus, Susan Teskey

Grounds Care

Now is the time to come and work on your particular section of grounds maintenance. Summer is upon us, and we need to come clean up the passing of winter. If you are not able to complete this promise please contact Daniel Soderlind 253-377-1952. Thank you all.

We are just over a week away from Pope St. John XXIII STEM Academy's Baccalaureate Mass and 8th Grade Graduation! We are so proud of these graduates that have worked hard through studies and more to get to this exciting point!



We have featured 8th Graders every week and have two more weeks to celebrate them!

This week, we are excited to celebrate the two graduates to the left, Maddix and Luciano. Maddix (top) is excited to move onto high school, play baseball, and work his hardest to be successful. Their favorite memory at Pope St. John XXIII STEM Academy has been meeting and making good friends here! He is excited for summer break and his plans are to relax!

Congratulations, Maddix, you deserve it!

Luciano (bottom) is attending Lincoln High School next year and is excited to get better at spelling, math, and other subjects! His advice to students from his time here is to "Don't be rude. Be Kind!"

and he is excited to spend summer break relaxing and playing video games. Congratulations, Pope St. John XXIII STEM Academy graduates! We are so proud of you and can't wait to see you on your next adventure.

If you are interested in supporting Pope St. John XXIII STEM Academy students now and into the future, contact steinera@psjstem.org to see how you can invest in students and a STEM-based Catholic education!

Upcoming events:

Thursday, June 8: Baccalaureate Mass & Graduation at South Tacoma Chapel, 10-11 AM

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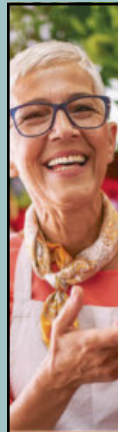
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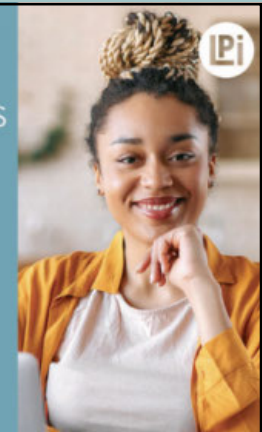


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