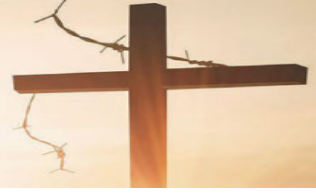


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September 17,
2023



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Mass Schedule and Reconciliation:

Pope St. John XXIII Parish

7025 South Park Ave.
Tacoma, WA 98408

Mass Schedule:

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

Mass Schedule:

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

Mass Schedule:

Saturday - 9:00 a.m.

Sunday - 9:30 a.m.

Reconciliation:

Saturday - 8:00 a.m.

St. Rita Station

1403 S Ainsworth Ave,
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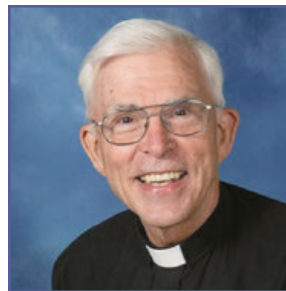
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Pastor's Letter

Dear Parishioners,

Our first week at Saint John XXIII STEM Academy in the South Tacoma Chapel has been truly blessed. We began with a Thanksgiving Mass to pray for our school's benefactors and supporters, and the feedback from students and parents about our upgraded school building after the summer break has been overwhelmingly positive. We invite you to join our regular school Mass on Thursdays at 9 AM and extend a warm welcome to students enrolling in Faith Formation programs.

We deeply appreciate the invaluable support of our volunteers in Faith Formation and encourage you to consider enrolling your children and grandchildren in our parish programs.

We've had productive meetings with our parish leadership team, discussing important matters like the feasibility study for school enrollment. Your involvement in this study is greatly appreciated.

Stewardship is a fundamental principle we uphold, acknowledging God's blessings in our lives and responding with gratitude by sharing our time, talent, and treasures. We are entrusted with these gifts from God and are obligated to give back to our community. If you have not yet registered with our parish family, we encourage you to take a few moments to do so. Your family's presence is essential to our parish's mission and ministry, and registration ensures you receive our weekly updates.

As we move forward into the fall season, we extend our heartfelt thanks to our dedicated parish volunteers who have worked diligently on various summer projects. Please remember them in your daily prayers for their love and commitment to our parish family. We have shared information with our parish staff and leadership about the Archbishop's letter and the forthcoming listening sessions, which we cordially invite you to attend. Your comments, insights, and feedback are crucial to the ongoing processes.

We express our gratitude to the advisory team and parish leadership team members for their dedication and service on various issues and concerns. They have selflessly sacrificed their time and effort to serve our parish family through councils, advisory roles, commissions, and committees. We have diligently listened to their advice and comments on the various projects we have undertaken. Your prayers and thoughts are invaluable to them in their roles and responsibilities within our parish.

The Liturgy Commission has been diligently planning our parish's patron saint feast day in honor of Pope Saint John XXIII, which falls on October 11th. We have decided to celebrate his feast day on Sunday, October 15th, at 9:45 AM, with the presence of Auxiliary Bishop Frank. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the core team and committee members who have organized this event, and we eagerly await Bishop Frank's visit, as he is the regional bishop within our area.

We also want to acknowledge the many calls we receive from nursing homes, hospitals, and home-bound individuals seeking the sacrament of anointing. When leaving a message, please ensure you provide your name, phone number, and the reason for your call, indicating whether it is an emergency. This helps us respond more efficiently to your needs. Sister Anna and Father Hendry are responsible for this outreach ministry, and their contact information is available in our parish bulletin.

We cordially invite you to participate in our parish's ministries and activities. You will undoubtedly find a warm and welcoming home within our parish life. Your commitment to volunteering in any area of our parish life is greatly appreciated, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

May the Lord continue to bless each and every one of you abundantly.

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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South Tacoma Chapel and St. Rita's

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

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- Vice Chair: Margaret Thompson
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Sandwich Ministry & Food Bank

M thru Fri. 9:30—11:30am

Gift Card/Voucher Assistance:

Tue & Thur 9:30 - 11:30am

No Utility or Rental assistance available.



Baptism Preparation Class

Class will be offered for parents and godparents who have new born babies and children under 7 years old.

Saturday, **October 14th or November 11th**

1:00 –2:30pm class in English

2:30 – 4:00pm in Vietnamese

Stewardship of Treasure Sacrificial Giving

Pope St. John XXIII Parish

Collection for Sept.2&3/23: \$6,658 Env. 177

Online \$ 815

Breakfast \$2,244

St. John of the Woods Mission

Collections for Sept.2&3/23: \$3,846 env. 60

Online \$1,005 env.16

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South Tacoma Chapel

Collections for Sept. 2 &3/23: \$2,258 Env. 28

and \$590 in

online donations.

Thank you



Parish News



Pope St. John XXIII Adult Catechism Classes
Welcome to our Adult Catechism Class! We'll explore Catholic doctrine, our connection as the body of Christ, devotion to Mary and the saints, and adoration of Jesus. Together, we'll deepen our faith, guided by the Holy Spirit, with a focus on the Eucharist. Join us on September 20th at 6:30 -7:30PM. God bless you all. Join Us any Week!
Contact Monty at (253) 304-4473 – Class is No-cost
It's one thing to know about God, another to know Him!



OCIA class (RCIA old name)*

If you would like to be baptized into the Catholic faith, receive Communion or Church teachings, or come back to the Church, we are here to help you!

Classes begin

Monday September 18, 2023
6:30-8:30 pm at PSJXXIII School

***Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (O.C.I.A.)**

A new name, "Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)," replaces the previous "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)" in parishes across the United States. This change reflects a new translation of the Latin term. The OCIA includes various rites that those preparing for baptism and entry into the Church will celebrate, emphasizing their faith journey. This change was adopted by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops in November 2021.

Knights of Columbus K/C meeting will be Sunday September 17th after the 9:45 AM Mass in the parish hall.

Holiday Bazaar

When: November 11th
Time: 9:30 AM—4:00 PM
Contact: Gayle Jensen 253-318-2077



Facilities, Please remember to turn off the lights and lock doors to all facilities after use. We appreciate your help to keep the expenses down. Thank you for your help.

Contact Information: If you have not received our weekly newsletter and bulletin by email, please provide your email address to Srlnh@psj23.org or drop an email address in the collection basket. Thank you.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Religious Ed is for all children: Pre K (age 4) to 9th grade.
Pope St. John XXIII: begins Wednesday, September 20, 2023. Time: 6:30 - 7:40 P.M.

St. John of the Woods: begins Sunday, September 17, 2023. Time: 9:45 - 11:10 A.M.

The CCD, First Communion and Confirmation Registration Form is ready for families to pick up at the entrance to church or on website www.psj23.org.

*Registering your child for First Communion, you must include a copy of your child's Birth and Baptismal Certificates.

*Please register as soon as possible so that we can prepare for the year make students lists for each grade and teachers can prepare.

*Please give your children this opportunity by registering them to faith formation class. Questions? Contact Sr. Theresa (253) 592 2541 <sotheresa2022@psj23.org>



America Needs Fatima is asking Mary's children to hold public rosary rallies. We will be joined with 22,000 other groups all over the nation on **Oct 14**. If you have any questions or are interested in joining or helping to plan, please contact Teri Liberator at 503-672-7450 or Cindy Loranger at 509-293-1058, parishioners at Our Lady Queen of Heaven.

Also, At Pope St. John XXIII Church on October 23, 2023 Please join the Public Square Rosary Crusade. Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother.

Please join us in praying for our nation at 12:00 noon. For more information, contact Rick Seastres 253-301-7133

The South Tacoma Chapel

is in need of additional Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion ("EMs") and Ushers. Training will be provided for both of these ministries. The requirement for being an EM is that you must be fully initiated and in good standing with the Catholic Church. No requirements are necessary to serve as an usher.

Sign-Ups are available at the back of the church.

Coffee and donuts are coming back to the South Tacoma Chapel beginning on Sunday, Sept. 17. We need volunteers to host and bring donuts. We won't be able to offer this social gathering without your support! Please sign up at the back of the church. Or contact Jeannine Wargo 253-229-2077 | jwargo@psj23.org

Saint John of the Woods Mission

St. John of the Woods is a rural Catholic community centered in Jesus Christ, growing in faith and sharing the Word of God through the Eucharist and our Sacraments. We are a welcoming parish of active, involved people of all ages and cultures, serving families and recognizing the gifts that each person brings.

Religious Education Classes Begin This Weekend

Greeting our children are our Religious Education Teachers/Volunteers:

Religious Education Director: Twyla Halmrast

Office Personnel: Dee Dawson

Pre-K: Esme Domingo

First Grade: Sarah Martin

Second and Third Grade for First Communion: Joe and Cecilla Tamayo

Older Children First Communion: Twyla Halmrast

CCD 3rd & 4th Grade: Bernie Mesa

Pre Confirmation: Laricia

Confirmation Class: Cindy Almogela

Thank you for sharing your time, knowledge and faith while helping our children learn about our Catholic Faith. You are all blessings to St. John of the Woods Mission.

Welcome Students, we are so happy to have each of you in our classes. We hope you grow in faith and

Bible Study:

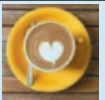
A Biblical Walk through the Mass, begins Tuesday, September 19th at 1:00 to 3:00pm or 7:00 to 8:30pm, your choice. The cost of the book and workbook is \$26.95. You may contact Cheryl Penry at 253-531-4355 for additional information.

Faith Formation:

Register now for all Religious Education Classes. Forms are available in the entrance of the church. Return your completed forms and fee to the parish office or place them in the collection basket at Mass.

Registering your child for First Communion, you must include a copy of your child's Birth and Baptismal certificates.

Classes begin this Sunday, September 17th at 9:45am. Parents must attend Mass with their children. If you have any questions, please contact Sr. Theresa 253-592-2541



Sunday Breakfast will be returning October 1st, 8am to 11 am.

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.

Contact Information: Have you moved? Changed your telephone number? Have a new email address? Please submit any changes to your contact information to our office. Drop a note in the collection basket at mass or drop us an email at: sjowmission@psj23.com

Eucharistic Adoration

Pope St. John XXIII
Thursdays: 9:00am-10:00am
& 4:00-6:00pm

St. John of the Woods Mission
Mondays: 7:00-8:00pm
Wednesday: 10:00am-11:00am

South Tacoma Chapel

We pray for Benny Gatbunton, Widman family, Deborah Raynes, Ann Kormos, Emma Millikan, Shirley Keyes, Mick Flynn, Brad Bowles, Philip Stumpf, Norma Marchesini, Eduardo Elizaga, John Meier, Joseph Rivera, Bob Woorley, Peter Pagano, Gene Hall, 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, Charles, Robin Mazza, Charlie Faniel, Willand Wyman. All those suffering in war and strife.

Saint John of the Woods

We pray for Jan Tally, Jonathan Keen, PJ Carpenter, Donna Severson, Wendy Hanchett, Marge Berntsen, Natalie Vieira, Dave Casey, Carol Kalapus, Susan Teskey, Keith Browne, Lynn Sneed, Danny Sneed, and Joan Ellis.

Pope St. John XXIII Parish

Muriel & Ron Bate, 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.



Our annual Fall Harvest Bazaar is coming **October 13th and 14th**. We are looking

for vendors to fill the available spaces in the hall. If you or a friend are interested in participating in the Bazaar, please contact Karen Knobbe at 253-535-2745

Senior Lunch:

Senior Lunch is back! Join us for lunch and fellowship, September 20th at 11:30am. You don't have to be a senior citizen, everyone is welcome. Senior Lunch is held every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. Hope to see you there!





We are so excited to welcome students and families back for the 2023-24 school year with a great first few weeks! Students have been settling into their classes and working on fun projects. Read more about what students at Pope St. John XXIII STEM Academy have been doing the last week below! In art with Ms. Zeeb, students got to learn about



colors and how they mix with a fun project. With plates full of paint, students dipped their hand into paint and made handprints to see the color in action. Then, students shook hands with another student with a different color on their hand to see what color it made when they mixed! Creating a large poster full of colorful handprints, students got to see what happens when a red hand shakes blue

hands, creating a purple handprint on the poster. It was a delightful mix of art and STEM!

Another fun STEM project was first grade's introduction to their sun, moon, and stars unit. While the sun is still out and bright, first graders made sun trackers to see how the sun casts shadows that move throughout the day. Seeing STEM in action is an exciting way for students to explore the world around them!



We are so excited for the year to come! We invite Pope St. John XXIII Parish members to join for all school mass every Thursday from 9:00-10:00 AM at South Tacoma Chapel! If you are interested in investing in PSJXXIII STEM Academy or being a legacy donor, please contact steinera@psjstem.org. We look forward to seeing you this school year!



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