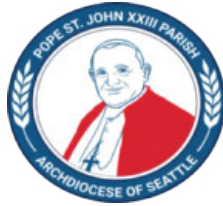




'You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.' Matthew 20:1-16a

POPE ST. JOHN XXIII PARISH

**September 24,
2023**



**25th Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

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:

Thurs. & Sat. - 9:00 a.m.
Sunday - 9:30 a.m.

Reconciliation:

Saturday - 8:00 a.m.

St. Rita Station

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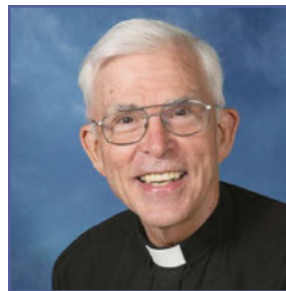
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Pastor's Letter

Dear Parishioners,

Our weekend was filled with blessings as we celebrated Baptisms and Matrimony, and we warmly welcomed all our guests and visitors. The new year brings fresh beginnings for our Faith Formation programs, and we're delighted to see students return with enthusiasm after a well-deserved summer break.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated catechists, volunteers, parents, students, and program coordinators who have invested their time and effort in organizing this year's classes and Faith Formation activities. As we transition into the new school year, we invite each of you to join us in our parish activities and ministries, fostering a sense of community and shared faith.

We appreciate our Parish Staff's participation in the enlightening listening sessions centered on Partner in the Gospel and Evangelization. We are planning general listening sessions at various locations within our parish, and we extend a warm invitation to those who have not attended our Eucharistic celebrations to join us for Weekday and Weekend Masses.

In these changing times, maintaining faith is vital. Explore our parish and Archdiocese websites for resources like videos, Q&A sessions, and a welcoming letter from the Archbishop, all enhancing your connection with Partner in the Gospel.

We joyfully welcomed all the babies and children who recently received the Sacrament of Baptism in our parish. Our heartfelt thanks go out to their parents, godparents, relatives, and friends who celebrated this special occasion with our Parish Family. Special acknowledgment is due to Deacon Theman for his dedicated support in the Baptism Preparation Class.

Congratulations to the new weddings! We're proud of their dedication in organizing this important event. Witnessing their vows was heartwarming. Some overcame hurdles like the annulment process, and your support meant the world to them.

Our parish youth leadership has completed their Summer training, earning their training certificates, which have inspired them to become exemplary youth leaders in their respective groups and organizations. We will soon hold a commissioning ceremony to officially inaugurate them into their leadership roles.

Our Vietnamese Eucharistic Youth Group, known as the Saint Theresa of the Little Flower Chapter, is preparing to celebrate their Patron Saint's Feast Day. Members have dedicated time to practice their performance, and we extend a cordial invitation for you to join us as our guest at this event. We are grateful for the support of our dedicated youth leadership team, which greatly enriches our youth programs. We're pleased to share that our Faith Formation and Religious Education program has seen increased enrollment this year.

Our Stewardship Committee members attended a valuable training workshop at Pope Saint John XXIII Parish, and we appreciate their efforts in preparing the upcoming annual report, which will be sent to your homes in October.

Lastly, we had the pleasure of meeting a few students who joined their parents to discuss Baptism. We are pleased to support them on their journey to receive other sacraments during the school year. Evangelization begins within our families and our parish, as we are witnesses to what we believe.

We cordially invite you to become active participants in our parish ministry and activities. Your time, talents, and contributions are essential to our mission. Please visit our parish website to access information we have shared. Your continued support is deeply valued.

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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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
- Treasurer: Maryann Harshman



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

Collection for Septemter 9 & 10, 2023

Pope St. John XXIII Parish

\$ 7,823 Env. 191

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South Tacoma

Chapel

\$2,655 Env. 26

Online: \$360.

Thank you



Parish News

Celebration of Parish Feast Day-Pope St. John XXIII



Sunday Oct 15th, 2023
At 9:45 am

The procession of Pope St. John XXIII icon starts at 9:45 am. The Trilingual Mass. Reception after Mass. Please join us!



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 14, 2023** From 1-2:00 pm. For more information, contact Rick Seastres 253-301-7133

Children's Mass at Pope St. John XXIII Parish: Oct 28th at 4:30pm



Fence Project Successfully Finished!

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the parishioners who generously dedicated their time, skills, and resources to bring this project to fruition. With over 20 volunteers nights and days of hard work, our community came together humbly to ensure the completion of this fence. We are delighted to report that the fence now stands secure and convenient for all. May God bless each and every one of you for your remarkable contributions.



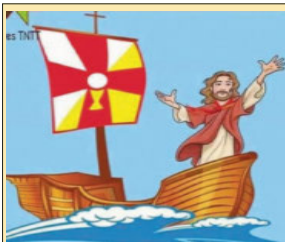
Pope St. John XXIII Fellowship Breakfast
Sunday, 24 September
After the 9:45 Mass
Come Join Us!



Knights of Columbus is Recruiting all Catholic Men Confirmed to join. For further information please see brochures in the vestibule of the church.

Holiday Bazaar

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



Congratulations to the Vietnamese Eucharistic Youth Group of Pope St. John XXIII Parish on the Feast Day of their patron saint, St. Therese of the Child Jesus, may all of them strive to follow in her footsteps as she trustingly followed in Our Lord's through her Little Way.



Congratulations to those babies who baptized this month September 2023:

- Chantelle Amandeep Mikaele
- Edwin Elias Chavez Chavez
- Joseph Landon Huynh Nguyen
- Maria Stella Selby Luong
- Maria Vanessa Huynh Hoang
- Siliato Losefo Mikaele Jr.
- Taziah Gage Padrones Basa
- William Hurao Manibusan



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*Joseph Aaron Robert Tran
and Nhi Phung Pham*

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.

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

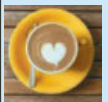
Bible Study:

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.



We welcome the return of the Annual Fall Harvest Bazaar, Friday October 13th

and **Saturday October 14th**. There will be many vendors offering a variety of items to purchase. And don't forget to visit the Bakery. Our ladies have been busy making some wonderful treats.



Sunday Breakfast _October 1st, 8 am to 11am.

Menu: Island Fried Rice, Sausage w/Gravy, Hash Browns, Scramble Eggs w/Ham, Biscuits or Pancakes, Coffee, Tea or Hot Chocolate.. Come Join Us!!

Senior Lunch:

Senior Lunch is back! Join us for lunch and fellowship **October 4th 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!



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.

Volunteers Wanted!

All of our ministries are in need of helping hands. Please consider sharing your time and talent by joining one of them. Each of us has something to offer and the personal rewards received are many.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Pope St. John XXIII: Wednesday, 6:30 - 7:40 P.M.
St. John of the Woods: Sunday, 9:45 - 11:10 A.M.

First Communion and Confirmation classes are still open for registration until the end of September 2023.

OCIA class (RCIA)



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 on Monday
6:30-8:30 pm at PSJXXIII Parish Center

Registration will be closed at the end of September.

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, Sharon Turner and her Family. All those suffer-

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.

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, Don Kaperick, Lynn Sneed, Danny Sneed, and Joan Ellis, Ken Knobbe, Debbie DeWitt

Online Giving

The Sunday collection is very important for us to maintain our fiscal responsibilities. So, if you are away on a Sunday, ENJOY; but, remember YOUR church. Set up your gift today or consider an additional gift via our Online Giving link at <https://www.psj23.org/donate-now/-/>



One of the best things about Pope St. John XXIII STEM Academy is shared by students, families, and faculty, alike: **community**. Being an important theme of the PSJXXIII mission, fostering community and growth is at the forefront of this year's goals. It was a blessing to see the entire school community at the school's beginning of year Curriculum Night, celebrating familiar faces and new ones alike.



At Curriculum Night, the entire Upper Hall was filled with PSJXXIII STEM Academy community members (left), excited to celebrate the start of a new school year. We also had the opportunity to celebrate new staff and faculty members, including third grade's new Mrs. Daniel's, excited to make this year great (below).

This photo with Mrs. Daniel's also wonderfully highlights the new flooring seen throughout the school. This was made possible through the school and parish communities, as well as investments from Fulcrum Foundation and Shea Homes. Schedule a tour by emailing steinera@psjstem.org to see the amazing transformation that has taken place! We also invite you to attend all school masses on Thursdays 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 fostering community with you this school year!



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