

Mt 21:28-32

The tax collectors and prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you

POPE ST. JOHN XXIII PARISH

**October 1st,
2023**



**26th 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

1403 S Ainsworth Ave,
Tacoma, WA 98405



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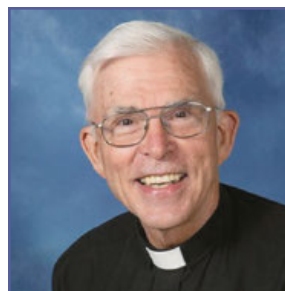
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Pastor's Letter

Dear Parishioners,

We're grateful for your time reading the Q&A and the Archbishop's Pastoral Letter about Partners in the Gospel for our Parish Family. Recently, the Parish Staff, Leadership Team, and Parishioners met after Weekend Masses to better understand our Parish Family. Thanks to our Facilitators, Staff, and Leadership Team for their hard work.

Our appreciation also goes out to the Facility and Maintenance Committee for their diligent inspection of the roofs of the buildings at Pope Saint John XXIII's main campus. They dedicated their time to clearing leaves and debris from roofs, gutters, and rain pipes while sealing cracks. We are thankful for this proactive preparation before the rainy season arrived. It was astonishing to see the amount of debris and leaves accumulated on the roofs.

We celebrate couples choosing the Sacrament of Matrimony at Pope Saint John XXIII Church. They exchanged vows with loved ones, and we warmly welcome those who traveled far to join their joyous reception.

Our heartfelt thanks also go to the volunteers who promptly attended to a leak at the Parish Pastoral Center and the Church. We appreciate your use of our parish facilities for your activities and meetings. We kindly request that you remember to turn off the heat and lights when concluding your meetings, close all windows and doors, and lock the building upon departure. Ensuring all gates are closed is essential, as it discourages unauthorized activities in the parking lot. We lack full-time staff for continuous clean-up, so we rely on your support to maintain our classrooms and buildings as inviting spaces. Please treat our parish facilities as you would your own home, fostering an environment for all members of our Parish Family to utilize for various activities and events in the years ahead.

I visited Faith Formation groups on various days and noticed increased enrollment this year, with new members continuously joining. We're also happy to welcome babies and children who recently received the Sacrament of Baptism. We appreciate their parents' dedication despite busy lives. As these children prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, we're committed to supporting both them and their parents. Thanks to our core team members for their assistance.

Thanks for participating in our recent listening sessions and sharing your valuable thoughts, which provide us with important feedback. We'll share this feedback with the Archdiocese of Seattle's Partners in the Gospel Office for analysis and results.

As winter approaches, consider getting a flu shot to stay healthy. If you're unwell, please stay home and contact our Outreach Minister; we're happy to visit and bring communion. We also appreciate our dedicated Liturgical Ministers and look forward to welcoming more volunteers at other parish locations.

I had a productive meeting with long-time Saint Rita Church parishioners to discuss building concerns. We need funds for essential projects, including window repairs. Since the church's closure, we rely on Funeral Masses and Saturday prayer group meetings. Adequate financial support is crucial for maintenance, and I thank the core team for their help in finding solutions.

We appreciate your support for the Pope Saint John XXIII Statue project. Father Trung, the statue's designer, will provide more details. Join us on October 15th at 9:45 AM Mass to celebrate his Feast Day. Thank you for your ongoing support of our parish's mission and ministry.

Please visit our parish's website and read our bulletin for details on various parish activities and events. May you have a blessed week!

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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Weddings / Funeral: Fr. Tuan Nguyen - (253) 882-9943 | frtuan@psj23.org

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Pastoral Council: Louie Tran - (253) 230-4265
Finance Council: Bob Richardson - (253) 922-2412
Ministries of the Poor Food Bank (ST Chapel Site): (253) 474-0835; MinistryOTP@psj23.org
Faith Formation Commission/ Knights of Columbus: Monty Montes, (253) 304-4473; mon-typm@psj23.org
RCIA Director: LB Gilmer - (253) 472-1360 | lbgilmer@psj23.org;
Lazarus Committee: Theresa Naufahu, (253) 290-6249/ Nancy Burkholder, (253) 537-9283

St. John of the Woods Mission

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Parish Office: (253) 537-8551

South Tacoma Chapel and St. Rita's

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

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 Teskey
- 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 September 16 & 17, 2023

Pope St. John XXIII Parish

\$ 6,595.00 Env. 164

Online \$ 443.00

Breakfast: (Statue): \$ 3,248

St. John of the Woods Mission

\$2,536.00 Env. 61

Online \$1,325.00- env.17

Loose \$524.00

South Tacoma Chapel

\$3,079 Env. 33

Online: \$517.

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!



At Pope St. John XXIII Church
October 14, 2023 From 1-2:00 pm.

More information, contact Rick Seastres 253-301-7133

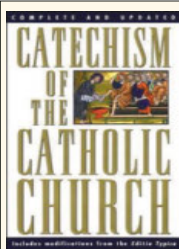
Children's Mass at Pope St. John XXIII Parish: Oct 28th at 4:30pm



We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the parishioners who generously dedicated their time, skills, and resources to bring the fence

project to fruition. Also, took out trash and unclog drains. With over 20 volunteers nights and days of hard work, our community came together humbly to ensure the completion of this project.

May God bless each and every one of you for your remarkable contributions.

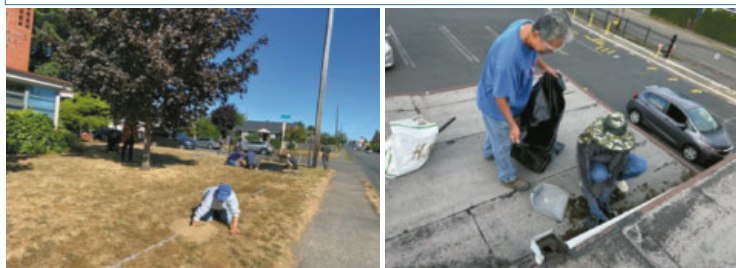


Regional Parishes of Tacoma Adult Catechism Classes YOU ARE INVITED

Every Wednesday at 6:30pm- 7:25 at PSJXXIII parish center.

This year you can renew your gift of faith and humbly ask the Holy Spirit to guide you closer to Christ, to encounter Him in the Sacraments, especially in the Eucharist. By coming to class we hope you can explore the richness of our Catholic faith and learn to apply it to your lives every day. 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!



Holiday Bazaar

When: November 11th

Time: 9:30 AM—4:00 PM

Contact: Gayle Jensen 253-318-2077



Happy Feast Day



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.



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

Partners in the Gospel Updates

You are invited to join a listening session to discuss and provide feedback on our proposed parish family. Listening sessions are taking place at all of our campuses this weekend. If you are not able to attend a session, but would like to provide your feedback, you can do so by going to <https://archseattle.org/partners/> and providing your feedback online.



Congratulation wedding Mass on Oct. 7th at PSJXXIII
Micae Sonny Ho
and Maria Linh Phung Phuong Tran

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!

Blessing - of the - ANIMALS at 5pm at SJOW's garden.

On the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi
If you have pets and wish to bless them, bring them in.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

St. John of the Woods: Sunday, 9:45 - 11:10 A.M.
 CCD classes from Pre-K to 9 graders including First Communion and Confirmation Programs.
 CCD and First Communion are still open for registration. Confirmation is full.

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 suffering in war and strife.

Pope St. John XXIII Parish

Muriel & Ron Bate, Krista Brown, Olivia Davis, Kathleen Genge, Anita Griggs, 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, Beverly Slanina, Eldon & Marge Weber, Woody Woodring, Virginia Wooten. We pray for Ssgt. Wells, all servicemen, servicewomen and their families. For anointing of the sick please call Sr. Anna at 253-592-2455.

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

Volunteers Wanted:

At St. John of the Woods, there is something for everyone and for all ages. Please consider taking an active part in our community at St. John of the Woods Mission. Contacts:

Leadership—Larry Volland	(253) 531-7795
Finance—Simon & Jamie Martin	(253) 722-7275
Liturgy—Joan O'Shea	(253) 531-5159
Music— 8am Nancy Burkholder	(253) 537-9283
11:30am Jodie Hardesty	
Facilities—Daniel Soderlind	(253) 377-1952
Events—Karen Knobbe	(253) 535-2745
Lazarus—Darlene Cartwright	(253) 848-1633
Bible Study—Brenda Kelly	(253) 922-6569
Ushers— 8am Terrie Graham	(253) 537 4558
11:30am Steven Schweich	(253) 535-2498
6pm Paul Giovaninni	
Altar Servers—Joe and Bernie Mesa	(253) 831-1235
OR Call the Office	(253) 537-8551



Empowered in STEM and enriched in faith, Pope St. John XXIII STEM Academy is committed to an education that goes beyond standard curriculum, inspiring students to understand the world in new ways. This is seen daily through projects and assignments that bring understanding and knowledge to the everyday world and beyond. Recent STEM projects throughout the school have utilized these last



beautiful, sunny days to learn about topics covered in their curriculum. One class, left, had the opportunity to explore sunlight and celebrate these gifts from God by learning the science of UV rays. Students were given bracelets with beads that change color depending on temperature. While inside, the

beads remained a dull grey color, but when brought out into the sun, turned into vibrant shades of pink, green, and blue. Students learned about how the sun's UV rays brought heat onto the earth, heating up the world around them like they did to the bracelets.

Celebrating STEM, the world, and our faith, are some of the many things that makes Pope St. John XXIII STEM Academy a special place to learn and foster growth!

Upcoming Events: All-school mass every Thursday from 9:00-10:00 AM at South Tacoma Chapel!

10/16 PSJXXIII Pumpkin Patch hosted by PTO and Student Council starts!

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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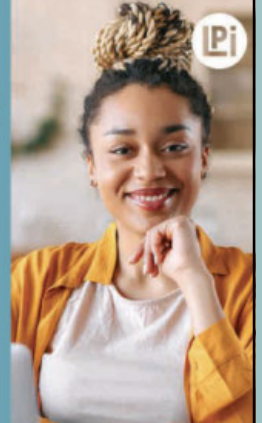


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