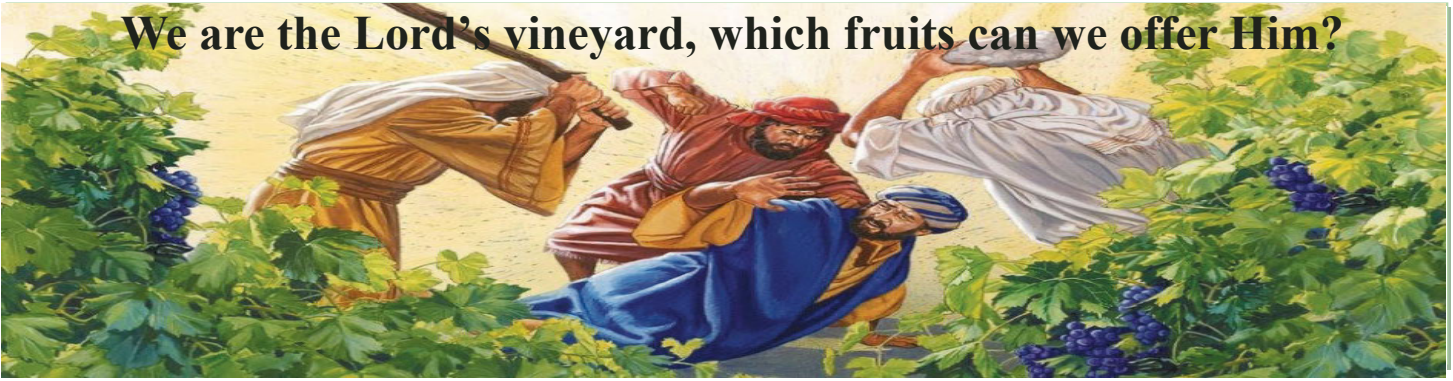
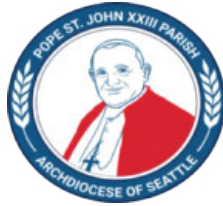


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POPE ST. JOHN XXIII PARISH

**October 8th,
2023**



**27th Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Mass Schedule and Reconciliation:

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7025 South Park Ave.
Tacoma, WA 98408

Phone - (253) 472-1360

Fax - (253) 475-6335

Email: psj23parish@psj23.org

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



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9903 24th Ave. East
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Phone - (253) 537-8551

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Email: sjowmission@psj23.org

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

Contact Pope St. John XXIII
Office at **(253) 472-1360**

Mass Schedule:

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

Sunday - 9:30 a.m.

Reconciliation:

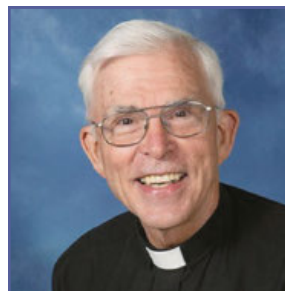
Saturday - 8:00 a.m.

St. Rita Station

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Jesu Rajan
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Pastor's Letter

Dear Parishioners,

We recently had a delightful celebration of the "Tet Trung Thu" (Moon Festival) with the children at the main campus of Pope Saint John XXIII Parish. It was a beautiful event attended by many children and their parents, and we are truly grateful to the dedicated core team members who organized it. Additionally, we had a wonderful celebration on the Feast Day of Saint Theresa of the Little Flower, who is the Patron Saint of the Vietnamese Eucharistic Youth Group. The Youth Leadership Group put together a special evening to bring together children of various ages from different parish ministry programs to celebrate the life of their Patron Saint. It was a truly blessed night, and we extend our gratitude to our benefactors for their support in making this event possible. Through Saint Theresa's intercession, many have come to know the Lord.

We appreciate our leadership core team for creating a ministry supporting couples in their Family Life Vocation. Join us in this new ministry by contacting Thuy Tien and others to get involved.

Celebrating Baptisms and weddings with our Faith Community fills us with joy. We commend couples for their faith and encourage others to consider these sacraments. Thanks to our core team for their support. May the Lord bless all newlyweds abundantly.

Enroll your children and grandchildren in our Faith Formation programs, where regular Weekend Mass attendance is a requirement. We thank parents and children for their active participation and encourage memorizing essential prayers. Special thanks to our dedicated Catechists and volunteers for their service, and we're pleased to see an increase in students this year. Kudos to the core team for the English RCIA program with higher registration and the newly launched Vietnamese RCIA program. Your volunteer efforts are appreciated.

As winter approaches, please take care to stay warm and healthy. If you're unwell, rest at home and reach out to our Outreach Ministry for support. Our dedicated staff and volunteers, led by Father Hendry and Sister Anna, assist in bringing communion to those in need and preparing food for the less fortunate. Your well-being matters to us.

Building our Parish Family is an ongoing effort, and we encourage you to connect with fellow parishioners. Meet and greet others over coffee and donuts after Sunday Mass at various locations. Your presence and outreach to newcomers are valued. Explore our diverse programs this year by contacting ministry coordinators to get involved and contribute to our vibrant parish community.

We're deeply involved in several Parish Family projects. Thanks to Saint Rita's committee for addressing the church window and other repairs. Saint John of the Woods Mission committee is handling chair sorting and room repairs, while Holy Rosary focuses on real estate matters. We're also resolving issues at South Tacoma Chapel's Low Hall, including a broken elevator. The Catholic School of Saint John XXIII STEM Academy underwent summer repairs, benefiting students, faculty, and teachers. Our main campus Building Committee oversees ground maintenance and various projects, including the storeroom.

We were honored to have Bishop Frank Schuster celebrate Saturday Mass at Saint John of the Woods Mission Church as we began discussions on the Parish Family's Partners in the Gospel proposal. We thank him for joining us. Please join us for the Feast Day of Pope Saint John XXIII on October 15th at 9:45 AM Mass, featuring a Procession and Mass. Our parish hosts weekly celebrations, highlighting our vibrant community as we focus on these efforts. Stewardship is how we generously share the Lord's gifts to strengthen our Parish Family.

I want to thank you for your unwavering support of our parish. May you have a blessed day and week ahead!

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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Parish Leadership:

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Finance Council: Bob Richardson - (253) 922-2412

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MinistryOTP@psj23.org

South 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.



Stewardship of Treasure Sacrificial Giving

Collection for September 23 & 24, 2023

Pope St. John XXIII Parish

\$ 6,033.00 Env. 169

Online \$ 1,117

Fence \$ 520

Breakfast (fund for PSJXXIII Statue): \$ 2,840

St. John of the Woods Mission

\$3452 Env. 73

Online \$740 - env.12

Loose \$543.21

South Tacoma Chapel

\$2,550.5 Env. 32

Online: \$269.

Thank you



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.

Eucharistic Minister (EM) Training at the South Tacoma Chapel

Training for all current and new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be on

Sunday, Oct. 22, following the 9:30 Mass.

This will be training for all new and current volunteers. Please plan on attending!

Parish News

Celebration of the 2nd year 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!

Rosary Rally 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



Partners in the Gospel Listening Session,

October 8th at PSJXXIII: after 7:45 am and 4:00 pm. Masses. Join in providing feedback to the Archdiocese on the suggested Family of PSJ23, St. John of the Woods Mission, South Tacoma Chapel, Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish and Sacred Heart Parish

Holiday Bazaar

When: November 11th

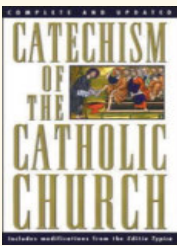
Time: 9:30 AM—4:00 PM

Where: PSJ23 Parish Hall

If you are interested in a table or for more information please call
Gayle Jensen 253-318-2077

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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!

Congratulations 3 weddings in October:

Micae Sonny Ho & Maria Linh Phung Phuong Tran
Oct. 7th at PSJXXIII

Joseph Huy D. M. Tran & Maria Thu T. Anh Nguyen
Oct. 14 at PSJXXIII

**Heriberto Aparicio Cuiriz
and Juana Gamez Guillen,**
Oct. 27 at PSJXXIII



Happy Marriage!

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

Pope St. John XXIII Parish

In Our Prayers: 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.

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

At Pope St John XXIII Religious School.



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.

CHANCERY TO PARISH COMMUNICATIONS



Partners in the Gospel Listening Session, October 8th Join in providing feedback to the Archdiocese on the suggested Family of PSJ23, St. John of the Woods Mission, South Tacoma Chapel, Our Lady Queen of Heaven

Parish and Sacred Heart Parish after the 8am Mass in the Parish Hall.



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.

Senior Lunch:

Our next Senior Lunch is Wednesday, October 18th at 11:30. Mark your calendars and join us for lunch and conversation. All are welcome.



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.



St. John of the Woods Mission is seeking a part-time Administrative Assistant. Job duties include data entry,

answering phones, light bookkeeping, clerical duties, a willingness to learn and being part of a team. Qualified candidates will have experience with Microsoft Office and have a good customer service attitude. Hours are 18 per week. If interested, please send your resume to jwar-go@psj23.org.

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

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.

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, Joan Ellis, Ken Knobbe, Debbie DeWitt, Joan Halmrast

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.

Contacts;

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Finance: Simon & Jaime Martin	253-772-7275
Lazarus: Darlene Cartwright	252-848-1633
Liturgy: Joan O'Shea	253-531-5159
Facilities: Daniel Soderlind	253-377-1952
Altar Servers: Joe & Bernie Mesa	253-831-1235
Funeral Receptions: Paula Lennox	253-507-5705

We are currently in need of additional volunteers to do evening security. If you are interested please call the office and leave your name and telephone number.

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

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/-manage-your-account>





Pope St. John XXIII
STEM ACADEMY

This year, Pope St. John XXIII STEM Academy has started a program called Character Strong. Character Strong helps students build strong relationships with their peers and develop important character traits. Each month focuses on one trait and creates an opportunity to honor students that represent this trait from each class. September's trait of focus was Respect.

Respect is an important trait to nurture in students as it shows the value in all people and things, as well as how to treat them with care. See the students (right) that won the September award in respect!



One of Pope St. John XXIII STEM Academy's Student Learning Expectations is that students demonstrate loving kindness. This is an important expectation and trait as it recognizes that we are all God's children, deserving of loving kindness, as well as respect. We look forward to continue to foster the growth of these traits and more throughout the school year!

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 growing in faith and knowledge with you this school year!



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