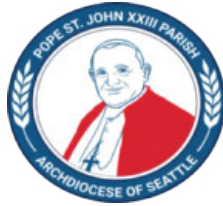




The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. (Mt 22:1-14)

POPE ST. JOHN XXIII PARISH

**October 15th,
2023**



**28th Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Mass Schedule and Reconciliation:

Pope St. John XXIII Parish

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
Tacoma, WA 98445

Phone - (253) 537-8551

Fax - (253) 537-0459

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:

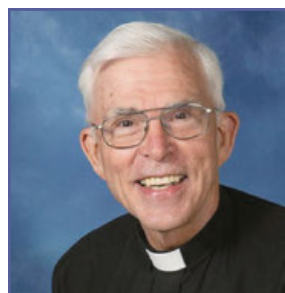
Saturday - 8:00 a.m.

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Tacoma, WA 98405



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Pastor's Letter

Dear Parishioners,

We warmly welcome our guests celebrating the Feast Day of our Patron Saint, Pope Saint John XXIII. Today, we gather in unity with joy and peace, honored by a procession with his image and icon, seeking his blessings for our parish.

We thank the dedicated members of the Liturgy Commission's core team for organizing this event. We're also gathering for a Rosary Rally, praying for peace, the unborn, and the sick elderly. Join us in October before Masses to pray the Rosary as we celebrate "respect for life." Our gratitude goes to parish ministries integrating the Rosary into their meetings this month.

In the spirit of growth and community, we welcome the introduction of a new family ministry within our parish. This ministry serves as a support network for couples, helping them navigate the journey of marriage within the embrace of Pope Saint John XXIII Parish. Last Monday, we had the privilege of meeting with some of the couples who joined this ministry during their orientation session. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Thuy-Tien and Ly Tran for their invaluable assistance in launching this initiative.

Recently, we were blessed to engage with the Food for the Poor Leadership Team. Their dedication to caring for the less fortunate in our community, on behalf of our parish, is commendable. We also convened a Facility and Maintenance meeting to address a list of urgent tasks, and we are grateful for the committee members' commitment to maintaining our facilities.

September brought many blessings to our Parish Family, with weddings and baptisms that filled our hearts with joy. We're grateful to all who assisted in maintaining our facilities after these celebrations.

Your participation in our listening sessions is valuable. Your insights help us fulfill our parish mission and address your needs. We've noticed concerns about the Sacrament of the Sick and Outreach Ministry within our parish boundaries. If a family member needs the Sacrament of Anointing, please contact the Parish Office or Outreach Ministers like Father Hendry or Sister Anna for prompt assistance. We're grateful for individuals like Father Hendry, Father Jose, Sister Anna, and Homebound Ministry volunteers who bring communion to those unable to attend Mass. Your support is vital for our ministry's success.

We're proud of our strong Faith Formation program, tailored to our parishioners' needs, thanks to dedicated volunteers. Our Youth and Children's program is thriving, led by the Youth Leadership Team, who celebrate our children's diverse backgrounds, enhancing our parish life. Special thanks to the core team for their outstanding work in this ministry.

October is packed with exciting parish events, including breakfasts after Mass, a special event on the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, Fall Harvest/Oktoberfest celebrations, senior luncheons, and post-Mass social gatherings with coffee and donuts. You're warmly invited to join in the festivities and community spirit.

Consider how you can help realize your vision for our parish. Your feedback has already led to positive changes. Financial support, ideas, and program leadership can enrich our parish. My heartfelt thanks to the Real-estate Committee, Financial Council, and Pastoral Council for their dedication. We've accomplished much and have a busy agenda ahead focusing on this year's goals and visions.

Please review the annual parish report. It highlights last year's events and our achievements despite challenges. We hope it fills you with pride in our parish's accomplishments.

Lastly, we invite you to join our parish's activities and ministries. Serving others fosters a deeper connection to our parish, brings fulfillment, and fosters a sense of ownership. Your continued support is highly appreciated, and we wish you 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.

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Lazarus Committee: Theresa Naufahu, (253) 290-6249/ Nancy Burkholder, (253) 537-9283

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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.

Our Food Bank is having a Sock Drive throughout the month of October. Winter is coming and we want to be able to help our friends who come to our doors keep warm. Donations can be dropped off at the ST Chapel or at the Food Bank. Boxes will be at the church doors of the ST Chapel for donations.

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>

Stewardship of Treasure Sacrificial Giving

Collection for Sept.30 & Oct.1, 2023

Pope St. John XXIII Parish

\$ 7,505 Env. 184

Online \$ 534

PSJXXIII Statue: \$2,500

St. John of the Woods Mission

Sunday \$3,166 Env. 63

Online \$1,160- env.16

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South Tacoma Chapel

\$4,008 Env. 34

Online: \$927.

Thank you



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!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

at Pope St. John XXIII Parish Center
CCD classes Wednesday, 6:30 - 7:40 P.M.

Adult Catechism Classes: Wednesday at 6:30pm- 7:25
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):
Monday, 6:30-8:30 pm



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



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.



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
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Pope St. John XXIII Parish

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For anointing of the sick please call Sr. Anna at 253-592-2455.

Knights of Columbus

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



Congratulations the weddings

**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!



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.

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.

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 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.

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.

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!



Senior Lunch:

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

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

Stewardship of Talent

Everything we have is a gift from God and we are called to share these gifts with others. The challenge is to understand our role and respond generously to this call from God.

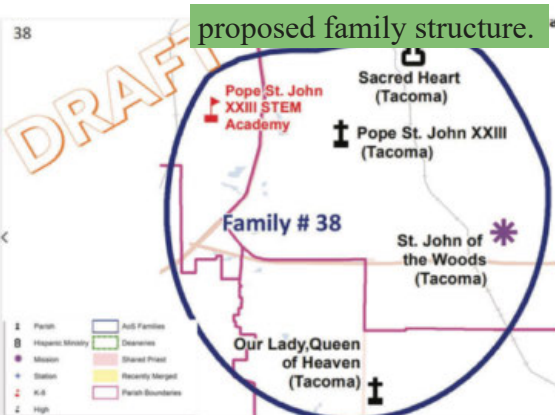
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Helping with Mission wide mailings—Sr. Linh 253-905-7269
Carpentry, Plumbing, Electrical—Daniel Soderlind 253-377-1952
Flowers and Decorations or Liturgical Celebrations—Joan O'Shea 253-531-5159
Altar Servers (youth and adult) - Joe & Bernie Mesa 253-831-1235
Helping grieving families with funeral planning (Lazarus Commission)
Darlene Cartwright 253-848-1633
Greeting people as they come into Mass—Terrie Graham 253-537-4558
Paul Giovaninni



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

Mass Schedule
All Saints & All Souls Day

Pope St. John XXIII

All Saints-Nov. 1st Wednesday

8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. **English**
7:00 p.m. **Vietnamese**

St. John of the Woods: 9:30 am

All Souls Day-Nov 2nd Thursday

8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. **English**
7:00 p.m. **Vietnamese**

PSJ23 STEM Academy School Mass

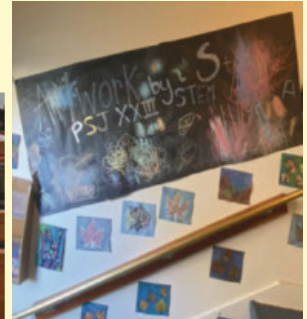
All souls-Thursday Nov.2nd: 9:00am

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Pope St. John XXIII 11:00 am
SJOW Mission 9:30AM



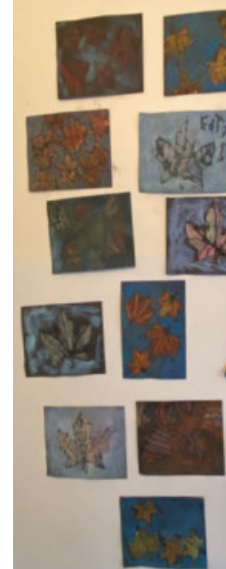
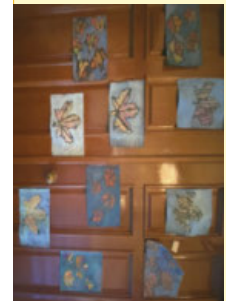
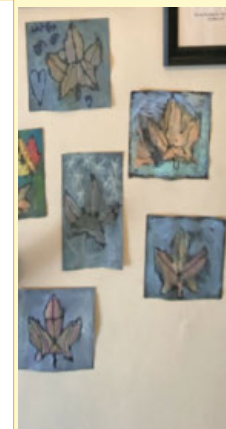
Fall Decoration in School



Pope St. John XXIII
STEM ACADEMY

Ensuring vitality is essential to Pope St. John XXIII STEM Academy's future success. This is why we are proud to be conducting an enrollment feasibility study this year. This study aims to examine the strengths, potential weaknesses, and areas of growth for the school and staff. Please keep an eye out for next week's bulletin for a link and QR code to a short survey. Your insight is valuable to the growth of Pope St. John XXIII STEM Academy!

At school, students are thrilled to be exploring faith and community with exciting projects and events this school year. Last week, Kindergarten honored the Feast Day of St. Francis with their own Blessing of the Animals in class (right). Students each brought in an animal that was created by God to honor them, celebrating with a cookie party at the end of the day. We look forward to sharing more exciting events with the school and parish community!



As we get into fall, the 2023 Annual Fund is getting underway. This is the largest fund to support students and Catholic education at Pope St. John XXIII STEM Academy. If you are interested in contributing, you can scan the QR code below or contact steinera@psjstem.org for other investment options. We appreciate your commitment to students!

Upcoming Events:

All-school mass every Thursday, 9:00-10:00 AM
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10/16 PSJXXIII Pumpkin Patch hosted by PTO
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