

# PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE.

## POPE ST. JOHN XXIII PARISH

**October 22nd,  
2023**



**29th Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

### Mass Schedule and Reconciliation:

#### Pope St. John XXIII Parish

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#### 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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#### 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:

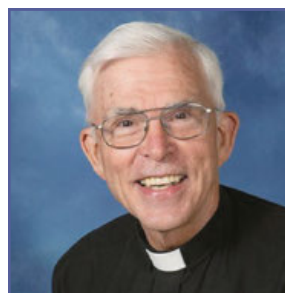
Saturday - 8:00 a.m.

#### St. Rita Station

1403 S Ainsworth Ave,  
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# Pastor's Letter

Dear Parishioners,

Last Sunday, we celebrated our Patron, Saint Pope John XXIII, and the Fall Harvest Festival at Saint John of the Woods Mission. We're immensely grateful to the core team leaders for their dedicated efforts and for your kind invitations to family and friends.

We deeply thank the dedicated Steward Committee and Parish Staff for preparing the Annual Parish Report, which you'll receive at home. Look out for my upcoming Stewardship Campaign letter, and I kindly request your support to advance our parish mission. Special thanks to the Witness Speakers at Weekend Masses for sharing their faith and the importance of giving back, urging your active participation in this campaign to support our parish. Join us as a faithful steward of God's love and care.

Lately, our parish has been abuzz with meetings involving the Parish Staff, Leadership Team, Advisory Team, and more. As your pastor, I joined a Deanery meeting with fellow priests. We're grateful for the diligent liturgical ministers who attended training, ensuring they are well-prepared for their roles in our parish.

We're grateful for our dedicated volunteers who help with various projects at our parish sites. We're currently seeking a secure storage solution at Pope Saint John XXIII's main campus for equipment, such as the lawn mower, to protect it from the elements.

We highly value your participation in the Listening Session at our parish location. I also had the privilege of meeting with the Pastors at Sacred Heart Parish and Our Lady Queen of Heaven, fostering unity and prayer. It was a wonderful experience of sharing and listening with open hearts.

Last week, we had an informative meeting with the School Commission, emphasizing their vital role in our school and parish ministry. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the School Commission, Parish Leadership Team, and Financial and Pastoral Councils for shaping our parish's vision and priorities. We welcome those with gifts and talents to join us in advancing our parish's ministry.

We have a wealth of social events in our parish. Your feedback from the listening groups is valuable, and we're aware of the need to address concerns. When you receive the survey for our Catholic School's feasibility study, your completion and return are vital for future planning. Some questions may have answers, while others need further investigation. The study will help us shape a clear vision for long-term parish ministry support for our school, guided by your prayers and the Holy Spirit.

We've received calls from hospitals and nursing homes. If a family member needs the Sacrament of Anointing due to illness, please contact the Parish Office, Sister Anna, Father Hendry, or me, so we can prioritize their care. In changing weather, it's crucial to care for your health.

In conclusion, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Parish Staff, Leadership Team, volunteers, and our beloved parishioners. We greatly appreciate your involvement in shaping the upcoming year's budget and encourage your engagement in our children's programs. In this Year of Eucharistic Revival, we're thankful for your commitment to attending Mass regularly and encourage your active participation in our parish ministry and activities.

Congratulations to the newlywed couples and the children who received the Sacrament of Baptism. We're delighted to see more enrollments in our Faith Formation program, and we appreciate your support in its growth. Wishing you a blessed 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.

### Parish Deacons:

Deacon Theman Pham - (253) 224-0237 | [DPham@psj23.org](mailto:DPham@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](mailto:MinistryOTP@psj23.org)

Faith Formation Commission/ Knights of Columbus: Monty Montes, (253) 304-4473; [montytpm@psj23.org](mailto:montytpm@psj23.org)

RCIA Director: LB Gilmer - (253) 472-1360 | [lbgilmer@gmail.com](mailto:lbgilmer@gmail.com);

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

### Ministries to the Poor

#### Ministries of Care

Phone: (253) 474-0835

[MinistryOTP@psj23.org](mailto: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.

### 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!

## Stewardship of Treasure Sacrificial Giving

Collection for Oct.7&8, 2023

### Pope St. John XXIII Parish

\$6,717

Online will update next week

Sunday Breakfast: \$ 2,352

PSJXXIII Statue: \$300

### St. John of the Woods Mission

Sunday \$4,408 Env. 69

Online \$710- env.11

Loose \$497

### South Tacoma Chapel

\$1,303 Env. 17

Online: \$367

**Thank you**



We invite you to participate in this vital mission by returning your Stewardship of Treasure pledge card. You can do so by mail, during collections, or conveniently online at the following link : <https://ppay.co/4YVwxFiN-tU>  
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We are beginning our yearly focus on Parish Stewardship. This week you will receive a letter about our parish's annual renewal of Stewardship of Treasure. We invite you to reflect on how God has blessed you in your lives, and in the coming weeks, we will ask you to consider returning a proper portion of those blessings to your parish as we continue the mission set before us by Jesus Christ. Next Sunday, we will be hearing from one of our parishioners about how God has blessed them and how & why they chose to share her blessings.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

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

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**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!*

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**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, **November 11th** and **December 9th**

**1:00 –2:30pm class in English**

**2:30 – 4:00pm in Vietnamese**

At Pope Saint John XXIII Parish Center.

**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 Elevator at east entrance. Come and see what Santa's Elves have made for you!

**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, Michael Thompson, 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.*

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

**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.

**we are HIRING**

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 [jwargo@psj23.org](mailto:jwargo@psj23.org).

**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.

**Thank you** Partners in the Gospel Listening Sessions, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all who attended the Listening Sessions. Your many concerns and challenges were recorded and forwarded to the Archdiocese. We pray for an open and hopeful response to the information we have provided.



## Fall Harvest Bazaar



A big thank you to all of the volunteers who make this event possible. We appreciate your hard work and donations that make the annual bazaar a success!

Our next Senior Lunch is Wednesday, November 1st at 11:30. Mark your calendars and join us for lunch and conversation. All are welcome.



Senior Lunch

## Children's Mass

SJOW Mission on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am Mass. Theme for all Children's Masses at this time: We will collect canned food or non-perishable food for Thanksgiving baskets to the poor and the needy. All children are invited to bring a canned food to the Children's Mass.

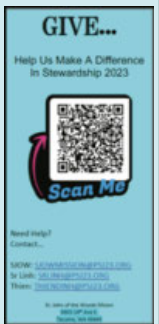
## Eucharistic Adoration

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

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

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Today is World Mission Sunday. Please consider making a donation. Many foreign missions rely on our generosity to sustain the Church, which is an instrument of God's love and mercy, His hope and

## October is Respect Life Month

Every October, we consider more deeply why human life is valuable and reflect on how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death. Join Catholics nation wide in celebrating Respect for Life Month.

**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 mail laurelsamples@gmail.com.



**All Saints & All Souls Day**  
 All Saints-Nov. 1st Wednesday  
**Pope St. John XXIII**  
 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM **English**  
 7:00 PM **Vietnamese**  
**St. John of the Woods: 9:30 AM**

**All Souls Day-Nov 2nd Thursday**  
**Pope St. John XXIII**  
 8:00 AM. and 5:00 PM. **English**  
 7:00 PM. **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

**Fundraising Event for Church Window Repairs at Saint Rita of Cascia**  
*Location:* 1403 South Ainsworth Avenue, Tacoma, WA 98405  
*Date and Time:* Saturday, December 2, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.  
 Bilingual Mass in English and Italian.  
 Special Shroud of Turin Artwork Exhibit begins at 3:15 p.m.  
*Dinner Tickets* are available for a \$30 donation, and you can also contribute \$20 for an honor page remembrance. Tickets can be purchased starting at 9 a.m. during the Saturday Prayer Service at St. Rita. Everyone is Welcome to Attend the Mass.  
 If you have any questions, please contact us at [stiritacomapa@gmail.com](mailto:stiritacomapa@gmail.com).



Thank you for your partnership and commitment to Pope St. John XXIII STEM Academy. We are proud to have an enrollment of over 175 students, while welcoming students as young as six weeks old and through 8th grade. This school year, we are thrilled to be doing an Enrollment Feasibility study to see how the school can best serve our community. We ask that you please scan the QR code to the right and complete the Parishoner Survey by October 27th. This survey is anonymous and data is compiled by Meitler Company, an organization committed to assisting Catholic schools in growth.



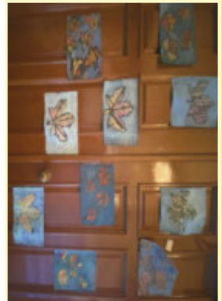
Please feel free to email [steinera@psjstem.org](mailto:steinera@psjstem.org) if you would like a direct link sent to you!



We would also like to invite members of the parish community to the PSJXXIII STEM Showcase on October 25th from 5-7PM. This annual event allows students and classes to display projects they are currently working on as well as invites community organizations to share about their programs in the Tacoma area!

**Upcoming Events:**

All-school mass every Thursday, 9:00-10:00 AM at South Tacoma Chapel!  
 10/25 from 5-7PM PSJXXIII STEM Showcase at the school, 3306 S. 58th Street. We hope to see you there!





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