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POPE ST. JOHN XXIII PARISH

**November 5th,
2023**



**31st Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Mass Schedule and Reconciliation:

Pope St. John XXIII Parish

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Tacoma, WA 98408

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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

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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:

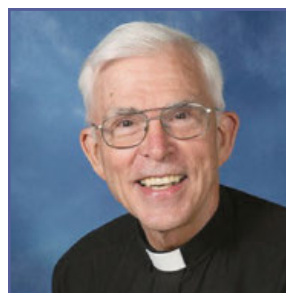
Saturday - 8:00 a.m.

St. Rita Station

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Pastor's Letter

Dear Parishioners,

In October, we came together in devotion to recite the Rosary for Respect for Life and Peace in the world. We were heartened to witness many parishioners joining us before our Daily and Weekend Masses to beseech God for life and peace on Earth. Our sacred space also saw the celebration of various sacraments and joyful gatherings like the Fall Harvest Festival, Bazaar Sale, and the commemoration of our beloved patron saint, Saint Pope John XXIII.

We're grateful for your involvement in our All Saints and All Souls celebrations, and we thank our dedicated core team. Celebrating the Children's Mass with our numerous Faith Formation Program students was a blessing. Please take a look at our annual report for insights into our activities and financial support. Your generosity in time, talents, and financial aid is crucial for our parish.

We appreciate those who shared their faith journeys at our parish, enriching our Weekend Masses with their testimonies. We encourage you to respond to God's call to support our parish. Active engagement in our parish life will make it feel like a second home, and, like any home, we all share a responsibility for its care. Being a good steward means reflecting on the blessings we've received from God and sharing them with our Parish Family. Please participate in our Catholic School survey and commit as stewards of God's gifts.

We deeply appreciate parents for their unwavering commitment in bringing their children to school and Faith Formation. Your dedication, born from love, is recognized and cherished by your children. We constantly remind them of your support as they grow in the Catholic Faith, and they hold you in their prayers. Our parish stands ready to support your family through sacraments and nurturing our Faith Community. Thanks to our many volunteers, we effectively extend our outreach and assistance to others.

November is the month of remembrance. Please sign the Book of Remembrance at the back of the Church. Together, we pray and remember our departed loved ones. You'll also find pictures of those who passed away last year in the Church, offering us the chance to remember and pray for them. Our Outreach Ministry supports families in mourning during this time.

Our Parish Leadership Team will meet this Monday, postponed from November 1st due to All Saints' celebration. We thank our team members for their vital role in shaping our parish's vision, managing the budget, and ensuring its preparation for our use. Additionally, we meet regularly with representatives from various parish ministries to hear their reports.

I've recently met with leadership teams from various parish locations to discuss facility and maintenance needs. We're fortunate to have these teams offering valuable insights. Committees at different locations are assisting us with tasks and crucial information to guide our actions. This oversight committee collaborates with me to ensure effective task management.

We're grateful for your presence at the Funeral Services for our parishioners at Holy Rosary, Saint John of the Woods Mission, and Visitation Church. Many of our elderly members supported the parish in their youth and now need our help. Sister Anna and our volunteers lead our Outreach Ministry, ensuring communion and the Sacrament of Anointing reach those in need. Thank you for your support.

Please join our parish events at various locations throughout the week to meet fellow parishioners and strengthen our community. Your prayers and support mean a lot to us. 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.

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Parish Leadership:

Pastoral Council: Louie Tran - (253) 230-4265
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Ministries of the Poor Food Bank : (253) 474-0835; MinistryOTP@psj23.org
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Community Outreach

Sandwich Ministry & Food Bank

Mon thru Fri. 9:30–11:30am

Gift Card/Voucher Assistance:

Tue & Thur 9:30 - 11:30am

No Utility or Rental assistance available

Ministries to the Poor & Care

South Tacoma Chapel 3314 So 58th St, Tacoma, WA

Phone: (253) 474-0835

MinistryOTP@psj23.org



Co-Presidents: Linda Lamb
Dcn. Mike Teskey
• Vice Chair: Margaret Thompson
• Treasurer: Maryann Harshman

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.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE SACRIFICIAL GIVING

COLLECTION FOR OCT. 21, 22/2023

POPE ST. JOHN XXIII PARISH

SUNDAY \$6,777_ ENV. 174

ONLINE \$1,102

PSJXXIII STATUE PROJECT: \$100

BREAKFAST \$1,648

ST. JOHN OF THE WOODS MISSION

SUNDAY \$2,688_ ENV. 65

ONLINE: \$650 ENV. 11

LOOSE - \$534.65

SOUTH TACOMA CHAPEL

SUNDAY \$2210 - ENV. 34

ONLINE: \$267- ENV. 31

Senior Mass

Join us for crafts, music
and delicious treats!

December 14 • 10:00 Am

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be
during the Mass, followed by lunch in the
Parish Hall.



BEGINNING NOVEMBER 25TH

The Giving Tree in PSJXXIII

Beginning November 25th
the Giving Tree for the homebound and nursing
home will be set up for Christmas gifts.
Please take a tag and bring back the gift un-
wrapped before December 17th and place under
the tree.
Anyone can participate.
Thank You.

PARISH NEWS



SCAN ME



POPE ST. JOHN XXIII PARISH
Need Help? Contact us :
Sr. Linh: SRLINH@PSJ23.ORG
Thien Dinh : THIENDINH@PSJ23.ORG

Stewardship of Treasures Bringing Hope to Our Community

Thank you to all those who have already returned your Parish Stewardship commitment card. When we think of being good stewards, we may think that God is asking too much of us when He calls us to generously share our time, talent and especially treasure.

However, we must remember that we are not 'owners' of anything, we are merely 'stewards' of the gifts God has given us. All He is asking is that we give back a small portion, in gratitude of what He has already given to us. I ask everyone else to prayerfully evaluate your giving to the parish and community and return your commitment card as soon as possible.

We are called to share our treasure with others

SCAN ME



Or fill the Donation Pledge Form here.

Oct 29th - December 10th
with pick up date on December 15th
at South Tacoma Chapel.

CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

Please bring non-perishable food items to Mass and place them in decorated boxes. Each item is greatly appreciated!

You can HELP

5 LB of potatoes
Canned sweet potatoes
Small marshmallows
Olives

Cream of mushroom soup
Jello
String Beans
Gift cards or money for a Ham
Gift cards or money for other groceries

Boxed cake mix
Cake frosting
Gravy in a jar or can
Canned cranberries

We will be preparing 50 baskets, and anyone in need of one should call the food bank.



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 or December 9th

1:00 - 2:30pm class in English

2:30 - 4:00pm in Vietnamese

At Pope St John XXIII Parish Center

Thank You for cleaning up the store house
Last week, our volunteers helped to clean up and renew the store house of PSJXXIII Parish. Everything looks so beautiful. Words are not enough to say thank you. May God bless you all for the good works you have done.



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.



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.

Help Us Make Differences

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St. John of the Woods Mission

Eucharistic Adoration

Pope St. John XXIII

Thursdays: 9:00am-10:00am

& 7:00pm - 8:00pm

St. John of the Woods Mission

Mondays: 7:00-8:00pm

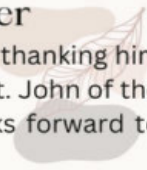


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A Note from Bishop Schuster

Fr. Tuan received a note from Bishop Schuster, thanking him for the warm welcome into the community of St. John of the Woods. He felt blessed to be with us and looks forward to future visits.



THANK YOU!

Thank you to our Seniors for sponsoring the Halloween Party. All age groups were represented and a good time was had by all. We appreciate the group of busy parishioners who generously shared their time and talent to organize, setup and facilitate this event.



SENIOR LUNCH

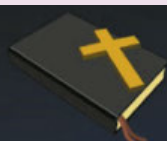
SJOW hosts Senior Lunch the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 11:30am. Please join us for lunch, Wednesday, November 15th. It is a great way for people who are home during the week to get out and have a great lunch, some fun & fellowship. Everyone is welcome!



St. John of the Woods Summit Christian Preschool

We are 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

Bible Study



The Study of the Gospel of Matthew begins Tuesday, November 7th at 1pm and 7pm. Information and registration is available after Mass today or contact Cheryl Penry at 253-531-4355

Thanksgiving Day Mass SJOW Mission 9:30AM

Volunteer Opportunities:

Security: We could use a few more volunteers to provide nightly security for our church grounds. Each volunteer checks to make sure the buildings are secure, doors locked and all unnecessary lights turned off each evening for one week about every 6 weeks (depending on number of volunteers). Please call the office at 253-537-8551. Leave your name and telephone number.

Mailings: Volunteers are needed to help stuff envelopes for the parish wide mailings. It usually takes 1 – 2 hours to prepare each mailing. Please contact the office at 253-537-8551

Saint John of the Woods Mission

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

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

South Tacoma Chapel

The memory table will be set up for the entire month of November. Please bring pictures of loved ones that have passed so that we can honor them and pray for them as a parish family.



Month of the Souls in Purgatory

Praying for the souls by:

Visiting a cemetery each day between November 1 and November 8.

November 2. In visiting the church or oratory, it is required, that one Our Father and the Creed be recited.

These indulgences are applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory.

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 stritchatacomapa@gmail.com.



South Tacoma Chapel **Volunteer Needed**

We are in need of volunteers for a funeral team. This team will help grieving families have the opportunity to share memories and celebrate the life of a loved one who has passed. The funeral team will organize receptions for funerals at the South Tacoma campus. *If interested, there is a sign up in the back of the church or you can call Jeannine Wargo at the Parish Office.*



Pope St. John XXIII STEM Academy students practice faith every day, in many different ways! One exciting way we see this is through Faith Education with Fr. Henry, the new Thursday specialist implemented this school year. Students get to spend time with Father, learning about their faith. Father Hendry brought students into South Tacoma Chapel for a tour of the church, where they got to see up-close the things they see every week at mass (right). One student brought an offering for God and the church and had the opportunity to light a candle with her class (below). Thank you, Fr. Henry, for your time spent with and teaching our students!



Giving and service is an integral part of Catholic education. if you would like to give back to students and Pope St. John XXIII STEM Academy, we encourage you to contribute to this year's annual fund. The

Annual Fund allows us to continue to provide an excellent, faith-based education in South Tacoma. Scan the QR code, or see the link below, to donate today! Thank you!



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

November: 2023-24 Annual Fund begins! Visit psjstem.org/donate to invest in Catholic education today.

In Ours Prayers



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

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.

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