PARABLE OF THE TEN VIRGINS: FIVE OF THEM WERE FOOLISH AND FIVE WERE WISE (MT 25:1-13).

# The Bridegroom is Coming: stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

## POPE ST. JOHN XXIII PARISH

# November 12th, 2023



# 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Mass Schedule and Reconciliation:

#### Pope St. John XXIII Parish

7025 Park Ave. South 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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#### St. John of the Woods Mission

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:

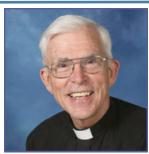
Saturday - 8:00 a.m.

#### St. Rita Station

1403 S Ainsworth Ave, Tacoma, WA 98405



Fr. Tuan Nguyen, D. Min., Pastor 253-882-9943 frtuan@psj23.org



Fr. Patrick McDermott

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Fr. Hendry Jesu Rajan 253-444-8614 frhendry@psj23.org

#### **Pastor's Letter**

Dear Parishioners,

We had a joyful week filled with various parish celebrations and events. We're grateful for your engagement in our ministry and activities, including the Halloween party and Children's Mass organized by dedicated core team members. We also appreciate the committee that arranged the Bazaar Sale at both Saint John of the Woods Mission and Pope Saint John XXIII Parish. It's wonderful to see so many events taking place across our parish sites.

We had a busy week with various All Saints and All Souls celebrations. Thank you for participating in our Faith Community's prayers for the Synodal Session with Pope Francis and for the wisdom of the Church. We also invite you to join us in November to pray for our deceased loved ones. Many attended Masses on these special days, and we appreciate our dedicated liturgical ministers who assisted at the celebrations.

We're grateful for your support in bringing homebound relatives and friends to the Mass of Anointing. Special thanks to Father Hendry and Father Patrick for their assistance at Saint John of the Woods Mission Church. Also, thank you for providing pictures of loved ones who passed away last year for our November prayers. We've had several Funeral Services for long-time parishioners this year, with the Lazarus Ministry's invaluable help during church, funeral home, and cemetery celebrations. Join us for the cemetery Mass to pray for our loved ones. We're in need of new members to join the Outreach Ministry and serve our parish.

Last week, you received the Parish Annual Report and the Stewardship Campaign letter, and you also heard from our Witness Speakers at various Weekend Masses across the parish. I've emphasized the importance of serving those in need, promoting our ministry and activities, and encouraging greater engagement in our parish. You're invited to join us by sharing your time, talent, and treasure and participating more actively in the parish. We appreciate those who have filled out a Commitment Card to support our parish, and this information will help the Financial Council plan the budget for the upcoming year.

We welcome guest priests and appreciate other priests leading retreats and our dedicated Religious Sisters. Our parish is blessed with a dedicated team of Priests, Religious Sisters, Permanent Deacons, Seminarians, and Lay Leadership. This week, we initiate our vocation prayer focus, praying for those who serve us. You may have noticed the poster with Seminarians' pictures; please continue praying for more vocations and the response of young people to God's call. Your prayers and support are highly valued!

Next weekend, one of the Vietnamese Choir will celebrate their Patron Saints' Feast Day, the Vietnamese Martyrs. We thank them for their ministry within our parish. May the Lord continue to bless upon their ministry. You are cordially invited to join them to support their ministry within our parish.

We deeply appreciate your ongoing support for our parish's diverse events and initiatives. Our Outreach Ministry is dedicated to serving the less fortunate, visiting the homebound, and responding to emergencies with the help of a committed team of priests. We also host social and fellowship events like the Senior Luncheon, Breakfast after Mass, and Coffee and Donut gatherings, fostering a strong sense of community within our Parish Family. Our parish volunteers contribute to various projects at different sites, and we're grateful for their assistance. We are currently exploring professional assistance for a specific project, pending sufficient funds. As the year comes to a close, we kindly ask you to consider our Parish Family in your end-of-year giving. Your contribution plays a vital role in realizing projects that have been awaiting adequate funding.

Thanksgiving is a time for gratitude and sharing with our Parish Family. Join us for Thanksgiving Mass and bring food to help those in need. Your support for our parish is appreciated, and we extend blessings to you and your family. Thanks for attending Funeral Services for long-time parishioners and supporting their families. Wishing you a blessed week!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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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 Staff:**

Parish Secretary: Carmen Lozano - (253) 472-1360, ext. 100 | carmen@psj23.org Faith Formation Coordinator: Sr. Theresa N. (253)592-2541 | sotheresa2022@psj23.org Facility Maintenance: Don McMakin - (253) 590 - 6824 | dmcmakin@psj23.org Special project manager: Thien Dinh (253)-279-3361 | thiendinh@psj23.org South Tacoma Chapel & St. Rita's: Jeannine Wargo - 253-229-2077 | jwargo@psj23.org Stewardship/ Communication/ Bulletin: Sr. Linh N. (253)-905-7269 | Srlinh@psj23.org Outreach/ Homebound Ministry: Sr. Anna Nguyen - (253) 592-2455 | sranna@psj23.org Weddings / Funeral: Fr. Tuan Nguyen - (253) 882-9943 | frtuan@psj23.org

#### Parish Leadership:

Pastoral Council: Louie Tran - (253) 230-4265 Finance Council: Bob Richardson - (253) 922-2412

Ministries of the Poor Food Bank (STC Site): (253) 474-0835; MinistryOTP@psj23.org Faith Formation Commission/ Knights of Columbus: Monty Montes, (253) 304-4473; montypm@psj23.org

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





South Tacoma Chapel

#### **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.

#### CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

From Oct. 29th- Dec.10th. Pick up: Dec.15th at South Tacoma Chapel.

Please bring non-perishable food items to Mass and place in decorated boxes. **The following is a list of suggested items needed to fill Christmas Baskets:** Box of stuffing 5 LB of potatoes Canned sweet potatoes, Small marshmallows, Olives, Boxed cake mix, Cake frosting, Gravy in a jar or can, Canned cranberries, Cream of mushroom soup, Jello String Beans, Gift cards or money for a Ham, Gift cards or money for other groceries,...

If you are needing, assistance with food for Christmas, please call 253-474-0835, Tuesdays or Thursdays, 9:30AM-11:30AM.

Ministries of the Poor Food Bank is a ministry of Pope St. John XXIII Parish and serves everyone within the boundaries of our new parish. Your help will serve the needy within the neighborhoods of PSIXXIII Parish, ST Chapel, SIOW and St. Rita.

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

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PSJXXIII STATUE PROJECT: \$500
BREAKFAST \$1,800

ST. JOHN OF THE WOODS MISSION

SUNDAY \$3,447\_ ENV. 63 ONLINE: \$1,205 ENV. 19 LOOSE - \$546

SOUTH TACOMA CHAPEL

SUNDAY\$ \$3,636 - ENV. 34 ONLINE: \$577- ENV. 31





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 unwrapped 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 Our Parish Stewardship of Treasure Renewal is coming to a close and we are grateful to those who have returned their pledge card . Please make your pledge today by going online at <a href="https://www.psj23.org/online-giving-guide">https://www.psj23.org/online-giving-guide</a> or completing the commitment card in the pew. Thank you.

#### SCAN ME



Or fill the Donation Pledge Form here.

#### You're invited!

### Senior Christmas Mass

YOU ALL ARE INVITED TO COME TO SELEBRATE WITH SENIORS MASS AT PSJ XXIII CHURCH.

Thursday, December 14th at 10:00 a.m
We will have the Anointing of the Sick
during Mass. After Mass there is
entertainment from our children at the
Pre-K Class. Also raffle tickets, prizes
and dinner will be served. All are
welcome! Come and join us. We thank
God for the year with many blessings we
have received. Merry Christmas to all.

#### **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

**South Tacoma Chapel:** 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 contact Jeannine Wargo at the Parish

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.

**Thanksgiving Mass Nov.23th** 

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

#### Mass Schedules

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FRIDAY DEC. 8TH

#### Pope St. John XXIII

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

South Tacoma Chapel:9:00 a.m

Saint John of the Woods: 9:30 a.m.

#### Communal Advent Reconciliation:

December 13th from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

#### **Advent Reflection**

Tuesday,December 19th After the 8:00 am Mass By: Fr. Vaiula.

Everyone is invited.

#### Dec. 24th (Sunday) Christmas Eve:

Pope Saint John XXIII

4:00 p.m Carols 4:30 p.m Mass\_English 7:00 p.m Mass-Vietnamese 10:30 p.m Mass-BiLingual

**S.T. Chapel:** 5:00 p.m **SJOW:** 10:00 p.m Mass

#### Dec. 25th (Monday) Christmas Day

Pope Saint John XXIII

7:45 a.m Vietnamese Mass 9:45 a.m English Mass 4:00 p.m Vietnamese Mass

**S.T. Chapel** 9:30a.m **SJOW** 8:00 a.m and 11:30 a.m

#### January 1st (Monday) Solemnity of Mary

Pope Saint John XXIII

7:45 a.m Vietnamese 9:45a.m English STC: 9:30 a.m SJOW: 9:30 a.m

#### **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.

# Parish Stewardship occurs in the Fall of each year.

Stewardship occurs in the Fall of each year.

- St. John of the Woods parishioner's support this Mission's Campaign
- It provides ordinary income supporting the work and ministries at St. John of the Woods Mission, including:

Mission Ministries Church Building Maintenance Religious Education Program Priests and Staff

- Annual pledges are fulfilled to the Mission from January to December
- Stewardship donations are processed directly though the office here at St. John of the Woods
- Tax statements are provided by the Mission office
- No money is collected at this time only your pledge for 2024 to the Mission

#### **Thanksgiving Mass**

We invite everyone to the Thanksgiving **Mass on November 23**<sup>rd</sup> **at 9:30am**; please bring items from your table that you would like to have blessed. There will be a table in front near the sanctuary for you to place your foods. We also ask if you can bring a non-perishable food item to offer at the offertory at Mass. Your donations will go to Ministries of the Poor at PSJXXIII.

#### Help Us Make Differences

Online Donation By Scanning QR Code

Sr. Linh: SRLINH@PSJ23.ORG Thien: THIENDINH@PSJ23.ORG



St. John of the Woods Mission



#### Or fill the Donation Pledge Form here.

Our Mission Stewardship of Treasure Renewal is coming to a close. We are grateful to those who have returned their pledge card (or e-pledge, etc.) We have not yet reached our goal of pledge cards returned. Please make your pledge today by going on line at wesharegiving.org/App/Form/57b66168-9fc3-47cb-814c-82bccec92119 scan the QR Code or by completing the commitment card. Thank You

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!



**Ministries of the Poor** is asking for your help in filling Christmas Food Baskets. There are boxes in the back of the church to receive your donations. The following food items are needed: 5 pound bags of potatoes, canned sweet potatoes, small marshmallows, olives, cream of mushroom soup, string beans, gravy in a jar or can, canned cranberries, canned vegetables, Jello, boxed cake mix,

#### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:**

**Security:** We need additional volunteers to provide nightly security for our church grounds. Each volunteer checks the buildings nightly for one week about every 4 -- 6 weeks. Please contact Terry Keister at 253-224-1335

**Mailings:** We will need willing helpers to prepare mailings in the coming months. Please call the office, leaving your name and telephone number.

Thank you for sharing your time and talent, We appreciate your assistance!

#### PRAYER NEEDED

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

#### **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 Sat-

urday Prayer Service at St. Rita. Everyone is Welcome to Attend the Mass. If you have any questions, please contact us at <a href="mailto:stritatacomapa@gmail.com">stritatacomapa@gmail.com</a>.





The importance of faith and value of STEM education intersect at Pope St. John XXIII STEM Academy. Putting and emphasis on community means that students, families, and the school share in these values. This was seen a few weeks ago at the annual STEM Showcase hosted by PSJXXIII. Students had the opportunity to walk their families around the school, explaining their current projects and curriculum, as well as explore other class'. There were also community organizations present to show STEM opportunities in Tacoma and beyond. It was a



great evening to learn about STEM in and outside of the school! Students in one class loved showing their parents about their Sun, Moon, and Stars unit (left), while also seeing presentations from Tacoma Astronomical society! Thank you to families and community organizations for attending!

As we move into the fall, we are excited to have the 2023-24 Annual Fund live! Our largest scholarship and financial aid fund, this allows us to continue to provide an excellent, faith-based education in South Tacoma. Scan the QR code to the right, 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 psistem.org/donate to invest in Catholic education today.



#### In Our 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, Weslev 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. Polequin, Brenda Gadson, Fr. Dave Gese, Dean Lucchesi, Frank & Willie Faniel, Jerry Landridge, Karen Jim & Keithley, Maxine Campbell, David Lamb, Tyler Anglin, Vanessa Elmer, Lucy Romo, Benjamin & Linda Holm, Charles, Robin Mazza, Charlie Willand Wyman, Sharon Turner and her Family. All those suffering in war and strife.

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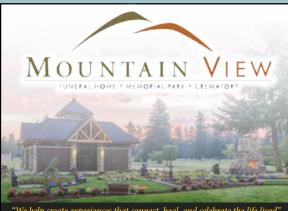
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