



# POPE ST. JOHN XXIII PARISH

**November 19th,  
2023**



**33rd Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

## Mass Schedule and Reconciliation:

**Pope St. John XXIII Parish**  
7025 Park Ave. South  
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**Email:** [psj23parish@psj23.org](mailto: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

**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](mailto: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.

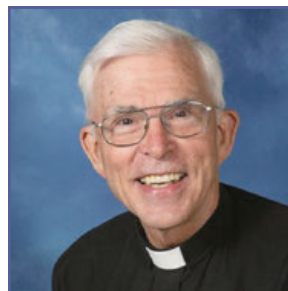
**Reconciliation:**  
Saturday - 8:00 a.m.

**St. Rita Station**  
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# Pastor's Letter

Dear Parishioners,

Here are some thoughts as we prepare for Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is a favorite holiday for many of us. It has the simplicity of a family and friends gathering together for a meal. Why should we be thankful this day? We must learn to be thankful or we will become either bitter and discouraged or grow arrogant and self-satisfied.

Thanksgiving Day also has a profound religious meaning, because giving thanks is the very heart of our natural and spiritual life. For us as Catholics, the central act of worship is called the Eucharist, a Greek word for Thanksgiving. In the Mass, we give thanks to God through Jesus, and share a sacred meal in which we acknowledge the fact that everything we have comes from God.

There are basically two types of people in our world: the grateful and the ungrateful. The Gospel for the Thanksgiving Day Mass tells the story of the ten lepers whom Jesus healed. Only one of them, a Samaritan – a person despised rejected by the Jews – returned to give Him thanks. The other nine, apparently considered their healing as something they had a right to, whereas the Samaritan took it as an undeserved gift from God. This Gospel reminds us that God, too, desires our thanks. “Where are the other nine?” Jesus asks with pain. That is why St. Paul admonishes us, “Always be thankful” (Col 3:17). It is our Christian’s duty, as well as privilege, to be grateful for the blessings of God (Col 1:12-14; Phil 1:3). “Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever” (1 Chr 16:34).

Gathered around the altar celebrating the Eucharist, we find that our expression of thanks becomes part of the great Thanksgiving Prayer of Christ, which unites the mighty chorus of all God’s people. We give thanks for our Church community in which we gather together. It is in this community that we meet Jesus in the Breaking of the Bread and receive the Sacraments that nourish and strengthen us along the way. Hence, “let us give thanks to the Lord our God. For it is right to give God thanks and praise!”

This week each day express your thanks to God for some particular blessings that you have received. Let us be thankful to God. Let us thank God for giving us the gifts of life and health, for providing for our spiritual and physical needs, for giving us our families and friends, and for offering us the grace of salvation through Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

Let us be thankful to our parents, friends and benefactors. Honoring one’s parents is the most basic level of gratitude. Let us also be thankful for the countless good people in our lives, each of whom has brought his or her own special gifts to us and has touched our lives. Today, let us remember each one prayerfully, with reverence and gratitude.

Listen to Mother Teresa who told St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) told this story. “One evening, several of our Sisters went out, and we picked up four people from the street. One of them was in a most terrible condition. So, I told the other Sisters, “You take care of the other three: I will take care of this one who looks the worst.” So, I did for the woman everything that my love could do. I cleaned her and put her in bed, and there was such a beautiful smile on her face. She took hold of my hands and said two words: “Thank you.” Then she died. I could not help but examine my conscience. I asked myself, “What would I say if I were in her place?” My answer was simple. I would have tried to draw a little attention to myself. I would have said, “I am hungry, I am dying, I am in pain.” But the woman gave me much more; she gave me grateful love, dying with a grateful smile on her face. It means that even those with nothing can give us the gift of thanks.”

How much more we should give thanks.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Father Patrick McDermott

## 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:

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### 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](mailto:MinistryOTP@psj23.org)  
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Saint Rita Station



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

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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 PSJXXIII Parish, ST Chapel, SJOW and St. Rita. We will be preparing 50 baskets, and anyone in need of one should call the food bank. Thank you.

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE SACRIFICIAL GIVING

**COLLECTION FOR NOV. 4&5/2023**

### POPE ST. JOHN XXIII PARISH

SUNDAY \$9,149\_ ENV. 188

ONLINE \$2,596

BREAKFAST \$2,002

### ST. JOHN OF THE WOODS MISSION

SUNDAY \$4,117 \_ ENV. 78

ONLINE: \$920 ENV. 12

LOOSE - \$784.5

### SOUTH TACOMA CHAPEL

SUNDAY \$2785.5 - ENV. 28

ONLINE: \$687

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 unwrapped before December 17th and place under the tree. Anyone can participate. Thank You.

# PARISH NEWS

## Sacrificial Giving 2024

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POPE ST. JOHN XXIII PARISH

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL TO THE MANY PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE RETURNED A TREASURE COMMITMENT CARD TO THE PARISH. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR GOOD STEWARDSHIP OF ALL THAT GOD HAS GIVEN YOU. THESE SCAN CODES ARE READY FOR YOU TO CONTRIBUTE IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE.

Need Help? Contact us :  
Sr. Linh: SRLINH@PSJ23.ORG  
Thien Dinh: THIENDINH@PSJ23.ORG

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### Stewardship update:

**PSJXXIII:** pledgers: 66  
Pledges: \$65,351

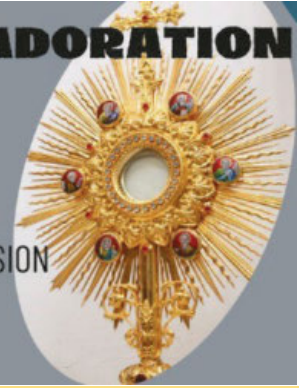
**STC and St. Rita:** pledgers:4  
Pledges: \$3,785

**SJOW:** pledgers: 19  
Pledges: \$52,084

## EUCCHARISTIC 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 Office.

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.

## Senior Christmas Mass

PSJ XXIII Church.

Thursday, December 14th 10:00 AM

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. Come and join us. We thank God for the year with many blessings we have received.

**Contact Information:** If you have not received our weekly newsletter and bulletin by email, please provide your email address to [Srlinh@psj23.org](mailto:Srlinh@psj23.org) or drop an email address in the collection basket. Thank you.

## Thanksgiving Day Mass\_Nov.23rd

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

### Mass Schedules

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
FRIDAY DEC. 8TH

Pope St. John XXIII

8:00 AM. English

5:00 PM. English

7:00 PM Vietnamese

South Tacoma Chapel: 9:00 AM

Saint John of the Woods: 9:30 AM

### Communal Advent Reconciliation:

December 13th  
from 6:30 PM – 8PM

### Advent Reflection

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

Everyone is invited.

### Simbang Gabi Mass

Dec. 18th 7:00 PM

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

**Pope Saint John XXIII**  
4:00 PM Carols  
4:30PM Mass\_English  
7:00 PM Mass-Vietnamese  
10:30PM Mass-Bilingual  
**S.T. Chapel:** 5:00 PM  
**SJOW:** 10:00 PM Mass

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

**Pope Saint John XXIII**  
7:45 AM Vietnamese Mass  
9:45 AM English Mass  
4:00 PM Vietnamese Mass  
**S.T. Chapel** 9:30 AM  
**SJOW** 8:00 AM & 11:30 AM

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

**Pope Saint John XXIII**  
7:45 AM Vietnamese  
9:45AM English  
**STC:** 9:30 AM  
**SJOW :** 9:30 AM

## 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.

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We are grateful to the many parishioners who have returned a Stewardship of Treasure Commitment Card. How we use our God-given gifts become our gift back to Him. Gratitude for all we have been given opens our hearts to joyful generosity. Your generosity supports the mission and many ministries of St. John of the Woods. We thank you for your good Stewardship of all that God has given you. If you have not made a commitment yet, Please make your pledge today by going online at [wesharegiving.org/App/Form/57b66168-9fc3-47cb-814c-82bccec92119](https://wesharegiving.org/App/Form/57b66168-9fc3-47cb-814c-82bccec92119), scan the QR Code or by completing the commitment card. Thank You



Donna Severson's 91<sup>st</sup> Birthday

## 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.

## PRACTICE FOR CHRISTMAS PLAY

We invite all children to participate in this year's Christmas Play.

Practice is every Sunday from 9:30—10:15am.

We encourage all parents to bring your children to participate in the wonderful event for our church family.

**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.

**A vital and healthy Mission Church requires may dedicated volunteers to provide all the expected services to parishioners. 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

## Saint Rita of Cascia

# FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR CHURCH WINDOW REPAIRS.

**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 [stritchacomapa@gmail.com](mailto:stritchacomapa@gmail.com).

There are only 30 tickets remaining. Please see Father Hendry to purchase your tickets.



## 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, 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.

*For anointing of the sick please call:*

Sr. Anna at 253-592-2455.



Pope St. John XXIII  
STEM ACADEMY

Happy Thanksgiving Week from Pope St. John XXIII STEM Academy! This holiday season, students were asked to share what they are thankful for. Kindergarten and First Grade shared that they are thankful for recess, their teachers, and having fun while learning, Fifth Grade shared that they are thankful for "friends big and small, from Kindergarten through Middle School!"

We have lots to be thankful for at Pope St. John XXIII STEM Academy, with the foundations being a valuable Catholic education with STEM components that support the future of students. We are also incredibly thankful for the Pope St. John XXIII Parish communities that support their Parish school and invest in Catholic education; through support, financially, and through prayer! We are so proud to create, with your support, a strong community of learners and leaders. Thank you!



The 2023-24 Annual Fund is now live! Scan the QR code to the right, or visit [psjstem.org/annual-fund-2023](https://psjstem.org/annual-fund-2023) to read our letter from the Principal and support the Annual Fund today!

Thank you for your continued support!



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

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