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**Twenty-first
Sunday
Ordinary Time
Aug. 24, 2025**



*For behold, some are last who will be first, and
some are first who will be last. Luke 13:30*



SCHEDULES

Pope St. John XXIII - Viet Mass:

Sunday | 7:45am & 4:00pm
Tuesday & Thursday | 7:00pm
First Friday | 7:00pm

Vietnamese Reconciliation

Sunday | 3:00pm

English Mass:

Saturday | 4:30pm
Sunday | 9:45am
Monday to Friday | 8:00am

Reconciliation:

Saturday | 3:30pm
Adoration - Thursdays:
9:00am-10:00am and 4:00-6:00pm

Visitation Church

3314 S 58th Street
Tacoma, WA 98409
Phone (253) 472-1360

Mass Schedule:

Thurs - 9:00 a.m Sat - 9:00 a.m.
Sunday - 9:30 a.m.
Rosary Mon – Fri: 8:20AM

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
Rosary: Sat 5:30pm & Sun 7:30am
Adoration: Mon 7pm & Wed 10am

PSJ XXIII STEM Academy

3306 S 58th St, Tacoma, WA 98409
Phone (253) 474-6424
bostwickk@psjstem.org

St. Rita Church

1403 S Ainsworth Ave,
Tacoma, WA. 98405
Prayer: Saturday Prayer 10am

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PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Parishioners of Pope Saint John XXIII Parish Faith Community,

Greetings as we come together to celebrate the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time. Today's readings remind us of the universal call to salvation. The prophet Isaiah speaks of God's saving work that embraces all nations, while in the Gospel, Jesus emphasizes that salvation is not reserved for a select few, but is open to all who strive to enter through the narrow gate. This path requires commitment, sacrifice, and a deep love for God and neighbor. Let us continue to choose what is right and holy, even when it is difficult, for that is the path to eternal life.

As we continue to reflect on our Centennial celebration, we now share with you a summary of the expenses and donations received. This historic event was a true labor of love, made possible by the commitment and dedication of so many parishioners. Numerous committees came together to handle liturgy, history, hospitality, logistics, and outreach—each one playing an essential role in making the celebration meaningful and memorable. We are deeply grateful for all who contributed, both publicly and behind the scenes, and we lift you all up in prayer.

This Wednesday marks the beginning of the new academic year. We warmly welcome back our students, parents, teachers, and staff after the summer break. I hope your time away was restful and filled with joyful moments. Now, we entrust this new school year to God's care, asking His blessings upon all our children and their learning.

We are also grateful for the successful summer programs hosted at our main campus PSJXXIII. These programs brought much joy and learning to the children. Special thanks to the Sisters of the Lovers of the Holy Cross of Go Vap. We thank Sister Phuong Anh, who is currently studying in Rome and generously returned for a month to assist with our Pre-K program. We also thank the many student aides who supported this year's summer activities. I had the joy of visiting them regularly and was truly impressed by their energy, creativity, and enthusiasm.

Thank you for your ongoing support of these ministries, and for entrusting your children to our Early Learning Center and STEM Academy School. Your involvement strengthens the future of our parish and our children's formation.

I encourage all families to register their children for our Faith Formation program as soon as possible. Early registration allows us to plan effectively for class sizes and catechists. Please don't wait until the last minute.

As we conclude our Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA), I ask for your continued generosity so we may meet our goal and move forward with our parish's plans and activities.

Next weekend, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered at all Masses at both Pope St. John XXIII and St. John of the Woods. Please bring those who are sick or homebound so they may receive the grace and comfort of this sacrament.

Know of my continued prayers for you and your families. Please keep me and our parish in your prayers as well

Sincerely, Yours in Christ,



Fr. Tuan Nguyen, D. Min
Pastor



Summer - Pre-K school at Main Campus

PARISH FAMILY NEWS

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Stewardship of Treasure (Will update later)

Annual Catholic Appeal Report

Pope Saint John XXIII main campus and Visitation Church thank our 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal Supporters -Week May 6-August 10
It shows 85% of the goal reached, with \$65,616 pledged and given by 204 out of 794 families.

Saint John of the Woods Mission thank our 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal Supporters -
Week May 6-August 10
It shows 78% of the goal reached, with \$26,499 pledged and given by 106 out of 331 families.

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/online-giving-guide>, Or Scan QR Codes below:



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VIS Sacrificial Giving



St. Rita Sacrificial Giving



SJOW Sacrificial Giving

Other Forms



VOLUNTEER FORM



Registration Form



Food Bank Donation



ACA donation

Pope Saint John XXIII

Mission Statement: We parishioners of Pope St. 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.

LITURGY/ FAITH FORMATION

CATECHIST WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2025

SPEAKER: MR. MONTY MONTES

THEME: LEARNING & TEACHING

CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION

TIME: 9:00AM TO 12:00PM

CONTACT: MONTY AT 253-304-4473

PLACE: PSJXXIII'S CHURCH AND HALL

Invited: All present and former PSJ23 Faith Formation Program teachers, instructors, lay leaders, catechists, lectors, clergy, and current and new volunteers from Parish Family

- *Lunch is provided*

Religious Education Class

All registration forms are ready at the parish website: www.psj23.org and at the church doors.

Please register your child to different programs.

- OCIA for adults who are not baptized or need first communion, confirmation and profession of faith.
- OCIC for those children who 7 years old and up but not baptized.
- Confirmation for all youth who from 13 years old and up. First Communion for all youth who from 8 years old and up.
- CCD class for all children who have received first communion already. All children from 4 years old to 8 grade.

Register your child to faith formation program.

Contact Sr. Theresa Nguyen text 253-592-2541 or email sothersa2022@psj23.org.

Looking for a way to give back to the church? Stewardship-time-talent? Teaching Religious Education or helping with the Confirmation Program may be for you. You can call Sr. Theresa.

EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

After 9:45 Mass Fellowship KofC

After 9:45 Mass in the Parish Hall unless announced otherwise when there is some other event taking place in the Hall.

Please Note: Coffee Hour

There will be no Coffee Hour on September 14th and October 5th.



Baptism in August, 2025

- Alexander Bello Cardenas
- Emilia Starly Rey Lopez
- Leon Allbritton
- Samaiyah Serafina Kikuo
- Samaria Lalou Kikuo
- Samson Marbou Kikuo

Holiday Bazaar

October 24 & 25
9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

PSJXXIII Parish Hall (accessible by elevator and stairs)

If you are interested in reserving a table or need more information, please contact Gayle Jensen at 253-318-2077 or 253-475-6428

PSJ - Pray for those in In Our Prayer List

Don McMakin, Veronica Titillii, Krista Brown, Virginia Wooten, Marian Bronson, Helene Cordeau, Muriel & Ron Bate, Cathy Bunker, Olivia Davis, Kathleen Genge, Anita Griggs, Wayne Haverkorn, Sally Ives, LeeAnn Koch, J. Mam, Nancy Jones, Jackie Lane, Gloria Montes, Terry Mathern, Doris McGuire, Wesley McMakin, Helen Murray, Peggy Neagle, Diane Orris, Shirley Pietz, Bob & Rayanne Richardson, Rita Shingledecker, Eldon Weber,

Anointing of the sick or need a priest?

Call Sr. Anna 253.592.2455

ST. JOHN OF THE WOODS

St. John of the Woods Mission is a rural Catholic community centered in Jesus Christ.
We grow in faith and share the Word of God through the Eucharist and our
Sacraments.

We are a welcoming parish of active, involved people of all ages and cultures who
serve families and recognize the gifts that each person brings.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 24, 2025



**Senior
Lunch
Resumes
Sep. 17th**

**Parish
Breakfast
Resumes
Oct. 5th**



Bible Study Class

The gospel according to
Matthew

A new Bible Study will begin Tuesday, Sept. 23rd here at St. John of the Woods. This time, we'll learn all about The Gospel According to Matthew.
More information will be coming soon.

Prayers Needed

Carol Kalapus
Danny Sneed
Dave Casey
Debbie DeWitt
Dixie Knoll
Donna Severson
Elizabeth Wells
Glenna Nyegaard
Irmgard Wilcox
Joan Ellis
Joan Halmrast
Jonathan Keen
Keith Browne
Ken Knobbe
Lettie Devish
Lynn Sneed
Marge Bernsten
Maryann Straling
Ron Knoll
Natalie Vieira
PJ Carpenter
Vanessa Rojas
Patricia Burns
Samuel Wells
All Our Soldiers
in the Middle East

Schedule a prayer
request with
Parish Office
253-537-8551

Faith Formation Registration

Faith Formation, Confirmation, OCIA, and
Baptism registration begins soon.
Forms are in the vestibule on the long wall
between the front door and the
reconciliation room.

Sign up now! Space fills up fast!

For more information contact

Sr. Theresa Nguyen

253.592.2541

sotheresa@psj23.org

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Mass Intentions
Wednesday & Friday 9:30AM Mass
Call Parish Office 253.537.8551

Parish Office Closures

Sep. 1st - Labor Day

Office Closed

Sep. 5th - Staff Meeting

Close at 11:30am

Summit Christian Preschool

Registration for the 2025-26 school
year is happening now!

Tue-Thurs class for children who are 3
by August 31, 2025.

Mon-Wed-Fri class for children who are
4 by August 31, 2025.

253-536-1687 or

laurelsamples@gmail.com

Ministry of the Poor

Monday through Friday,
from 9:30 am - 11:30 am



Food Bank Donation

August Donation Requests**Food Requests**

Non-perishable and non-expired dates

- Canned Tuna / Canned Chicken /
- Spam Canned Stew / Canned Soups w/meat
- Peanut Butter – 16oz /18oz jars
- Canned Fruit / Fruit Pouches
- Canned Veg: Green Beans / Peas / Carrots
- Powdered Milk / Hot Cocoa Packets
- Pasta / Spaghetti Sauce Mix / Tomato Sauce

Additional Requests

New or gently used and laundered items only

- Sweatshirts / Hoodies Sizes M – 3X Men's & Women's Socks / Underwear
- Sleeping Bags / Blankets
- Diapers size 1,2,3,4, 5, 6
- Gloves – Men's L / XL sizes
- Men's Shoes size 10.5 & larger
- Monetary Donations

Message from Fr. Pat McDermott on the Centennial Celebration



Congratulations on the wonderful celebration of the parish's 100th Anniversary. It is obvious that a lot of people helped to make it special: the Mass, the music, the decorations, the celebration after Mass, etc.

Thank you for the invitation. Thanks, and Congratulations to all the organizers, and to all who came to share and remember the parish's history, and many blessings in the lives of parishioners and the community through the past 100 years.

Thank you for your gifts to me.

Many God bless you and all the parishioners as you begin the next 100 years.

Fr. Pat

Important Date

August 27th

First Day of 2025-2026 School Year!

- To our students, dedicated teachers, wonderful staff, pastors, principal, parents, parishioners, volunteers and generous patrons, thank you for your passion for Pope St. John XXIII STEM Academy! We are truly a community built on faith, dignity, and respect.
- Christ is the reason for this school. He is the unseen, but ever-present teacher in its classrooms. He is the model for its faculty and the inspiration of its students. PSJ STEM Academy exists to provide each student with an excellent combination of STEM and Catholic education to develop the whole child – mind, body, and spirit.
- Over the course of this summer there were a total of 13 projects completed at our parish school. We are blessed with the efforts and talents of many to accomplish the task of updating our beloved building. Thank you for the substantial support from the Fulcrum Foundation, Korsmo Construction, and Shea Homes!

Thank you all for the successful 100 Year Celebration. This historic day is celebrated the history and growth of our historic school exactly 100 years from the day it was dedicated in 1925!

Visitation and St. Rita - In Our Prayers

Ray Hasselman, Louise Peterson, Richard Baron, Elisabeth Douglas, Milo Ternes, Tony George, Rick Shurbet, Sabina & George Lockhart, Dick Vargo, Elaine Elliott, Lillian Albers, Odkod McMillin, Jennifer Brandt, Emma Millikan, Shirley Keyes, Mick Flynn, Philip Stumpf, John Meier, Joseph Rivera, Bob Woorley, Peter Pagano, Gene Hall, RosAnn Bridges, Petra Polequin, Brenda Gadson, Dean Lucchesi, Frank & Willie Faniel, Jerry Landridge, Jim & Karen Keithley, David Lamb, Tyler Anglin, Vanessa Elmer, Lucy Romo, Benjamin & Linda Holm, Charles, Robin Mazza, Charlie Faniel, Bobby Gatbunton Myrl Greggs, Sharon Turner and her Family. All those suffering in war and strife. Please email srlinh@psj23.org to add or remove names from the lists.



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Horace Gozon Friend, Jr., 91, of Tacoma, WA, passed away on October 1, 2022 from natural causes. He was predeceased by first spouse Aida, Christine & Catherine and is survived by spouse Teresita and children: Sandra, Geraldine, Horace III, Stella, Philip, Therese, Jeffrey, Charles & 13 grandchildren.

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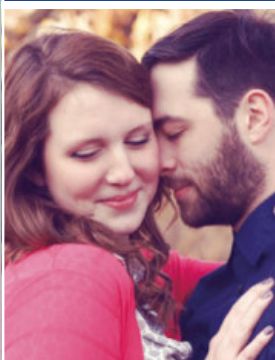


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