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POPE ST. JOHN XXIII PARISH FAMILY

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22nd Sunday Ordinary Time Aug. 31, 2025

... when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.



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

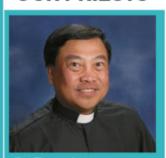
PSJ XXIII STEM Academy

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,

We enter into the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. We reflect on the cardinal virtues of humility and charity in the liturgy of the Word today. The first reading from the book of Sirac invites us to conduct our affairs with humility so that we will be loved more than a giver of gifts. In the Gospel, Jesus insists on humility while witnessing the guests trying to seat themselves in the place of honor at the table. He also goes on teaching them on the importance of giving to people without expecting in return, so that we will receive our recompence in the life to come.

Last week, our Vietnamese Choir held a joyful picnic, strengthening their fellowship in the Lord. We give thanks for their friendship, their service, and their dedication to the parish. We also congratulate and thank them for their faithful commitment—from daily Mass to the great Feast Days of the Church. May God bless them with continued health and steadfast devotion.

Welcome you all back after the blessed summer break. We began the school last Wednesday. I sincerely thank all the parents who have decided to provide their kids with catholic education. They also make a lot of sacrifices in trying to give their kids the best they deserve. We also start the preschool at the main campus. Thanks to Sr. Trinh and everyone working with her in this endeavor.

To all parents, especially those new to our parish school, I offer a warm welcome to the Pope St. John XXIII Parish Family. As members of our STEM Academy, you are vital partners in our mission. Our school is one of the greatest ministries of our parish, preparing the next generation to live with faith, knowledge, and service. For over one hundred years, our parish has been committed to providing a Catholic education to all who desire it, and we remain dedicated to carrying this tradition forward. Our prayer is that each student will grow closer to Christ, guided by the truths of our Catholic faith.

Thanks to our principal Mr. Marc Nuno, who commits tirelessly to provide the best environment in the PSJXXIII STEM Academy by upgrading the facilities and the curriculum to ensure that the kids learn what is most important for their lives. Let's continue to pray for all the staff and students of our schools, that this academic year they have begun become more fruitful.

Thanks to all for bring the elderly and the homebound to receive the sacrament of healing during this weekend's liturgy. While it helps everyone in need of this sacrament to receive it, it also assists us in avoiding last minute calls to anoint, which sometimes becomes hard, if the priests are having busy commitments as we are a large parish community. Still if someone has an emergency, please do not hesitate to call us, or Sr. Anna who is the coordinator of our parish's out-reach ministry.

We also begin our Faith Formation program for the children and OCIA for the adults in the following week, so please register online, or at the office without delay. It is important that they do not miss out on the classes from the beginning on September 5. I also thank Mr. Monty for taking time to train the adults in catechism, so that they could also join the program in the parish to assist us or to refresh their own knowledge of our faith and teach their kids as well.

Thank you all for being part of this faith community. Your witnessing life and generosity is the source of this parish's life. Praying for each one of you, wish you all a blessed weekend.

Sincerely, Yours in Christ,

Fr. Tuan Nguyen, D. Min

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Pastor

PARISH FAMILY NEWS

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Stewardship of Treasure

Pope St. John XXIII

Sunday: \$5,701 in 172 envelopes Online Giving: \$2,721 Assumption Holy Day:

\$2,323 Breakfast: \$ 1,326

Week August 11-17

Visitation Church

Sunday: \$ 3,026 in 28 envelopes Online Giving: \$ 891.43

SJOW Mission

Sunday & Holy Day: \$3,878.50 in122 envelopes Online: \$957 Loose: \$996.22



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 at QR Codes below:



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VIS Sacrificial Giving



St. Rita Sacrificial Giving



SJOW Sacrificial Giving

Welcome to Our Parish

You can register at Pope St. John XXIII Parish. By registering, you will be added to our parish database and included in all communications coming from the Parish. If your child will be making the Sacrament of First Eucharist or Confirmation this year, please make sure to register them through the Parish. All the forms can be found on the parish website or you can scan this code:



Other Parish Forms

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-

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

Religious Education Class

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

Register your child to faith formation program. Contact Sr. Theresa Nguyen text 253-592-2541 or email sothersa2022@psj23.org.

Mental Health Awareness Workshop

To help youth understand and handle challenging situations
By: Sr. Phuong Anh Tran
Psychological Counseling Specialist
Time: 9:30 AM – 10:30PM, September 21, 2025
At St. John of the Woods Mission
For all young people from 13 and up
Contact: Sr. Theresa Nguyen 253-592-2541

Our Pope St. John XXIII Prayer team

If you would like to send in a prayer intention please either call or email Frank (Bob) Gummersall, the team leader. Phone: 253-459-2486 or email: frgtacoma@gmail.com.

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

September 1st—Labor Day— Parish Office CLOSED



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 Titialii, Krista Brown, Virginia Wooten, Marian Bronson, Helene Cordeau, Muriel & Ron Bate, Cathy Bunger, 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 is a rural Catholic community centered in Jesus Christ, growing in faith and sharing the Word of God through the Eucharist and 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.

LITURGY/ FAITH FORMATION



Bible Study Class

Begins Tuesday, September 23rd from 1pm -3pm.

The Gospel According to Matthew.
Course is 24 weeks.
Contact Brenda Kelly: 253 777 8116
or Cheryl Penry for more information.

Faith Formation Registration

Registration open now for Faith Formation, Confirmation, OCIA, and Baptism. Forms are in the vestibule on the long wall between the front door and the reconciliation room.

For more information contact Sr. Theresa Nguyen 253.592.2541 sotheresa@psj23.org



Mass Intentions

Wednesday & Friday 9:30am Mass. Call Parish Office at 253.537.8551 to schedule.

Prayers Needed

Lettie Devish, 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, Lynn Sneed, Marge Berntsen, Maryann Straling, Ron Knoll, Natalie Vieira, PJ Carpenter, Vanessa Rojas, Patricia Burns.

- Anointing of the sick or need a priest?
 Call Sr. Anna 253.592.2455
- Schedule a prayer request at 253-537-8551

EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

Upcoming Events

Sep. 1st – Labor Day – Parish Office Closed **Sep. 5**th – Staff Meeting – Parish Office Closes at 11:30am

Sep. 6th/7th – Welcome Weekend at each Mass

Sep. 17th – Senior Luncheon 11:30am – 1pm All Are Welcome!

Sep. 22nd – Staff Retreat – Parish Office Closed

Sept. 23 – Bible Study Begins 1pm – 3pm **Oct. 5**th – Parish Breakfast 9am – 11am

Summit Christian Preschool

It's not too late to enroll for the 2025-2026 school year!

Tuesday – Thursday class for children who are 3 by August 31, 2025.

Monday-Wednesday-Friday class for children who are 4 by August 31, 2025. Contact Laurel Samples at 253.536.1687 or laurelsamples@gmail.com.

ST. JOHN OF THE WOODS MISSION

WELCOME Veckend

9/6/25 - 6PM 9/7/25 - 8AM & 11:30 AM



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VISITATION & ST. RITA NEWS

Ministry of the Poor

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





Food Bank Donation

September Donation Requests

Food Requests

Non-perishable and nonexpired dates

- Canned Chicken / Spam
- Canned Stew / Canned Soups w/meat
- Peanut Butter 16oz /18oz jars
- Canned Fruit / Fruit Pouches
- Canned Veg: Green Beans / Peas / Carrots
- Tomato Paste 6oz cans / Tomato Sauce
- Spaghetti Sauce Mix / Gravy Packets
- Pasta 12oz 16oz box / Rice 32oz bags

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 sizes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
- Gloves Men's L / XL sizes
- Men's Shoes size 10.5 & larger
- Monetary Donations

Saint Rita Church

Thank You David Viafore and his crew for beautifying the grounds around St. Rita Church and rectory. Through David's efforts, funds and labor were donated to make this huge project happen. They pruned bushes and roses, mowed and edged and took care of the entire project in just a few days. What a labor of love, just like our original parishioners. Attached are photos of the yard as well as the original list of donors who helped finance the building of the church.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, August 23, Rosary at 9:40 a.m. and Prayer Service at 10 a.m. Coffee hour follows in the hall

Saturday, August 30, Rosary at 9:40 a.m. and Prayer Service at 10 a.m. Coffee hour follows in the hall

Saturday, September 6, Rosary at 9:40 a.m. and Prayer Service at 10 a.m. Coffee hour follows in the hall

POPE ST. JOHN XXIII STEM ACADEMY

Important Dates

- Sep. 1 Labor Day
- NO SCHOOL ELC Closed
- · Sep.2 Free Dress with
- · Canned Food Donation
- Sep. 15 Play Rehearsal 3:15pm
- · Sep. 16 Curriculum Night
- Sep. 20 Bunco 6pm
- Visitation Lower Hall



K-6th Soccer Season is here!

Registration is due by
September 15th.
Contact athletics@psjstem.org
for more information
or to register your student player.

Welcome Back, Panthers!

(a poem)

We are so excited you are here
Joining us for a new school year
Backpacks full of new supplies
Teachers greeting you with "Hi!"
Eager to share and eager to learn
Remember to listen and take your turn
Panthers know how to be kind and care
Our Panther pride shows everywhere!

Wishing you a Happy 2025-2026 School Year!

Play Rehearsal begins soon!

4th – 8th Grade Play Rehearsal Begins Monday Sep. 15, 2025 3:30pm – 5:15pm Rehearsal is weekly on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, until Oct 18, 2025

Visitation and St. Rita - In Our Prayers

Cathy Adam, Bob Rooney, Jim SwanRay, 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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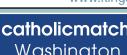


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