

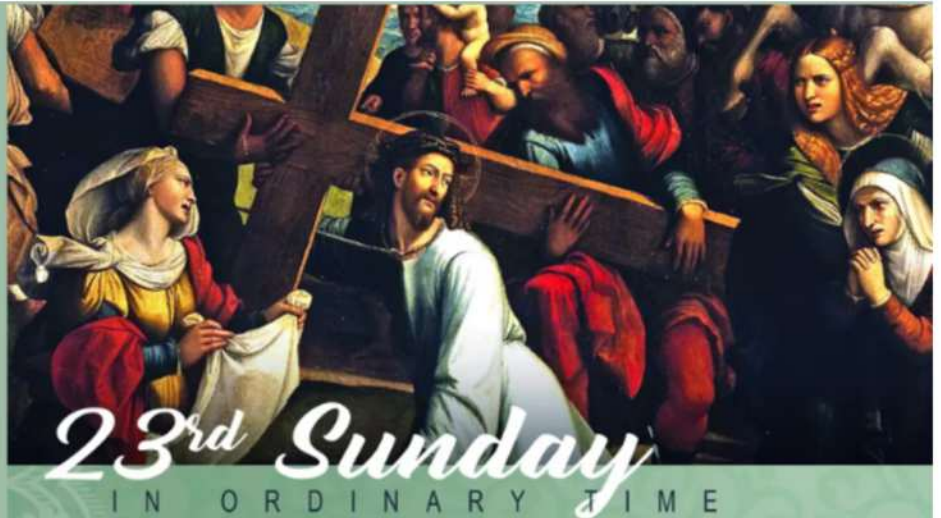
# POPE ST. JOHN XXIII PARISH FAMILY

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“Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.”  
Luke 14:25-33



## 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

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### 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 Faith Community,**

As we enter into the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Liturgy of the Word invites us to reflect on whether we are bound by the attractions of this world. The first reading reminds us of how the corruptible body can burden the soul and weigh down the mind. In the Gospel, Jesus challenges us to place God's love and our heavenly home as our highest priority, rather than putting people or things ahead of God and neighbor. Let us pray for the grace to turn away from earthly distractions and keep our hearts focused on our salvation and the salvation of others.

This month marks the beginning of a new academic year for our preschool, school, and religious education programs. My gratitude goes out to our staff, volunteers, and parents who faithfully support this ministry year after year. If you have not yet registered your children or grandchildren for CCD or OCIA, please do so soon. A special word of thanks goes to Monty for organizing and leading the Catechist Workshop on September 6, which provided both new and experienced faith formation teachers with encouragement and tools to hand on the knowledge of our Catholic faith.

After the summer break, all our parish staff gathered last Friday to evaluate, plan, and share ideas for strengthening our service. I am deeply grateful for their readiness to step in whenever a need arises and for their dedication to our faith community. In the coming weeks, I will also be meeting with the Pastoral and Finance Councils to plan for the year ahead. I thank every council member for the sacrifice of their time and talent in leadership, as well as the Parish Family Advisory Council (PFAC) who help us look to the future of our parish.

We also welcome Annarose Jowenson, Parish Family Liaison for the Pierce Region, who will assist our Parish Family during the Partners in the Gospel program. The PFAC plays an important role in this journey by advising the pastor on the development of our One Parish Plan. They are preparing a parish survey, and I invite each of you to participate next week so that your voices can be heard in shaping our mission together.

As we approach the close of this year's Annual Catholic Appeal, I encourage those who have not yet made a pledge to do so soon. I am grateful to all who have already contributed, and especially to those who supported the Food Bank drive, which continues to bless many families through the generosity of parishioners and volunteers.

Last week, we also bid farewell to Lucia Esquivel and warmly welcome Maribel Sandoval as our new custodian. Maribel, an active volunteer and parishioner at Saint John of the Woods, will be carrying forward this important service. We sincerely thank all the volunteers across our campuses who faithfully care for their assigned areas, keeping them clean and welcoming.

A special word of recognition goes to Mr. Mike Do, our Parish Facility Operator, for his outstanding work. He recently cleaned the roofs of all our school and office buildings and repainted the school buildings in a color very close to the original, giving our facilities a renewed and vibrant look, especially at Saint John of the Woods. One parishioner commented that "Mike cares for the church as if it were his own home." We also thank the Vietnamese volunteer who assisted him in repainting the walkways and railings of the classrooms. Their dedication is a true blessing for our parish community.

Finally, I thank all who helped bring our homebound parishioners to Mass last weekend to receive the Sacrament of Healing. Let us continue to pray for all our sick brothers and sisters who have asked for our prayers. Be assured of my daily prayers for your health and wellbeing.



Fr. Tuan Nguyen, D. Min  
Pastor



## PARISH FAMILY NEWS

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### Stewardship of Treasure

#### Pope St. John XXIII

Sunday: \$5,985  
in 172 envelopes  
Online Giving:  
\$1,012.17  
Breakfast: \$ 2,044

#### Week August 18-24

##### Visitation Church

Sunday: \$ 1,729  
in 21 envelopes  
Online Giving: \$ 340.33  
Total: \$2,069.33

#### SJOW Mission

Sunday: \$5,834  
in 122 envelopes  
Online: \$917.04  
Loose: \$609.11  
Total: \$7,360.15

### 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

### Babies to be baptized in September:

(Joseph) Phong Chan Hua  
(Maria) Aston Prix Doiron  
(Maria) Aston Prix Doiron  
Felix Islas Fernandez  
Leon Allbritton  
Ulisses Elian Romero  
Lester Marvin Martinez

### OCIA – Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Sessions begin Monday, September 8, 2025, at 6:30 PM at the PSJXXIII Religious Center.

This program is open to anyone 16 years or older who:

- Wants to learn more about the Catholic faith
- Wishes to be baptized or confirmed in the Catholic Church
- Is a lapsed Catholic seeking to return
- Desires a refresher on the faith

We meet every Monday evening from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM.

For more information, please call or text Sr. Theresa at 253-592-2541.

### Religious Education Program

Our Religious Education program is open to all children from Pre-K (age 4) through 8th grade, including preparation for First Communion and Confirmation.

- PSJXXIII: Classes begin Wednesday, September 10, 2025, from 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM.
- St. John of the Woods: Classes begin Sunday, September 14, 2025, from 9:45 AM – 11:10 AM.

Registration forms are available at the church entrance or online at: [www.psj23.org/forms](http://www.psj23.org/forms). For questions, please contact Sr. Theresa at (253) 592-2541.

## EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

### Annual Catholic Appeal Report,

The campaign for the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal is nearing its close, but our parish has not yet reached the goal. Father Tuan shared, "This is the first year our parish has not met the goal by this point in the campaign."

As of today:

- Pope Saint John XXIII Parish (PSJXXIII): \$73,084 of the \$76,844 goal
- St. John of the Woods (SJOW): \$28,315 of the \$33,934 goal

Together in faith, we can support the mission of the Church throughout our local Catholic community. Thank you to all who have already contributed.



**Save the Date**  
*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 Titilii, 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 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 Program

Our Religious Education program is open to all children from Pre-K (age 4) through 8th grade, including preparation for First Communion and Confirmation.

- St. John of the Woods: Classes begin Sunday, September 14, 2025, from 9:45 AM – 11:10 AM.

Registration forms are available at the church entrance or online at: [www.psj23.org/forms](http://www.psj23.org/forms).  
For questions, please contact Sr. Theresa at (253) 592-2541.

### Mass Intentions

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

**The campaign for the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal** is nearing its close, but our parish has not yet reached the goal. As of today, St. John of the Woods: \$28,315 of the \$33,934 goal.

### 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

**Sep. 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>** – Welcome Weekend at each Mass  
**Sep. 17<sup>th</sup>** – Senior Luncheon 11:30am – 1pm  
All Are Welcome!  
**Sep. 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Staff Retreat – Parish Office Closed  
**Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>** – Parish Breakfast 9am – 11am

### Ministry of Catholic Cemeteries

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\* St. John of the Woods – 09/20/25 Sat. 6pm  
and 09/21/25 Sun. 8am & 11:30am

### Thank Volunteers

We sincerely thank all the volunteers at Saint John of the Woods Church, who faithfully keep their assigned areas clean and tidy. Your commitment and teamwork make a great difference in our parish life.



### School Building was repainted



We would like to recognize Mr. Mike Do, our Parish Facility Operator, for his excellent work.





**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 non-expired 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

**Annual Catholic Appeal**

The campaign for the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal is nearing its close, but our parish has not yet reached the goal.

If you have pledged but not yet begun contributing, or if you have not yet participated, you can still join by filling out a pew envelope or by scanning the QR code on the envelope to give online.

**Important Days**

VIS leadership meeting is coming up on Monday, Sept. 8 at 7 pm in the Vis lower hall.

**Anointing of the Sicks**

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at St. Rita,  
4<sup>th</sup> Saturday at Visitation

**School Masses** begin on August 28. Masses will be celebrated at Visitation Church every Thursday at 9:00 AM while school is in session.

All are warmly invited to join us in prayer and Mass.

**Important Dates**

- Sep. 15th - Play Rehearsal 3:15pm-5:30pm
- Sep. 16th Curriculum Night 6:30pm-8:15pm
- Sep. 19th - Noon Dismissal
- Sep. 20th - Bunco Night in the Lower Hall 6pm-8pm

**K-6th Soccer Season is here!**

Registration is due by  
September 15th.

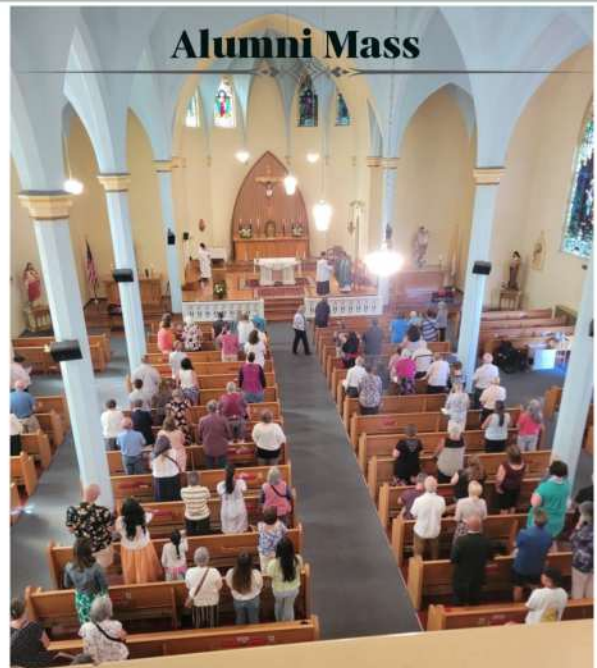
Contact [athletics@psjstem.org](mailto:athletics@psjstem.org)  
for more information  
or to register your student player.

**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

**Alumni Mass****Visitation and St. Rita - In Our Prayers**

Trisha Sloan, 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](mailto:srlinh@psj23.org) to add or remove names from the lists.





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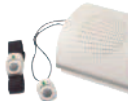
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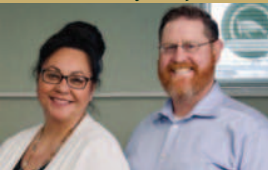
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