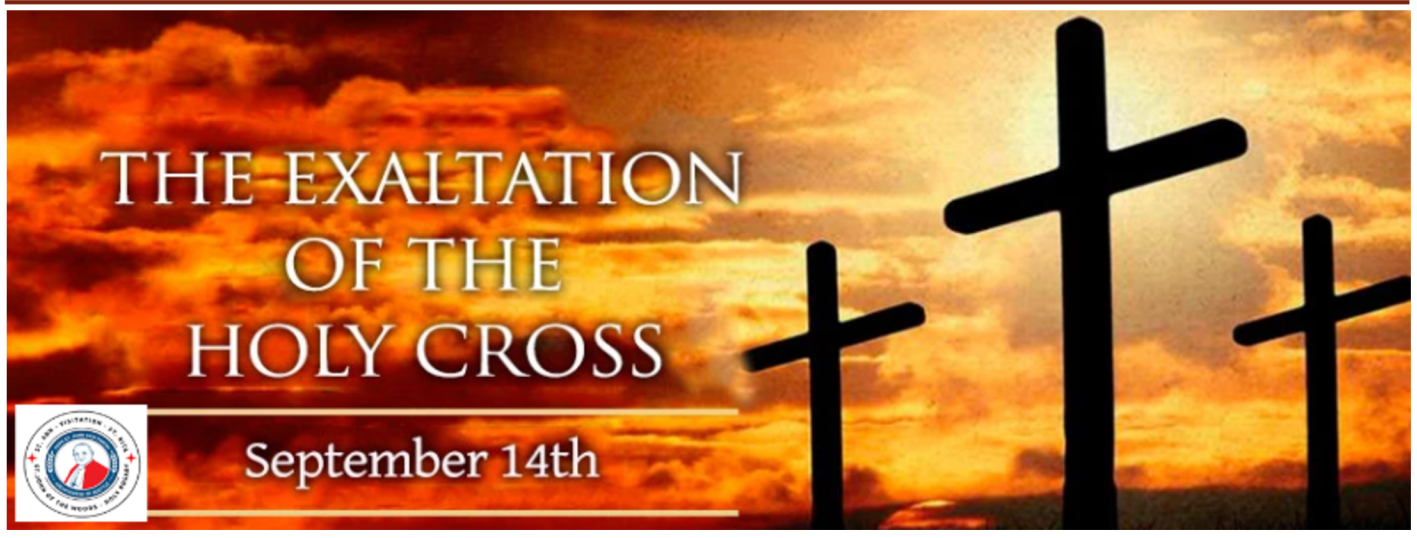


# POPE ST. JOHN XXIII PARISH FAMILY

7025 S Park Ave., Tacoma, WA 98408 -Phone – (253) 472-1360 -Fax – (253) 475-6335



## 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

## OUR PRIESTS



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## PASTOR'S LETTER

**Dear Parishioners of Pope Saint John XXIII Faith Community,**

As we gather on this 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, we also rejoice in the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This feast reminds us that what was once an instrument of pain, shame, and death has become, through Christ's sacrifice, the sign of salvation, blessing, and eternal life. The Cross now stands as the greatest expression of God's unconditional love for us. It is why we wear it, place it in our homes, and pray before it—with gratitude for the gift of redemption.

Today, we extend heartfelt congratulations to the Sisters of the Lovers of the Holy Cross. All the Sisters in Seattle are uniting in Tacoma to celebrate their Congregation's patronal feast and to offer a special Mass for the repose of the soul of Mr. John Baptist, the father of Sr. Trang. We warmly invite you to join us in prayer and, if possible, at the Mass at 4:00 PM.

Our Archdiocese has begun the Partners in the Gospel initiative to renew parish life. As part of this, we are launching the One Parish Plan, a journey that will help us grow in discipleship, strengthen our bonds as a faith family, and prepare for a vibrant and sustainable future. The first step is our Parish Survey, which will be distributed at all Masses this weekend, September 13–14. Surveys are available both on paper and online. I encourage every household to participate, so that your voices may guide us as we move forward together in faith.

This week, we also celebrate the Vietnamese Choir on their feast day honoring Mother Teresa of Calcutta. We keep them in prayer, along with our Religious Education programs, which have now resumed: the Vietnamese Language Class, the Vietnamese Religious Program, and CCD at St. John of the Woods. We ask God's blessing upon our children, their families, and our dedicated teachers and volunteers.

Our parish is richly blessed with parishioners who live their love for God in many ways: by caring for our church facilities, teaching in CCD and OCIA, serving in ministries, guiding parish leadership, or quietly supporting through prayer and donations. While it is impossible to name everyone, I give thanks daily for each of you and your faithful witness. May we continue to strengthen one another in love of God and neighbor.

In recent weeks, we have celebrated the baptisms of many infants. We joyfully welcome these children into our faith family and pray for their parents as the first teachers of the faith. At the same time, we also remember those who mourn the loss of loved ones, asking the Lord to comfort and sustain them in their grief.

Last Wednesday, our Finance and Pastoral Councils gathered for the first time after the summer break. We pray that the Holy Spirit may guide every decision they make for the good of our parish. Please note that on Monday, September 22, our parish staff will be away for regional discernment training for Partners in the Gospel, and the parish office will be closed.

I am deeply grateful to all who have already contributed to the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal. If you have not yet had the opportunity, I kindly invite you to prayerfully consider a gift. You may use the pew envelopes or scan the QR code provided on the envelopes and posters. Your generosity makes a lasting difference in the life of our Church.

Finally, thank you to everyone who has supported our parish Food Bank drive. Your generosity is a true sign of God's love at work in our community.

Please know that I hold each of you in prayer every day, and I humbly ask for your prayers—for me, for our staff, and for our parish family. Together, let us remain faithful to Christ and the Cross, our source of life and hope.



Fr. Tuan Nguyen, D. Min  
Pastor

**Scan this code to the Parish Survey**



## PARISH FAMILY NEWS

Deacon Theman Pham - (253) 224-0237 | DPham@psj23.org;  
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Facility Operator: Michael Truong Do - (253)-590-6824 | mike.do@psj23.org  
Director of Operations: Thien Dinh (253)-279-3361 | thiendinh@psj23.org  
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Outreach/ Homebound Ministry: Sr. Anna Nguyen - (253) 592-2455 | sranna@psj23.org  
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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 (Visitation Church): (253) 474-0835; MinistryOTP@psj23.org  
Faith Formation and Adult Catechist: Dr. Monty Montes (253) 304-4473; montypm@msn.com  
Knights of Columbus: Anthony Quintanilla - aquintanilla06@gmail.com- (206) 947-8299  
OCIA Director: LB Gilmer - (253) 472-1360 | lbgilmer@psj23.org  
Lazarus Committee: Theresa Naufahu, theresa.snaufahu@gmail.com | (253) 290-6249/ Darlene Cartwright, (253) 848-1633 | Cartwright5915@comcast.net



### Stewardship of Treasure

#### Week August 25-31

##### Visitation Church

Sunday: \$ 2,154  
in 25 envelopes  
Online Giving: \$ 440.33

##### SJOW Mission

Sunday: \$3,797  
in 122 envelopes  
Online: \$928.87  
Loose: \$711.57  
Total: \$5,437.44

##### Pope St. John XXIII

Sunday: \$8,457  
in 181 envelopes  
Online Giving: \$1,161

### 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:



PSJ Sacrificial Giving



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



Pope St. John XXIII Adult Catechism Classes  
Every Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:30 at the Church School  
Classes start 10 Sept. 2025 – Come Join Us!  
We use the Bible, Sacred Traditions, and the Catechism of the Catholic Church as our guide for study, prayer, and spiritual mindfulness.  
Come start becoming the Catholic you want to be.  
Contact: Dr. Monty at (253) 304-4473  
[montypm@msn.com](mailto:montypm@msn.com) | – Class is No-cost

## 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.  
Registration forms 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.

## OCIA – Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

We meet every Monday evening from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at the PSJXXIII Religious Center.  
For more information, please call or text Sr. Theresa at 253-592-2541.

## Vietnamese Class: The 2025 OCIA

Class will begin on Sunday, October 5, 2025, and will conclude on April 5, 2026.  
Class time is from 2:00 to 3:45 PM every Sunday at Milner Center.  
The class is completely free of charge.

## EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

### Welcome New Parishioners

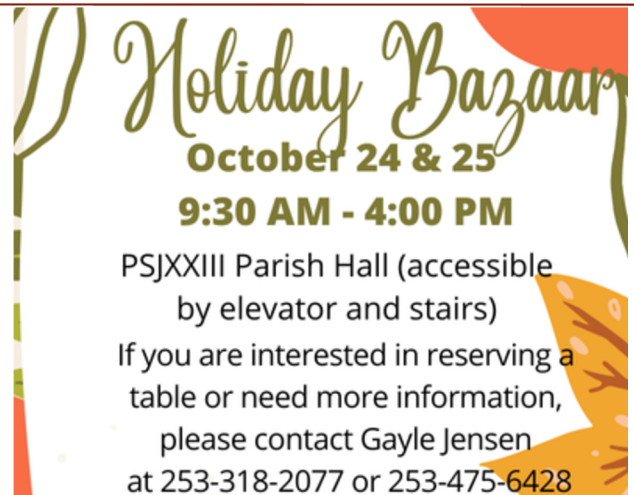
Quan H Le, Tien T Nguyen  
Maricres, Malou, Ermenildo Castro  
Kenny Thai , Monica DeWitt

### Babies to be baptized in September:

1. (Joseph) Phong Chan Hua
2. (Maria) Aston Prix Doiron
3. (Maria) Aston Prix Doiron
4. Cyprus Conzalez-Cortes
5. Cyra Isabel Gonzalez-Curiel
6. Cyrus Santo Gonzalez-Cortes
7. Elias Angel Gonzalez-Cortes
8. Felix Islas Fernandez
9. Leon Allbritton
10. Lester Marvin Martinez
11. Silas Cielo Gonzalez-Cortes
12. Ulisses Elian Romero

### Annual Catholic Appeal Report,

As of today: Pope Saint John XXIII Parish (PSJXXIII): \$79,324 of the \$76,844 goal  
Thank you for your generosity



**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

Veronica Titiali, 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

### Welcome New Parishioners

Gerardo, Beatriz, Geraldine, Adrian Campos  
Anton Aloisio, Denise Barbre, Donald & Janis Schmidt, Emeritha, Isaac, MadalyiaTorres-Sablan, Jeffrey and Kristine, Alonzo, Zia Marzan  
Timothy, Luzviminda, Byron, Grant Monaghan  
Luis, Guadalupe, Alejandro Lucero  
Danny, Kazuko Housden, Peter, Lena Calhoun, Ernest & Karin Stephenson

### Faith Formation Program

**Today**, St. John of the Woods: Classes begin Sunday, September 14, from 9:45 AM – 11:10 AM. Registration forms at the church entrance or online at: [www.psj23.org/forms](http://www.psj23.org/forms). Questions, please contact Sr. Theresa at (253) 592-2541.

### 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.

### 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

### Senior Lunch

Wednesday September 17

Time: 11:30 AM

Location: SJOW Hall



There will be a good lunch with desert, friendly faces, and good conversation. Everyone is welcome.

### Ministry of Catholic Cemeteries

*Peace of Mind When You Need It Most!*

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

**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: \$29,986 of the \$33,934 goal.

### Parish Survey

The Parish Family Advisory Council (PFAC) plays an important role in our journey towards



One Parish Plan, which is part of the restructuring process of Partners in the Gospel. Today marks the first step, the Parish survey, which invites each of our parish families to participate so your voices can be heard in shaping our mission together: In your pews you will see a hard copy of the survey and a QR code so you can take the survey online. If you are able, please complete the survey online so the survey information can be easily compiled. If you prefer to complete the survey using the hard copy in the pew, please do so and hand it to the ushers as you leave the church.

**Ministry of the Poor**

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



*Food Bank Donation*

**September Donation Requests****Food Requests**

- 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**

- Sweatshirts / Hoodies Sizes M – 3X
- Men's & Women's Socks / Underwear
- Sleeping Bags / Blankets
- Diapers sizes 1-66
- Gloves – Men's L/XL
- Men's Shoes size 10.5 & larger
- Monetary Donations

\*\*\* non-perishable / non expired food new / gently used & laundered items no oversized or bulk containers

**Saint Rita Church**

**Upcoming Events** - We would LOVE to have more of you join us on Saturday mornings. We are usually done with coffee hour about 11:15 a.m.

- Saturday, September 13, No group Rosary recited but the church will be open at 9:40 a.m. for private prayer. Prayer Service at 10 a.m., including Anointing of the Sick. Coffee hour follows in the hall
- Saturday, September 20, Rosary at 9:40 a.m. and Prayer Service at 10 a.m. Coffee hour follows in the hall
- Saturday, September 27, Rosary at 9:40 a.m. and Prayer Service at 10 a.m. Coffee hour follows in the hall.

Come to our fundraisers and have FUN while raising FUNDS for our beloved church. We are hoping to have one this fall in early November. We are waiting for Fr. Tuan and his parish team for a date. We are praying for a Mass and plan on serving a meal afterwards with a raffle. Raffle prizes are welcome for the event.

**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

**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

**PAROCHIAL BAND FOR 5TH – 8TH GRADE**

Pope St. John XXIII STEM Academy is proud to partner with Bellarmine Prep High School to offer our students an outstanding band program. Guided by Band Director Casey Whitson, students practice for band after school twice a week at the Bellarmine Prep campus. Twice a year, PSJSTEM students combine with other Pierce County Parochial Schools for a community band performance. Pope St. John XXIII participates in the program because we believe in educating the whole person and because the students describe it as a meaningful and enjoyable experience.

**CONGRATS**

**PSJ STEM student**

**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.