

DEC. 17TH
2023

Pope St. John XXIII Parish

3RD SUNDAY
OF ADVENT

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: 'REJOICE ALWAYS'

Joy

Rejoice in the Lord always.
I shall say it again: rejoice!

Philippians 4:4



Pope St. John XXIII Parish

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Vietnamese Mass:

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

Vietnamese Reconciliation:

Sunday | 3:00pm

Mass Schedule:

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

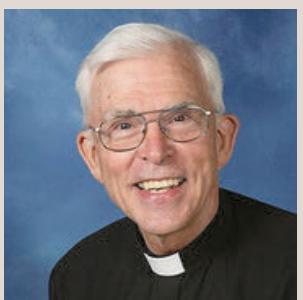
Reconciliation:

Saturday | 3:30pm

Our Pastors:



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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
Phone (253) 472-1360

Mass Schedule:

Thurs. & Sat. - 9:00 a.m.
Sunday - 9:30 a.m.

St. Rita Station

1403 S Ainsworth Ave,
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Pastor's Letter

Dear Parishioners,

As we enter the Third Week of Advent, the Third Candle on our Advent Wreath illuminates our journey. Thank you for participating in the various celebrations and events at our parish. We recently honored the Virgin Mary, drawing inspiration from her life on treasuring God's words daily.

We thank the Parish Staff and leadership core team at each site and location of our parish for spending time to decorate the Church for the Advent Season and for Christmas to come! We thank the Liturgical Ministers for engaging in the liturgical celebration and the Art and Environment core team members for assisting us to clean the inside of the Church and parish's ground. We thank you for joining us with this journey of preparation to welcome the Newborn King!

We had a blessed gathering of all leadership team members from various sites to celebrate the Spirit of Christmas. Thank you for participating in the festivities during the first and second weeks of the season, including the well-attended Advent Retreat and Day of Reflection. Gratitude to Father Patrick, Father Hendry, Father Vaiula, Father Joseph, and other available priests for celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

We offer confessions before Weekday Mass, and you can call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment with a priest at your convenience. Gratitude to the core team for preparing Confirmation Candidates and organizing their retreat. Thanks to the leadership team for guiding students in community service, fostering a sense of care for others. This year, we have a large group of Confirmation Candidates.

Introducing Alexis Tibbits, our new Parish Secretary at Saint John of the Woods Mission. Please extend a warm welcome when you meet her. Thanks to the Search Committee and Parish Staff for their efforts.

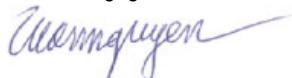
Thank you for supporting grieving families and the Lazarus Committee in their compassionate ministry. You're invited to join this outreach effort, and we also appreciate the outreach minister for delivering communion to the homebound and visiting parishioners unable to attend due to health reasons.

As winter brings challenges to our aging Church facilities, I kindly request your assistance. After meetings or gatherings, please turn off lights, heating, and close windows and doors. When leaving, secure the premises by closing the gate. Your help in maintaining cleanliness is appreciated. Regarding parking, drive slowly, follow security personnel's directions, and be mindful of children, parishioners, and other cars. Your cooperation ensures safety on our premises during various events and activities.

Amidst the holiday busyness, we're reminded of the special gift of Christ's love. Like many, we prepare Christmas cards and gifts. Reflecting on Isaiah's prophecy, we eagerly anticipate the new beginning and learn from Mary's preparation for the birth of Christ. John the Baptizer's message encourages us to be alert and expectant for the coming of Christ.

Congratulations to the families with recently baptized babies. Wishing you a blessed week!

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Fr. Tuan Nguyen, D. Min
Pastor

Parish Staff

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Lazarus Committee: Theresa Naufahu, (253) 290-6249/ Darlene Cartwright, (253) 848-1633



Community Outreach

South Tacoma Chapel

3314 So 58th St, Tacoma, WA

Phone: (253) 474-0835

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

MinistryOTP@psj23.org Co-Presidents:

Linda Lamb & Dcn. Mike Teskey

• Vice Chair: Margaret Thompson •

Treasurer: Maryann Harshman

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Sunday Offering:

Nov 23, 25 & 26 / 2023

Pope St. John XXIII:

Sunday: \$ 8,367 in 201 Env

Online Giving: \$1,184.87

Breakfast: \$1,513

South Tacoma Chapel:

Sunday: \$2,353 in 26 Env

Online \$492

Saint John of the Woods Mission:

Sunday: \$ 4,928 in 65 Env

Online: \$ 1,115 in 16 Env

Loose: \$ 552

Stewardship of Treasure 2024

Pope St. John XXIII:

Families Pledge: 172

Total Pledges: \$182,380.72

STC and St. Rita

Families Pledge: 15

Total Pledges: \$37,286

Saint John of the Woods Mission:

Families Pledge: 80

Total Pledges: \$161,494.00

PARISH NEWS

Mass Schedules

South Tacoma Chapel:

Christmas Carols Dec. 17 at 2:30 PM
Join your Parish Family in singing
Christmas Carols around our
neighborhood. Then afterwards, stay
for hot cocoa and cookies in the
Lower Hall.

December 18th at 7PM at PSJXXIII

Church: Simbang Gabi Mass.

It is a traditional Filipino devotional mass that honors the Blessed Virgin Mary as she awaits the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is a way for us to worship and praise God, a spiritual preparation for Christmas.

Advent Reflection

Tuesday, Dec. 19th After 8:00AM
Mass
Pope Saint John XXIII Parish
By: Fr. Vaiula.

Dec. 24th (Sunday) Christmas Eve:

Pope Saint John XXIII

4:00 p.m Carols
4:30 p.m Mass_ English
7:00 p.m Mass-Vietnamese
10:30 p.m Mass-Bilingual
S.T. Chapel: 5:00 p.m
SJOW: 10:00 p.m Mass

Dec. 25th (Monday) Christmas Day:

Pope Saint John XXIII
7:45 a.m Vietnamese Mass
9:45 a.m English Mass
4:00 p.m Vietnamese Mass

S.T. Chapel 9:30a.m
SJOW 8:00 a.m and 11:30 a.m

Christmas
Parish Office will be closed
December 22nd through
December 27th.

Events

Welcome families to PSJXXIII

Deborah Cornell (from STC)
Alvin and Cecilia Matautia (STC)
Gerald Quintanilla (from SJOW)
Andria Shirley Brown (from SJOW)
Rosalinda Cava (PSJXXIII)
Vu Thi Kim Giang (PSJXXIII)



Online Donation
Pope St. John XXIII Parish

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Pledge Form

Announcement

Volunteers needed

We are looking for volunteers to help with Livestream and PowerPoint at the 8:00 AM Weekday Morning Masses at Pope St. John XXIII. If interested, contact Janet at 253-312-0389 or Sr. Theresa at 253-592-2541.

PSJXXIII Prayer Team

We were organized and approved by Father Tuan over two years ago. The members of our Prayer Team have to attend Mass on a regular basis and be in good standing with the Catholic Church. We have prayed for close to 200 Prayer intentions this past year which were given to us by the Archbishop, Priests and parishioners, resulting in many answered prayer requests. 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. All prayer requests are privacy protected. We have 12 team members who will graciously add your requests to their prayers.

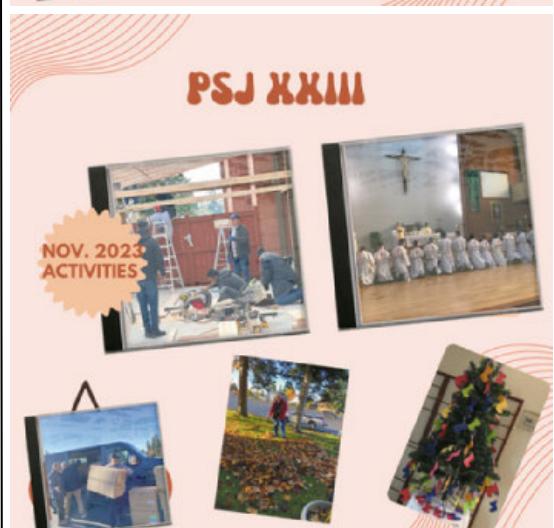
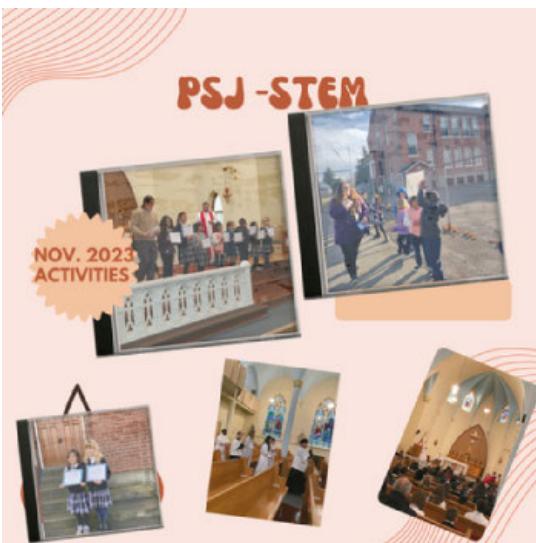
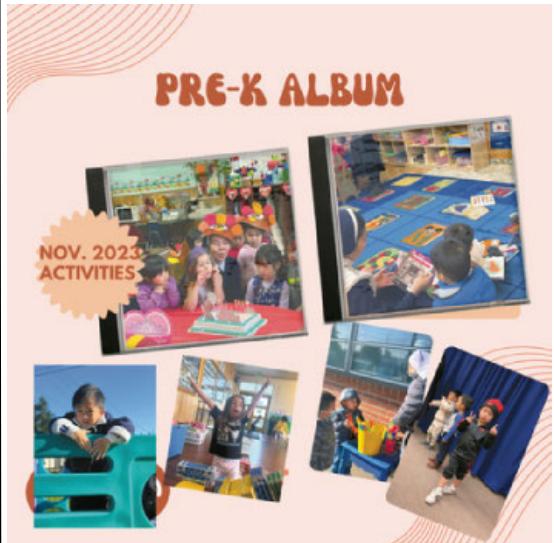
Saint John of the Woods Mission

Mass Schedules	Events
<p>Eucharistic Adoration PSJXXIII: Thursday 9:00-10:00 AM 7:00 -8:00 PM <i>SJOW: Monday: 7:00 -8:00 PM</i> Wednesday: 10:00 -11:00 AM</p>	<p>The Children's Christmas Play and Party this Sunday, December 17th at 1pm. Come join in the festivities and share some Christmas joy!</p>
<p>In the main entrance are Sunday Missals with the Mass texts and Scripture readings for the coming year. They are \$5.00 each.</p> <p>Please place the \$5.00 in the plastic and drop it in the collection or give it to the Greeter. Thank you.</p>	<p>Stewardship of Treasure As our Stewardship 2024 pledge campaign ends, we would like to thank the 80 families who have returned their commitment cards, used the QR code or made a pledge online. We are grateful for your generosity in supporting Saint John of the Woods Mission Church, its many ministries, and programs. If you haven't made a pledge yet, it's not too late. You may go online at Wesharegiving.org, scan the QR Code or simply complete the commitment card.</p>
<p>Advent Confession Before and After 5:00pm Saturday Mass</p>	<p>Eucharistic Ministers Needed Are you looking for a way to give back to the church through stewardship of time and talent? As the new liturgical year begins St. John of the Woods can use additional volunteers. There are many roles that need to be filled in Leadership, Liturgy, Faith Formation, Fellowship, Lazarus, Facilities, Grounds Maintenance, Music, Outreach, Altar Servers, etc. There are ongoing programs and one-time projects. There is something for everyone and for all ages. Please consider taking an active part in our community here at St. John of the Woods Mission.</p>
<p>Senior Lunch Join us the 1st and 3rd week for lunch in the Parish Hall at 11:30AM. There will be a good lunch with dessert, friendly faces, and good conversation. Everyone is welcome!</p>	<p>Volunteers Needed Are you looking for a way to give back to the church through stewardship of time and talent? As the new liturgical year begins St. John of the Woods can use additional volunteers. There are many roles that need to be filled in Leadership, Liturgy, Faith Formation, Fellowship, Lazarus, Facilities, Grounds Maintenance, Music, Outreach, Altar Servers, etc. There are ongoing programs and one-time projects. There is something for everyone and for all ages. Please consider taking an active part in our community here at St. John of the Woods Mission. See the listing in the back of the Church.</p>
<p>SCAN ME</p>  <p>Online Donation St. Of The Woods</p>	<p>Christmas Post Office: The Christmas Post Office is set up in the vestibule of the church for your convenience. You may leave your Christmas Greetings for others in the baskets and pick up the Christmas Greetings others have left for you.</p> 

Pope St. John XXIII STEM Academy

In Our Prayers - Pope Saint John XXIII

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.



In Our Prayers
South Tacoma Chapel
We pray for Benny Gatbunton, Widman family, Ann Kormos, Emma Millikan, Shirley Keyes, Mick Flynn, Brad Bowles, Philip Stumpf, Norma Marchesini, Eduardo Elizaga, John Meier, Joseph Rivera, Bob Wooley, 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, 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.

St. John of The Woods
Jan Tally, Jonathan Keen
PJ Carpenter
Donna Severson
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