



**DECREE OF MODIFICATION  
FOR  
ST. ANN PARISH IN TACOMA**

To Our Brothers and Sisters of the Archdiocese of Seattle

St. Ann Parish in Tacoma was established in 1924 to provide for the growing Catholic population in the area. Due to the decline in membership and vitality at nearby parishes and, to more effectively provide for the needs of the Christian faithful in the central Tacoma area at this time, I have deemed it necessary to merge Holy Rosary Parish in Tacoma and St. John of the Woods Parish in Tacoma with St. Ann Parish.

In my decree of July 1, 2021 regarding the merging of Holy Rosary Parish in Tacoma with St. Ann Parish in Tacoma, I united the two parishes so that Holy Rosary Parish, with all the rights, obligations and privileges accorded to it by law, is now united to and amalgamated with St. Ann Parish in such a way that, from this extinctive union, St. Ann Parish, Tacoma remains. The territory of St. Ann Parish now comprises the territory of the extinct Holy Rosary Parish as well as its current territory.

In a separate decree of July 1, 2021 regarding the merging of St. John of the Woods Parish in Tacoma with St. Ann Parish in Tacoma, I united the two parishes so that St. John of the Woods Parish, with all the rights, obligations and privileges accorded to it by law, is now united to and amalgamated with St. Ann Parish in such a way that, from this extinctive union, St. Ann Parish, Tacoma remains. The territory of St. Ann Parish now comprises the territory of the extinct St. John of the Woods Parish as well as its current territory.

Also, in the same decree mentioned above, I have relegated the church of St. John of the Woods to the status of a mission entrusted to the care of the pastor of St. Ann Parish, Tacoma. In particular law, a mission is defined as a community of the Christian faithful stably established in a particular Church that is not a parish or quasi-parish, where the sacraments are celebrated regularly, and whose pastoral care is entrusted to the proper pastor of the territorial parish within whose geographical boundaries the mission is located, under the authority of the diocesan bishop.

Therefore, in order to memorialize the geographical boundaries of St. Ann Parish,

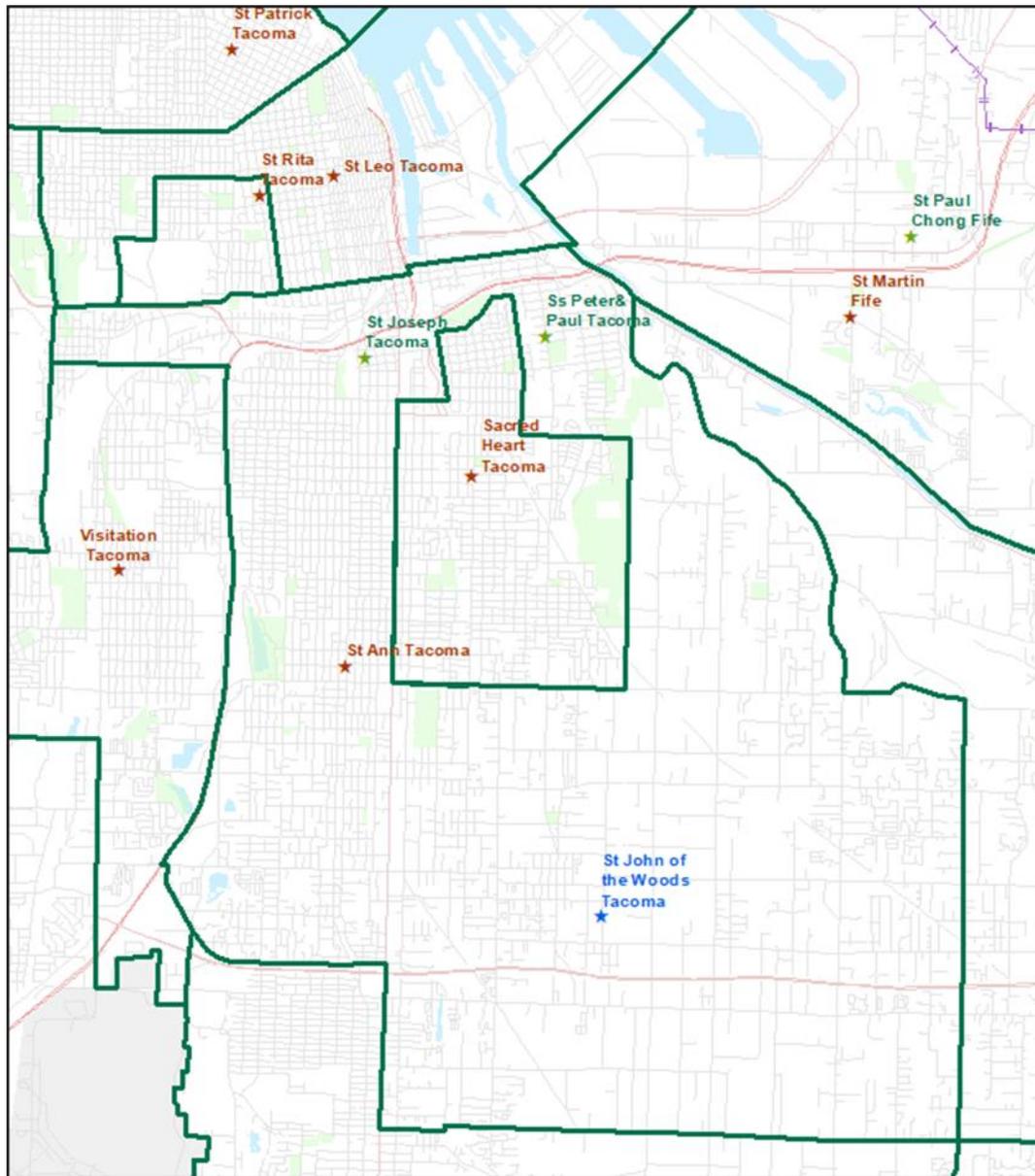
Having considered the law and the facts;

Having consulted with the local parish leadership who would be impacted by these modifications;

Having heard the Presbyteral Council, in accordance with canon 515 §2 on May 20, 2021;

And having determined that the good of souls requires it;

I, the undersigned Archbishop of Seattle, exercising my ordinary power and, in virtue of canon 515 §2, do hereby decree that, effective July 1, 2021, the boundaries of St. Ann Parish in Tacoma are modified as follows:



- **North:** Beginning at the intersection of State Rte 16 and S Tylor St, proceed east along State Rte 16 to the intersection of S Sprague Ave and S 25<sup>th</sup> St and continue east on S 25<sup>th</sup> St to I-705,
- thence north on I-705 to Puyallup Ave,
- thence east on Puyallup Ave to the Puyallup River.
- **East:** Southeast following the Puyallup River to the eastern Tacoma City limits,
- thence south on the eastern Tacoma City limits to Pioneer Way E

- thence southeast on Pioneer Way E to its intersection with Canyon Road E,
- thence south on Canyon Road E to 72nd St E
- thence east on 72<sup>nd</sup> St E to Woodland Ave E,
- thence south on Woodland Ave E to 128<sup>th</sup> St E.
- **South:** West on 128th St E as it becomes 129<sup>th</sup> St E to Pacific Ave S/State Rte 7.
- **West:** North on Pacific Ave S to 108<sup>th</sup> St S,
- thence west on 108<sup>th</sup> St S as it becomes Sales Rd S,
- thence northwest on Sales Rd S extended as it becomes 26<sup>th</sup> Ave S,
- thence north on 26<sup>th</sup> Ave S to 96<sup>th</sup> St S,
- thence west on 96<sup>th</sup> St S to I-5,
- thence north on I-5 to the extension of S 35th St,
- thence west on S 35<sup>th</sup> St extended to S Tyler St,
- thence north on S Tyler St to State Rte 16, the point of beginning.
- All boundaries above are exclusive of the territory assigned to Sacred Heart Parish.

This decree has been communicated to the pastor and all interested persons according to the norm of law (c.532). It may be challenged within the preemptory time limit of ten useful days from the legitimate notification of the decree and in accordance with the norm of law (c. 1734 §2). Any initial recourse is to be sent to the Archbishop of Seattle at 710 9th Avenue Seattle, Washington, 98104.

All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the Chancery  
of the Archdiocese of Seattle  
this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July  
in the year of the Lord 2021.



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Most Reverend Paul D. Etienne, DD, STL  
Archbishop of Seattle



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Mary E. Santi  
Chancellor