

First Sunday of Advent

Pastor's Message

Dear Parishioners,

What a joyful celebration we had on Thanksgiving. There were volunteers from our parish who came and helped prepare a meal for our less fortunate brothers and sisters. I would like to thank all who came in and shared their time with me in cooking the meal, serving and taking them to the other camp. I also would like to say thank you to all who came in to help clean up. It was truly wonderful to see parents and their young children working together and serving others. God bless you all. A special word of thanks too to all who donated to the thanksgiving meal without your support this meal would not have been possible.

Now that Thanksgiving is over we look forward to upcoming events taking place in our parish this month. December 13th is our parish penance service. There will be visiting priest from other parishes coming to assist in hearing confession. Please take advantage of this opportunity to prepare yourself for the coming holydays. Then on Sunday, December 16th is our Christmas concert. Once again treat yourself to an afternoon of good music and good company. After the concert there will be a soup dinner hosted by the Parish, the event begins at 3:30 P.M. Hope to see you there! On the week of the 17th to the 21st there will be an evening celebration of the Liturgy starting at 7 P.M. Each night some families from our Parish have teamed up to provide a light snack after each Mass. Please come and pray with us as we anticipate the birth of our Lord. God bless!

Stewardship of Treasure

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Total
November 2011 Income	\$14,760	\$15,423	\$12,083	\$9,875	N/A	\$52,141
November 2012 Income	\$16,125	\$13,713	\$11,816	\$9,133	N/A	\$50,777
					Oct 2012 Budget	\$65,000
					November 2012 Income under Expenses	(\$14,223)

Prayers are Requested

For healing: Francine Weir, Michelle Chase-Cohen, Martha Shucker, John Phillips, Dennis DePape, Cathy Orth

For those who have died: Kelly & Casey Newman, Rhea Kline (mother-in-law of Jan Kline), Gustova Montoya (husband of Isabel).

For those of our community who are serving in harm's way: Bret Meyer, Bowe Bergdahl (prisoner of the Taliban), Whitney Sellers Sutherland, Paul Clayborn, Duane De Bruler, Capt William James Lewis (Germany) (Afghanistan.) Daniel Bilyard (Afghanistan)

Annual Parish Stewardship Renewal for 2013

November 2012

Thank you to all those families who have returned a Stewardship pledge card. We have received about 100/600 so far. Please return a card, even if you are not able to make a financial commitment at this time. This will keep you from getting a follow-up letter and it will help the parish keep the costs as low as possible for mailings. Thank you.

We encourage you to view a new message from Archbishop J. Peter Sartain as he shares his thoughts about stewardship—his personal experience, his experience as a pastor, and his hope as our Archbishop for each of us to more fully practice stewardship, as a response to our discipleship.

To view this video, go to:
www.seattlearchdiocese.org/Stewardship/PS/Stewardship.aspx. Click on Stewardship (left hand column), then Parish Stewardship, then Christian Stewardship. When the picture of the Archbishop appears, click on the arrow and the video will play.

Prayer Chain

Do you or someone you know need a prayer? If so, reach out to Kay Smith and the prayer chain at 425-486-2528.

This Week at St. John Vianney

Sunday, December 2

8:30 am Mass
10:30 am Mass

Monday, December 3

8:30 am Adoration
9:00 am Mass
9:15 am Preschool
9:45 am Bible Study
7:00 pm CKCC

Tuesday, December 4

9:00 am Word and Communion Service
9:15 am Preschool
7:00 pm AA Meeting
7:00 pm Women's Book Group

Wednesday, December 5

8:30 am Adoration
9:00 am Mass
9:15 am Preschool
9:30 am Faith Sharing Group
10:00 am Quilters
7:30 pm Boy Scouts
7:00 pm RCIA / Kids
7:00 pm Choir

Thursday, December 6

8:30 am Adoration until 7:00 pm
9:00 am Mass
9:15 am Preschool
7:00 pm Praise & Worship Band
7:00 pm Song writers
7:00 pm Centering Prayer

Friday, December 7

8:30 am Adoration
9:00 am Mass
9:15 am Preschool
9:15 am Mom's Morning of Reflection

Saturday, December 8

10:00 am Mass –**Feast of the Immaculate Conception**
3:30 pm Reconciliation
5:00 pm Sunday Vigil Mass
Bake Sale

Sunday, December 9

8:30 am Mass– Bake Sale
10:30 am Mass– Bake Sale
8:30 and 9:35 CKCC



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Mark your Calendar

Parish Office Hours 8:30 am–4:30 pm

- **December 8** **Mass 10am—Feast of the Immaculate Conception**
- **December 8** 12-2:30pm Bridge Ministry Dinner
- **December 13** Advent Parish Reconciliation Service
- **December 16** 3:30 pm Choir and Praise and Worship followed by dinner in the social hall.
- **December 16** is the beginning of the Simbang Gabi Novena Masses. We will be celebrating the liturgy at 9am and 7pm on the weekdays. Weekend Mass will be at the usual time. Each night a light supper will be provided by families in our community.
- **December 22** We will have a big celebration of the Simbang Gabi with parishioners from neighboring churches.
- **December 24** Christmas Eve Liturgies 4:00 pm and 9:00 pm with carols to begin 1/2 hour prior to liturgy.
- **December 25** Christmas Day liturgy 10:00 am

Second Sunday of Advent Readings

Baruch 5:1 —9

Philippians 1: 4-6, 8-11

Luke 3:1-6

Questions for Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

- In the First Reading, what does Daniel see as the destiny of the coming “Son of Man”?
- In what way is Jesus the “Alpha and the Omega” for you?
- How do others see you testify to the truth of your faith?

St. John Vianney Parish News & Events

Eastside Serra Club: The Eastside Serra Club meets here once a month with Father Ramon as our leader. We celebrate Mass, share refreshments and have a meeting. We are feeding the hungry by preparing and delivering 200 sandwiches to Lazarus House. If you are interested in being a part of this group that supports vocations and the religious life contact Carol Costello at 425-821-3044 or Ferne Olschewsky at 425-822-3487. If you would like to donate money or fresh fruit to support our feeding of the homeless through Lazarus House please call Ferne or Carol.

Women's Book Group: Our next book is "A still more excellent way: how St. Paul points us to Jesus" by Joseph Dupre. We will meet on December 4, 2012 at 7:00 pm with wine and chocolate.

You're Engaged? Congratulations!

Now what? Consider signing up for Marriage Preparation classes that will begin meeting in January. You are invited to come as a couple to the home of one of our marriage prep team members for a series of sessions with other engaged couples. Even if you are not getting married at St. John Vianney, consider attending these sessions together. They will help prepare you and your fiancé to make decisions together as a strong, spiritually based team. The Catholic Church is here to support you both and your marriage. Contact the parish office for a registration form.

Lift up Your Voice! Have you ever thought it might be fun to sing in the Church Choir? Now is your chance! Choir members have the choice to sing at either the 8:30 or 10:30 am Mass each week. Rehearsals are at 7:00 pm every Wednesday. Please consider joining us and sharing the talent God gave you! For more information, please contact Mary Thurtle at 425-466-4190 or talk with any current choir member.

Come Quilt With Us!

SJV quilters meet every Wednesday at 10 AM. New and experienced quilters are invited to join our friendly group in making lap quilts for our parish outreach ministry. Sue Cholewczynski 425-488-9447.

Liturgical Ministers: Are your email address and "can't serve" dates updated? Be sure to click on 'request sub'

when you aren't able to serve on an assigned day. The November/December schedule is here. Contact Marti: martib1@earthlink.net or the parish office.

Praise & Worship Band Auditions

Are you an experienced bass player or drummer? Think about auditioning for the Praise and Worship Band! We rehearse on Thursdays @ 7pm and play on Saturday at the 5pm Mass. To arrange for an audition, contact Margaret Graham mgraham@sjvkirkland.org or the parish office.

New Bible Study: The Book of Ruth

We invite you to join us on Monday morning after mass for two hours of faith building. Beginning January 7th, we are going to study the Book of Ruth. While only 4 chapters in length it is one of the most moving accounts in the Bible. A story of love and loyalty, you will be amazed by the many layers and depths of meaning packed into this little love story! The cost is \$15.00. Sign up now so we can order your materials in time for the New Year.

Vacation in Seaside Available April

6th- 13th: This is Lake Washington School Dist.'s Spring vacation! This condo sleeps 8 & is near golf course. This was sold at our auction for \$700 (value \$1500) but buyer is unable to use it and is willing to sell it for \$500. If interested in this great place, please contact the parish office for more details.

Ministry of Mother's Sharing Morning of Reflection:

Friday December 7 from 9:15 am to 12:15 am. Making healthy and Christ centered choices is a process of slowing down and turning toward God and learning how to listen to Christ. This three hour retreat helps women reflect on the steps to making adult choices and discerning between the distractions and healthy choices in our lives. Free Child care will be available. Please pickup a registration form at the welcome table and turn it in today!

Financial Peace University for Your New Year's Resolution!

7 out of 10 Americans live paycheck to paycheck. We don't need this kind of stress in our lives. That's why for the 4th year we're offering Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University class here at church starting 7pm Monday, January 7th in Room 8. First class is FREE, so come check it

out! This is the NEWLY REVISED 9-WEEK program. You will learn ways to better manage your finances. Imagine what it would feel like to be able to give freely and generously toward needs you feel passionate about, whenever God leads you to. Financial Peace University will walk you through the process that will get you there and make it incredibly practical in your daily life. Your only cost is about \$100 for the materials. Contact Dave Almond at [206-650-9449](tel:206-650-9449) dkalmond@msn.com to find out more or sign up and order your materials today at: <http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/locations/org/17378/class/221700>. You'll be glad you did!

Senior Singles: The Senior Singles Potluck on the 17th was great! Sue Fisher won LR&C. A reminder for the volunteers; Bridge Ministry is Dec.8, 12—2:30pm. Our next gathering will be in Jan. Have a blessed Christmas and see you next year!

Social Concerns

Our social concerns group is committed to educating our parish in the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops position on a variety of issues.

St. Vincent DePaul Giving Tree:

Please feel free to pull a tag from our Christmas giving tree. Wrap the gift and put the gift back under the tree with the tag taped to the outside. Thank you so much for helping to make Christmas special for our brothers and sisters.

Tent City 4

Can you help? There is always a need for AAA and D batteries, Spam, canned meats, canned single serve fruits, soups, stews and Ibuprofen.

Christmas Stockings

Head Elves Marti & Marie are in charge. Help the Christmas Stocking group reach their goal of 100 stockings! Please consider donating batteries, cozy new socks, life savers, cough drops, hand warmers, hats or gloves, fast food gift cards, Chapstick, cosmetics & aftershave items, thermal underwear, deodorant as well as pens, spiral notebooks and small backpacks for going to work or searching for a job.

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St. John Vianney Catholic Preschool

We now have 12 students enrolled in our M/W/F Pre-K class and our T/Thu Pre-3/3+ class has 7 little ones attending. We currently have one more opening in our Pre-3/3+ class. For more information, visit our website at www.sjvkirkland.org and click the Preschool tab. For a tour, Annette Schwientek would be delighted to show you around. Contact her at: aschwientek@sjvkirkland.org or 206-234-3988. If you have gently used toys, games and books, the Preschool kids would appreciate your donations.

Catholic Kids' Catechism Club Sunday School for children ages 3 through 5th grade began on October 7th / 8th. Children ages 3-5 yrs. attend our 8:30 am Sunday Class. While the older kids (first graders through fifth graders) join us from 9:35-10:25 on Sunday morning or from 7-8 pm on Monday Evenings. We will not meet next Sunday or Monday due to the Thanksgiving Holiday!

Parents: There is a nursery available during our Sunday 8:30 am and 10:30 am Masses. Just down the stairs, the first room on the right is our parish nursery. It is staffed and free! Please bring your children down if you are in need of a bit of peace while you are celebrating Mass.

Middle & Senior High School and Young Adult Outreach Schedule

- **December 2** Middle School Tent City Meal 4—6:30
- **December 8** Bridge Ministry dinner— a good opportunity for community service serving those with special needs as they and their caregivers celebrate Christmas. 12 — 2:30
- **December 9** Senior High Tent City Meal 4—6:30
- **December 16** SJV Concert

Infant Baptism Class: Our next infant Baptism Class is scheduled for January 8 at 7:00 pm with a rehearsal immediately following the class. Baptisms will take place on Sunday January 13th at the 10:30 Mass. Download information and paperwork from the parish website at www.sjvkirkland.org under the tab for Sacraments.

SJV CHRISTMAS TREES!

Support Our Youth Group as They Trek to Mexico to Build Homes



- Fresh cut Nobel, Grand, Frazier and Douglas Firs
- Great Prices: cash & checks accepted
- Locally grown
- Tax deduction
- Non-profit organization
- Special tall tree orders welcome

Opens Friday, 11/25:

Hours: Mon-Friday 5-8:00pm.

Sat 9-7:00pm. Sun 9-5:00pm.

St. John Vianney Church
12600 84th Avenue NE, Kirkland
www.sjvkirkland.org

Contact: Ken Strubheim 425-823-6840

St Vincent de Paul Giving Tree

October found SVdP giving large quantities of food to families that called in. That means our Christmas Basket supply is going to suffer without your compassion and generosity. Could you help us by dropping off items in the SVdP box in the narthex.?



Week 2 before Christmas Dec. 1-2 Canned tomato products, pasta, mac & cheese, Ramen, canned juice, cooking oil, coffee (instant & bean), tea bags, 5 lb. potatoes, 5 lb. flour, 5 lb. sugar, salt, jam/jelly, pancake mix, syrup. **On the last week before Christmas, my parish gave to me:**

Canned fruit, veggies and stews, jam/jelly, spaghetti sauces, pasta, cake, icing, brownie and pancake mix, syrup, stuffing mix, 5 lbs potatoes, 5 lb flour, 5 lb Sugar, cooking oil.

Rachel's Corner: Hope and Healing After Abortion "By attending the retreat, I was finally acknowledging how broken I was. The mercy and love of Christ helped me to name and acknowledge my wounds." - Testimony after a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. Come to a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat and experience the healing balm of Christ's mercy and forgiveness. Next retreat: February 8-10, 2013. Call Valerie: 1-800-822-HOPE (4673) *You are loved with an everlasting Love! Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services.*

Advent Day of Reflection For Women and Men "Images of Mary" Presented by Sisters and Associates of St. Joseph of Peace Saturday December 8, 2012 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace St. Mary-on-the-Lake - Bellevue Bring a sack lunch. Freewill offering. To register please call or e-mail: Carmel Little, CSJP – 425-635-3600 clittle@csjp-olp.org