

Second Sunday of Advent

Pastor's Message

Dear Parishioners,

First of all let me tell you how overwhelmed I am with the generous response I received from you for our giving tree. I am sure that a lot of our brothers and sisters who will receive your gift would truly be happy and grateful for your generosity, thank you to all. Also to all who have brought in grocery items for the St. Vincent de Paul grocery basket, thank you! You have helped a family in making their Christmas a little better with your donation.

Please continue to support our St. Vincent de Paul society in our parish. They are still accepting donations to fill-in more baskets. You can bring them to the parish office.

This week we will be having our advent penance service on Thursday, December 13, at 7 p.m. As mentioned in our announcement last weekend, there will be 5 visiting priests assisting in the service. I would like to personally invite you to take advantage of this great opportunity to be reconciled with God and prepare our hearts for the coming of our savior.

Then this coming Sunday, the Parish would like to celebrate Christmas with you by offering you songs of the seasons performed by our very own St. John Vianney choir headed by Mary Thurtle and the Praise and Worship band headed by Margaret Graham. The concert will begin at 3:30 in the afternoon followed by a soup supper in the social Hall. Please come and join us as we celebrate and await the coming of the messiah.

See you there!

Stewardship of Treasure

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Total
December 2011 Income	\$17,239	\$12,876	\$14,948	\$21,549	N/A	\$66,612
December 2012 Income	\$17,237				N/A	\$17,237
					Oct 2012 Budget	\$65,000
					November 2012 Income under Expenses	(\$47,763)

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)

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.

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 175/600 so far. Please return a card, even if you are not able to make a financial commitment at this time. Also, if you currently donate by using EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer), please fill out a pledge card to let us know that you are continuing to donate at that level or if you are increasing your donation. This will keep you from getting a follow-up letter and it will help the parish keep the mailing costs as low as possible. **Thank You!**

If you are not currently using EFT for your donations and would like to, there are forms on the Welcome Table—or contact Margie Berard in the parish office.

End-of-Year Donations

Any donations made to the parish must be in our office by December 31st or postmarked by that date—for Income Tax purposes.

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This Week at St. John Vianney

Sunday, December 9

8:30 am Mass
10:30 am Mass
CKCC 8:30 and 10:30

Monday, December 10

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

Tuesday, December 11

8:30 am Adoration
9:00 am Mass
9:15 am Preschool
7:00 pm AA Meeting
7:00 pm Facilities Meeting

Wednesday, December 12

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 13

8:30 am Adoration until 7:00 pm
9:00 am Mass
9:15 am Preschool
7:00 pm Song writers
7:00 pm Centering Prayer
7:00 pm Advent Reconciliation Service

Friday, December 14

8:30 am Adoration
9:00 am Mass
9:15 am Preschool

Saturday, December 15

3:30 pm Reconciliation
5:00 pm Sunday Vigil Mass
Bake Sale

Sunday, December 16

8:30 am Mass– Bake Sale
10:30 am Mass– Bake Sale
8:30 and 9:35 CKCC
3:30 Parish Christmas Concert



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Mark your Calendar

Parish Office Hours 8:30 am–4:30 pm

- **December 13** Advent Parish Reconciliation Service
- **December 16** Decorating for Christmas after the 10:30 mass.
- **December 16** Concert 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

Third Sunday of Advent Readings

Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:10-18

Questions for the Second Sunday of Advent

- Describe various ways that today's readings show us God coming into human life and history?
- What or who are the idols that draw Christians away from God today?
- What "false gods" do you need to turn away from in the coming weeks?

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 "*The Dovekeepers*" by Alice Hoffman. We will meet on Tuesday January 8th this month since the First is a Holiday. And always 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. It is time to think about your January days off. You can include any winter vacations you may have planned. 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.

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: Thanks to all who helped with the Bridge Ministry. Our next gathering will be in January. Have a blessed Christmas, 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

The Staff of St. John Vianney Preschool would like to wish everyone a blessed Advent and Christmas Season and a Happy and Healthy New Year. Please come

hear the preschool students sing at the Parish Christmas Concert on Sunday December 16th at 3:30 pm. Registration for the 2013-14 school year begins January 7, 2013. Next year's brochures are available at the Welcome table and on the parish website. 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.

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.

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 infor-

mation 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 Guadalupe 425-823-6840



Middle & Senior High School and Young Adult Outreach Schedule

- **December 9** Senior High Tent City Meal 4—6:30
- **December 16** SJV Concert



St Vincent de Paul Giving Tree

This year we are planning on 60 family baskets (between 250-300 people)—which is 10 more families than last year. Could you help us by dropping off non perishable food items in the SVdP box in the narthex.? Thank you.

On the last week before Christmas, my parish gave to me: Canned fruit, veggies & stews, jam/jelly, spaghetti sauces, pasta, cake, icing, brownie and pancake mix, syrup, stuffing mix, 5 lbs potatoes, 5 bl flour, 5 lb Sugar, cooking oil. **Other suggested items needed:** peanut butter, jam/jelly, breakfast cereals, tuna fish, chili, mayo, Bisquick, soup, salt, & paper products.

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.*

Help Wanted: Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace are in need of a part-time administrative assistant at the Peace and Spirituality Center. Responsibilities cover a range of administrative and office support activities including receptionist, general clerical and hospitality. The job is approximately 20 hours per week. For further information or to apply, please contact Sister Carmel Little, Director Peace and Spirituality Center clittle@csjp-olp.org