

Third Sunday of Advent

Pastor's Message

Dear Parishioners,

What a week, almost every night of penance service...what a joy and a privilege for us priest to assist our brothers and sisters in reconciling themselves with Christ. I am very grateful to my brother priest who have been a strong support during this busy season of the year. I also would like to thank all those who help prepare our church for the service and also those who assisted in preparing the liturgy for the penance service. Lastly my gratitude goes to all who came and participated in our penance service.

This Sunday/today, we will be having our Christmas concert at 3:30 P.M. I know that most of you are probably doing their last minute preparation for the holidays and some are probably starting to feel the crunch and for this reason we, the preschool, the choir and the band, would like to offer you a moment of respite from all the hustle and bustle the holiday brings. Come spend some time with us this Sunday and enjoy the beautiful music from our choir and band. Let them serenade you with some of our best loved hymns and carols then enjoy a delicious supper hosted by the parish. So plan on coming, this Sunday/today at 3:30 P.M. Also next Saturday, December 22nd, is our Parish Simbang Gabi. We will celebrate the usual vigil Mass at 5 P.M. followed by a dinner reception hosted by the Filipino community of our Parish.

Lastly I would like to thank all those who came and help decorate our church. I would like to especially thank the worship and spirituality committee for overseeing the whole event. Thank you so much for all your hard work and dedication.

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	\$14,636			N/A	\$31,873
					Oct 2012 Budget	\$65,000
					November 2012 Income under Expenses	(\$33,127)

Prayers are Requested

For healing: Dean Hendrickson, Gerry Kingery, Francine Weir, Martha Shuker, John Phillips, Dennis DePape, Cathy Orth

For those who have died: Loa Naish, Kelly & Casey Newman, 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.)

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. Unfortunately, we have only received about **225/600** 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. **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—It's not too late!

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

This Week at St. John Vianney

Sunday, December 16

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

Monday, December 17

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

Tuesday, December 18

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

Wednesday, December 19

8:30 am Adoration
9:00 am Mass
9:30 am Faith Sharing Group
7:30 pm Boy Scouts
7:00 pm Choir
7:00 pm Simbang Gabi Novena Mass

Thursday, December 20

8:30 am Adoration until 7:00 pm
9:00 am Mass
7:00 pm Centering Prayer
7:00 pm Advent Reconciliation Service
7:00 pm Simbang Gabi Novena Mass

Friday, December 21

8:30 am Adoration
9:00 am Mass
7:00 pm Simbang Gabi Novena Mass

Saturday, December 22

3:30 pm Reconciliation
5:00 pm Simbang Gabi with reception following

Sunday, December 23

8:30 am Mass
10:30 am Mass



Mark your Calendar

Parish Office Hours 8:30 am–4:30 pm

- **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
- PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS DAY.
- **January 1, 2013** Feast of Mary the Mother of God 10:00 am. Mass

Fourth Sunday of Advent Readings

Micah 5: 1-4a

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-45

Questions for the Third Sunday of Advent

- In today's readings, what are causes for rejoicing? Are there similar reasons for joy in your own life?
- To what changes in way of life is God calling you, your local community, and the entire church?
- In the coming week, how can you bring joy to others?

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 will return to their regular schedule (every Wednesday at 10 AM.) on January 9th New and experi-

enced 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 January schedule is here. Contact Marti: marti-b1@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.

GREAT CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR YOUR FAMILY: Vacation in Seaside Oregon, 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/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: 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:

Would you be willing to join the "Last Minute Elf Patrol?" every year, deserving families who do not want to ask for help are discovered at the last minute. Several parishioners have, in the past, jumped in and purchased gifts. Would YOU like to join in the fun? Leave your name and # for Jan.

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. Laura and her great group of catechism kids have filled the stockings and divided up all the wonderful gifts you have brought in. Thank you so much for your generosity.

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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. This is our last Sunday/Monday to meet for this calendar year. Classes will resume on Sunday and Monday January 6 and 7, 2013!

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 schedule 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 Guadalupe 425-823-6840

Middle & Senior High School and Young Adult Outreach Schedule

- Wonderful thanks to 35 high schoolers who sorted all the Tent City stocking stuffers on Dec 9.
 - December 16 SJV Concert for all families. Bring cookies! Hear some of our awesome youth sing and play!
- Special deepest thanks for all the amazing support of Greg Seiler, Julie Brejda, Sarah Toland, Amy Smith, and Mary Goodwin, while Jan was away. Our parish embraces our missions with a passion.

St Vincent de Paul Giving Tree

This year we foresee 60 family baskets (between 250-300 people)—which is 10 more families than last year.

Here are the food needs coming into the end of our 12 weeks of Christmas food drive:

Mayo, pancake mix, syrup, 5 lb flour, 5 lb Sugar, cooking oil. peanut butter, jam/jelly, chili, canned veggies. Looks like an all time high with 9 added families one day last week. Together, we feed the hungry in our midst.

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.*



Mass in Remembrance: Feast of the Holy Innocents, Special Mass in Remembrance of children who have died before birth, abortion, miscarriage and stillbirth. December 28th, 2012 at 6:00 pm at Immaculate Conception Church 2510 Hoyt Avenue, Everett, WA 98201. Fr. Bryan Hersey, celebrant. Please come to celebrate the brief lives of your littlest ones.

"No handprint is so small that it does not leave its mark upon this world"