

# Christmas & New Year



## Pastor's Message

Dear Parishioners,

Christmas is upon us once again. It is a time of celebration, a time of visiting our loved ones. It is also a time for giving and receiving. Amidst all these festivities lies an infant who gave us these reasons to celebrate, Jesus our Lord. Because God loves so much that he sent his only begotten to live among us and to redeem. This is the good news, this is the reason why we celebrate Christmas. Having said this, I would like to wish you all a Blessed Christmas. May the peace and Joy that filled the Blessed Virgin's heart and the Love of God fill your hearts to overflowing now and forever.

Speaking of Christmas, I would like to thank all those who came and help decorate our church. I would like to thank the worship and spirituality committee for spearheading the event and the Knights of Columbus for assisting in putting up the trees. Thank you so much for preparing our church for this joyful occasion.

Lastly I would like to thank our choir, band and preschool for putting on a beautiful concert last Sunday. They all did a great job in bringing the Spirit of Joy into our hearts through their singing and music, thank you! I also would like to thank all those who came and supported our mini concert.

Without you this concert would not have been possible. God bless you all and a Merry and blessed Christmas to you and your family! Blessed Christmas! Fr. Ramon



### 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	\$16,446		N/A	\$48,319
					Dec 2012 Budget	\$65,000
					December 2012 Income needed	<b>(\$16,681)</b>

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#### Prayers are Requested

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

**For those who have died:** Loa Naish, Tyler Mastel, 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.) 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. Unfortunately, we have only received about **240/600** 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.**

## Mass & Events at St. John Vianney

### Sunday, December 23

8:30 am Mass  
10:30 am Mass

### Monday, December 24 Christmas Eve

4:00 pm Mass  
9:00 pm Mass

### Tuesday, December 25 Christmas Day

10:00 am Mass

### Wednesday, December 26

### Thursday, December 27

9:00 am Word & Communion  
7:00 pm Centering Prayer

### Friday, December 28

9:00 am Word & Communion

### Saturday, December 29

5:00 pm Mass

### Sunday, December 30

8:30 am Mass  
10:30 am Mass

### Monday, December 31

4:00 pm Mass  
9:00 pm Mass

### Tuesday, January 1

10:00 am Mass

### Wednesday, January 2

9:15am Pre-school restarts  
9:30 am Faith Sharing Group  
9:30 am Mom's Morning Out

### Thursday, January 3

8:30 am Word & Communion  
7:00 pm Webelos  
7:00 pm Centering Prayer  
7 00 pm Knights of Columbus Officer's Meeting

### Friday, January 4

8:30 am Word & Communion

### Saturday, January 5

4:00 pm Rosary  
5:00 pm Mass

### Sunday, January 6

8:30 am Mass  
10:30 am Mass  
4:00 pm Middle School Tent City meal serve



From all of us here at St. John Vianney, all our best wishes  
for a healthy, happy New Year

## Mark your Calendar

**\*Parish Office Closed December 25—January 1\***

**Office Hours of 8:30 am—4:30 pm resume January 2**

- **December 24** Christmas Eve Liturgies 4:00 pm and 9:00 pm with carols to begin at 3:30 pm and 8:30 pm.
- **December 25** Christmas Day Liturgy 10:00 am
- **January 1** Feast of Mary the Mother of God 10:00 am Mass
- **February 9** 6PM Knights of Columbus Crab Feed

### Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Readings 12/30

1 Samuel 1:20—22, 24—28  
1 John 3:1—2, 21—24  
Luke 2:41—52

### Questions for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

- What images or words do you find in today's readings that relate to rulers or ruling powers? How are they alike or different?
- Describe images and attributes of rulers in our world today. How do they compare with Luke's description of "Christ the Lord"?
- How will you exercise leadership in your family or workplace this week?

### The Epiphany of the Lord Readings 1/6

Isaiah 60:1—6  
Ephesians 3:2—3a, 5—6  
Matthew 2:1—12

### Questions for Christmas

- What if the spirit of Christmas lasted all year? How might we change our civic community?
- Discuss one way "Emmanuel" God with us has been present to you this past year?

## St. John Vianney Parish News & Events

### **Is Financial Peace Your New Year's Resolution?**

Did you know that 7 out of 10 Americans live paycheck to paycheck? Are you one of them? What if you could eliminate this kind of stress in your life? Starting January 7th at 7pm (room8) attend Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University class here at church. First class is FREE, so come check it out! In this 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. The cost is about \$100 for materials. Contact Dave Almond at [206-650-9449/](tel:206-650-9449)[dkalmond@msn.com](mailto: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 19th for Seniors over the age of 50 who are single. Bring a potluck dish to share into the social hall immediately following the Saturday Night 5:00 pm Mass. Have a blessed Christmas, see you next year.

### **New Bible Study: The Book of Ruth**

You are invited to join us on Monday mornings after 9:00 am mass for two hours of faith building. Beginning January 7th, we will be studying the Book of Ruth. While only four 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 are 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. Questions contact Cynthia Kemp at 425-823-6125.

**Wine, Chocolate and Books:** Our next Women's Book Group book is "The Dovekeepers" by Alice Hoffman. All women of the parish are invited to

join us on Tuesday January 8th for a lively discussion, wine and chocolate. We will gather in the parish office space.

### **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 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 January schedule is here. Contact Marti: [marti-b1@earthlink.net](mailto: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](mailto:mgraham@sjvkirkland.org) or the parish office.

### **Vacation in Seaside Oregon, available April 6th- 13th:**

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

### **Women's Retreat at Far-a-way is full.**

People do cancel at the last minute so please send in your registration to be placed on the waiting list. The cost is \$125.00 per person from Friday January 18-Sunday January 20, 2013. Registration forms are available on the welcome table or e-mail Laura Stanger and she will e-mail you a registration form.

### **Would you like a CD from this year's parish concert?**

Contact Jeff Berosik or let us know in the parish office cost \$5.00 per cd.

### **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.

### **Christmas Stockings for TC4**

Head Elves Marti & Marie are in charge. Senior high youth sorted and Laura and her great group of catechism kids filled the stockings and divided up all the wonderful gifts you have brought in. The stockings will be distributed on Christmas day to our brothers and sisters. Thank you so much for your generosity.



## **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. 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](http://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](mailto:aschwientek@sjvkirkland.org) or 206-234-3988.

**Catholic Kids' Catechism Club** Sunday School for children ages 3 through 5th grade. 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. Classes will resume on Sunday and Monday January 6 and 7, 2013! New members are welcome any time. Please sign

up at the welcome table or e-mail Laura Stanger.

**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 information and paperwork from the parish website at [www.sjvkirkland.org](http://www.sjvkirkland.org) under the tab for Sacraments.

## **First Eucharist and First Reconciliation Preparation:**

We just completed our First Reconciliation Preparation for this year. Our children and their parents did a wonderful job in getting ready to receive this wonderful sacrament. We begin our preparation for First Eucharist on Friday January 25 at 7:00 pm or Saturday January 26 at 10:00 am.

## **Middle & Senior High School, Young Adult and Outreach Experiences**

- January 6 4:00 pm — 6:30 pm Middle School last in parish Tent City meal prep & serve
  - Saturday January 12—all ages- 5:00 Mass, **Dinner and a Movie until 9pm**
- January 13th 5:- 7PM Field trip to International Medical Teams exhibit in Redmond.

Special blessings on all the adults who support our youth programs. Chaperones, coordinators of bake, flower, and tree sales, meeting catechists, T C 4 cooks, snack providers, parents of tree sellers who brave the cold to help teens earn the way to work in Tijuana and more. ENORMOUS gratitude to anonymous donors who replaced the tree profits that disappeared, to regular monthly donors to the youth program, AND to a long time devoted couple who donated to Children's and Youth programs in a most generous manner. Our appreciation is beyond words.

**Amazing grace is shared by SJV parish.** We believe in loving service EVERYWHERE and speaking of that...SJV has built over 90 homes with **Esperanza International** Tijuana, Mexico since 1992. 500 people have traveled south and we serve 5 weeks a year. Our high school trek process began in September (is full for 2013) but we have adult trek May 18 to 25, young adult trek June 15-23. It's not too late to get on board. We also have **Water Access Now**, a non profit begun by 2 parish members. Last year, 5 wells were drilled in arid northern Ghana. 2013 looks like 10! That trek is July 13-28. And finally, for middle and high school, we have our annual **Youth Migrant Project** in Skagit Valley working with migrant farming families. That is Aug 5-9. Call Jan for more info if you are interested in the Mission Treks of St John Vianney! Living the Gospel with faith, hope, love, and fun!

**A Very Special Mass:** 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"

**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.*