

First Sunday of Advent

Dear Parishioners,

Today we end ordinary time and begin the Advent. As we enter into the season of Advent we are reminded of two things. The first is the joyful anticipation of the coming Messiah who crushed the head of the evil one marking and end to slavery of sin and death. The second is thing Advent tells us is Christ did come and that we are encouraged to persevere in our faith so as to share in his promise of eternal life.

Speaking of the promise of eternal life, there are ways where we can persevere in our faith. One of them is participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. For this Advent, we will be having our parish Advent service on December 13 at 7 p.m. There will be 5 visiting priest who will make themselves available to hear confessions. I ask you to take advantage of this opportunity to prepare yourself for the birth of Christ.

On another note, our parish will be having the annual free Christmas concert on December 15 at 3:30 in the afternoon followed by a soup dinner. I would like to extend this invitation to all of you and share the holiday spirit with your fellow parishioners. Please bring Christmas cookies to share. Then on December 21, Saturday, we will be having our Simbang Gabi celebration at the 5 p.m. Vigil mass. Please come and join us!

Finally please visit our giving tree take a tag and purchase the item listed, wrap the gift and return the item with the tag attached by Sunday, December 15th. This will help a family enjoy the true Christmas Spirit.

God bless! *Fr. Ramon*

Stewardship of Treasure

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Total
November 2012 income	\$16,125*	\$13,612*	\$11,821*	\$9,133	N/A	\$50,691
November 2013 income	\$23,225*	\$19,776*	\$10,167*	\$10,108	N/A	\$63,276
				Monthly Expense		\$65,000
				November 2013 Expenses over income		(\$1,724)

* includes EFT donations

Prayers are Requested

for healing. . . Jerry Toner, Clair Korn, Bernadette Asher, Nate Simons, Jayden Anderson, Inga Sprayberry, Tom Falsetto, Sherlyn Arquillano, Caron Wilberts, Mary Vanderwal, Ken & Eddie Krismer, Daniel Early, Norma Warner, , Paula Taton, Brett Roberts, , Archbishop Brunett, Dean Ostlund, Ken Dudley, Barry McDermott, Jon Sramek, Bill Mitchell, Lynn Voss, Mary Cromer, Mike Perreault, Linda Thompson, James Ianelli

for those who have died. . Dennis Depape, Joseph Humphreys, Bryan Dammeier, Teresa Hien Tran, LaVonne Williams.

for those of our community who are serving in harm's way. . . Bret Meyer, Bowe Bergdahl (prisoner of the Taliban), Whitney Sellers Sutherland and Paul Clayborn.

Prayer Chain

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds to Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:6-7)

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

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Liturgies & Events

Sunday, December 1

8:30 am Mass
10:30 am Mass

Monday, December 2

8:30 am Adoration
9:00 am Mass
9:15 am Preschool
9:45 am Bible Study of John

Tuesday, December 3

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

Wednesday, December 4

8:30 am Adoration
9:00 am Mass
9:15 am Preschool
9:15 am Mom's Morning Out
9:30 am Faith Sharing Group
10:00 am East side Deanery Meeting
4:00 pm Children's choir practice
7:00 pm Adult Choir practice

Thursday, December 5

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

Friday, December 6

8:30 am Adoration
9:00 am Mass—Anointing of the Sick
9:15 am Preschool
7:00 pm Sacramental Preparation

Saturday, December 7

10:00 am Sacramental Preparation
12 noon Bridge Ministry
3:30 pm Reconciliation
5:00 pm Mass & BAKE SALE

Sunday, December 8

8:30 am Mass & BAKE SALE
8:30 and 9:15 CKCC
10:30 am Mass & BAKE SALE
5:00 pm Senior High Youth Group



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Mark your Calendar

Parish office hours 8:30 am — 4:30 pm

- Nov. 29 SJV Mission Trek Christmas Tree Sale begins
- Sat, Dec 7 12 noon —3 pm Annual Bridge Ministry dinner
- Dec. 7 & 8, TREK CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE– SWEET!
- Friday December 13th Parish Advent Reconciliation Service 7:00 pm.
- Sunday Dec. 15th 3:30 pm Parish Christmas Concert
- December 24th– 4 pm Children's Choir and 7 pm Praise and Worship Band
- December 25th– Christmas Day 10:00 am Mass

First Sunday of Advent Questions

- In what ways do today's readings describe preparing for or responding to God's coming?
- In what ways can members of your parish community help one another prepare for Christ's daily coming?
- What specific attitudes or behaviors might help you observe this Advent in a spirit of watchfulness?

Children's Question

Have you experienced times of sudden change? Did you talk about this with God and others?

Readings for December 1, 2014

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Isaiah 2:1-5

Romans 13: 11-14

Matthew 24: 37-44

St. John Vianney Parish News

Interested in Becoming a Catholic?

Learn more about the Catholic faith. Adults and children 7 years-old and over who are interested, we invite you to contact the parish office and speak with Father.

You & Adoration

Did you know that on the first Thursday of each month we sit in quiet Adoration from 9am — 7pm? If you have one hour once a month to honor the Eucharistic Presence of Christ in the Adoration Chapel, we have some slots still available. Contact Ferne Olschewsky at Olschewsky1@frontier.com or 425 213 0355 for more information.

Stretch Your Mind & Body Have you always wanted to try yoga? Now is a great time to get your energy flowing! Whether you are experienced or a beginner, join us Wednesdays at 7pm here at SJV for light stretching. Calm your mind and energize your body. Class sessions are \$10.

Feel Inspired. Be inspiring.

Do you like to cook? Do you love making someone smile? If you have just one hour a month, please consider visiting someone who could use YOUR light or perhaps making your favorite meal for someone. If you have a few spare moments, give us a call at the Sonshine Ministry! If you or someone you know needs a little Sonshine (a meal or a card) call us at 425-823-0787.

SJV Quilters Ministry

Please join us for quilting on Wednesdays at 10:00 am. It's a stitch! Call Kathy Egan 425-823-1720.

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 December schedule is here. Please sign up for the Thursday, November 28 10:00am Thanksgiving Day mass. Contact Marti: martib1@earthlink.net or the parish office.

Women's Book Group Join us for our next Women's Book Group Tuesday, December 3 at 7pm when we will discuss *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls. Spend the evening discussing a good book and enjoying some chocolate and wine with some wonderful women.

Senior Dinner The Senior Singles dinner will be Saturday January 18th. Any singles 55 and over are invited to attend. Bring a potluck dish to share. We gather in the social hall after the Saturday evening 5:00 pm Mass.

Adopt-a-bed Thank you to those of you who are taking such good care of your garden beds. A few beds are still available for adoption. If interested, call Tony at 425-823-9036

Help the Homeless: Please bring your gently used Jackets and coats, scarves, and gloves for Lazarus house. Please bring them to the parish office. We will also be collecting stocking stuffers for Tent City. Tent City is now at Mary Queen of Peace Parish in Sammamish. We need toiletries, cough drops, batteries, candy, hand warmers. Please drop your donations in the Christmas box next to the welcome table in the narxex.

2014 Missals and Lector workbooks for the 2014 liturgical year will be on sale at the welcome table after each mass. Missals for \$5.00 each, At home with the word books \$8.00 each and Lector Workbooks on sale for \$14.00 each.

Bible Study All are invited to take part in the Bible Study **Angels throughout the Ages** which begins on January 17. We will be looking at Angels and how God has used them from the beginning of time and how they influence our lives today. This is a 15 week study and costs \$38.40. We meet Friday mornings after morning mass. Sign up now.

Social Concerns

St. Vincent de Paul

For our giving tree we need:

Nov 30 Dec 1 peanut butter & jam/jelly, breakfast cereals, canned tuna, salmon, chili, beans, soup & fruit, mayo, pasta, biscuit, cake, brownie, & icing mixes, 5lb flour, paper products, oil

Dec 7-8 Canned tomato products, pasta, mac & cheese, Ramen, canned juice, oil coffee (instant & bean), tea bags, 5lb potatoes, 5lb flour, 5lb sugar, salt, jam/jelly pancake mix, syrup

The Severe Weather Shelter for women and children has opened in downtown Redmond. The Shelter for men will open mid-November in Bellevue. These shelters allow the homeless to come in out of the cold for the night and hopefully receive a hearty meal. Many hands are needed to provide these meals. Please check out the website at

<http://tinyurl.com/k987gtb> for detailed information on how you can help and a meal calendar on which you can sign up to bring a meal. Or feel free to email Andrea at andrea@hfkparish.org or call her at 425-822-0295, ext. 110. Thank you so much!

Donating Blood Helps Others

Thanks to all who recently donated blood at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church. 26 donors were able to donate 17 pints of precious blood. Those 17 pints will help 51 patients.

Our next blood drive will be at Saint John Vianney on Jan. 24, 2014.

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Children and Family Life Ministry Events



St. John Vianney

Catholic Preschool After a month of Fall fun with the pumpkin patch trips, a well attended pumpkin carving night and exciting Halloween parties, we are moving into a much quieter November. Our preschool value of

the month is "Thankfulness" We all have so much to be thankful for and the kids are learning to share with the less fortunate by bringing food items for "show and tell" to contribute to the St. Vincent DePaul food drive. We are grateful to Mary Thurtle who offered to be our music teacher. The kids love to sing and use simple instruments. We are already preparing the songs for our upcoming Christmas Concert in December. A happy Thanksgiving to our Supportive SJV family. At this time we have a couple of openings in our Pre-k class so let us know if you, or someone you know might be interested in a spot.

WISH LIST: Toilet Paper and paper towel cardboard tubes for crafts project. Bring to office any time.

You can always visit our Preschool website at www.sjvkirkland.org and click the Preschool tab. Contact Annette Schwientek, our preschool director, at: aschwientek@sjvkirkland.org or 206-234-3988 for more information about the preschool.

Parish Nursery 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.

NO CKCC next week due to the Thanksgiving Holiday!

No clubhouse meetings on Sunday December 1 or Monday December 2. Club meetings resume on Sunday December 8th and Monday December 9

Sacramental Preparation for First Communion and

First Reconciliation Our third session is scheduled for December 6 at 7:00 pm and December 7th 10:00 am. Contact Laura Stanger if you have questions. Our CELEBRATION OF FIRST RECONCILIATION DATE HAS CHANGED FROM THURSDAY DECEMBER 12TH TO FRIDAY DECEMBER 13TH AT 7:00 PM.

Middle & Senior High School, Young Adult and Outreach Experiences

Trek Christmas Tree Sale 2014 begins Nov 29. Our trees come from Bremerton area and are fresh and beautiful. We pay the sales tax and give you a tax deduction for amount over our cost on the spot. We would be 'up a tree' without your support. Tell all your friends and family about our tree lot. Bless you!

P. S. This fund raiser brings in almost half of our total group cost for high school Esperanza trek. We appreciate any donation even if you don't wish to buy a tree. One year, Carol wandered the lot, picked the one she liked, wrote a check, then said "keep the tree, I just wanted to support the trek."

A CHANCE TO SERVE: Annual Bridge Ministry Christmas Dinner Saturday Dec 7th noon to 3 pm Come help us; young, older and in between. Mike McAuliffe creates a magic dinner, Santa comes, carols are sung.. It's a wonderful time. Community service for youth is part of the deal.

December 8: 5PM Youth Group senior high, Confirmation & Trek meeting

Dec 15 3:30 PM choir concert followed by 4:30 soup dinner. Families invited to come celebrate Jesus, the reason for the season with YOUR PARISH FAMILY.

Confirmation 2014 opening is Saturday, January 11. Youth who have been involved in the parish are invited. Sponsors need to be on board by the Jan. 11 meeting. Call Jan for more information. Email communication has been sent to all who are currently registered. Thanks to team members Tom Dukart, John & Marla Gallagher, Adam & Asia Keiffer, Greg Leptich, Donna Matz,

Advent Reflection Day with Edwina Gateley: "In God's Womb: your Soul Journey with God" Saturday December 14, 2013 9:00 am -3:30 pm Shoreline Conference Center. Explore how our relationship with God Changes and grows. Be the prophetic witnesses we are called to be in our Church and world. Contact Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center ipjc@ipjc.org 206-223-1138

Peace Days for Women, "Mary & Elizabeth: Nothing Is Impossible with God" led by Sister Beth Taylor, CSJP Wednesday, December 11, 2013 from 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at St. Mary-on-the-Lake Peace and Spirituality Center, 1663 Killarney Way, Bellevue, WA 98004 Free-will offering. Bring a sack lunch, coffee and tea provided. *We encourage you to carpool* To register or for more information contact Diane Figaro at 425-635-3603 or e-mail peace@csjp-olp.org