

Third Sunday of Advent

Dear Parishioners,

As Christmas gets closer things are really getting hectic in the office with all the meetings and social gatherings. I am grateful that this parish is blessed with a staff and core volunteers who are so supportive and willing to help. I would like to personally thank the Sonshine Ministry for helping me during these last couple of days. The Eastside deanery had their meeting in our Parish and the ladies from the Sonshine Ministry stepped in and provided a meal for all the priest and laity involved in the deanery. Our visitors were so impressed by the work the ladies did in hosting the deanery that they could not stop complementing them. To the Sonshine ministry ladies, thank you so much.

Another group that I also would like to thank are the men from the Knights of Columbus. Last weekend when we observed the solemnity of Immaculate Conception, the Knights of Columbus along with friends of St. John Vianney Parish donated 700 rosaries to our parish to be handed out to all of our parishioners in response to a homily given by Pope Francis. The Holy Father said that the Rosary is the cure for our spiritual ills. I am hoping that we all develop a devotion to our blessed mother and, in praying the rosary, may somehow alleviate some of our burdens and also foster peace throughout our nation and the entire world. Thank you my brother knights for sharing the gift of prayer, love, and devotion to our Blessed Mother.

Finally this weekend, Sunday/today, we will be having our Christmas Concert at 3:30 P.M. followed by a reception. This is our way of saying thank you to all of you for continuously supporting our parish.

May God bless you for your generosity and kindness! See you there!

Fr. Ramon

Stewardship of Treasure

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Total
December 2012 income	\$17,167*	\$10,491	\$16,445*	\$26,859*^	N/A	\$70,962
December 2013 income	\$15,840*	\$16,134*				\$31,974
^ includes Christmas				Monthly Expense		\$65,000
* includes EFT donations				December 2013 Expenses over income		(\$33,026)

Prayers are Requested

for healing. . . Harry Brighton, Les Stewart, Terese Graddon, Luke Bolger, James Ianelli, Josephine Abe, Linda Anderson, Mary Roth, Jerry Toner, Clair Korn, Bernadette Asher, Nate Simons, Pilar Guerrero, Jayden Anderson, Inga Sprayberry, Sherlyn Arquillano, Caron Wilberts, Archbishop Brunett, Barry McDermott, Bill Mitchell, Mary Cromer, Mike Perreault, Linda Thompson,
for those who have died. . Dick Meyers, William Jones, Fr. Pat Brennan, 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 15

8:30 am Mass
10:30 am Mass
3:30 Parish Christmas Concert followed by soup
supper bring cookies to share.

Monday, December 16

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

Tuesday, December 17

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

Wednesday, December 18

9:00 am Word and Communion Service
9:15 am Preschool
9:15 am Mom's Morning Out
9:30 am Faith Sharing Group
4:00 pm Children's choir practice
7:00 pm Adult Choir practice

Thursday, December 19

8:30 am Adoration
9:00 am Mass
9:15 am Preschool
7:00 pm Praise & Worship band practice
7:00 pm Centering prayer
7:00 p RCIA
7:30 pm Knights of Columbus General Meeting

Friday, December 20

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

Saturday, December 21

3:30 pm Reconciliation
5:00 pm Sim bang Gabi Mass

Sunday, December 22

8:30 am Mass
10:30 am Mass



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Mark your Calendar

Parish office hours 8:30 am — 4:30 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
- The Parish office will be closed between Christmas and New Years day.
- January 1, 2013- Feast of Mary the Mother of God 10:00 am.

Third Sunday of Advent Questions

- How is salvation described, by word and image, in today's readings?
- How can you participate in God's work of creation wholeness and healing in your parish, workplace, or family this week?
- How has God's salvation already begun in your life?
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Children's Question

What other prophets from the Bible spoke about the Savior?
Who are today's prophets?

Readings for December 22, 2014

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Isaiah 7: 10-14
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-24

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 Yoga sessions will resume on Wednesday January 8th. 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. Look for sign up sheets on the kiosk for Christmas and New Years Day. Contact Marti: marti-b1@earthlink.net or the parish office.

Women's Book Group Join us for our next Women's Book Group Tuesday, January 7 at 7pm when we will discuss The Rhythm of Life by Matthew Kelley. Spend the evening discussing a good book and enjoying some chocolate and wine with some wonderful women.

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 5th year we're offering Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University class here at church starting 7pm Monday, January 13th 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/246571>. You'll be glad you did!

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. Hope you have a blessed Christmas and see you in the new year.

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

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. **Pew Cleaners needed** Would you be willing to come in once a month to help clean up the pews? Contact Margie Berard in the parish office 425-823-0787 if you are willing to help. It would require a couple of hours of your time per month.

Social Concerns

St. Vincent de Paul

For our giving tree we need:

Dec 14-15 LAST ONE Canned fruit, veggies, stews, jam & jelly, spaghetti sauces, pasta, cake, icing, brownie & pancake mixes, syrup, stuffing, 5Lb potatoes & sugar, cooking oil.

If you have a chance, take a trip downstairs to room 6 and see the result of SJV generosity in keeping with the Gospel.

Special Thanks to Reanna Thatcher for generous donations to our St. Vincent de Paul Pantry... donating and collecting countless items for families in need.

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 Holy Family 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.

Donating blood is vital to helping others.

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Children and Family Life Ministry Events



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 join us at the Parish

Christmas Concert this coming Sunday, December 15th at 3:30PM and listen to the preschoolers sing.

Registration for the 2014/15 school year begins January 6, 2014. An updated brochure and registration form will be available the end of December on the parish web site or the welcome table.

We will start scheduling tours for new families January 6, 2014. Please contact Annette Schwientek at aschwientek@sjvkirkland.org or 206-234-3988 if you are interested. For more information visit our web site at www.sjvkirkland.org and click on the Preschool tab.

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! **CKCC** We had a great time celebrating our Christmas Party this week. We will be on Christmas Break until Sunday January 5 and Monday January 6, 2014.

Sacramental Preparation for First Communion and First Reconciliation

Congratulations to our Children who received their First Reconciliation this past Friday. This growing up and being brave sacrament that reminds us that we need God and that we are loved no matter what! First Eucharist Preparation begins Friday January 24 or Saturday January 25 at 10:00 a.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S MASS SINGERS! If you were not able to join the children's choir because of your schedule or you weren't old enough, you can still sing during the prelude for the mass at 4:00 Mass. Pick up a song sheet at the welcome table, practice the songs at home and come to church at 3:30pm you will be called up to sing the songs during our caroling before the Mass starts.

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.

December 8: Enormous thanks to Ken Goodwin & Emily Johnson for leading our discussion on Catholic Social Teaching. See the bulletin board in the hall for answer to the question "why does C S T matter?"

Dec 15 9:30 am Confirmation team 2013 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, Klaus Schwientek.

ESPERANZA NEWS: Emily Sandbo, chaperone for our H.S. trek just returned from a 3 month long term volunteer position. Our Destry Seiler will be heading to Tijuana in early May—August in the same role. We are SO PROUD of you!

Marriage Help – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vī) helps couples rediscover each other and examine their lives together in a new and positive way. No matter the source of conflict in a marriage, Retrouvaille can help. For confidential information about, or to register for our upcoming program beginning January 24-26, 2014 call 206-706-2608 or visit www.helpourmarriage.com

The **Longest Night Service** is a way to acknowledge the pain that Advent and the Christmas season can sometimes cause. The emphasis on family, joy, giving, and "good cheer" can be difficult for those who have experienced loss, relocation, broken relationships; those who live with depression or other illnesses; those who have no jobs or little money for giving; and those with addictions when the emphasis on parties can be very stressful. Held on **December 21st - the longest night of the year - this service refers to the dark night of the soul that many people experience at this time of year.** Our guest speaker this year will be Scott Wallin, who will bring his message of "Landing on a Patch of Grace", when everything falls apart, letting go reveals God's Amazing Grace. Please join us for this inspiring evening, Dec. 21st at 7:00 PM Holy Spirit Lutheran