

Christmas Blessings

Dear Parishioners,

Before I begin, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas! May the joy of our blessed Mother, as she gazes into the face of God, be yours and your loved ones this season.

Last Friday we had a good turn-out for our penance service. Listening to the confessions of the little children is quite humbling for it reminded me of the importance of innocence and humility in a person's life. Secondly I would like to thank all the people who came last Sunday for our Christmas concert. Thank for sharing that joyful celebration with us and as always, the choir, headed by Mary Thurtle and the Praise and Worship band headed by Margaret Graham provided us with beautiful music. Thank you so much!

As a reminder our mass schedule during these holidays are; December 24 - 4 pm children's mass. Children will be providing music with Mary Thurtle conducting. 7 p.m. Vigil mass - Praise and worship band providing the music. And on Christmas Day, our mass is at 10 a.m. I hope you can all come and join us as we celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. God bless you all and once again a blessed Christmas to all!

God Bless,

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	\$11,565	\$16,134*	\$13,986*			\$41,685
Monthly Expense						\$65,000
December 2013 Expenses over income						(\$23,315)

^ includes Christmas

* includes EFT donations

Prayers are Requested

for healing. . . Terese Graddon, Harry Brighton, Les Stewart, 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. . Eula Bredice, Stephen Whalen, 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 22

8:30 am Mass
10:30 am Mass

Monday, December 23

8:30 am Adoration
9:00 am Mass
6:00 pm Simbang Gabi Novena Mass

Tuesday, December 24

3:30 p.m. Christmas Carols
4:00 p.m. Children's Mass
6:30 p.m. Christmas Carols
7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass
(Praise and Worship Band)

Wednesday, December 25

9:30 a.m. Christmas Carols
10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass

Thursday, December 26

8:30 am Adoration
9:00 am Mass
7:00 pm Centering Prayer

Friday, December 27

8:30 am Adoration
9:00 am Mass

Saturday, December 28

3:30 pm Reconciliation
5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, December 29

8:30 am Mass
10:30 am Mass

Monday, December 30

9:00 Word and Communion Service

Tuesday December 31

9:00 Word and Communion Service

Wednesday January 1

10:00a.m. Feast of Mary the Mother of God

Thursday January 2

8:30 am Adoration
9:00 am Mass

Friday January 3

8:30 am Adoration
9:00 am Mass

Saturday January 4

3:30 pm Reconciliation
5:00 pm Mass

Mark your Calendar

Parish office hours 8:30 am — 4:30 pm

- December 23– 6pm Simbang Gabi Mass
- 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 from Christmas to New Years day.
- Jan. 1, 2013– 10:am Feast of Mary the Mother of God

Fourth Sunday of Advent Questions

- In what ways do today's reading describe God acting in the world?
- What persons or events have served as "signs" of God's presence to you?
- In the coming week, what can help you to be aware of "God with us" in yourself and in others?

Nativity of the Lord Vigil Mass

- In the readings, what names for God's people and God's Messiah are especially meaningful for you?
- In what ways has God recreated you? In what areas of life do you still long for rebirth?
- If God were to re-name you today what would be your new name?

Feast of the Holy Family

- What specific words in today's readings expand your understanding of what it means to be "holy"?
- How can your understanding of oneness in Christ reshape your community relationships?
- What attitudes or practices could increase your self-awareness as someone "set apart for God"?

Readings for December 29, 2014

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Colossians 3: 12-21

Matthew 2: 13-15, 19-23

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.

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.

Social Concerns

St. Vincent de Paul

Incredible service by the Hoek family in the coordination of the gifts for our families in need. Imagine organizing in a maze of gifts— always hopeful that all will be remembered. The gift of our St Vincent de Paul Society is exactly what Pope Francis is calling us to do. Live the Gospel of JOY!

Added kudos to Lee Skoghbergh, Don Mastel and a host of elves who sort and create the food boxes for families.

Too many names to mention—you are all blessed and blessing to our community.

Donating Blood Helps Others

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.

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 began Nov 29. Our trees have been beautiful and are hopefully, by the time you read this will be GONE! We would be 'up a tree' without your support. 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. See our flyer today!

Young Adult trek 2014 conversation has opened. Jason Nadeau, Ryan Lewis, and Joel Jensen are gearing up. If you are age 19 to ?? And want to make a 'concrete difference' for a Tijuana family, contact me or see the St John Vianney young adult group facebook page. We will have updated personal behavior contracts and high standards with possible 'elder adult' presence.

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

Rachel's Corner Hope and Healing After Abortion "The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a Savior has been born for you, who is Messiah and Lord." May the unending love of our Savior fill your heart with hope, grace and peace this Christmas. Do not be afraid to reach out for help. We are here waiting for you. Our next healing retreat is Feb 28-March 2, 2014 Call Valerie: 1-800-822-HOPE (4673) You are loved with an everlasting Love! Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services.