

The First Sunday of Lent

Dear parishioners,

As we begin the season of Lent, let us prepare ourselves to walk in the desert with our Lord Jesus by asking him to cleanse our hearts of any obstacles that would prevent us from receiving the fruits of this Lenten pilgrimage. Lent gives us that opportunity to humble ourselves before God realizing that in spite of our sinfulness, He did not abandon us rather He sent His only son to die for us so that we might have life. Let us then use this time to pray for one another, lifting each other to the Lord that he may bestow upon us the grace of this Lenten season.

On another note, I was surprised, in a good way, with the positive responses from the people regarding placing kneelers in our church. A lot of people gave a positive remarks after each Mass last weekend which shows that our parish is open in embracing changes in our Liturgy. I remember several years ago when we first had the band play at the 5 P.M. Mass I was so nervous not knowing if the congregation will love the music or hate it but much to my surprise the people loved it. Hopefully this change of having kneelers in our church will further enhance our way of celebrating the Liturgy. Having said this however, I am also fully aware that there are people who do not agree with the change i.e. kneelers. People have pointed out the tradition of this parish as to why we are not kneeling. My staff, in order to clarify some of the issues, got in touch with previous pastors of this church and found out some of the reasons as why we don't have kneelers. The responses that they have gathered are these:

1. That kneelers were not required at that time.
2. That some churches were beginning to stand for the Eucharistic prayer.
3. That the church was designed after churches in England.
4. That the parish roots at the seminary were progressive and that creative liturgy took place, but things have changed and liturgy conformity is being promoted among the church.

I would like to respond to these reasons, the best as I can, so as to give better understanding as to why we are doing this change. When this parish was being established—at the seminary, they said that at that particular time kneelers were not required. This all happened during the seventies, right after Vatican II. A lot of our brothers and sisters began to experience and enjoy their freedom in expressing their own creative ideas which was good, however the main purpose of the second Vatican council was not to give everyone a chance to do their own interpretation of the Mass but to get the laity involved in the ministry of the church working closely with their shepherds. The removal of the kneelers was something people, together with some priests, decided to do on their own. I remember witnessing a celebration where the “progressive” celebration of the liturgy was taken to a different level where regular bread and grape juice was being used for mass and that dances were used to interpret some of the liturgical parts. Our church when it comes to reaching out to people in need has certainly fulfilled its calling but still there is room for growth in our church and what I see needed is to develop deep devotion and relationship with God. We always claim that we are a strong faith filled comm-unity then let us be united in that endeavor. Let us pray for one another, that the good of this parish community may be our number one priority.

God bless you all! You are all in my prayers!

Fr. Ramon

Stewardship of Treasure

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Total
March 2014 income	\$16,285*	\$9,966	\$14,963	\$11,491	\$20,210 Easter	\$72,915
March 2014	\$15,350*					\$15,350
					Monthly Expense	\$65,000
* includes EFT donations					March 2014 Expenses over income	(\$ 49,650)

Prayers are Requested

for healing. . . Emma Rae Buren, Barry McDermott, Fabio Gobbo, Reanna Thatcher, Harry Brighton, Les Brown, Della Schmitz, Jody Spaulding, Stephanie Jensen, Barbara Aquino, Jack Pennant, Joan Johnson, Sue Frederichs, Michelle Cohen, Quincy Rader, Eedie & , Nate Simons, Pilar Guerrero, Inga Sprayberry, Sherlyn Arquillano, Caron Wilberts, Mary Cromer, & Linda Thompson

for those who have died. . . Joseph Tibold, Eddie O'Brien, Ken Krismer, Flaviano Lapurga, David Kosck, Eileen Stanger, Kathy Hanken, Marcus Dunsmore, Jorge Lois Alvarez Tostada,

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, March 9

8:30 am Mass
 Knights of Columbus breakfast after Masses
 8:30 and 9:15 am CKCC
 10:30 am Mass
 5:00 pm High School, Trek, Confirmation Group

Monday, March 10

8:30 am Adoration
 9:00 am Mass
 9:15 am Preschool
 9:45 am Bible Study John
 7:00 pm Financial Peace University

Tuesday, March 11

8:30 am Adoration
 7:00 pm Bible Study of Hebrews
 7:00 pm Auction meeting

Wednesday, March 12

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
 7:00 pm Choir
 7:30 pm Boy Scouts

Thursday, March 13

9:00 am Word and Communion Service
 7:00 pm Praise & Worship band practice
 7:00 pm Centering prayer
 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus meeting
 7:00 pm RCIA

Friday, March 14

9:00 am Word and Communion Service
 9:45 am Bible Study of Angels
 6:00 pm Reconciliation
 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross
 7:00 pm Soup night #2

Saturday, March 15

1:00 pm –4:00 pm Memorial Reception
 3:30 pm Reconciliation
 5:00 pm Mass
 6:00 pm Bake Sale St Pat's day
 6:00 pm Senior singles potluck

Sunday, March 16

8:30 am Mass bake sale follows
 8:30 & 9:15 am CKCC
 10:30 am Mass Bake Sale follows
 12:00 noon Adult Esperanza Trek meeting
 4:00 pm Middle School Youth Group

Mark your Calendar

Parish office hours 8:30 am — 4:30 pm

MARCH 9– DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

March 9- Knights of Columbus Pancake breakfast

- **EACH FRIDAY DURING LENT:**

6-7 PM RECONCILIATION

6:30-7 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7:00 PM SOUP NIGHT

- **March 15 –16 Youth Trek Bake Sale**

- **March 16—May Adult Trek meeting at noon**

- **April 2– Bukas Palad in concert HERE! 7:00 pm**

First Sunday of Lent questions

- What ideas or themes are common to today's three readings?
- How can today's readings encourage you in your journey through the season of Lent?
- What elements of your present life do you need to forego in order to enjoy greater life?

Children's Question

How are you tempted?

Readings for March 16, 2014

Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12: 1-4z

2 Timothy 1:8b—10

Matthew 17:1-9

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 on Wednesdays 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 March schedule is here. Please put in your "can't serve" dates for April. Contact Marti: martib1@earthlink.net or the parish office.

Women's Book Group Join us for our next Women's Book Group Tuesday, April 1, at 7pm when we will discuss *The Third Jesus* by Deepak Chopra. Spend the evening discussing a good book and enjoying some chocolate and wine with some wonderful women.

Are you a senior over 55 and single? Join us for our March 15th Senior Singles potluck dinner Saturday after the 5:00 Mass. Wear green! Our February dinner was a success. A special thanks to all who pitched in & did the dishes. Much appreciated!!

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

10:30 Coffee and Donuts Volunteers

Please help us out with donuts after the 10:30 mass. We need individuals or families to host and clean up. This is great way to meet fellow parishioners and a way to serve your parish community. Please call the parish office if you can help us out with this hospitality ministry.

DRUMMER NEEDED auditions now going on for a drummer for our Praise and Worship band. Contact Margaret Graham if you would like to play mgram@sjvkirkland.org

Can you help someone with a ride to Mass? Someone in the Juanita Beach area needs a ride to church and will pay for gas. Contact Maya at 425-658-7470 if you would like to give her a lift!

Visiting a shut in: Would you like to visit a woman who is a shut in who would like a visitor once a week. Pray the rosary with her. Please contact the parish office at 425-823-0787. Background check required.

Auction 2014: We need a few creative, willing people to help us set up the silent auction tables for our November 11th & 15th auctions. Please contact Margie Berard for more information. 425-823-0787.

Auction 2014 (cont.) We would like to remind everybody about this year's "Winter Wonderland" Family and Gala Auctions on November 11th and 15th. We hope you plan on attending and/or donating great items for this year's event. Last year's auction was a great success and a fun time for all. If you're short on time or ideas on what to do-

nate, the committee will consolidate financial donations for purchase of great auction items for either the Live or Gala Auctions. Last year three families donated cash to the committee used for purchasing a 42" LCD TV for the Gala live auction. Any donation would be greatly appreciated and will be documented by the Parish as a tax deduction for 2014. If you wish to donate, please contact myself or Margie at the parish office. Hope to see you there at this year's Winter Wonderland event and thanks for all your support.

Brian Kasen, Auction Committee Chairman

Irish Dancers Here on St. Patrick's Day! Join us in the social hall at 11:00 am with a Potluck of Irish dishes to share and a wearin' o the green! We have some world Class Irish dancers who will perform for our preschool and parish groups free of charge! Everyone welcome!



Social Concerns

'Fellow Parishioners: The St. Vincent food shed is running a little low these days. Since the 1st of the year, we have been giving food to our clients more than we have been taking in. Times are real tough and there is a Real need for food assistance. We're asking for your help in replenishing our Food Shed.

Items needed are:
Canned Vegetables, Spaghetti Sauce & Noodles, Macaroni & Cheese, Chili, Pork & Beans, Jelly, Canned Fruit, Pasta Products, Cake Mix & Frosting, Syrup, Cooking Oil, Mayonaise, Pancake Mix, Canned Soup, Tuna Fish, Paper Products, Cereal, 5lb Flour & Sugar.

If, when you do your shopping, maybe you could pick up a little extra for our shed? Thank You for your generosity.'

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Children and Family Life Ministry Events



St. John Vianney Catholic Preschool

Thank you for your continuous prayers and support. At this time our four Preschool classes are filled for the 2014/15 school year. If you or someone you know would like to visit the Pre-

school and be placed on the waitlist please contact Annette Schwientek at aschwientek@sjvkirkland.org or call 206-234-3988.

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!

Sacramental Preparation for First Communion Our Second session for First Eucharist Preparation will be on Friday February 28th at 7:00 pm or Saturday March 1st at 10:00 a.m.

Catholic Kids' Catechism Club Catholic Kids' Catechism Club resumes this week! We have a Great Service Project planned for March 1st.

Baptism Class for infants and children under the age of seven is scheduled for this Tuesday April 29th at 7:00 pm with the Baptisms scheduled for Sunday May 4th

during the 10:30 Mass. Download the registration form from the parish website under sacraments and bring in a copy of your child's birth certificate with you.

VBS 2104! June 23-26th! You will see some Weird Animals around here where Jesus' love is one of a kind! If you have a weird animal you would like to share with us call Laura Stanger! We would love to have you present your animal to our kids. We are collecting,



- bottle caps and lids from milk bottles and juice drinks
- odds and ends from your garage that the kids can create weird animal yard art with, examples are: Hooks, screws, nails, left over assembly parts that the kids can hammer or screw into scrap pieces of wood.
- Small broken electronics that the kids can open up with screwdrivers, (not rivets) to take apart and create more weird animals.
- Scraps of wood, cut into squares and triangles that can be mounted on sticks to put in the yard
- Various Wire
- Beads

Kids age 4 years through 5th grade will be welcome to participate and Junior High on up are encouraged to help!!! So save the date and bring your wonderful weird self to VBS!

Middle & Senior High School, Young Adult and Outreach Experience

March 9 5pm Senior high, trek, Confirmation meeting Greg Leptich & Elizabeth Watters leading.

March 16 4 pm– 6:30 Middle School meeting

March 15 & 16 St Pat's day bake sale by your Esperanza mission trekkers. 4" Shamrocks, too.

March 16 noon Adult Esperanza Trek first meeting in social hall.

March 22 at St Bridget parish in Seattle– annual Catholic African Connections Day.

April 5, Saturday, Annual Esperanza dinner and auction at Trinity Lutheran Church. Esperanza Board member Greg Leptich invites you to check it out at esperanzaintl.org All are welcome!

Adult Trek 2014 will take place May 17 to 24, 2014. Meeting March 16 at noon. You can still get on board for a concrete– faithful experience of love.

Goodwin Grupo trek will take place July 5 to 12, 2014. This is a wonderful combination of various ages including recent h.s. grads that choose to stay an extra week and friends and family. Contact Mary or Ken at Goodwin.hp@gmail.com

Rachel's Corner Hope and Healing After Abortion

Many cannot imagine ever finding healing, simply because they can never imagine being free from their guilt. The good news is that you don't have to live this way! There is hope! Come to a Rachel's Vineyard™ retreat and find the path to true healing and forgiveness. **Feb 28-March 2, 2014**

March 14-16, 2014 Call Valerie: 1-800-822-HOPE (4673)

You are loved with an everlasting Love!

Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services.

Widowed, Divorced or Separated?

If you are ready to deal with the grief of being widowed, divorced or separated, there is help. As a faith-based organization, *Beginning Experience* offers men and women the opportunity and skills to build deeper self respect, to cope with the pain of loss and to move into the future with renewed hope.

Join us for a weekend away for a lifetime of change— available twice a year, in April and October. This coming Spring's weekend is April 4-6, 2013 in Lacey. Call for more information and a brochure. Joan 253-820-3066 or Chris 253-223-2645.