

# Fourth Sunday of Advent

Dear Parishioners,

Well Christmas is around the corner and I am sure most of you are busy with your everyday schedules, plus all the preparations for Christmas. I would just like to remind everyone that amidst all the preparations we find ourselves in, especially during the holidays, to be constantly aware of the presence of God in your life. We are called to reflect on the coming of the Messiah... Jesus is the reason of this season!

Speaking of the season, our Christmas liturgy schedule is in the card I sent you or in the parish bulletin. I would like to invite all of you to please come and join us in one or all of our Christmas liturgy. The children's Mass is at 4 P.M. with the praise and worship band and the 9 P.M. mass with our choir. Christmas Day Liturgy begins at 10 A.M. if you are planning on attending the Christmas Eve Mass, we encourage everyone to be here at least 45 minutes early as the church gets very crowded plus parking becomes a nightmare.

On another note, I would like to thank all those who participated in our giving tree and also brought food for St. Vincent de Paul. Your generous response to our plea was overwhelming. May God bless you all! And finally just to place a bug in your ear...this coming year, I have two (2) pilgrimages lined up one in April and the other is in October. In April I have been asked to lead a group to the Holy Land, the pilgrimage will begin on the 19<sup>th</sup> till the 29<sup>th</sup>. There will be an overnight stay in Turkey before continuing on to Israel. Then in October, the pilgrimage will retrace the footsteps of St. Paul in Greece. It will be a 10 day pilgrimage with the first part touring Delphi, Thessaloniki, Philippi and Athens then on the last leg of the pilgrimage we hop on a ship to visit Patmos, and Santorini and disembarking in Corinth before flying home. If you are interested please let me know so I can give you a brochure. God bless!

## Stewardship of Treasure

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Total
Dec. 2013 income	\$15,791*	\$11,909	\$13,986*	\$13,251*	\$32,339#	\$87,274
Dec. 2014 income	\$18,628*	\$17,845*				\$36,473
	Monthly Expense					\$65,000
	Dec. 2014 Income over Expenses					(\$28,527)

\* includes EFT # includes Christmas

**All donations made to St. John Mary Vianney, for 2014 Income Tax purposes must be in our office, or postmarked by December 31, 2014.**

### Prayers are Requested

- **for healing.** . . Barbara Jean Duggan, Anne Carmody, Chip Davidson, Walter Ching, Diane Murphy, Steve Munchak, Jim Dunn, Clinton Beer, Ava Kardarus, Kevin Fisher, Mary Ann Medina, Shawna & Ashley Petersen, Rose Zimmerman, Loretta Awiapo, Charles Peterson, Rosalina Santos, Nancy Cram, Carol Faletogo, David Thompson, Darral McMillen, Del Brown, Lois Gardner, Anne Moore, Andrew Farrington, Ruth Enriquez, Barbara Aquino, Peter Simmons, Jackie Lillian, Janine Vaughn, Sue Frederichs, Inga Sprayberry, Sherlyn Arquillano, Caron Wilberts, & Linda Thompson,
- **for those who have died.** . . Eddie Krismer, Kjell Sporseen, Chris Connors, Frederick Payne, and Brady Twohy,

### 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 21

8:30 am Mass  
 10:30 Mass  
 8:30 and 9:15 am CKCC  
 3:00 pm Parish Concert and Soup celebration  
 Christmas Trees for sale: 9 am—5 pm

### Monday, December 22

9:00 am Mass  
 9:15 am Preschool  
 4:00 pm Brownie Troop meeting  
 6:00 pm Christmas Novena & meal  
 4—8 pm Christmas Trees for sale

### Tuesday, December 23

8:30 am Adoration  
 9:00 am Mass  
 6:00 pm Christmas Novena & meal  
 6pm Cub Scouts

### Wednesday, Christmas Eve December 24

Carols begin at 3:30 pm  
 4:00 pm Mass— Children's Mass

Carols begin at 8:30 pm  
 9:00pm Mass— Traditional choir

### Thursday, Feast of Christmas December 25

10:00 am Mass

### Friday, December 26

8:30 am Adoration  
 9:00 am Mass

### Saturday, December 27

3:30 pm Reconciliation  
 5:00 pm Mass—

### Sunday, December 28

8 :30 am Mass  
 10:30 am Mass



## Mark your Calendar

**Parish office hours 8:30 am — 4:30 pm**

- Now through Dec. 22, Esperanza Trek Christmas Tree sale
- Sat. December 20– Simbang Gabi 5:00 Liturgy
- Sun. December 21– 3:00 Christmas Concert

The parish office will be closed between Christmas and New years.

- Christmas Liturgies:
  - December 24: 4:00 pm - Praise and Worship Band
  - 9:00 pm - Contemporary Choir
  - December 25: 10:00 am - Christmas Day
- Thur. of Mary the Mother of God– Jan. 1 at 10 am

### **Questions for the Fourth Sunday of Advent**

- How might today's readings help us understand why Acts of the Apostles is "Luke volume two?"
- How could Mary's response to God's initiative be seen to usher in a "new creation"?
- How does Mary's response make her an example fo all Christians— even you?

### **Readings for Dec. 21, 2014 Forth Sunday of Advent**

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a,16  
 Romans 16:25-27  
 Luke 1:26-38

## St. John Vianney Parish News

**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. Please put in your “can’t serve” dates for January. Please check the Christmas sign up sheets for openings that need to be filled. Contact Judy Zaccaria or the parish office.

**Women’s Book Group** Join us for our next Women’s Book Group Tuesday, January 6, at 7pm when we will discuss ‘Grace’, a novel by Richard Paul Evans. Join us for wine, chocolate and great conversation. Please e-mail Laura if you have questions.

**Are you a senior over 55 and single?** Due to the Bridge Ministry in December we will not be gathering again until January. Have a blessed Christmas season.

**Wednesday Morning Quilters:** *We will not meet again until January 7th.*

Please come join the SJV quilters on Wednesday mornings from 10am—1 pm. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun of this charitable ministry of making quilts for those in need. Just bring your basic sewing machine skills. We love helping “quilting beginners” get started!

**Anointing of the Sick :** Anyone needing anointing of the sick, come to Mass the first Friday of each month and Father Ramon will administer the Sacrament to all those in need. If you can not make it to church, make an appointment with Father to come to you!

**Sonshine! Sonshine!Sonshine!**

If you know someone in our parish who could use a little extra love (a card or meal) please call the SJV office at 823-0787.

If you are called to help in this ministry we are always looking for volunteers to help support those in need by cooking a meal. It is such a wonderful and flexible way to support one another. Please call Mimi Eyster, 425-823-2991, for more information.

**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.

**Bible Study** will resume the week of January 5, 2015.

**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.

**St. Vincent de Paul Giving Tree:**

Please help yourself to tags that hang from our parish giving tree. Purchase and wrap the gift requested and place the wrapped gift with the tag on the outside of the package under the tree by the due date. If gift cards are suggested, please put them in an envelope with the tag and bring them to the parish office or to the welcome table after Mass. These gifts go to the needy who live in our parish boundaries.

**Advent Reconciliation:** Fr. Ramon will be available each Saturday from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm and on Friday Nights from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm during Advent to hear your confessions. We will not have a parish wide communal reconciliation service this year.

**Still collecting items for the stockings for the Homeless** Small personal care items, candy, toothbrushes, socks. Hot hands warmers. Razors, cough drops. And whatever other small items we can add to care for the homeless.

**Catholic Community Services** We had a guest speaker this weekend who shared with us about Catholic Community Services and Catholic Housing Services provides care for our poorest and most vulnerable neighbors on behalf of our local Church. Your generosity to CCS Week directly supports programs and services provided in our area. As good stewards of your gifts, 91 cents of every dollar CCS spends goes directly to those in need. Please prayerfully consider making a gift to CCS during this week. Learn more about their work or make a donation by

visiting their website at [www.ccsww.org](http://www.ccsww.org). Thank you for your generosity and compassion in bringing light and hope to our neighbors in need.

**Knights Korner:** Welcome our newest member from Virginia: Stephen Munchak. He and his wife Mary joined our Parish recently, welcome to them both.

Congratulations to our **Family of the Month** Brian and Gayle Kasen for their great work on our very successful Parish Auction and to our **Knight of the Month** Fred Cuanzon for his help in the kitchen during the auction.

Our Council donated to Heartbeat for Wounded Warriors, Columbus Charities against persecution of Christians throughout the world, and for the Prison Ministry administered by Father Lyle Konen.

Some other recipients during the year are St Vincent de Paul, Harrington House and SJV youth.

### Social Concerns

#### S V d P Christmas Baskets

**Dec 20-21:** Canned tomato products, fruit juice, pasta, mac & cheese, ramen, cooking oil, coffee ( instant & bean), tea bags, 5Lb flour, rice & rice products, cake mix, frosting. Do not hesitate to bring anything you might have on hand. Everything helps fill the basket and the tummies. Blessings abound as the SJV family again steps up to ‘FILL THE PLATE’. Serving is part of our parish DNA.

Christmas basket families number approximately 60. This SJV family extends well beyond our parish and own families.

**“You have never really lived until you have done something for someone who can never repay you.”**

*“Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you?” Matthew 25: 31-46*

**SVDP thanks you for your generous donations that continue to help many needy people within our parish boundaries. Many thanks to all who have adopted families from our Giving Tree.**

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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 much Health and Happiness in the new year.

Please join us this Sunday, December 21st at 3:00PM, as the preschoolers kick off our annual Christmas concert.

**Registration for the 2015/16 school year for current families and alumni begins January 6th.**

An updated brochure and registration form will be available on the parish web site and the welcome table the end of December. We will start scheduling tours for new families Jan.6th, 2015. Please contact Annette Schwientek at [aschwientek@sjvkirkland.org](mailto:aschwientek@sjvkirkland.org) or 206-234-3988 if you are interested. For more info please visit our web site at [www.sjvkirkland.org](http://www.sjvkirkland.org) and click on the Preschool tab.

**Catholic Kids' Catechism Club** New members are always welcome! Just come on down. Preschoolers 3 yrs.-kindergarteners during the 8:30 Mass and 1st through 5th Graders either at 9:15– 10:20 on Sunday Mornings or on Monday Nights from 7-8 pm. This is our last session before Christmas. We will resume our clubhouse meetings on Sunday January 4th and Monday January 5th.

**Sacramental Preparation** For kids 7 years old and older for has begun. Our Celebration of the Sacrament of First Reconciliation was this past Thursday. We begin the preparation for First Eucharist January 23rd at 7:00 pm or January 24th at 10am. See Sacraments page on the parish website for dates and schedule.

**Infant Baptism** Contact Laura Stanger if you would like to have your little one Baptized. Our next Baptism class will be January 6th at 7:00 pm followed by rehearsal and the celebration will be Sunday January 11th at the 10:30 mass. All the information and paperwork on the parish website. [www.sjvkirkland.org](http://www.sjvkirkland.org)

## Middle & Senior High School, Young Adult and Outreach Experience

**Tree Sale almost finished!** Our yearly 2 week high school Esperanza mission to Tijuana is supported to a great degree by YOU, our parish family.

**SPECIAL NOTE: Red Poinsettias were found to be ailing. We have replacements!**

**Sat. January 10. YMP Day of serving in Burlington . Permission slips have been emailed out.**

**Sunday, January 11 Mandatory Esperanza trek meeting in 9:30 am followed by Mass together.**

**January 11 noon - Operation Sacklunch cookie baking day. We have a ball baking 1800 cookies.**

**January 11, 4pm ALL YOUTH GROUP INVITED 4pm Medical Team International Field Trip. Permission slips have been emailed.**

**Youth Minister: St. John Mary Vianney Catholic Church:** seeks a Youth Minister who will lead an active and vibrant Christ centered youth ministry program including middle school, high school and Confirmation. The successful applicant will have fidelity to the Holy Roman Catholic Church and its teachings, will be living the Catholic Faith in their lives, have some experience running youth groups, and be well catechized in Catholic teaching. The applicant will focus on the spiritual, social, emotional and developmental stages of adolescent development in relation to their Catholic Faith. The position is 30 hours per week. Salary in accordance with the Archdiocesan scale—full benefits. To apply, send résumé and letter of interest to Margie Berard at [mberard@sjvkirkland.org](mailto:mberard@sjvkirkland.org) Position is open until filled.

### **Rachel's Corner: Hope and Healing After Abortion**

*Come now, let us set things right, says the Lord: Though your sins be like scarlet, they may become white as snow; though they be crimson red, they may become white as wool. If you are willing and obey, you shall eat the good things of the land. - Isaiah 1:18-19*

Come on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and experience the mercy and "good things" of Our Lord. He is waiting for you. March 6-8, 2015

**Call Valerie: 1-800-822-HOPE (4673)**

***You are loved with an everlasting Love!***

*Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services.*