

# Christmas, Feast of the Holy Family and the Epiphany

Merry Christmas!

Finally the day is here! The long awaited Messiah has arrived to bring glad tidings to the poor. Today God has shed his light upon us through the birth of his son, Jesus. And we share the joy and happiness together with our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph as we contemplate on the face of the boy Jesus. May the coming of Christ bring peace to our families, communities, and to our world.

Let us also recall the numerous times God has blessed our lives with His blessings. This past year our good Lord was very generous in blessing our parish. And because of this we were able to pursue some of our Parish goals like the roof and the elevator (both are still works in progress). I am also thankful to God for all the stout-hearted volunteers and parishioners He has given our church. Without you it would be impossible to achieve our dreams and goals. Thank you to all!

May God bless you and your family both near and far. May he fill your hearts with Peace, Love and Joy this Christmas and throughout the year.

To God be Glory forever!

## 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.

## Liturgies & Events

### Sunday, December 28

8:30 am Mass  
10:30 Mass

### Monday, December 29

NO MORNING MASS OR WORD AND COMMUNION  
Parish office closed

### Tuesday, December 30

NO MORNING MASS OR WORD AND COMMUNION  
Parish office closed

### Wednesday, December 31

9:30 am Adoration \*note change in daily mass time  
10:00 am Mass  
Parish office closed

### Thursday, January 1 Feast of Mary the Mother of God

10:00 am Mass  
Parish office closed

### Friday, January 2

8:30 am Adoration– Anointing of the Sick  
9:00 am Mass  
Parish office closed

### Saturday, January 3

10:00 am Quincy Rader Memorial Reception  
3:30 pm Reconciliation  
5:00 pm Mass

### Sunday, January 4

8:30 am Mass  
Catholic Kids' Catechism Club Resumes  
10:30 am Mass

### Monday, January 5

8:30 am Adoration  
9:00 am Mass  
9:15 am Preschool Resumes  
10:00 am Bible Study  
7:00 pm CKCC

### Tuesday, January 6

8:30 am Adoration  
9:00 am Mass  
9:15 am Preschool  
7:00 pm Baptism Class  
7:00 pm Women's Book Group  
7:00 pm Bible Study

### Wednesday, January 7

8:30 am Adoration  
9:00 am Mass  
9:15am Preschool and MMO  
7:00 pm Choir Practice

### Thursday, January 8

8:30 am Adoration  
9:00 am Mass  
7:00 pm Praise and Worship  
7:00 pm K of C Rosary  
7:00 pm Centering Prayer Group

### Friday, January 9

8:30 am Adoration  
9:00 am Mass  
9:30 am Bible Study



### Christmas discussion question

Read John 1:1-18 in the dark outside with the flashlight. (How does the reading help bring the birth of the Messiah to life for you?)

### Discussion questions for the Feast of the Holy Family:

- How does Luke show that Jesus turned out to be even more than Israel expected?
- How was Jesus “destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel”?
- How does the adult Jesus reveal “the thoughts of many hearts”?

### Discussion questions for the Feast of the Epiphany

- How does Matthew so briefly manage to forecast the entire Gospel story?
- How does the Responsorial Psalm relate to the first reading and the Gospel?
- In what way might we see ourselves and most Christians in the western world as heirs of the magi?

### Readings for Holy Family

Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3  
Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19  
Luke 2:22-40

### Readings for Epiphany

Isaiah 60:1-6  
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6  
Matthew 2:1-12

## St. John Vianney Parish News

### Women's Book Group

All are welcome! Come every month or just once in a while! Join us as we discuss books, enjoy each other's company and treat ourselves to a little wine and chocolate. Our next Women's Book Group is Grace by Tuesday, January 6, at 7pm when we will discuss 'Grace', a novel by Richard Paul Evans. Please e-mail Laura (Children and Family Life Ministry Director) if you have questions. [Istanger@sjvkirkland.org](mailto:Istanger@sjvkirkland.org)

### Are you a senior over 55 and single?

Please join this fun group for some lively conversation and companionship. We meet once a month for dinner. Our next gathering is Saturday January 17th following the 5:00 pm Mass. Bring a potluck dish to share. Have a blessed Christmas season.

### Wednesday Morning Quilters:

*They will not be meeting again until January 7th.* Please come join the SJV quilters on Wednesday mornings from 10am—1 pm. Everyone is welcome to join 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! If you have any questions, please contact the parish office or just show up on Wednesday morning. This is a friendly group who are creating beautiful quilts while enjoying each others company.

**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't 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.

### **Have questions about the Catholic Faith ? Are you interested in becoming Catholic?**

Please contact the parish office if you have any questions or are interested in becoming a Catholic. Adults and children 7 years-old and over who are interested in becoming a catholic, we invite you to contact the parish office and speak with Father Ramon .

**You & Adoration** Just one hour a month is all that is needed from our volunteers! 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](mailto:Olschewsky1@frontier.com) or for more information.

**Bible Study** resumes the week of January 5, 2015.

### **Thank you for your donation to "Stockings for the Homeless"**

Thank you to everyone who donated items to care for the homeless in our "Stockings for the Homeless" program. We were able to create 100 stockings with such things as small personal care items, candy, toothbrushes, socks, hot hands warmers, and many more items. Our volunteers lovingly packaged them !

**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. Contact Judy Zaccaria or the parish office if you are interested in becoming a Liturgical Minister.

**Parish Nursery** Anyone looking for work caring for our youngest ones? Our Parish nursery will be looking for someone to care for our little ones during Mass on Sundays. Contact Laura Stanger in the parish office if you are interested. It is a paid position.

**Pardon our Dust!** New Elevator is being installed to help people get from the top level to the bottom level of the building. We will also be painting and replacing the kitchen floor! Exciting stuff!

### **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. **March 6-8, 2015 Call Valerie: 1-800-822-HOPE (4673) You are loved with an everlasting Love!**

**Knights Korner:** The St. John Vianney Parish Knights of Columbus has been busy with fundraisers, cooking pancake breakfasts and hosting events at our parish including the Puget Sound Blood Bank. New members are always welcome! Come support our community while enjoying the companionship of fellow parishioners.

Our Council donated to Heartbeat for Wounded Warriors, Columbus Charities against persecution of Christians through out 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.

Please contact Darryl Zaccaria, 425-823-1688, if you would like more information on the Knights.

### **Social Concerns & St Vincent de Paul**

Thank you to everyone who helped donate food for the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Baskets! This year we were able, through the parish incredible generosity, over 60 Christmas

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

Your generous donations also helped the needy in our community within our parish boundaries through the giving tree. Children and adults were delighted to receive the toys, gift cards and gifts! Oh how wonderful to be a part of such a considerate group of people! On behalf of the SVDP thanks you for your generous donations!

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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.*

### **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 for the fun-faith filled celebration! 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. We will resume our clubhouse meetings on Sunday January 4th and Monday January 5th. Please e-mail Laura (Children and Family Life Ministry Director) if you have questions. [Istanger@sjvkirkland.org](mailto:Istanger@sjvkirkland.org)

**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. [Wwww.sjvkirkland.org](http://www.sjvkirkland.org)

**Parish Nursery** We will only offer the parish nursery during the 10:30 Sunday Mass on December 21-December 28th. WE WILL NOT HAVE CHILD CARE DURING OUR CHRISTMAS EVE or CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES. We will leave the nursery open for parents to stay and watch their own children if they need to. Parents, if you do use the nursery, please pick up after your children.

## ***Youth and Outreach***

**Our Community Rocks!!** Thank you to the community for supporting our Poinsettia Sales and Christmas Tree Sales. Our Parish youth could not do the outreach work that we do without the support of our parish community and the entire Kirkland community. People come back year after year, supporting our youth as they earn their way to Mexico to build houses.

**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.**

### **ARE YOU OUR NEXT 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 Catho-

lic 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.

Jan Kline will be simply be doing outreach part time and has made room for someone to come in and lead our youth in middle and high school in their faith formation. WE are so grateful to Jan for her years of service to this community and we are grateful that she will continue to be present to us and her passion for social outreach.