

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dear Parishioners,

Now that Thanksgiving day is over, we know what lurks around the corner....yep, you guessed it right, Christmas! And as always Christmas is a busy time for the church and for everyone. I just would like to remind everyone that amidst all the hustle and bustle of the coming holidays, please do not forget the real reason why we are celebrating and what we can do to make this season really meaningful for all. We can, for starters, help our St. Vincent de Paul by bringing food items for the Christmas baskets they are preparing for our less fortunate brothers and sisters as well as picking out an item or two in our giving tree. We can also make ourselves available to those who are in need of help or support, a simple smile, a kind gesture or even a willing ear to listen to others. These are little ways where we can help someone experience the joy of the holidays but also give us a better sense of what Christmas is all about.

Last week, we published our holiday schedule not included in it was the decorating of our church for Christmas. We are scheduling it on Sunday the 13th, after the 10:30 Mass. I do hope and pray that I can get some volunteers to come and help. We need to put up the trees as well as the different banners to make our church festive. Then on the 19th is our Simbang Gabi, where the Filipino families of our parish are hosting a grand reception after the Saturday vigil Mass. The following day, Sunday, our kids will be performing at the Christmas pageant at 3 P.M. I hope you all can come and join us. After Christmas, the parish office will be closed from the 28th till the 3rd and will open on Monday the 4th of January.

God bless!

Stewardship of Treasure

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Total
November 2014 Income	\$15,642*	\$9,035	\$14,733*	\$12,817*	\$7,727	\$59,954
November 2015 income	\$11,966*	\$9,723	\$14,925	\$11,613*	\$8,650	\$56,877
				Monthly Expense		\$65,000
				November 2015 Income over Expenses		(\$8,123)

* includes EFT

Year-End Donations

Any donations or new gifts you want credited to the **2015 calendar year for tax purposes** need to be in the St. John Vianney parish office by December 31st. If mailing in your donation, the **postmark must be stamped by December 31, 2015 in order to be applied in this calendar year.**

Prayers are Requested

- **for healing.** . . Rob Voeller, Ruth Dabbs, Elizabeth Purdy, Bob Swain, Joe Byrne, Kaitlin Voeller, George Vipavetz, Kathy Devary, Tom Barker, Karen Gradt, Lydia Gowing, Teresa Swedman, Sophie Roman, Mike Perreault, Ray Bolanos, Bev Miller, Stan Wuertzer, Sue Fisher, Barbara Aquino, Judy Smith, *and all those listed in the Book of Prayer—by the chapel doors.*
- **for those who have recently died...** Rose Baalman, Skip Vieth, Lauretta Cluck, Betty Brooks, Blake Zarowny, Gene and May Knapp, Ken Flajole, Ferne Olschewsky,
- **for those of our community who are serving in harm's way.** . . 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.

ST. JOHN VIANNEY PARISH NEWS

Thank you Funeral Ministry Volunteers: Thank you to all those who donated food for Melinda Lund's and Connie Lambert's mother's reception and to Laurene Yarnell for making all the calls for food, and to those who helped host it: Judy Arnold, Bud Homan, Jerry & Carol Marbett, Harriet Sramek and MaryLou Kuijper.

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.

Singers needed If you can carry a tune and want to raise your voice in thanks and praise to God, then please come to choir practice on Wednesdays, from 7 - 9pm, beginning September 2nd. You don't have to read music. You don't have to have a solo-type voice. You will learn how to sing your part at rehearsals on Wednesday nights. We promise that you will have fun while you learn music and sing God's word. Choir members sing at either 8:30 (traditional setting) or 10:30 am (contemporary setting) mass or at both! For more information contact Margaret Graham at mgraham@sjvkirkland.org or ask a choir member!

Women's Book Group Our next book for book group is The Mass Journal by Matthew Kelly. We will gather Tuesday January 5 at 7:00 pm to watch a video about the Mass. Laura has ordered the journals and will send an e-mail as soon as they come in, or stop by the welcome table and pick one up if you are interested! All are welcomed. You can also pick up your Mass Journal on the night of our gathering if you wish! Join us...

Are you a senior over 55 and single?

Our group is a fun social get together on the third Saturday of each month. It is customarily a Pot Luck but on occasion the committee will prepare a meal for the group with a minimal fee to cover the cost of purchasing the food. We play a fun game at the end of the meal after cleaning up, called Left, Right, Center. I hope if you are new to our Parish or just new, you will join us. Have a blessed Thanksgiving & Christmas season until we meet again in January 2016.

Sonshine Ministry News: 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 and they will contact our parish's Sonshine Ministry. 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.

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 Parish office for more information.

Quilt Group

Hey Gals and Guys! Looking for a group to join this fall that provides humor, fellowship, creativity and new skills? The SJV Quilt Group is looking for new members to round out

our merry band of piecemakers! No previous quilting experience required. We love teaching "newbies" the joys of this addictive hobby. Our completed quilts are contributed to groups such as Sleep Country Foster Kids Charity, Evergreen Hospice, and Ronald McDonald House. Join us on Wednesday mornings in the social hall from 10 to 12:30. See you there!

Facilities Workbench We will be installing a window in the kitchen to improve ventilation and adding skylights to the kitchen that open so that we can let heat out when we are cooking! Thanks Pat Fitzpatrick for spreading the wood chips! As always if you would like to "Adopt-a-bed" to help keep the grounds looking beautiful, please contact Tony Zimmerman. (number listed on the front of the bulletin). Thank you. Jack Pennant

Liturgical Ministers If you are a liturgical minister: 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 next month. Contact Judy Zaccaria at 425-823-1688 or the parish office. If you are interested in serving as a liturgical minister please contact the parish office.

Knights Korner: Thanks to all who helped with the auction and to those who attended.

Our council made a donation to the Sierra Club for the sandwiches they make and take to the Mission downtown to feed the homeless each month. Thanks to Carol and Leo Costello and your helpers.

The Knights of Columbus are hosting the Pancake breakfast on December 13th after the morning Masses.

We are always looking for new Knights of Columbus in our parish...if you are a Catholic male at least 18 years old consider joining our order. Please call Darryl Zaccaria at 425-823-1688 for more information.

St. Vincent de Paul



CHRISTMAS BASKET FOOD DRIVE! We are at that time of year when we collect non perishables for our annual Christmas Baskets.

These are the needs for the next two weeks:

December 12-13: Canned fruit, 5 lbs sugar, salt, jam/jelly, canned vegetables, spaghetti sauces, pasta, cake mixes, frosting, brownie mixes, pancake mix, syrup, stove top stuffing mix, 5 lb. Flour, canned stew, cooking oil, tuna fish, canned soup.

Please take a gift tag from the giving tree in the narthex. Purchase the item requested, gift wrap it, and return it by the date listed on the tag, **with the tag attached**. Thank you for bringing light and joy into the hearts of those in need this Christmas Season! And THANK YOU for your generous food and/or monetary donations.

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 6 Bake Sale today!

8:30 am Mass—
CKCC 8:30 and 9:15
10:30 am Mass— Rite of Welcome/Acceptance
Pictorial Directory picture taking— Social Hall
12 noon— RCIA kids
5:00 pm Senior High Youth Group

Monday, December 7

8:30 am Adoration
9:00 am Morning Mass
9:15 am Preschool
9:45 am Bible Study—Isaiah
7:00 pm CKCC
7:00 pm Middle School Youth Group

Tuesday, December 8

9:15 am Preschool
7:00 pm Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate
Conception

Wednesday, December 9

8:30 am Adoration
9:00 am Morning Mass
9:15 am Preschool
9:30 am Mom's Morning Out
10:00 am Quilters
9:45 am Faith Sharing group
7:00 pm Choir
7:30 pm Boy Scouts

Thursday, December 10

11:00 am Funeral Mass for Laurretta Cluck
9:15 am Preschool
7:00 pm Centering Prayer

Friday, December 11

8:30 am Adoration
9:00 am Mass (Anointing of the Sick)
9:15 am Preschool

Saturday, December 12

3:30 pm Reconciliation
5:00 pm Mass
6:00 pm Cub scout meeting

Sunday, December 13

8:30 am Mass
10:30 am Mass
5:00 pm Senior High Youth



Mark your Calendar

Mission Trek Christmas tree sale on going!

- Feast of Immaculate Conception— Tuesday Dec. 8- 7:00 pm
- Simbang Gabi— Novena begins December 16th at 6:00 pm on weekdays.
- Preschool Christmas Pageant December 20 at 3:00 pm
- Christmas Eve Liturgies: 4:00 pm and 9:00 pm
- Christmas Day Liturgy: 10:00 am
- Feast of Mary the Mother of God—January 1, 2016 10 am

Second Sunday of Advent

- Where do you find the theme of repentance in the other readings?
- How does your parish provide ways to celebrate repentance?
- How will a spirit of repentance shape your Advent spirituality?

Readings for the Third Sunday of Advent

- Zephaniah 3:14-18a
- Philippians 4:4-7
- Luke 3:10-18

ST. JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC PRESCHOOL NEWS



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 for our first Preschool Christmas Pageant on **Sunday, December 20th at 3:00PM**. The little ones will entertain you with an adorable 30 minute program and we'll end with a short sing-a-long. Everyone is invited for cookies afterwards in the social hall.

Registration for the 2016/17 school year begins January 11th 2016. 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 the beginning of January. Please contact Annette Schwientek at aschwientek@sjvkirkland.org or 425-305-9662 if you are interested.

For more information visit our web site at www.sjvkirkland.org and click on the Preschool tab.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LIFE NEWS

Catholic Kids' Catechism Club is our faith formation program for kids ages 3 years -5th Grade. Our 3-5 year olds join us at 8:30 am in room #6 downstairs and our 1st through 5th Graders can choose between Sunday at 9:15 am or Monday's at 7:00 pm. Join the club anytime! Don't miss out on the fun! It really is fun and crazy learning... Our next session is December 13th and 14th where we will be stuffing the stockings!

Sacramental Preparation. Congratulations to all of our First Reconciliation Recipients. We celebrated the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Thursday December 3rd at our Parish Reconciliation Service. Look at the bulletin board with the wonderful pictures and experiences of our First Reconciliation participants. Let it inspire you to receive the gift of this wonderful Sacrament!

Protecting God's Children The Archdiocese requires that any new volunteers or employees that work with vulnerable adults and children or youth complete a series of requirements including, a background check, policies and procedures and a class called Protecting God's Children. Our parish will conduct this class on **Thursday January 7th at 7:00 pm**. To find out more about the requirements go to <http://www.virtus.org/virtus/index.cfm>

Infant Baptism Our next infant Baptism Preparation session will be Tuesday January 5th at 7:00 pm with rehearsal immediately following the session. The class and rehearsal usually run until about 8:20 pm. We will celebrate the Baptisms on Sunday January 10th at the Sunday 10:30 am Mass. Registration forms and information are at the parish website. If you have questions, please contact Laura Stanger.

MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

- **High School Youth Group Sunday, December 6**
It's a Zombie Apocalypse. Come join us! **Newcomers are always welcome.**
- **Middle School Youth Group Monday, December 7**
It's a Zombie Apocalypse. Come join us! **Newcomers are always welcome.**
- **Confirmation Mentors Retreat Prep Thursday, December 10 from 7:00-8:30pm**
Mentors we will join the Archdiocese online here at SJV for the meeting.
- **Confirmation Retreat @ Camp Don Bosco Friday evening to Sunday, January 8-10, 2016**
If you missed the first meeting and would like to be confirmed this year, please call Maybeth Terashima to schedule a make up. The retreat is mandatory.

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- ◇ Join our Confirmation Candidates on their spiritual journey with Decision Point: from Dynamic Catholic using the following website address: dynamiccatholic.com/confirmation/view-program/. We've completed Session I.

Youth Ministry is offering access to Cornerstone Media, www.cornerstonemedia.org. This website is used by anyone who works with teens as a tool to further dialogue with them by reviewing the current top 25 songs. Log into the Faith Based Edition with user id **SJV_Youth** and our password is **weRonFIRE**. Enjoy!

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Social Concerns and Outreach for Adults and Youth

25th annual SJV high school Esperanza home building mission trek CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

“Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith.” James 2:18

Thank you, SJV community, for 25 years of steadfast support for our faith in action.

Christmas Tree Annual Sale has added fresh wreaths from local Windmill Nursery. We will also be selling poinsettias! AND, that special gift of fair trade items from Guatemala. We have set a high goal of \$20K this year. We have already paid sales tax, so you do not. We provide a tax donation receipt for any profit we make (or added tips you'd like to add.)

We will also feature fair trade Divine Chocolate.

Our next bake sale is Dec 5 & 6. We would LOVE your help both in donating for our goodies AND, if you like to bake but not eat goodies, bake some and donate them to our sale.. It's a win/ lose ...or even a lose lose if you work hard enough! Bring Sat. Dec 5 to 5:00 Mass . Blessings!

YMP November 20-21 mini mission was amazing. Jose noted that it appears the record of numbers served was broken and our parish was part of that loving service. You would have been proud to have been with us. Thanks to all the adult help: Aileen Hammar, leader, Jan Kline, Ken & Mary Goodwin, Keith & Theresa Harrington, Julianne Culver, . A beautiful Spirit filled day. See bulletin board for photos.

Adult Esperanza trek May 21 to 28, 2016. The number is up to 40 now... there is space for us all..

Hurricane Patricia: CRS is ready to respond with partner, Caritas Mexico: Please join CRS, in solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by Hurricane Patricia. Visit crs.org for updates about relief efforts and donation information.

Archdiocesan/Other News

Mother & Daughter Advent Retreat (December 11-13, 2015) led by: Sr. Miriam James Heidland, S.O.L.T. Palisades Retreat Center, Federal Waywww.PalisadesRetreatCenter.org Moms and Daughters, spend a weekend this Advent preparing your hearts for the birth of Jesus, the Light and Hope of the world. Many times as women we feel tired and anxious about life. We struggle with past wounds and present difficulties. This retreat will bring mothers and daughters on a deeper journey of healing and freedom within their own hearts and with one another. **Recommended for mothers and adult or teenage daughters aged 13+.**

Rachel's Corner: Hope and Healing After Abortion

Hope is the light at the end of the tunnel, beckoning you to accept the invitation, to say “yes” to the urge to believe in a loving God who wants you to be healed and whole again. Come on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™ and find healing and wholeness.

March 4-6, 2016 Call Valerie: 1-800-822-HOPE (4673)

You are loved with an everlasting Love!

Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services.

Archdiocesan Simbang Gabi Commissioning Mass:

You are cordially invited to join Archbishop Peter Sartain in the **Simbang Gabi Commissioning Mass** at 11:00 A.M. on December 12, 2015 at St. James Cathedral. A reception to follow after Mass in the Cathedral Hall.

Longest Night Service-Dec. 21st, 2015-7:00PM

The “Longest Night” Service is a way to acknowledge the pain that the Advent and Christmas season can sometimes cause. The emphasis on family, joy, and giving can be difficult for those of us who have experienced loss, relocation, broken relationships, depression or illness. Those who have lost jobs or have limited funds for giving and those with addictions find the holiday season difficult.

Held on December 21st at 7:00 pm, 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 focus on how we can endure some of these hardships with God's grace and strength. We hope you will join us for this inspiring evening. Holy Spirit Lutheran Church- 10021 NE 24th St., Kirkland, WA. 425-823-2727

Tens of Thousands of Marriages Helped

Retrouvaille: Is your marriage in trouble? Are you considering separation or divorce? Are you losing hope? There is hope – it's called Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi). Retrouvaille can bring reconciliation and healing to seemingly hopeless marriages. You are not alone. For confidential information about, or to register for our upcoming program beginning **Jan 22-24, 2016** call **360-671-6479** or visit our website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

PART-TIME CUSTODIAN (20 hours) St. Madeleine Sophie Parish and School, Bellevue, is seeking applicants interested in joining our maintenance team as a part-time Custodian.

This position works with other facility staff in caring for parish and school buildings. Starting wage according to archdiocesan scale For application packet, e-mail Loretta Sursely, Pastoral Assistant for Administration, Loretta@stmadsophie.org, 425-747-6770 ext. 104. Position open until filled

Last Chance to have your photo taken...
Guaranteed to be delivered to you BEFORE Christmas!

To sign up to have your photo taken go to the
Parish Website at www.sjvkirkland.org
Under the News and Resources tab
Click on the tab that says

Parish Pictorial Directory Sign up

It will send you right to the link for your sign up.

NEW DATES HAVE BEEN ADDED: SUNDAY DECEMBER
6TH AND MONDAY DECEMBER 7TH.

Follow the steps listed on the right hand column and you
will be signed up.

**(There is no fee to get your photo taken and you will
receive a free 8x10 for your family)**

The parish roster portion of the directory will include primary contact names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mails. If you would like to remove any portion of the things listed above, please send an e-mail to sec@sjvkirkland.org.

Any information published in the Parish pictorial directory is for Parish use only. Not for solicitation purposes.

**Stocking Stuffers for the
Homeless**



Please consider donating stocking stuffers for
ouour Homeless brothers and sisters.

- Hats
- Gloves
- Hot hands warmers
- Cough drops
- Toothpaste
- Soap
- Deodorant
- Toothbrushes
- Snacks
- Granola bars— soft ones like nutra grain
- New socks
- Hot chocolate mix
- Candy canes
- Batteries
- Flash lights



You're Engaged? Congratulations! Now what?

Consider signing up for Marriage Preparation classes that will begin meeting after the first of the year. 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.

**CHRISTMAS EVE
CHILDREN'S MASS
SINGERS!**



Sing during the prelude for the mass at 4:00 Family 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. Children of all ages are welcome!

**Thanks to Marti Bolcer, Carmen Collins and
Marie Cory for making the stockings!**