

Christmas & Feast of Mary, the Mother of God

Dear Parishioners,

Before I begin, I would like to wish all of you a very merry Christmas and a faith filled New year! It's that time of the year again where we celebrate the birth of the Messiah and to reflect on the past as we begin to look forward to the new year. So many things have happened to our parish with its ups and downs. We have, during this past year, bid adieu to some of our beloved parishioners with the hope that one day we will be able to spam all eternity with them. We have also been able to address some of our building problems and made improvements as well through your generous and undying support to our parish. We also see the progress of our programs here in our church like the preschool and our youth groups thanks to our dynamic teachers, volunteers and ministers. We see a gradual increase in our parish membership which is a good sign. Overall I think St. John Vianney is slowly growing and moving on the right path. All of this progress are attributed to your participation.

As we now look into the future, let us pray that, through the intercession and prayers of the Cure` of Ars, God will continue to send us his gift of strength that we may be able to remain steadfast in his love and commandments. That we will live and practice our faith in our daily lives. That we will live in charity, peace and harmony with our neighbors. Thus people may know that we are sons and daughters of God.

Finally I pray for each and every member of our parish that this coming year may bring you the joys and happiness of our Blessed Mother as she held the infant Jesus in her arms. That she obtains and intercede for us all the graces we need so that all of our lives may become a pleasing offering to God.

Again Merry Christmas and a blessed to New Year to all!

Fr. Ramon



Stewardship of Treasure

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Total
December 2015 Income	\$18,238*	\$18,609*	\$12,905*	\$23,966**	N/A	\$72,718
December 2016 income	\$15,805*	\$19,756*	\$13,630*		N/A	\$49,191
	Monthly Expense					\$65,000
	December 2016 Income over Expenses					(\$15,809)

* includes EFT

** includes Christmas

Prayers are Requested

- **for healing.** . . .Bill Rilling, Larry Garlinghouse, Bill Thomas, Marty Zimmerman, Margo MacIntosh, Jason Hendrix, Barb Rizzuto, Carrie Reeves, Jane Ninomoya, Marilyn Fullmer, Mike McGee, Dorothy Berard, Jerry Marbett, Jeanette Eggerman, Michael Geraghty, Glenda Suarez, Rosa Singer, Jeff Boyce, Rhonele Laurente, Pete Helstrom, Bob Bell, Marty McDermott, Al Knapik, Tom Kemp, Mina Victoria Barriga, Susie Gandee, Tom Falsetto, Esther Sellers, Arron Cleveland, Franco Calvo, Debbie Schmidt, Drew Stefan, Pete Hellstrom, Benny Gonzales, Bruce McCornack, Lin Leung, Julie Montgomery Slaton, Jade Wiswell, Maureen Halpin, Heidi Blake, Scott Kendall, Karen Webster, Nicholas Lindeback, Helen Larson, Greg Enslow, Jonathan Laird, Edward Deane, Robert Welch, Hank Mott, Theresa Hansen, George Cromo, Janie Campbell, Dean Ostlund, Anthony Brusati, Sophie Roman, Rene Haag, Carroll Stenson, Tom Barker, Mike Perreault, Sue Fisher, Barbara Aquino, Judy Smith, Angela DiS-muke, Chuck Graff **and all those listed in the Book of Prayer.**
- **for those who have recently died...** Pat Prince, Dan O'Brien, Mike Heinis, John Godar, Art Hobbs, David Clark, John Loutsis, Dorothy Rhodes, Marion Gibson & Reginald Carter
- **for those who are serving in harm's way...** Tom Pierce, Whitney Sellers Sutherland, Paul Clayborn and Nels Knutson, LtC David Cortese

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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This Week at St. John Vianney

Sunday, Dec 25

10:00 am Christmas Day Mass

Monday, Dec 26

NO Morning Mass or Word and Communion
Parish office closed

Tuesday, Dec 27

8:30 am Adoration
9:00 am Mass
Parish office closed

Wednesday, Dec 28

8:30 am Adoration
9:00 am Mass
Parish office closed

Thursday, Dec 29

8:30 am Adoration
9:00 am Mass
Parish office closed

Friday, Dec 30

8:30 am Adoration
9:00 am Mass
Parish office closed

Saturday, Dec 31-Church Building Closed

NO Reconciliation
NO 5 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, Jan. 1-Feast of Mary the Mother of God

8:30 am Mass
10:30 am Mass
No CKCC
No HS Youth Group

Monday, Jan. 2

NO Morning Mass or Word and Communion

Tuesday, Jan. 3

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

Wednesday, Jan. 4

8:30 am Adoration
9:00 am Mass
Community Soup night

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8:30 am Adoration
9:00 am Mass

Friday, Dec 30

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9:00 am Mass

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10:30 Mass
No CKCC
No HS Youth Group



Mark your Calendar

Parish office hours from 8:30am to 4:30 pm

- December 16-24 Simbang Gabi Novena
6pm masses on weekdays
- Christmas Eve Masses: 4 pm and 9 pm
- Christmas Day Mass: 10 am
- Dec 25– Jan 1: Parish Office is closed
- No 5 pm Vigil Mass on Saturday December 31, 2016
- Feast of Mary the Mother of God- January 1, 2017
Mass at 8:30 and 10:30
- Monday January 2, Parish office closed.

Questions for Christmas

- What names for the Messiah in today's readings appeal to you?
- What might prevent a person from entering into the full joy of the Nativity?
- If you can, listen to Handel's Messiah; what does it convey to you about this holy time?

Questions for the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God

- What specific blessings do you receive from today's scriptures?
- What blessings can you pass on to others?
- As a new year begins, what does your contemplation reveal about Christ's place in your life?

Readings for Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

1st reading– Numbers 6:22-27
2nd reading– Galatians 4:4-7
Gospel—Luke 2:16-21

Readings for the Feast of the Epiphany

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

ST. JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC PRESCHOOL NEWS



The SJV Preschool staff would like to wish everyone a blessed Advent and Christmas Season and a happy and healthy New Year. Our little students are having a wonderful time, parents are happy and we are so blessed with a very enthusiastic group of amazing teachers. We are meeting Mon. thru Fri. 9:15 until 1:00. Our doors are always open so if you are close by, come on in and say "Hi". We love visitors.

We still have a few openings in our 4's and Pre-K class.

We have added a wonderful early literacy program, "Storybook Adventure" which will supplement our 4's class

with an optional additional morning of learning fun. Come check out our cheerful learning environment, fun and safe playground and our welcoming and family oriented atmosphere.

Registration for the 2017/18 school year begins January 9th 2017

If you are interested in scheduling a tour of the classrooms, please email Annette Schwientek, Dir. at aschwientek@sjvkirkland.org or call the preschool cell at: 425-305-9662. An updated Preschool brochure will be available on the parish website at www.sjvkirkland.org under the Preschool tab and the preschool bulletin board. The end of December.

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- 10:20 am or Mondays at 7:00-8:00 pm in room #6 as well. Registration forms are available at the welcome table. We have an active faith formation program full of challenges and fun learning. Kids actually want to come! Don't miss out on the fun! Register today!

Children's dismissal at 10:30 Mass Children are encouraged to join us for dismissal during the 10:30 Mass. Kids up through about 5th grade are encouraged to attend. No registration form or fee. Just join us, Parents are welcome to join their kids as well. We read the same gospel reading as is read in the church, but simply give the kids a chance to talk about it and we may have an activity or storybook that fits with the Gospel reading. The kids will join their parent/guardian after the homily.

Sacramental Preparation: We begin our first steps for our preparation for First Eucharist in January. Our sessions are scheduled for January 20th at 7 pm or January 21 at 10 am. The Archdiocese asks that children receive the curriculum for First Reconciliation Preparation before they begin the process of First Eucharist. We begin the process in September.

Infant Baptism Our next Infant Baptism Preparation session will be Tuesday, February 21 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, February 26 at the Sunday 10:30 am Mass. Registration forms and information are at the parish website. If you have questions, please contact Laura Stanger.

The nursery is available and staffed at both the Sunday 8:30 and Sunday 10:30 Masses it is right down the stairs, parents are welcome to stay with their children if it makes them more comfortable, the nursery is free and staffed.

MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

SJV Youth Group wishes you a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

An Invitation to our Youth:

Our Youth Group program is all about fun, friendships and faith. We welcome all youth! If you're in 6th-8th grade, the Middle School group meets on Monday nights from 7:00-8:30 pm. If you're in the 9th-12th grade, the High School group meets on Sunday nights from 5:00-6:45 pm. Please see our calendar on the website in the Youth Group portion for more details. Starting in January our youth will have a Spoons Tourney linked to the Beatitudes, Issues Nights more games and we'll end our year in May with Laser Tag. We kick off our Youth Group in October with a Harry Potter Retreat. For 2017 the theme will be Emotions & the Prisoner of Azkaban.



- **NO High School Youth Group (9th-12th) from Sunday, December 18 through January 1**
- **NO Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th) on Monday, December 19 through January 2**

-SJV the place to BE lieve, BE loving, BE a witness-

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Visiting the Sick We are in need of more Eucharistic Ministers to visit the sick. If you are interested in this ministry, please talk to Fr Ramon about receiving training.

Divorced? Considering getting an Annulment? Schedule a meeting with Fr. Ramon and he will let you know the details. Roberta Hatfield is our amazing Advocate and will meet with you and help you through the process. If you have questions, please contact the parish office.

Women's Book Group All are welcomed and there is always wine and chocolate. December's book will be *Resisting Happiness by Matthew Kelly*. The book will be available soon in the Narthax for \$5. We are an informal book group so don't stress out too much, read it or not. Just know that we will talk about the book. We meet Tuesday, January 3, 2016 at 7 pm with Wine and Chocolate.

Are you a senior over 55 and single? For those of you new to our parish who are single and over 55, this is a great way to meet new people and enjoy a meal together. I hope you will join us when we meet on the third Saturday of the month after 5:00 pm mass in the social hall. We will **not meet in December**, the next dinner will be January 21.

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. If you feel 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 & flexible way to support one another. Please call Mimi Eyster, 425-823-2991, for more information.

Quilt Group Wouldn't it be fun to spend one morning a week learning a new skill? Quilting is one of those rare activities that is fun, relaxing and engages both sides of the brain. If you would like to join our great group of quilters, but are inexperienced with quilting, we would love to get you started. We meet each Wednesday in the social hall from 10-12:30pm. (contact person Kathy 425-823-1720)

Liturgical Ministers If you are a liturgical minister, is your email address updated and "can't serve" dates current? 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.

Centering Prayer Group Thursday Evening Centering Prayer Group meets at 5:30 pm every week in room #12. For more information call Jerry Baldwin at 425-821-1008.

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 talk with Margaret Graham following one of our masses. 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. Choir members sing at either 8:30 am (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!

Knights Korner: We are always looking for new Knights of Columbus in our parish...if you're a Catholic male at least 18 years of age, then consider joining our fraternal order. Please call Darryl Zaccaria at 425-823-1688 for more information.

SVPD Christmas Food Drive: Special thanks to everyone who helped fund our Christmas food and gift drive. We were blessed with so many gifts and food boxes for those in need in our community.

Thanks to all those who donated items for the Homeless: We had so many items that we were able to help 100 Homeless people through Operation Sack Lunch who distributes lunches to homeless people downtown. And help another 100 of people at Lazarus house, a men's shelter run through Catholic Community Services downtown. Warm socks, personal care items and gloves hats and scarves are special gifts to those who live outside during the winter.... When you did it for the least of my brothers and sisters you did it for me.



Are you newly engaged? Come to the parish welcome table and fill out a Marriage Information Sheet so we can get you set up for Evenings for the Engaged. 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 both of you and your marriage. Contact the parish office for a registration form.

Parenting teens is hard: Parent Support Group: With the busy holiday season, we will not meet in December. Starting in January we will resume meeting on the third Tuesday of each month in room #12. Meet with other parents and counselor Liz Hunter for this confidential support group. Good will donation accepted. For more information contact the parish office.

GOSPEL OF LUKE Bible Study! Starting in JANUARY. Register now for 18 weeks of spiritual growth in your faith. Cost \$45. Contact Cynthia Kemp 425-823-6125.

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Social Concerns and Outreach for Adults and Youth

Youth Migrant Project mini Trek Feb. 10—12.

This is a wonderful outreach and learning experience at our back door. (Burlington, WA). SJV has been committed to this ministry for 30 years. Volunteer leader Aileen Hammar invites us to come serve those who are in need in the Skagit Valley. A special call out to families who wish to serve together. Options of Friday night (teens) and Saturday morning for those non overnighters. This is a starting point for Esperanza trek. Please consider with open heart this gratifying opportunity. For more info call Aileen 206 683 7001 or email

aileen.hammar@comcast.net

New Bethlehem Project

Our high school youth created dinners and trimmings last month and froze the meals. Now we are taking the Dec. 18 and 19 for homeless families. Middle School baked hundreds of cookies and they were delivered to Operation Sacklunch. We continue to give to those who need a bit of help. And it's all homemade! Thanks to all the parents who came and helped us on our cooking nights! Next opportunity to help is March 12 and 13.

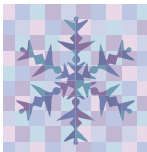
ESPERANZA - 2017 dates!

Adults May 20-27—all are welcome! Email jkline@sjvkirkland.org

Young Adults Trek 2017. College June 17-24, Pen Toland and Conor Goodwin have stepped up to lead.

High school Esperanza 2 week trek is priceless. As you may know, our high school trek fund raises for the 2 week trek, All youth and adults who are going work as a team to bring in the money. This time of year is the most helpful to us~!Special thanks to Joan Capili for the donation that will help underwrite our new tree sales location! This trek is no longer taking applications for 2017.

De-stress after the Holidays: Join us for Yoga on Saturday Mornings in room #6 at 8:30 am-9:30 am. Free sessions to stretch your mind and body. Lead by Suzi McDermott.



A Winter Day of Reflection: An Examen at the Cusp of the Year "A Pilgrim's Pondering" Saturday, December 31, 2016 9:00 am - 3:00 pm | St. Joseph Parish Center Mary Hartrich, Facilitator Register at www.ignatiancenter.org by December 27th for Early Bird rate! Unwind from the holidays - give yourself or someone else the gift of a one-day retreat! Join us at the cusp of the year for a quiet guided personal retreat - a *Winter Day of Reflection* - to ponder the pilgrimage you have undertaken the previous year, and to look toward your journey in the new year. Facilitator Mary Hartrich will lead you through the four movements of a modified Examen, each movement followed by abundant time for personal prayer, silent reflection, and journaling. *COST: Early registration fee - \$45 (through Tues, Dec 27) , and final fee- \$55 (Weds, Dec 28-Sat, Dec 31). Light breakfast, lunch and materials included. Partial work scholarships available. For more information, visit www.ignatiancenter.org. For questions, or more information about partial work scholarships, contact andrea@ignatiancenter.org or call (206) 329-4824. Sponsored by the Ignatian Spirituality Center, Seattle.*

Funeral Reception Ministry needs your help: A special ministry here at St. John Vianney is our Funeral Reception Ministry. When we have a funeral here at the parish, we provide a simple luncheon reception for the family and their guests in our parish social hall. We are in need of more team members to help host the day of the reception. Please contact Margie Berard in the parish office if you are available to help a family in a time of grief. It involves preparing for and cleaning up after the reception. The food is provided. If you are not able to help the day of the reception but would like to provide donations of salads or desserts we are also in need of more people to do this as well. Thanks!



~SAVE THE DATE~
For a 3 day Parish Mission: with Rev. John Cusick
March 19-21, 2017



Fr. John Cusick, a priest of the Chicago Archdiocese, was creator, coordinator and Director of the diocese's Young Adult Ministry from 1970 to 2013. He resides at Old St. Patrick's Church in downtown Chicago, has spoken at numerous national and international conferences and is a part-time adjunct faculty member in the Department of Theology at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana. In June 2014, he received The Spirit of the Conference Award for Service on behalf of Lay Ministry from the National Association of Lay Ministers.



St. John Vianney Catholic Preschool

2017-2018 School Year

Registration begins January 9th, 2017!

At St. John Vianney Catholic Church, our Children's Faith Formation Program has always focused on nurturing our children through stimulating, faith filled, and fun programs. These programs; Catholic Kids' Catechism Club, Children's Liturgy of the Word, Sacramental Preparation, Mom's Morning Out, and Vacation Bible School, celebrate each child as a wonderful gift from God, while fostering growth in the development of education, faith and community.

SJV Catholic Preschool serves as an extension to our Faith Formation Program, adopting the same focus and philosophies, while providing a more structured program for 3 to 5 year olds. We accept children of all faith backgrounds.

Our 3's class

(3 years old on or before 12/31/17)

We will concentrate on social interaction, spiritual and physical development as well as art and circle time.

Our 3+ class

(4 years old on or before 12/31/17)

We are learning to play with one another, share and communicate with our friends. Learning to follow directions, art, circle and story time keep us busy



Storybook Adventure

(4 years old on or before 12/31/17)

This amazing addition to our current program will take your child on a journey reading and exploring a variety of Children's stories and picture books. We will read, write, illustrate and act out special and new favorites. *Priority will be given to registered 4's & 3+ students.*

Our 4's class

(4 years old on or before 8/31/17)

This class will give your child the option to move up to our Pre-K class or graduate to Kindergarten in 2018. We offer a play/theme-based curriculum which includes pre-reading, math and writing activities. We offer 3.75 hour classes to continue the curriculum as described in Program #2 with a more academic emphasis. This class includes a 20 min. lunch period.

Our Pre-K class

(5 years old on or before 12/31/17)

This class is designed for the older child. We continue the curriculum as described in Program # 3, but with the additional 9 hours a month, we are able to add special focus programs and have time for more detailed exploration. This class also includes a 20 min. lunch period

For more information about class days/times and tuition rates, please visit our website at:

www.sjvkirkland.org (click on the "Preschool Link")

To schedule a tour or to answer any questions you might have, please contact Annette Schwientek at aschwientek@sjvkirkland.org or call 425-305-9662

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