

A light on Finn Hill



SAINT JOHN VIANNEY PARISH

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THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD • FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY • THE EPIPHANY

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MISSION STATEMENT

*We, the people of
St. John Mary Vianney
Catholic Church,
are committed
to building a caring,
prayerful, and loving
community of believers
and to witnessing
God's saving love by
ministering to the
needs of others.*

*We gather as a family
to make Jesus visible and
present to one another
and the larger community
by worship, service,
education,
and involvement.*



OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm
Sunday: 9:00am and 11:00am
Nursery available during the
Sunday Masses

Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday - Friday: 8:45am

Weekday Masses

Wednesday - Friday: 9:00am

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30 - 4:30pm or
by appointment

JOIN OUR PARISH

Visit the welcome table in the narthex after mass to pick up a registration form.

If you would like to receive our weekly email newsletters, please email sec@sjvkirkland.org.

SACRAMENTS

INFANT BAPTISM

Infant Baptism is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month. Our next one is Sunday, January 2nd at 12:00 noon. To register for your child please get a Baptism packet from the parish office and complete the online class. Contact Laura to reserve your spot, Lstanger@sjvkirkland.org. Check out the parish website for more information.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS & CHILDREN OVER 7

If you know of someone who is interested, or has a spark within them, an inkling of becoming Catholic, and joining the Catholic Faith Community, please contact Fr. Vu or Laura immediately.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST

We begin this process for kids at or about the age of 7 in March. Parents and kids attend classes together. It is a wonderful journey. Dates and times are listed on the parish website.

CONFIRMATION

Preparation classes are in session. Classes begin every September for 7th through 12th graders. Please email questions to Maybeth, mterashi-ma@sjvkirkland.org.

MARRIAGE

Engaged? Congratulations! Now what? Consider signing up for Marriage Preparation classes. You and your fiancé will be invited to the home of one of our marriage prep team mentors 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.

HOLY ORDERS

If you are interested in becoming a Priest or Deacon please contact Father Vu in the parish office and he will lead you in the right direction.

ANOIDTING OF THE SICK

Please call the parish office if someone is seriously ill.

If you have an emergency (sick or dying) and require a priest after hours there is one on call at Eastside Pastoral Care: 206-748-1500

We welcome you to Christmas Mass at SJV!



We welcome you, God's beloved, and we wish you a very Merry and Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Whether you are a faithful parishioner, a Catholic who joins us only once in a while, a visitor, or a member of a different faith tradition, you are God's beloved. That is how God sees you, and so does our parish community. We wish you God's gift of Christmas peace.

May you who are faithful parishioners rejoice in God's many blessings and know that you have been a blessing for others.

May you who have come home from college or traveled from afar to rejoin your family for the holidays know you are always welcome at SJV, your spiritual home.

May you who are visitors find here a community of welcome and a community that rejoices in praising God.

May you who are members of the parish family, but of a different faith tradition or of no specific faith, know that we hold you in our hearts and ask for God's blessings on you.

May you who come with sadness in your heart or who have experienced great sorrow, pain, or hurt in the past, sometimes from the Church itself, experience this Christmas as a new beginning of healing, hope, and peace.

At Christmas, God sent His son to bring all of us to new life.

If you would like to explore this new life with us, we invite you to visit our website at sjvkirkland.org or call the office at (425) 823-0787.

This is our first Christmas without Margie. Strangely enough, I still talk to her from time to time, asking her questions like: What is heaven like? Are you enjoying eternal paradise thus far? Do you miss us? Do you miss the Greek food here? (That was one of her favorite foods).

When I was in the parish office, I would often stop by her desk and ask her many questions: Margie, what do you think about this? What do you think we should do? Call me weird, but I still do that from time to time.

But this time is different because I don't hear her physical voice. The questions are met with silence. But it gives me comfort knowing that she is still with us in spirit. I tell her: I miss you Margie, and I hope you're doing well, Margie!

I remember a few weeks before she passed, I asked Margie if there's anything she would like to say to the people. She said: "Tell them I love them, and tell them that I will miss them!" Sitting there by the hospital bed with her, it was not easy to see her struggle and in pain.

Also, everything else seemed so small and minuscule. Sometimes we fret and worry over the little things. We waste time holding grudges or dwelling on our differences. They just don't seem that important when you're so close to going home to God. I told her that I was collecting funds for the Mystery Bowl for the auction. She was happy that we are celebrating our Golden 50th, and so sorry that she couldn't be with us.

Seeing her in so much pain, my prayer was that God would bring her home quickly and peacefully. Looking back, it all happened so fast. It seemed like it was just yesterday that Margie was retiring and looking forward to her retirement and gardening and spending time with her grandkids. She was kind of disappointed that she couldn't do that. But she said: "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Every Christmas we are blessed to celebrate with the people who are still here with us on this beautiful earth. And it also may be a first Christmas without some of our loved ones, those who have gone before us to heaven. Although they are no longer in body, they remain with us in spirit. "I believe in the Resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come."

Wishing you a Merry Christmas! Be sure to take the time to thank God for the people who are still here. And let's help remind one another to give thanks to God for the Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit. God bless!

Christmas poinsettias were purchased by parishioners in Memory/Honor of...

Bennie Aranas
Geraldine Basilio
Jose Basilio
Marianito Basilio
Margie Berard
Donald Byrum
Clarita Dalusag
Kasandra Dalusag
Victorino Dalusag Sr
Ed Deane
Eileen Deane

Ray Guardian
Juanita Harig
Rich Harig
Magdalene Hon
Bill & Hattie Knudsen
Jude Lamb
Mr. & Mrs. Jose Ocampo
Leleng, Cita & Mila Ocampo
Lydia, Mininig & Pepe Ocampo
Danding, Oscar & Toni Ruiz
Jenifer Sanisco

Arsenio Santos
Rosalina Santos
Jackie Tamayao
Nicolasu Tamayao
Felix Tamayao Sr.
Patricia Taylor
Engracio and Maria Torres
Margaret White
Robert White
Desiree Zaccaria

Stewardship is alive at SJV!

Stories of successes during 2021:

- ◇ The outdoor Stations of the Cross were made by Don Bornhoeft and installed by our trekkers so we could still reflect on Jesus' passion during Lent even with COVID limitations
- ◇ Over 10,100 masks were sewn for the Tri-Parish Food Bank and the migrant workers of the Skagit Valley
- ◇ The Moms Meetup Group, Young Adult Faith & Brew, and Hiking Club all started out of a desire for people with common goals to come together
- ◇ Our church had our first Corpus Christi procession
- ◇ We safely held our Men's, Women's, and Youth Harry Potter Retreats
- ◇ Our sanctuary floor was updated with the help of generous donations from parishioners
- ◇ Our church's history was published in a book for our 50th Anniversary
- ◇ We've celebrated Masses and started many of our programs with no outbreaks with the help of volunteers who stepped up when we needed them
- ◇ We had a well attended Welcome Back Celebration even in the rain
- ◇ Archbishop Etienne celebrated Mass to kick off our 50th Anniversary year
- ◇ We had a generously supported 50th Anniversary Gala Dinner and Auction
- ◇ About 45 women of our parish attended the recent Advent Morning of Reflection
- ◇ Our St. Vincent de Paul Chapter helped over 70 families this Christmas with food and gift cards you donated
- ◇ Knights of Columbus donated about 80 warm coats to three area schools, and about 25 more to Joint Base Lewis-McChord

Our sincerest THANKS to all of our parishioners for their Time in prayer, their Talents serving our parish community, and their Treasure generously shared throughout another challenging year. May God continue to bless you in this New Year as we help one another and advance the mission of SJV. We appreciate YOU!





ST. JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC PRESCHOOL

The preschool staff would like to wish everyone a blessed Christmas Season and a happy and healthy New Year.

Registration for the 2022/23 school year for current families and alumni begins January 10. Brochures and registration forms are available on the parish website. We will start scheduling tours for new families January 10. Please contact Annette Schwientek, aschwientek@sjvkirkland.org or 425-305-9662, if you are interested. For more information visit sjvkirkland.org/preschool.



CHILDREN AND FAMILY LIFE

Parish Nursery: Available during the Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 Masses. It is free and right down the stairs, where you can see the mural on the wall for the outside play area of the nursery. The sound for Mass is pumped down there if you want to stay with your child. We have Ms. Maria Dempsey, Mrs. Lori Fitzpatrick, and Kiara Buska, our youth helper, watching our little ones.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Children are always welcome to join us for the children's dismissal during the 11:00 Sunday Mass. There is no registration fee or form for Children's Liturgy required. Children's liturgy runs throughout the year. Parents are always welcome to join their kids.

Summer Vacation Bible Camp: Keep your eyes peeled for this Summers VBS! Registration forms are available around Easter time! We will choose the theme at the first of the year.

Catholic Kids' Catechism Club (CKCC): All children are welcome to the mad-capped, hope-filled fun of CKCC all year long. Registration forms are available on our parish website. CKCC resumes on Sunday, January 9 and Monday, January 10. Enjoy your winter break!

Our 3-year-old kids through kindergarteners meet during the 9:00am Mass. We begin our session in Room #6 and end in the preschool classroom (Room #2) at 10:00am.

Our older kids, 1st and 2nd graders, attend Sunday from 10:00-11:00am, and our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders attend on Monday evenings from 7:00-8:00pm.

Thank you to all who donated items for Blessing Bags for the homeless! The bags were filled and blessed by Catholic Kids' Catechism Club members.



YOUTH GROUP

- FAITH & FUN ALL IN ONE
- KEEP UP WITH THE "WHAT'S UP"

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THE PLACE TO:
BE lieve
BE loving
BE a witness

YOUTH GROUP

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

An Invitation to our Middle School and High School Youth anytime:

Our Youth Group program is all about fun, friendships, and faith. We welcome all youth so bring a friend! If you're in 6th-12th grade, we meet on Sunday nights from 5:00-6:30pm. We break up into age-appropriate groups. Please see our calendar on the website in the Youth Group portion for more details, or email Maybeth to sign up for our weekly What's Up to stay informed.

Our next meeting is on January 9.

Upcoming events: Joan & Popcorn Nights, Cramming & Games the Angry Birds Edition, Spoons Tourney and more...



YOUNG ADULTS

SJV Young Adults welcomes you for **Faith & Brew with Father Vu!** We meet monthly and vary the fun for each night. Our next meeting is Friday, February 4th at 7:00pm. Email Maybeth to RSVP and to sign up for the weekly *What's Up* to stay informed.

50TH ANNIVERSARY BOOKS

A small quantity are available. Pre-ordered books can be picked up after the weekend Masses and in the parish office during open hours. Please contact Susan, sweaver@sjvkirkland.org, for more information.

OUTREACH & SOCIAL CONCERNS

High School Esperanza Mission Trek - Thank you so much for your amazing support of our Christmas Tree Lot!



Your generosity goes a long way to help our Esperanza High School Mission Trekkers on their journey to Tijuana this summer. We appreciate you!

Our High School Trek will be hosting a Game Night, Saturday, January 8 from 7:00-9:00pm to raise funds for their trip to Tijuana. For more information please contact Susan, sweaver@sjvkirkland.org. (*More info on page 7*)

If you are interested in joining our Trek, sign up for high school sophomores to seniors takes place September–October of each year. Meetings, fundraisers, and service opportunities take place throughout the school year to build team unity as our trekkers earn their way together.



St Vincent de Paul Society - Thank you so much for your generous donations to our St Vincent de Paul Christmas Basket and Giving Tree this year, supporting over 70 families in need in our community.

Every day people from our neighborhood who need help with rent, utilities, food and other necessities call our church seeking aid. Your donations to St Vincent through monthly monetary contributions and non-perishable food items help us live out our Christian call to serve the vulnerable among us. Special thanks to those who volunteer for this ministry. Volunteers are welcome and needed. Please contact Susan Weaver, sweaver@sjvkirkland.org, if you are interested in volunteering.

Pastoral Care of the Sick - A most rewarding ministry in our church is bringing the Eucharist to the homebound. The visits are once a week for about 15 minutes. You would receive a short training and supplies for your visits. There is no greater gift to give and it is so appreciated by those you visit. If you are interested in visiting the homebound or are homebound and would like to receive communion, please contact the parish office or Gayle Kasen: 206-595-2020.

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? Call Kay Smith at 425-486-2528 and she will start the prayer chain going.

Social Justice Initiative - Following our Racial Equity Series which took place this September–November, we are forming a Social Justice Committee to continue the work towards social justice in our community. Please contact Susan, sweaver@sjvkirkland.org, if you are interested in joining us.

Sonshine Ministry - If you know of someone in our parish who could use a little extra love via a card or a meal, please contact the parish office. If you feel called to help in this ministry we are always looking for volunteers to help support those in need by making a meal. It is a wonderful way to support one another.



Quilters 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 this great group of quilters but are inexperienced with quilting, this group would love to help you get started. They meet each Wednesday in the social hall from 10:00-11:00am to make quilts for those in nursing homes or recovering from illness. Contact Kathy Egan, 425-864-4325.

Youth Migrant Project - Our SJV Middle and High School students and chaperones support the Tri-Parish Food Bank at St Charles Catholic Church in preparing and distributing food for hundreds of families in the Skagit Valley on Saturday day trips and a week long summer experience as COVID conditions allow. During this time of COVID, we appreciate donations of diapers (sizes newborn – 6), wipes, and masks to support the migrant families in the Skagit Valley. Please contact Susan, sweaver@sjvkirkland.org, for more information.

Facilities Committee The Facilities Committee meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm. We can use your help and ideas. Anyone interested in joining the Facilities Committee is encouraged to contact Committee Chair Glen Rollman, glenro@comcast.net.

There are always a lot of projects and jobs to be done around here. Anybody willing to spend a little of their time would be much appreciated. Contact our Facilities Manager Greg Leptich, gleptich@sjvkirkland.org.

Adopt-a-Garden Bed Join the program and pick out a spot on our property to beautify. This has become a very successful and rewarding program to everyone, especially from the pride you feel from working in our beautiful gardens to make them even better! Contact Tony Zimmerman, tzimrman@yahoo.com or 425-823-9036.

Hiking Club Are you interested in hiking but never find the time to go? Join the newly formed Hiking Club at St. John Vianney. We are open to trail recommendations from our hiking enthusiasts. We welcome your suggestions on when to meet on a regular basis so that it can fit everyone's schedule. To sign up or for more information, please contact Susan Weaver, sweaver@sjvkirkland.org. Watch for information about our next hike in the new year.

Senior Singles If you are single and 55 or older, we would like to invite you to join our Senior Singles group. Ordinarily, we meet on the third Saturday of each month following the 5:00pm Mass for dinner, conversation, and fellowship. We are currently not gathering in person because of COVID-19, but you can still join us virtually every Saturday from 12:00-1:00pm over Zoom. So you need not be alone, and you need not feel as if you've been forgotten! If you are interested, contact the parish office for details.



Knights of Columbus Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to males 18 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics. Meetings are every third Thursday of the month at 7:00pm via Zoom. For more information contact the Grand Knight: Mike Myette, 206-510-6536.

Mom Meetup Calling all moms, especially moms with infants, toddlers, preschoolers and elementary school-aged children! Let's build a community surrounded by our shared Catholic values, our love of our children, and our knowledge and support of our shared experiences! We meet the last week of every month either Wednesday or Thursday to build community. Interested? Please join the "SJV Moms Meetup" Facebook group for updates about our monthly meetups.

Women's Book Group The first Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm our Women's Book Group gathers with wine and chocolate to discuss a book that has been chosen by the group. You do not need to read the book to come to the book group. The January Book is *Being Home: A Book of Meditations* by Gunilla Norris, and the February Book is *Crossing to Safety* by Wallace Stegner



Liturgical Ministers Training Are you confirmed? Please consider serving your parish as an altar server, eucharistic ministers, lector, sacristan, or usher. Please contact Fr. Vu if interested.

Divorced? Considering getting an Annulment? Schedule a meeting with Father Vu 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.

donating BEYOND CASH:

A charitable contribution may just be the right decision to enable you to itemize your taxes (if you don't already).

Potential tax law changes may make a gift this year even better than next year. The new IRS tax law established new, higher standard deductions - \$12,550 for single filers, \$25,100 for married couples, and \$18,800 for heads of household. Additionally, the CARES Act helps charitable giving in 2021 by allowing donors who itemize their deductions now to give more cash to charity before reaching their adjusted gross income (AGI) limitation. Formerly set at 60%, it has now been raised to 100% of an individual's AGI. Any giving beyond this 100% limitation may be carried over and used in the next five years. For those who do not itemize their deductions; the \$300 (\$600 for married couples filing jointly) has been extended. Qualifying donations must be made in cash not stock, for example.

Please consider:

- Applying for any company, union, or bank matching gifts (especially to our outreach programs such as the Mission Treks or St. Vincent de Paul)
- Remembering us in your will & trusts
- Providing to us as one of the beneficiaries of your retirement fund/life insurance
- Make a memorial/remembrance gift
- Contribute from your Donor Advised Fund
- For those of you who are 72+ years old, you may wish to consider making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA. Please contact the parish office for more details.

Disclaimer: This is for information only - Not Legal Advice

Before making any financial decisions, we strongly recommend that you consult a tax and/or financial advisor as tax laws are continually changing. As you look at being a good steward with the resources God gave you, being a good steward means doing so with wisdom and righteousness.

CHRISTMAS LITURGIES

Please note that participating in Mass on Christmas Day, even an evening Mass, does not satisfy the Sunday obligation. Come celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family with your family on Sunday, December 26th.

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

- Sunday, December 26th at 9:00am and 11:00am

The parish office will be closed December 27-31. There will be no morning Adoration & Masses on these days.

The Epiphany of the Lord

- Saturday, January 1st at 5:00pm
- Sunday, January 2nd at 9:00am and 11:00am

The Baptism of the Lord

- Saturday, January 8th at 5:00pm
- Sunday, January 9th at 9:00am and 11:00am

Some changes you'll see at Mass to protect ourselves, to protect our neighbors, and to protect the ability FOR ALL to safely worship together - face masks required, no singing, and no Blood of Christ. Clearly marked sections for worship are available for people seeking physical distancing. Doors will be open to ensure proper ventilation, so we encourage you to come with coats.

*Thank you to all who
helped decorate our
church so beautifully
for Christmas!
God bless you!*

Upcoming - Please Join Us:

Saint John Vianney Game Night **Hosted by HS Esperanza Mission Trek**

Where? SJV Social Hall

When? January 8, 2022

What Time? 7pm-9pm

Prizes? \$10 Amazon Gift card for the winning team!

Everyone Ages 10+ welcome!

\$10 minimum Donation

Snacks!

Fun Games!

Meet new people, or stick with your family!



To RSVP follow the QR code, and fill out the form.

Remember to include everyone who you are going to bring!

\$10 minimum donation per person required to come and play!

HISTORY OF RACISM IN AMERICAN CHRISTIANITY

Adult Faith Formation Class

Each Thursday evening starting at 7:00pm on January 6, 2022, we will study of the history of racism in American Christianity. This is an online class using Zoom. The class will provide some context by exploring the apparent contradiction between an individual's sole responsibility for sins and the transmission of sins from generation to generation, as well as examining the evangelization of the Patristic period. It will then explore the history of racism in American Christianity starting with the colonization of the Americas and continuing to the present day. The class textbook is *The Color of Compromise*, by Jemar Tisby. To register, please call the parish office or sign up at the welcome table in the narthex. Please indicate whether you intend to supply your own copy of the text or whether you would like one to be ordered for you.

MYSTAGOGY IN THE PATRISTIC TRADITION

Adult Faith Formation Class

Mystagogy – or the study of Christ as He's revealed in the sacraments – was a particular concern of bishops in the Patristic period as they initiated neophytes into the mysteries of the Christian faith. This is an online class using Zoom. Each Monday evening starting at 7:00pm on January 10, 2022, we will study the work of the four major mystagogical writers of the Patristic age: St. Cyril of Jerusalem; St. John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople; St. Ambrose of Milan; and Theodore of Mopsuestia. All readings are available as free downloads. To register for the class, please call the parish office at 425-823-0787 or sign up at the welcome table in the narthex.