

50 Years of being "A Light on Finn Hill"



SAINT JOHN VIANNEY PARISH

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CHRISTMAS • JANUARY

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Memorial - Labor Day: 8:30 am - 3:30pm

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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: 9:00am

Weekday Masses

Wednesday - Friday: 9:15am

Reconciliation

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

SACRAMENTS

INFANT BAPTISM

Infant Baptisms are celebrated on the first Sunday of each month at 12:00 noon, except during Lent. To register your child, please get a baptism packet from the parish office. A baptism class is required the day before the baptism at 10:00am. Contact Laura, Lstanger@sjvkirkland.org, to reserve your spot. Check out the parish website for more information.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS & CHILDREN OVER 7

If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Church and are considering becoming Catholic and were either not Baptized or were Baptized in another faith tradition, please talk with Fr. Vu or a member of the parish staff to learn more about the process. 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 the parish office as well. The program starts this month.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST

Preparation for kids 7 years old and older will begin in early 2023. Parents and kids attend classes together. It is a wonderful journey. Please let Laura Stanger know if you have questions.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation classes begin every September for 7th through 12th graders. Please email questions to mterashima@sjvkirkland.org.

MARRIAGE

Engaged? Congratulations! Now what? Please contact the parish at least six months before the wedding, even if you are not getting married here at our parish. We will refer you to the available Marriage Preparation classes that are required to get married in the church. We are here to help you complete additional paperwork and support you as you begin this life long journey. Contact Laura Lstanger@sjvkirkland.org with questions.

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.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Anointing of the sick is available after weekday Mass on the first Friday of the month or by appointment. 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: 425-655-3200.

We welcome you to 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, call the office at (425) 823-0787, or visit the welcome table in the narthex after Mass to pick up a welcome packet.

To receive our weekly email newsletters, please scan the QR code. If you've signed up and don't see it in your email on Tuesdays, be sure to check your junk mail.



Catholic Churches have successfully developed effective safety protocols. Scan the QR code to see a comprehensive summary of them.



FATHER VU TRAN, PASTOR

Dear Beloved in Christ, with the last heavy snowfall, I was driving back to Kirkland, with only a few blocks remaining to reach 84th Street from Simonds Road, but my front wheels started to spin. So, along with a few other cars who couldn't make it up the steep hill, we turned around, and tried Juanita Drive instead. The same thing happened, with just a few blocks to reach the top of the hill, my wheels started to spin. So, I parked the car at the bottom of the hill and decided to walk home. Do you know that a 5-minute drive is equivalent to a 50-minute walk?

I now see how steep Finn Hill is and got temporary snow chains for the future, just in case. But in this little experience, I also saw people getting out of their cars and helping each other. It is potentially risky, but some folks were helping to push cars that were stuck to provide some momentum. People were very patient and understanding, refraining from constantly honking their horns. Seeing all of this gave warmth to my heart, in a way, as I walked home in the icy cold weather. Also, I was able to get a lot of steps in to keep up with my Fitbit competitors.

Christmas is always a cold and dark season in the Pacific Northwest, and it can certainly affect our mood and behavior. But there are small pockets of inspiration if you look for them - a light here and there, to warm our hearts. Many homes are decorated, and brighten us up, giving joy to this season.

It often doesn't take much to give light and warmth, for even a little bit goes a long way. St. Nicholas who heard that a family was in need, decided to help them, by putting coins in their socks that were hung by the fireplace to dry. The story warms my heart every time I hear it.

What also gives warmth to my heart is the Christmas story. In Bethlehem, a child is born to a Virgin. He was born not in a palace that is worthy of him, but in a cave, laid in a manger - a small container that usually holds food for animals. He was visited by shepherds and kings, for he is the Good Shepherd, and he is the great King that is to come, and of his kingdom there will be no end. Upon his arrival into the world, the heavenly host - the choirs of angels filled the heavens, singing the Gloria, praising God.

On behalf of the SJV Parish Staff, wishing you a blessed and joyful Christmas Season and Happy New Calendar Year 2023. May the Lord's birth give light and warmth to your heart.

God's blessings to you always,
Fr Vu

PARISH MINISTRY CONTACTS

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Chair Needed
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Chair Needed
Please call the office to volunteer.

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MEMBERS

Joel Katterhagan
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Autumn Salazar

The Parish Finance Council is an advisory and consultative body that assists the Pastor with the responsibility for parish financial management and accountability.



Thank you to the following families who donated in memory or honor of a loved one to support our beautiful Christmas flowers and trees in the Church sanctuary:

Carmelita Aranas	Dalusag Family	Jurgenson Family	Sramek Family
Peggy Arians	Ellen Dashiell	Kaltenbach Family	Emmett Sullivan
Gloria Basilio	Laurie Endres	Lamb Family	Family
Candi Betts	De Leon Family	Lambert Family	Tecson Family
Bolcer Family	Dennis Francisco	Lum Family	Terashima Family
Caryl Bornhoeft	Foley Family	Madayag Family	Hang Tran
Paul Byrum	Frandonisa Family	Olson Family	Tien Tran Family
Carleton Family	George Gillespie	Radford Family	Fr. Vu Tran
Vicky Corporal	Roberta Hatfield	Susan Rhode	Woodrell Family
Renato Cruz Family	Irvine Family	Seiler Family	

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YEAR END GIVING

SJV will be closed December 26-30 and January 2. All monetary donations for 2022 need to be in the parish office or postmarked by December 31 in order to be applied to this calendar year.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Submissions for the February bulletin should be made by Wednesday, January 5. Please email your announcements to aklepper@sjvkirkland.org or bring them to the parish office. We reserve the right to edit submissions.

ST. JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC PRESCHOOL



SJV preschool staff would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

Registration for the 2023/24 school year for current families and alumni begins January 9. Please see the inserted registration flyer for more information. Brochures and registration forms are available on the parish website as well as the welcome table. We will start scheduling tours for new families January 9. 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

Family Self-Help Resources: We have resources for you and your family to use in times of grief and loss, as well as Safe Touching classes for children and Sexual Abuse Prevention classes for parents and adult volunteers.

Baptism for children over the age of 7: If your child has not received the Sacrament of Baptism and they are over the age of 7 years, we have a special opportunity for them to grow in their faith and receive this gift in the form of an adapted Adult Baptism initiation. We will have special classes to help your child learn more about all that comes with this special gift!

Catholic Kids' Catechism Club (CKCC): All children are welcome to the fun and learning of Catholic Kids' Catechism Club. Registration forms are available on our parish website or at the welcome table. CKCC resumes January 8 and 9.

Our 3 year olds through kindergarten kids meet downstairs in Room 6 during the 9:00am Mass. Their session begins with learning about the Mass, then they move to Room 2, where they are picked up at the end of Mass. Kids will hear the Gospel for the day, adapted for their little ears, and do activities based on the Gospel.

Our older kids in 1st - 5th grades, attend our sessions on Sundays between 10:00-11:00am or Mondays between 7:00-8:00pm. We open our sessions with the proclamation of the Gospel and then do an opening challenge related to it. Kids then break off with their clubhouses to complete their challenges! They accumulate points throughout the year and the group that gets the highest number of points wins a party at Pump-It-Up at the end of the year! So much fun in one space, all learning about ourselves and our faith! Sign up today!

First Reconciliation and First Eucharist Preparation: Kids who are Baptized Catholic and are at or about the age of 7 are welcome to join us for our preparation sessions, which begin at the end of February. Parents and children attend the sessions together.

Parish Nursery: Christmas weekend the nursery will be available for children accompanied by their parents. Our nursery staff will have a well deserved day off. Normally the nursery is free and available for children 18 months through 4 years old and staffed at both the Sunday 9:00am and 11:00am Masses. The nursery is located right down the stairs, parents are welcome to stay with their children if it makes them more comfortable. Audio from Mass can be heard in the nursery.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Children are invited to join us for dismissal during the regular Sunday 11:00am Mass for Liturgy of the Word. The children hear the gospel reading and have an opportunity to break it open with discussion, activities and other stories that relate to the Gospel. No registration required and parents are welcome to accompany their children if they'd like.

Mom's Morning Out: Wednesday Mornings from 9:30am - 12 noon, primary caregivers of children ages 1-5 can drop their children off in the parish nursery for childcare while the caregiver gets a couple of hours of free time to run errands, relax, clean house, whatever, without a little one under foot. There is a fee of \$15.00 per child per day, a registration form, and a waiting list for this ministry. Parents with more than two children pay a maximum of \$30.00 per day.



Special thanks to everyone who donated items to CKCC for our blessing bags! We filled 100 blessing bags that were taken to St. Martin De Porres' Shelter downtown.





St. John Vianney Catholic Preschool

2023-2024 School Year

Registration begins January 10, 2023!

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/play-based program for 3 to 5 year olds. We accept children of all faith backgrounds.

Our 3's class

(3 years old on or before 12/31/23)

A wonderful 1st preschool experience. Our 3's class focuses on social interaction, emotional, physical and spiritual growth in a warm and welcoming learning environment.

Our 3+ class

(4 years old on or before 12/31/23)

We are developing a sense of community where we learn to play, share and communicate with one another. Learning to follow directions, art, circle and story time keep us busy.

This class includes a 20 min. lunch period.

Storybook Adventure

(4 years old on or before 12/31/23)

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 our registered 4's & 3+ students.*

Our 4's class

(4 years old on or before 8/31/23)

This class will give your child the option to move up to our Pre-K class or graduate to Kindergarten in 2023. We offer a play/theme-based curriculum which includes STEM, pre-reading, math and writing activities. We are adding on to the 3+ curriculum with a more academic emphasis. This class includes a 20 min. lunch period.



Our Pre-K class

(5 years old on or before 12/31/23)

This class is designed for the older child. With an additional 9 hours per month, we are able to add special focus to the base program and have time for more detailed exploration. STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering and Math are part of our daily curriculum. 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")

An updated brochure & registration form will be available the end of December
To schedule a tour or answer any questions, please contact **Annette Schwientek** at
aschwientek@sjvkirkland.org or call 425-305-9662

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>January</div> <div>Month of The Most Holy Name of Jesus</div>						24 Christmas Eve Reconciliation 3:30pm Vigil Mass 5:00pm Vigil Mass 7:00pm
25 The Nativity of the Lord Mass 10:00am	26 Feast of St. Stephen Church Closed	27 Feast of St. John Church Closed	28 Feast of the Holy Innocents Church Closed	29 Church Closed	30 Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Church Closed	31 New Year's Eve Reconciliation 3:30pm Vigil Mass 5:00pm
1 Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary New Year's Day Mass 9:00am Mass 11:00am Baptism 12:00pm	2 Memorial of Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen New Year's Day Observed Church Closed	3 Word & Communion Service 9:00am Spanish Class 10:00am Letter to the Hebrews (Zoom) 6:30pm Women's Book Group 7:00pm Grief Support Group 7:00pm	4 Memorial of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Adoration & Mass 9:00am Mom's Morning Out 9:15am Faith Sharing Group 10:00am Quilters Group 10:00am Boy Scouts 7:00pm	5 Memorial of St. John Neumann Adoration & Mass 9:00am Sack Lunch Making 10:00am Teaching of Vatican II (Zoom) 7:00pm	6 Adoration & Mass 9:00am	7 Senior Singles (Zoom) 12:00pm Confirmation Preparation 2:30pm Reconciliation 3:30pm Vigil Mass 5:00pm
8 The Epiphany of the Lord CKCC 9:00am Mass 9:00am CKCC 9:55am Mass 11:00am Youth Group 5:00pm	9 The Baptism of the Lord Word & Communion Service 9:00am CKCC 7:00pm What Happens at Mass? (Zoom) 7:00pm	10 Word & Communion Service 9:00am Spanish Class 10:00am Safe Environment Class (Zoom) 6:00pm Letter to the Hebrews (Zoom) 6:30pm Facilities Committee Meeting 7:00pm Rummikub 7:00pm	11 Adoration & Mass 9:00am Mom's Morning Out 9:15am Faith Sharing Group 10:00am Quilters Group 10:00am Social Justice Committee 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm	12 Adoration & Mass 9:00am Finance Council (Zoom) 4:00pm Teaching of Vatican II (Zoom) 7:00pm RCIA (Zoom) 7:00pm	13 Adoration & Mass 9:00am	14 Senior Singles (Zoom) 12:00pm Reconciliation 3:30pm Vigil Mass 5:00pm Olive Wood Sales
15 Mass 9:00am Mass 11:00am Olive Wood Sales	16 Martin Luther King Day Church Closed	17 Memorial of St. Anthony Word & Communion Service 9:00am Spanish Class 10:00am Letter to the Hebrews (Zoom) 6:30pm SVdP Meeting 7:00pm	18 Adoration & Mass 9:00am Mom's Morning Out 9:15am Faith Sharing Group 10:00am Quilters Group 10:00am Boy Scouts 7:00pm	19 Adoration & Mass 9:00am Teaching of Vatican II (Zoom) 7:00pm KoC Meeting 7:00pm	20 Adoration & Mass 9:00am	21 Memorial of St. Agnes Senior Singles (Zoom) 12:00pm Reconciliation 3:30pm Vigil Mass 5:00pm Senior Gathering 6:00pm
22 CKCC 9:00am Mass 9:00am CKCC 9:55am Mass 11:00am MS Youth Group 4:30pm HS Youth Group 5:45pm Mission Trek 6:30pm	23 Word & Communion Service 9:00am CKCC 7:00pm What Happens at Mass? (Zoom) 7:00pm	24 Memorial of St. Francis de Sales Word & Communion Service 9:00am Spanish Class 10:00am Letter to the Hebrews (Zoom) 6:30pm Rummikub 7:00pm	25 Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul Adoration & Mass 9:00am Mom's Morning Out 9:15am Faith Sharing Group 10:00am Quilters Group 10:00am Boy Scouts 7:00pm	26 Memorial of Sts. Timothy and Titus Adoration & Mass 9:00am Teaching of Vatican II (Zoom) 7:00pm RCIA (Zoom) 7:00pm	27 Adoration & Mass 9:00am	28 Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas Senior Singles (Zoom) 12:00pm Reconciliation 3:30pm Vigil Mass 5:00pm
29 CKCC 9:00am Mass 9:00am CKCC 9:55am Mass 11:00am Youth Group 5:00pm	30 Word & Communion Service 9:00am CKCC 7:00pm What Happens at Mass? (Zoom) 7:00pm	31 Memorial of St. John Bosco Word & Communion Service 9:00am Spanish Class 10:00am Letter to the Hebrews (Zoom) 6:30pm	<p><i>If you would like to find out more about, or get involved with any events in the calendar please contact the parish office for more info.</i></p>			

SJV is coming back to life!

Stories of successes during 2022:

- ◇ A new entry sign and Mother Mary reflection area was created with the help of numerous donors and volunteers
- ◇ The Sonshine Ministry sent 762 cards and 102 dinners or desserts to those who could use a little extra love
- ◇ Extra proceeds from the Annual Catholic Appeal allowed us to restripe the parking lot with bigger spaces
- ◇ The Grief Ministry and Social Justice Committee started out of a desire for people with common goals to come together
- ◇ The Social Justice Committee hosted our first Advent Multicultural Storytelling event celebrating the different Christmas traditions in our parish
- ◇ We safely held our Men's, Women's, and Youth Harry Potter Retreats
- ◇ Soup nights started again post COVID
- ◇ With the desire to care for our common home, biannual Styrofoam recycling events were started
- ◇ We hosted our first Bowling Tournament
- ◇ The Doors of Heaven were installed with the help of generous donations from last year's auction Fund-a-Need
- ◇ Monica Tran, Arturo Ramirez, and Henrik Hough won our design contest and new entry mats and SJV apparel were made with the winning designs
- ◇ After 3 years we were able to have our Celebration of Cultures Parish Picnic where parishioners shared their cultures with our community
- ◇ At least 57 families were involved in making more than 900 sack lunches for the homeless
- ◇ We had a well attended Jerusalem Marketplace Vacation Bible School—102 kids
- ◇ Fr. Vu and some of our parishioners went on a pilgrimage to Mexico City to honor our Lady of Guadalupe
- ◇ After a hiatus due to COVID our adult and high school mission trekkers were able to return to Tijuana to build homes for those in need and our youth were able to return to serving at the Tri-Parish Food Bank
- ◇ The Cana Commission hosted "The Little Way of Marriage" presented by Sarah and Nathan Bartel
- ◇ Our St. Vincent de Paul Chapter helped over 1,484 adults + 245 children
- ◇ The rectory got a new concrete driveway and walkway, chimney, cedar fence, and paint job thanks to volunteers and donations from the parish.

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 this 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!



Mission Update—2022!



Our sincerest THANKS to you — for your generosity and stewardship in helping one another and others encounter Jesus Christ throughout the year. We hope your own spiritual journey has been blessed by us as well. We are so grateful to have you part of our St. John Vianney faith community. THANK YOU!

Your gifts made a difference:

- In our children's Faith Formation
- In our community & facilities
- For the youth of our Parish
- In our parish's outreach services

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We look forward to sharing the 'Good News' with you in 2023!

SJV Year-end Reminders

This is the time of year that most people give and receive. We thank you for your stewardship to St. John Mary Vianney as we continue the mission of Jesus Christ. As you search for the perfect gift for a loved one, remember that a year-end charitable gift in their name is deeply appreciated. Visit our website at sjvkirkland.org.

The starting point of stewardship is recognizing that everything we have, everything that we are is by God's initiative—by God's grace . Archbishop Etienne on the spirituality of stewardship

BEYOND CASH

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

- Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA. Contact parish office for more details
- A grant from your Donor Advised Fund
- Gifts of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds)

And Finally Please remember us:

- For any matching gifts — some companies won't match religious institutions, but will match to SVdP or the Mission Trek program.
- In your will & trusts
- As one of the beneficiaries of your retirement fund/life insurance
- As a memorial/remembrance gift
- *From your Donor Advised Fund*

YOUR GIFTS HELP US TO CONTINUE THE MISSION OF OUR CHURCH!

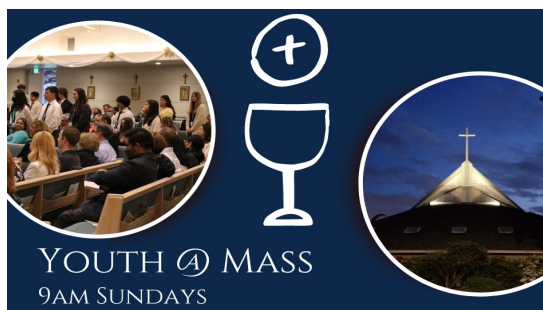


YOUTH GROUP

SJV Youth Group wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! An invitation to our Middle School and High School youth any time: 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, mterashima@sjvkirkland.org, to sign up for our weekly **What's Up** to stay informed. Our next meeting is January 8. Upcoming events: Joan & Popcorn Nights, Cramming & Games the Corn Hole Edition, Spoons Tourney, and more...

YOUTH @ MASS

Join a group of youth who are attending 9:00am Sunday Mass together. We sit in reserved pews in the back youth area, then enjoy donuts in the Social Hall.



YOUNG ADULTS

We welcome you for Faith & Brew with Father Vu! We meet monthly and vary the fun for each night. Our next meeting will be on a Friday in January. Stay tuned for the exact day! Email Maybeth, mterashima@sjvkirkland.org, to RSVP and to sign up for the weekly **What's Up** to stay informed.



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 if interested, 425-823-9036 or tzimrman@yahoo.com.

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.

Moms Meetup Calling all moms, especially moms with infants, toddlers, preschoolers and elementary school-aged children! We're a community built upon our shared Catholic values, our love for our children, and our knowledge and support of our shared experiences that meets once a month. Interested? Please join the "SJV Moms Meetup" Facebook group for updates about our monthly meetups.

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 group but are inexperienced with quilting, they 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.

Hiking Club Open to all interested parishioners looking to take advantage of our beautiful local trails and fellowship with other SJV hiking enthusiasts. Please watch our website and newsletters for our next hike this spring.

Knights of Columbus Membership 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 in person. For more information contact the Grand Knight: Brad Lund, bradelund@comcast.net. See you January 19!

Rummikub We meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm in the Social Hall for 3 or 4 games, then finish with the Left Right Center dice game. You do not need to know how to play. Both games are simple and quick to learn and old timers will be happy to help you learn. Open to everyone! This month we will meet on Tuesday, December 13 due to the holidays. Hope to see you!

Senior Dinner All Seniors (55+) are invited to join us! We meet for dinner on the third Saturday of the month after the 5:00pm Mass. Then afterward we play the Left, Right, Center dice game. Check the newsletter for updates in January!

Wednesday Morning Faith Sharing New people are always welcome! We meet after weekday Mass every Wednesday for about an hour to discuss the readings for the following Sunday. We use the *Sunday By Sunday* leaflet to help us understand more about what the readings mean for our everyday lives. Come and give us a try!

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. Join any time! You do not need to read the book to come to book group. The January book is *All the Lonely People* by Mike Gayle. The February book is *Self-Compassion* by Kristin Neff. Hope to see you on January 3!

OUTREACH & SOCIAL CONCERNS

High School Esperanza Mission Trek - Thank you for your amazing support of our HS Esperanza Mission Trek Christmas Tree Lot! Our high school mission trekkers are extremely grateful to you all as they work their way to Tijuana to build houses this summer. Sign-ups for our high school trek begin in September. Sophomores through Seniors are invited to join us.



Adult Esperanza Mission Trek - Our Adult Mission Trek is set for May 20-27. All adults are welcome to join us as we journey to Tijuana to build homes with our brothers and sisters across the border. We will have an informational meeting in February, Please contact Susan at the SJV office for more information.

Grief Support Group for Family & Friends Who Have Lost Someone Too Soon - If you are grieving the loss of a child we invite you to join us the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm in Room 8. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 3. Please contact Susan, sweaver@sjvkirkland.org, for more information.



Youth Migrant Project - Our SJV middle and high school students and parent chaperones support the Tri-Parish Food Bank at St Charles Church in Burlington in preparing and distributing food for hundreds of families in the Skagit Valley on Saturday day trips throughout the year. We also offer a week-long summer experience for middle school students assisting migrant farmers in the fields, visiting migrant camps to help the children, and working with the food bank. Please see our website and watch for more information in our newsletter for upcoming dates.

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.



St. Vincent de Paul Ministry - Thank you so much for your generous donations to our St Vincent de Paul Christmas Baskets for our neighbors in need this Christmas. We are so grateful for you. Special thanks to those who volunteer for this ministry. If you are interested in volunteering with our St Vincent de Paul Chapter in service for our neighbors in need, please contact Susan at the SJV office.

Social Justice Committee - *"To all people of good will who are working for social justice: never tire of working for a more just world."* – Pope Francis. All are welcome to join our Social Justice Committee the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm via Zoom. Please contact Susan, sweaver@sjvkirkland.org, for the meeting link.



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.



Sack Lunch Making for the Homeless - Join us on the first Thursday of each month following the 9:15am weekday Mass in the social hall to help prepare 100 lunches for the homeless. The lunches will be delivered to a homeless shelter in Snohomish County and will be distributed as people leave the overnight shelter. Contact Laura Stanger with questions, Lstan-

AFGHAN REFUGEE FAMILY ON FINN HILL UPDATE

We are so grateful for your support and prayers for our Afghan refugee families whose journey took them through Finn Hill this past year. We are all so grateful!

- With Nabila's approved asylum efforts continue to bring her husband and young daughter safely to join her here in WA. Please continue to pray for asylum approval for Shamila.
- Their children are thriving, with the babies now 13 months old and the school-age children enjoying new friends and continuing to progress at school.
- Shamila and Nabila are both working several days a week doing housekeeping, but are looking for longer term solutions for sustainable income. Jobs and English language development continue to be ongoing needs.

They could not have made such amazing progress this past year without your support and prayers.

FACILITIES WORKSHOP

As we look back over the Spring through Summer months we really got a lot done around here. Now that we move into winter months our focus changes to more indoor type projects but we always have things to do around this 8-acre parcel of beautiful grounds. Please let Greg Leptich (cell 206.940.4072 or gleptich@sjvkirkland.org) know if you are willing to help.

- Father Vu's "Doors of Heaven" project is mostly complete. We have heard many positive comments about the light and versatility it has added to the church. As promoted at this year's Gala Auction, Phase II, the walkway and meeting area is coming up. The Auction raised \$50,000 for this next phase and we will begin with getting a design for the landscaping and future gathering area. If anyone would like to help in this and/or has experience with landscape architecture, we invite you to come join us. Again please let Greg Leptich (cell 206.940.4072 or gleptich@sjvkirkland.org) know.
- With the refurbishment of the Madrona Stump Madonna by the McDermotts, the new Mother Mary statue by numerous donors, the wooden Stations of the Cross by the late Don Bornhoeft and the Rose Garden area in Vern Endres' name, we have several lovely reflection areas around these beautiful grounds. Thank you again to all of you that have made this all happen!
- The Rectory has gotten a major overhaul this past few months. It has a massive new concrete driveway and front walkway, an all new chimney, a new beautiful cedar fence and a new fresh coat of paint top to bottom!!! All this work was quoted out at about \$50,000 but between volunteers and some very healthy donations by a few individual parishioners it only cost the parish about \$15,000! Thank you again to all of you who were involved!!!
- A great big thank you to our fabulous Facilities Committee and their dedication, and Tony's Adopt-a-Bed team! Be sure to follow Tony's "Bed of the Month" recognition and check out what volunteers are doing to make our home a beautiful Light on Finn Hill.
- The Master Gardeners are doing so much with that little plot of grass in the north gravel parking area. This summer they were able to donate over 200 pounds of produce to a local Food Bank! Great to partner with them as they do so many good things. Go by and check it out.

We can always use help around here, both inside and outside. If you have a particular skill, or just like puttering in particular areas, please let Greg know, gleptich@sjvkirkland.org, 206.940.4072 or leave your contact information at the front desk.



Adopt-A-Garden Bed

Adopt-a-Bed and Bed of the Month are taking a couple of months off, but will be back in early spring. Thank you to those of you who have been so generous with your time and talents in caring for the grounds here at Saint John Vianney parish. Please be aware of the annual spring yard clean up coming just before Easter. We will be looking for your help then when we go over all of the grounds here at SJV, prune as needed, pull weeds, and spread yards of mulch. We hope that at that time too more of you will be interested in adopting an area here to call your own and add to the beauty of our grounds. In the interim, if any of you have questions, ideas, or thoughts as to how you can assist in our projects concerning the grounds, please do not hesitate to call or email Tony Z: 425-823-9036, tzimrman@yahoo.com. Thank you!

THANK YOU!

We are so grateful to all of you who gave your time to help plan and set up all the decorations in our church for Christmas. It looks beautiful and festive.

SJV PINS & APPAREL



Visit the Welcome table to check out our "A Light on Finn Hill" pins, available for \$5. A limited supply of shirts and sweat-shirts are also available.