

50 Years of being "A Light on Finn Hill"



SAINT JOHN VIANNEY PARISH

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FEBRUARY

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 Friday, February 24 or Saturday, February 25. 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!

Thank you for celebrating Mass with us at St. John Mary Vianney Catholic Church! We hope you find us to be the "Light on Finn Hill" that we strive to be.

Lord, we come into Your presence not just to give you glory but also that we might be transformed by Your grace. You are the potter. In Your hands you can make us new.

Please join us for Coffee & Donuts in the Social Hall after the Sunday Masses. Chat with friends, and meet someone new!

There is a church staff member available after every Mass at the Welcome Table or at Coffee & Donuts. We are here to walk with you.

We love children and the sounds of children. Please know we fully welcome your entire family to be present. If you prefer some quiet time, a nursery is available downstairs during the Sunday 9:00am and 11:00am Masses.

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.



Stewardship

A Way of Life

Stewardship of Treasure at SJV

July - December 2022 Budget offertory income	\$389,500
July - December 2022 Actual offertory income	\$399,288
Budget over/under	\$ 9,750
Prior Year Actual July - December 2021	\$388,299

FATHER VU TRAN, PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, God's grace and peace be with you! Here's what's happening in our Archdiocese - a recent "Convocation," a gathering of Clergy, Parish Staff and Lay Ministers, together with the Archbishop Paul Etienne in Tacoma, to pray and discern about the present state of the Archdiocese and her future; many challenges that we are currently facing and need immediate attention.

Over the years, there has been a decline in church attendance. Baptisms and Marriages have also declined. There are about 150 parishes in the Archdiocese (not including missions). Currently, there are more than 100 Pastors/Priest Admins (give or take) in our Archdiocese. It is estimated that in about a decade, there will be about 40% less Clergy (almost half less). So imagine 50-60 pastors for 150 parishes. That's an average ratio of 3:1. Every year we have more senior priests retiring than newly ordained priests. I imagine we will continue to recruit priests from other countries like Africa, India, Mexico and Asia, and seek help from religious communities like Dominicans, Jesuits, and Benedictines.

For many of our parishes in the Archdiocese, the ordinary income doesn't meet the annual budget. Additional fundraisers are necessary to keep the boat afloat, like our Annual Parish Auction, to compensate the day in and day out expenses, and for parish staff leaders, so that various ministries and programs are offered. The financial offerings are not to meet our needs, but to meet the spiritual needs of the faithful. Also, Archdiocesan fundraisers such as the Annual Catholic Appeal (supports over 40 ministries) and the recent fundraiser "Called to Serve" for retired priests and nuns.

With all the feedback, analysis and recommendations, the Archbishop initiated a plan called **Partners In The Gospel**, a strategic pastoral planning effort taking place across the Archdiocese of Seattle to re-invigorate and renew our local Catholic Church. **Partners In The Gospel** is preparing the faithful for the challenges that we will soon be facing in a decade or so. But for some church communities, it may happen sooner. You may have heard that some parishes are not viable, have been closed, or they have been consolidated. Some churches have been formed by bringing together two or more faith communities. Some of the Catholic Schools in the inner city have been closed because of decline.

For the Archbishop, we can't just keep doing what we have been doing, and expect something different. We humbly accept the current trend, address the concerns, inform the faithful, have listening sessions, and pray and discern ways that we can still operate despite the declining numbers. **Partners In The Gospel** is a process and a journey. It may not happen immediately, but based on the trend, it is something to be expected. It would be a disservice to the future of the church, if we don't do something about it. **Partners in the Gospel** is a way to let you know where we are at the moment. It is a time to pray and discern together. To work together, to be partners in the Gospel together for Christ.

St. Paul's letter to the Philippians:

"I give thanks to my God at every remembrance of you, praying always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your **partnership for the gospel** from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus." (Philippians 1:3-6)

Because of the trend, and our anticipation of the future, our Church of Western Washington will look different in the next decade or so. While the Doctrines, Sacraments and Traditions will remain the same, the administration of them will be different, because of the anticipated 3:1 ratio.

PARISH MINISTRY CONTACTS

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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FUNERAL RECEPTION MINISTRY

Chair Needed
Please call the office to volunteer.

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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.

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The **Partners in the Gospel** is an ongoing process and conversation. It's not meant to happen overnight. It is a collaborative process to engage the faithful, to inform the faithful about the present times, and to prepare for the future. You may have some questions about the present situation. What is going to happen to our church at SJV and the churches in our region (Eastside Deanery) and the churches in our Archdiocese at large? Is there something that we can do to help? How can we do things differently? How can we help to serve, to grow the church, and have an active/vibrant church? What can we do to best serve Christ and the Church, for our future generations?

The Archbishop has put together a video for **Partners in the Gospel**. Please watch the video, and pray for the Archbishop Paul and the future of our Archdiocese. (The video is about 10 minutes.) I encourage you to pray for Married Couples, and family life. And to pray for an increase in vocations to priesthood and religious life. With the shortage of priests, we will also depend greatly upon the Priesthood of the Laity.

With that all being said, it is not a time to jump ship, to give up and throw in the towel. Although some of us may not be here in the next decade or so. Still, it's not a good fruit to give into despair, if you think: it's not my problem, I won't be here anyways, let someone else take care of it. It is not good fruit to withhold our gifts and resources even though the future is uncertain. But in the time we are given, let's give our very best for Christ, and keep the faith. As Jesus once said: you know a tree by its fruits. A good tree does not bear bad fruit, and neither does a bad tree bear good fruit. By examining the fruits, you can examine the thoughts to see if your thoughts led you to make the right decision.

The Lord has called you to be his disciples; to help him build his kingdom. Now, more than ever, your faith is put to the test. When we say: "Jesus I trust in you." Those same words are also said back to us from Christ. Jesus says to each of you: "I also trust in you!" Let us be assured of prayers from Our Lady and St. Joseph, and St John Vianney and St Philomena, and all the Saints in heaven praying for us and cheering us on in these challenging times. The Archbishop has put together a prayer for the Partners in the Gospel. I encourage you to continue to pray for the Archbishop, and the Church.

Together for Christ,
Fr. Vu Tran

AUCTION BRAINSTORMING SESSION

If you had fun at the auction, or you didn't and have thoughts on how to make it better, or wish you could have attended, please join us on **Wednesday, February 8 at 6:00pm in the Social Hall** for a brainstorming session for the 2023 Gala Dinner and Auction. No commitment required, please come, and share your ideas and enthusiasm.



PREPARES
Pregnancy & Parenting Support
preparesforlife.org

PREPARES APPEAL - February 11-12

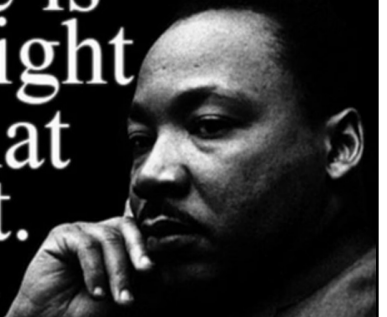
Pregnancy and Parenting Support—is an initiative of the Washington State Bishops to provide a nurturing response and promise to mothers and fathers who have chosen life. A promise of support and care from pregnancy to their child's fifth birthday. Regardless of religious beliefs, this parish based program offers low-income families vital life affirming services.

Statewide, PREPARES has supported thousands of families with one-on-one companionship and child essentials. To learn more, volunteer or donate to the Bishops' PREPARES Valentine Appeal visit www.preparesforlife.org

Black History Month

The time is
always right
to do what
is right.

~ Martin Luther King Jr.



Do you put off taking action because the time does not seem right? It's never too late to start doing things that can create positive change.



ST. JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC PRESCHOOL



St. John Vianney Preschool was established in 2011. If you have not been downstairs to check out the fun and joyful learning environment we have created, board the elevator and come visit.

We are almost half way through another school year and our amazing preschool staff makes sure all classes are running smoothly and the little ones as well as their parents are happy.

Registration for the 2023/24 school year is winding down and thanks to your prayers, encouragement and advertising SJV Preschool to your family, friends and neighbors, enrollment is going very well. We have just a few spots left in our 4's class. Our wonderful early literacy program. "Storybook Adventure" which supplements our 4's class is still a favorite among students and teachers.

If you are interested in scheduling a tour of the classrooms and being added to the waitlist, please email : Annette Schwientek, Dir. at aschwientek@sjvkirkland.org or call the preschool cell at: 425-305-9662.

A Preschool brochure is available on the parish website at www.sjvkirkland.org under the Preschool tab as well as the welcome table and the preschool bulletin board.

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!



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.

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 old's 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!

Our CKCC third graders were challenged with creating a Rap song with 5 of the Precepts of the Catholic Church! Too fun not to share:

*Our Church is Catholic - that means universal!
These are the precepts - its not a rehearsal!*

*#1 - Let's make Sunday the most fun day,
go to Mass and have a blast!*

*#2 - When you fast, you might feel like you won't last,
tummy might be growlin' but don't be howlin'.*

#3 - Don't you fear - confess your sins once a year.

*#4 - During Easter time, when your feelin' mighty fine,
receive Jesus in the bread and wine.*

*#5 - Support the church - don't leave them in a lurch.
Your time, your talent or your nickel - it'll keep us out of a pickle.
Now you know these rules, do them and be cool!*

Spoons Tourney



Who will be the
YOUTH GROUP CHAMPION?
February 26, 5-6:30pm

YOUTH GROUP

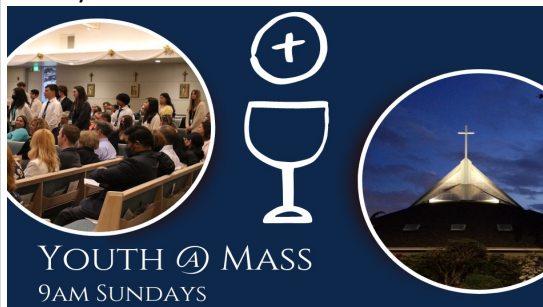
Our Youth Group program is all about fun, friendships, and faith. We welcome all youth so bring a friend! If you're in 6th-12th grade, we meet on Sunday nights from 5:00-6:30pm. We break up into age-appropriate groups. February has a Joan Night and our annual Spoons Tourney! See our website for the schedule or email Maybeth, mterashima@sjvkirkland.org, to sign up for our weekly *What's Up* to stay informed.

Confirmation Preparation #7

Saturday, March 18, 2023
2:30-4:45pm class
5:00pm Mass together

YOUTH @ MASS

Join other youth after 9:00am Sunday Mass for donuts in the Social Hall. Help Maybeth with the Instagram Post about Father Vu's homily.



YOUTH @ MASS
9AM SUNDAYS

YOUNG ADULTS

Faith & Brew invites you to join us in faith and fellowship. Bring a friend and come for fun, food, and good company. Our next gathering will be Friday, March 3 starting at 6:00pm for Stations of the Cross followed by Soup Night. RSVP to Maybeth, mterashima@sjvkirkland.org.



YOUNG ADULTS

Friday, March 3
6pm Stations of the Cross
Followed by Lenten
Soup Night in the
Social Hall

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 tzimmerman@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.



Knights of Columbus Crab Fest is Saturday, February 25 at 6:30pm. Be sure to get your tickets after Mass!

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. For more information contact the Grand Knight: Brad Lund, bradelund@comcast.net. See you February 16!

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.

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. Open to everyone! Hope to see you February 28!



Senior Dinner (55+) We had a great turnout in January. Thank you to all who joined us for fun and laughter. Our next event will be Saturday, February 18 after the 5:00pm Mass, for an Italian dinner. Remember your 4 quarters for the Left, Right, Center dice game. Glen Rollman was the big winner last month. We are looking forward to seeing you all again. Price is \$10/person (cash only please). TO sign up, stop in or call the parish office by Tuesday, February 14 so we know how much food to prepare.

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 February book is *Self-Compassion* by Kristin Neff. The March book is *The Gift of Imperfection* by Brene Brown. See you on February 7!

FACILITIES WORKSHOP

As we move into February we can start looking at the Spring through Summer months coming up. Our celebrated Annual Spring Cleanup has been scheduled for Saturday, April 1. No fooling! Although we are still in the winter months we have been more focused on indoor 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 know.
- I hope you are taking advantage of our many lovely reflection areas on our campus. The Madrona Stump Madonna, the new Mother Mary statue, the wooden Stations of the Cross, the Rose Garden area in Vern Endres' name or just taking a stroll around these beautiful grounds. Thank you again to all of you that have made this all happen!
- A great big thank you to our fabulous Facilities Committee and their dedication, and Tony's Adopt-a-Bed team! Be sure to check out what volunteers are doing to make our home a beautiful Light on Finn Hill. Remember, put the Spring Clean Up date, April 1, on your calendar. We always have a great turnout for this and hope to see you there.
- The Master Gardeners are doing so much with that little plot of grass in the north gravel parking area. They will be starting up again soon and will be offering more and more to the community and continue to donate a lot 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 putting in particular areas, please let Greg know, gleptich@sjvkirkland.org, 206.940.4072 or leave your contact information with the office.

HS ESPERANZA MISSION TREK BAKE SALE



**SATURDAY & SUNDAY FEBRUARY 11 & 12
AFTER ALL MASSES**

Please support our Trekkers on their journey to Tijuana.
All donations gratefully accepted

SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION CLASS

Saturday, March 4 in Room 6
10:00am for Grades 1-3 with parents
11:15am for Grades 4-5 with parents



Scan the QR code to see what will be offered.



World Marriage Day Saturday, February 11, 2023

We are honoring couples who have been married 50 years or more in 2023!

- You and your spouse are invited to process in with Father during the opening procession at the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, February 11. Please arrive at 4:45pm.
- Please bring a Wedding Photo to display in the narthex for the month of February. (You can drop it by the office, email a copy to lstanger@sjvkirkland.org, or bring it the night of the event.)
- Fill out and return Words of Wisdom for 50+ years of wedded bliss, and return to the parish office or drop it in the collection basket at Mass.
- There will be a renewal of wedding vows for all married couples during Mass, and a short reception in your honor in the narthex following Mass.

Knights of Columbus Crab Fest Dinner



Saturday, February 25 at 6:30 PM

Crab Dinner \$50 includes Coleslaw, Garlic Bread, Dessert

Lasagna Dinner \$30 includes Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert

Children 12 and under \$10

Tickets available after all weekend Masses

OUTREACH & SOCIAL CONCERNS

Catholics Called to Care for Our Common Home - *Presented by Jeff Renner, Chief Meteorologist-Retired, KING Television, Wednesday, March 1, 7:00pm at St John Vianney Church.* Join us in person or livestream via the link on our SJV website homepage. See flyer.

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. For our next meeting Tuesday, February 7, we invite you to bring a photo of your loved one to share. Please contact Dana, 206-371-0803, for more information.

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 Sunday, February 26, at 12:00pm in the Social Hall. Please contact Susan in the SJV office for more information.

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 us the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm via Zoom. Please contact Susan, sweaver@sjvkirkland.org, for the meeting link. See you February 8!

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.

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 with questions, Lstanger@sjvkirkland.org. See you March 2!

High School Esperanza Mission Trek Bake Sale, Feb 11 & 12 after all Masses - Stop by to find your Super Bowl and Valentine treats and support our trekkers as they work their way to Tijuana. All donations are gratefully accepted.

St. Vincent de Paul Ministry - Thank you so much for your wonderful donations to our Christmas Food Drive and Giving Tree this year, which brought holiday joy to families in need in our community. Through your generosity we were able to serve 77 families, with a total of 301 individuals. We distributed 245 large boxes of food, enough for several holiday meals per family, as well as more than \$7,000 in gift cards ranging from \$50 for small families up to \$200 for a family of 10. We also distributed 16 Prepares bags filled by parishioners with supplies for families with young children. All of your support is sincerely appreciated.

As we begin the new year and continue to respond to our neighbors' calls for help, we are working to replenish the non-perishable food in our pantry. Items we need most throughout the year include: flour, sugar, box cereal, canned soup, pasta sauce, canned fruit, jelly, Rice a Roni, Stove Top stuffing, Cup O Noodles, and oatmeal. Any contributions you are able to make may be left in the SVDP box in the Narthex. We are so grateful for all of you.

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.

AFGHAN REFUGEE FAMILY ON FINN HILL - NEW YEAR UPDATE

- Nabila and Shamila started 2023 with work in a light manufacturing company near their homes. They are collaborating with their two other sisters to assure child care is covered - no small issue with 11 children under 11 between them all! We are feeling grateful that they are all living close together in their apartment complex.
- The older children continue in the local public school which is doing a tremendous job supporting the needs of over 100 newly enrolled Afghan refugee children this school year.
- The babies are all taking steps/walking but continue to find crawling more efficient! They are socially interactive, babbling and starting to say words.
- Nabila's I-730 was approved which means that her husband and young daughter are in line for reunification - this is incredible news but we don't understand the timeline yet.
- We will be reaching out to our Congressional delegation for support with Shamila's asylum application. Decisions are federally mandated to be made in 140 days and it's been much longer than that.
- In the meantime, the danger of the Taliban is intensifying. Please pray for the safety of Shamila and Nabila's husbands and Nabila's daughter.

We sincerely appreciate your continued prayers for these families.

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