

"A Light on Finn Hill" for over 50 Years



SAINT JOHN VIANNEY PARISH

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November 2023

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

Reconciliation

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

Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday - Friday: 9:00am

Weekday Masses

Wednesday - Friday: 9:15am

Word & Communion Services

Monday - Tuesday: 9:00am

Holy Days of Obligation

9:00am and 7:00pm

SACRAMENTS

INFANT BAPTISM

Infant Baptisms are celebrated on the first Sunday of each month during the 11:00am Mass, 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. **RCIA classes will begin November 9.**

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST

Our 2023-24 school year sessions are scheduled for next spring. We prepare kids for Reconciliation through the Lenten Season, and Eucharist through the Easter Season. Your child must be at or about 7 years old and have been baptized Catholic. Contact Laura, Lstanger@sjvkirkland.org.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation classes have started. More information can be found on our website. 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.

ANOIDNTING OF THE SICK

Anointing of the sick is available for all 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!

Life isn't meant to be lived alone. St. John Vianney is here to help you through times of joy and times that are more challenging. We have a prayer chain that wants to pray for you, we have a grief support group, and we have programs for all ages. We hope you find your place here as we strive to be a "Light on Finn Hill" on our journey to our heavenly home.

There is a church staff member available after every Mass at the Welcome Table or at Coffee & Donuts in the Social Hall on Sundays. We are here to walk with you wherever you are in your journey.

We experience the presence of Christ in community. Consider joining one of our many ministries.

We love children and the sound 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.



COFFEE & DONUTS

Please join us for coffee & donuts in the Social Hall after the Sunday Masses. Chat with friends, and meet someone new! Supplies are located throughout the Social Hall to help clean up after your family is done.



VOLUNTEERS

We need volunteers for various ministries. Scan the QR code to see how you can best use your gifts and let us know if you can help!

PREVENT CAR BREAK-INS

A friendly reminder to keep valuables out of sight in your car and to lock your vehicle.

FR. VU TRAN, PASTOR

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His love endures forever. -Psalm 136
The Lord be with you!

In this month of November, in this beautiful but, admittedly can be depressing Fall Weather, because of the rain, and darkness, not only with the weather, but wow, so much sad news in the world, with the ongoing war and strife. And also much uncertainty about future transitions in our Archdiocese. Surely, we are walking by faith and not by sight!

In the midst of all this darkness, how can we be a little light for the Lord? This month of November is a time to celebrate **All Saints** and to remember loved ones (All Souls) who have gone before “marked with the sign of faith.” The holy souls can also be our light for this month! Because of the Risen Jesus, we remain connected to them, the Communion of Saints, which we believe, and the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come!

This is the Church’s faith, and this is also our faith!

Also, with Thanksgiving around the corner, to find a reason to be grateful! Find a reason to give thanks to God. All that we are and have is a gift from the Lord. We are undeserving of anything, for All Is Grace! **Give thanks to the Lord for He is good.** Try to find something to be grateful for. Find some time to thank the people in your life.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." -Philippians 4:6-7

I’m grateful to God for you. Let’s continue to be grateful to God for one another, and to lift each other up in prayer. Come Holy Spirit, to rest in our hearts. That our heart may dwell in the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, who shows us the way to the Heavenly Father. Help us to pray for those who do not pray; to love where love is not found, to show mercy where mercy is not shown, to be your light in the darkness, hope in times of despair, peace in the midst of strife. Give us courage to temper our fears. The strength to build and not put down. The patience and perseverance when we don’t see immediate results. Lord, you are my Master, my strength and peace!

Jesus I trust in you!

Spiritual exercise: Who is your favorite Saint(s) and why? Share it with a close family member or friend. Are you open new friendships with new Saints?

Parish Stewardship

Today, we are asking everyone to prayerfully reflect on how we are called to continue to sustain our parish and the ministries that support the mission of Jesus Christ—through time, talent, and treasure. We raise funds at our Gala Auction to support those ministries, but your continuing support is needed for our community. We ask all parishioners to partake of the joy of giving back to God and His community and to return their commitment card as soon as possible. Thank you as always for your support.

PARISH MINISTRY CONTACTS

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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FUNERAL RECEPTION MINISTRY

Chair Needed
Please call the office to volunteer

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

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Dana Wick • 206-371-0803

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

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PRAYER CHAIN

Kay Smith • 425-486-2528

SONSHINE MINISTRY

Mimi Eyster • 425-823-2991

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Chair Needed
Please call the office to volunteer

FACILITIES COMMITTEE CHAIR

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CHAIR

Mary Alice Hanken • 425-655-3200

MEMBERS

Joel Katterhagan
Fred Janssen

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

“YOU ARE THE VINE, WE ARE THE BRANCHES” GALA DINNER & AUCTION

A heartfelt thank you to the attendants of the Gala Dinner and Auction and all assisting with it in some way. We are very grateful for the joy and community you share with us everyday, but it is most evident when we come together.

We will announce next week what we raised in money, but we already know the spirit of community that we raised - along with our glasses and our bid cards. Muchas gracias, Merci beaucoup, Molte grazie, Dankeschön, Muito obrigada, jeong-mal go-ma-wo, Cảm ơn bạn rất nhiều, Hvala lijepa, Mahalo nui loa, Doumo arigatou, Napakabuti Ninyo, Asante Sana, Grazzi - Thank you all very much!



ST. JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC PRESCHOOL

It has been a busy two month at St. John Vianney Preschool. October was filled with many fun activities. Our Dad's Pumpkin carving nights were well attended and as always, everyone had a spooky good time. Our little ghosts and goblins celebrated Halloween inside their classrooms and visited the parish office to Trick or Treat.

All classes had their first Music class with Ms. Madison and Faith formation with Ms. Laura.

Thank you for your generous candy donations for our annual Trunk or Treat.

We are thankful for our little preschoolers, our amazing teachers, and the caring community of parents and parishioners who make SJV Preschool such a special place.

*If you are curious about what is going on downstairs, please come and see us or check out the **Preschool Bulletin board** in the narthex. The teachers are posting their calendars, listing all the fun happenings.*

We are grateful for your continuous prayers, support, encouragement and enthusiasm regarding our wonderful Preschool program.

We would like to wish you a very happy and blessed Thanksgiving Day.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LIFE

Parish Nursery: On Sundays our nursery is 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.

Mom's Morning Out: Wednesday mornings from 9:30am -12:00pm, 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, and a registration form. Parents with more than two children pay a maximum of \$30.00 per day. There is currently a waiting list for this ministry. Sign up to get on the list today.

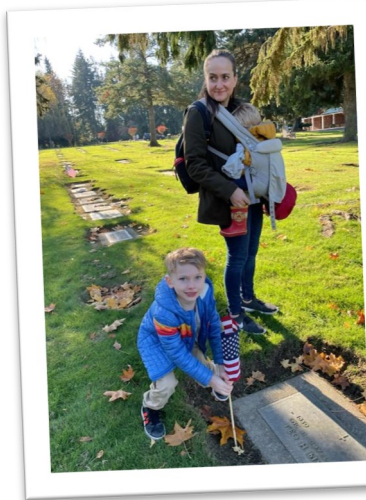
Catholic Kids' Catechism Club (CKCC): We begin our faith formation program in October.

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 sessions on Sundays between 10:00-11:00am. 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!

For active kids, it is a wonderful way to have fun and learn about their faith at the same time. Contact Laura Stanger with questions!

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.



CKCC Cemetery Tour

Holy Rood Cemetery Tour and Veteran's Day! Saturday, November 11th please join Catholic Kids' Catechism Club members and their families at 10:30am for mass in the mausoleum followed by posting flags on the grave sites of veterans who are buried there. We can also go around to the grave sites of parishioners or family members who have died

and pray for them. If you would like to join us, please contact Laura Stanger. The Cemetery will host us to a pizza lunch for all our hard work, and they need to know how much pizza to buy.

CKCC Members will be stuffing blessing bags for the homeless again this year. If you would like to donate personal care items, please place them in the picnic basket near the upstairs rest rooms.

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.



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**MS & HS
Youth Group**

**Sunday, Nov 12
5-6:30pm**




YOUTH GROUP

SJV Youth Group extends 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 with a Joan Night, and Cramming & Games coming up this November. 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.

YOUNG ADULT FAITH & BREW

Calling all young adults! Bring a friend and join us for fun, food, fellowship, and good company. Watch upcoming communications for details on our next gathering, or email Maybeth, mterashima@sjvkirkland.org, to sign up for our weekly *What's Up* to stay informed.



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CONFIRMATION

Remember the mini retreat is required, and you need to have your Gallup test done by November 6. Please email questions to mterashima@sjvkirkland.org.

Confirmation Preparation #3 Mini Retreat

Saturday, November 18, 2023
2:30-4:45pm class
5:00pm Mass together, dinner & fireside chat
end at 8:00pm

Gallup Strengths Test & Saint Name

"THE SAINTS DID NOT ALL BEGIN WELL,
BUT THEY ALL ENDED WELL."

—ST JOHN VIANNEY



OUTREACH & SOCIAL CONCERNS

High School Esperanza Mission Trek Christmas Trees Are Coming! - Our annual Christmas Tree Lot will open Friday, November 24. Mark your calendars and stop by to find your Christmas tree and wreath. All proceeds go to support our High School Mission Trek to Tijuana this June.

Grief Support Group - Open to all who are struggling with the loss of a loved one. Please join us the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm in Room 8. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 7. Please contact Dana, 206-371-0803, for more information.



Youth Migrant Project Thanksgiving Day Trip to the Tri-Parish Food Bank - Saturday, November 18, for middle and high-schoolers. We will meet at 7:45am in the SJV parking lot and return by 5:00pm. Please bring diapers to donate to the food bank. Please contact Susan, sweaver@sjvkirkland.org, by Nov 15 to join 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.

Lunch Making for the Homeless - Join us on the first Thursday of each month following the 9:00am weekday Adoration & Mass in the social hall to help prepare 100 lunches for the homeless. The lunches will be delivered to a homeless shelter in Sultan and will be distributed as people leave the overnight shelter. Contact Laura with questions, Lstanger@sjvkirkland.org. See you December 7!



Bridge Ministries Christmas Dinner - the Annual Bridge Ministries Christmas party is returning to SJV Saturday, December 2 from 12:00 – 2:00pm. This wonderful event reminds us of the dignity of every human person. **We would**

love your help with prepping, serving, and cleaning up, or hosting a table to assist our guests. Please contact Susan, sweaver@sjvkirkland.org, for more information or to volunteer.

Adult Esperanza Mission Trek - Mark your calendars for our adult trek to Tijuana to build houses in community with our brothers and sisters across the border. Our next trek will be May 18 – 25, 2024. Please contact Susan, sweaver@sjvkirkland.org, 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 group the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm via Zoom as we work for social justice. Please contact Susan, sweaver@sjvkirkland.org, for the link to our next meeting, Wednesday, November 8.

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 UPDATE

Exciting news! Nabila's husband, Farhad, and their daughter Haya have made it out of Afghanistan and have landed in Oman! We ask for prayers for success on the final steps – their asylum interview with the US Embassy and travel to Seattle! We look forward with joy in our hearts to their reunification with Nabila and their nearly 2-year triplets.

Shamila is still waiting for her asylum to be granted. She has found employment again, and her children are doing well so far this school year. Your continued prayers for her family are also sincerely appreciated.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MINISTRY

Everyday people from our neighborhood who need help with rent, utilities, food, and other necessities, call our church seeking aid. As housing, utility, gas, and food costs continue to rise, our neighbors are facing increasing need, particularly with rent payments. Unfortunately incoming donations are not currently meeting this need and we have been obliged to reduce the amount of support we are able to provide. Thank you to everyone who regularly supports this ministry. Please consider increasing your donation in this time of greater need, or making a first-time donation if you have not previously contributed. You can help us serve the vulnerable among us through:

- **Monetary donations** including via the donation page on our website, sjvkirkland.org/donate; monthly contributions through EFT; or using the yellow St. Vincent de Paul envelopes in the pews and at the Welcome Table to place a donation in the collection basket.
- **Sponsoring our St Vincent de Paul Christmas Basket Food drive.** Last year we helped 77 families, distributing over 245 boxes of food! Of course, we would not be able to do this without your help. Over the next several months, we will be collecting non-perishable food items. When you do your own shopping, please consider purchasing some of the items on the food drive schedule for our pantry. Checks (payable to SJV St. Vincent de Paul) or cash donations are always welcome and may be dropped off in the parish office. Thank you for making stewardship a way of life.

Nov 4-5 Cooking Oil, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Mayonnaise, Canned Tomatoes, Tomato Sauce, Pasta, Mac & Cheese, Top Ramen, Canned Fruit, Coffee (Instant & Bean), Rice, Pancake Mix, Pancake Syrup

Nov 11-12 Jelly, Peanut Butter, Cooking Oil, Mayonnaise, Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, Spaghetti Sauces, Pasta, Cake Mix, Frosting, Brownie Mix, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Stove Top Stuffing Mix, 5LB Flour, Baked Beans

Nov 18-19 Mayonnaise, Cooking Oil, Canned Fruit, TP, Paper Towels, Kleenex, Breakfast Cereals, Canned Soup, Canned Stew, Spam, Baked Beans, Rice & Rice Products, 4LB Sugar, Cake Mix, Frosting, Cake Mix, Frosting

Nov 25-26 Peanut Butter, Jelly, Mayonnaise, Canned Fruit, Breakfast Cereals, Tuna Fish, Canned Salmon, Chili, Brownie Mixes, Canned Soups, 5LB Flour, Pasta, TP, Paper Towels, Kleenex, Baked Beans, Cake Mix, Frosting

Donations may be placed in the SVDP box in the Narthex. Your support is sincerely appreciated.

SJV **CHRISTMAS TREES**

Support our youth as they earn
their way to Tijuana, Mexico to
build houses with those in need.



Opening day Nov 24, 9am-8pm

Grief and Loss Support Group

Open to all who are struggling
with the loss of a loved one.
Please join us the first Tuesday
of each month at 7:00pm
in Room 8.

Our next meeting will be,
Tuesday, November 7

Contact Dana, 206-371-0803,
for more information





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.



Hiking Club Thank you to all who joined our hikes this year. We are taking a break until Spring 2024 and looking forward to exploring more of the beautiful trails in our area.

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



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 November 28!

Wednesday Morning Faith Sharing New people are always welcome! We meet after weekday Mass every Wednesday for about an hour. We reflect on the readings for the following Sunday using the *Sunday-By-Sunday* leaflet to help us understand how God's word relates to our everyday lives. Come and give us a try!

Women's Book Group We meet the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm. We gather 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 November book is *Essentialism: The Disciplined Pursuit of Less* by Greg McKeown. The December book is *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass* by Frederick Douglass. The January book is *On a Night of a Thousand Stars* by Andrea Yaryura Clark. See you November 7!



Mom's 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. The holidays are fast approaching! Our Christmas brunch will be on Saturday, December 9 at 10:30am at Beardslee Public House in Bothell. If you'd like to come, please join the "SVJ Moms Meetup" Facebook group to RSVP so you can be added to the reservation.

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.



Senior Dinner (55+) Calling all seniors, couples included! We meet after a 5:00pm Mass for dinner and the *Left, Right, Center* dice game. For \$10, come and join us for food and fun. Keep an eye out for details about our next dinner in upcoming newsletters!

CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING

If you would like to make an offering of Christmas flowers to honor, or in memory of a loved one, please bring in the Christmas Flower Envelope from your monthly envelope pack, or send a check to the office marked "Christmas Flower Offering" and include the names of those you'd like to memorialize/honor.



WELCOME

YOU AND YOUR
FAMILY ARE
CORDIALLY
INVITED TO LEARN
ALL ABOUT YOUR
NEW PARISH!
HOPEFULLY WE
WILL GET A
CHANCE TO GET
TO KNOW YOU
TOO!

HAPPY HOUR GAMES,
BEER, WINE, SODA
POP AND A SIMPLE
MEAL WILL BE
SERVED!

THERE WILL BE PRIZES!
SAT. JAN 6, 2024

AFTER THE 5 PM MASS
IN THE SOCIAL HALL



Welcome
Happy hour
for
Newcomers
to St. John
Vianney
Parish!

FACILITIES WORKSHOP

A great big **Thank You** to everyone that came up and made the Fall Clean-up a huge success. The Facilities Committee, Fr. Vu. and the Staff are so appreciative of our volunteers here at SJV! You guys ROCK (and DIG IT!) Every little bit helps and we always have things to do around this 8-acre parcel of beautiful grounds. Please contact Greg Leptich (cell 206.940.4072 or gleptich@sjvkirkland.org) if you have questions.

- Father Vu's initiative to brighten up the church continues. The double doors are done and what a difference it makes. They bring in so much more light and they are much more attractive, both inside and outside. Next are the remaining three single doors.
- We now have a Rose Committee headed up by parishioner **Michelle Pomada**. We have a lot of beautiful roses on this campus, and they take a lot of time and dedication to keep them in top shape. We are taking a team approach so that more people can be involved, and it isn't such a burden on just a couple of volunteers. If you would like to get involved with the Rose Committee, please contact the front office and leave your contact information. (425)823-0787.
- I hope you are taking advantage of our many lovely reflection areas on our campus - the refurbished Madrona Stump Madonna, the new Mother Mary statue, the wooden Stations of the Cross, the Rose Garden area, or just by taking a stroll around these beautiful grounds. Thank you again to all of you that have made this all happen!
- 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 have wrapped up their tenure here at SJV. We have really enjoyed having them and support their work. They grew over 700 lbs of produce over the last two years and donated them to Hopelink. Shout out to them and their work! We wish them the best!

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.



WELCOME

(Big) Lucas De Nadai
our council's newest member



CONGRATULATIONS

Mike McAuliff
Knight of the Month

Mike McAuliff and Amanda
Family of the Month

Thank you for serving as an inspiration to our parish community and council by supporting and strengthening Christian life.



OFRENDA (OFFERING) Altar of the Dead

Día De Los Muertos, or Day of the Dead is traditionally observed on November 1 and 2. It is a Mexican holiday that honors and celebrates the temporary return of the souls of the deceased, who return to the world of the living to be with relatives, and nourished by the essence of the food offered to them in the altars placed in their honor. In the celebration of the Day of the Dead, death does not represent an absence but a living presence; death is a symbol of life that materializes on the altar offered.

The altar or offering of the Day of the Dead is one of the most deeply rooted traditions among Mexicans. The celebration of the Day of the Dead dates back to pre-Hispanic times, in which the cult of death was one of the basic elements of culture. When someone died, they were buried wrapped in a petate (bedroll), and their relatives organized a party in order to guide them on their journey to the Mictlán, a portal between life and death. They offered food that they liked in life, with the belief that they could feel hungry on their journey. It was in colonial times that the indigenous celebration was mixed with the Catholic celebrations of All Saints and All Souls.

This year, SJV takes part in the festivities with our Hispanic brothers and sisters in Christ, with our first Ofrenda. Thank you to the **Ramirez, Onofre, and Franco families** for thoughtfully preparing the Ofrenda for our deceased loved ones.

What do the three levels of the altar mean?

The levels of the altar of the dead represent the strata of existence. Our three-level altar represents the earth, the sky, and the underworld or purgatory. The seven-level altar is considered to be the most traditional; each level symbolizing the steps necessary for souls to rest in peace.

These are the elements that should not be missing in a three-level Day of the Dead offering:

- Images of the deceased, which are placed in the highest part of the altar.
- A cross, which goes next to the images of the deceased.
- An image of souls from purgatory to speed up the deliverance of spirits of the dead in that instance.
- Copal or incense, which serves to purify and clean.
- Arch represents the entrance to the world of the dead and is adorned with flowers, and in some cases fruits.
- Confetti represents the joy of the Day of the Dead.
- Candles represent the guiding light.
- Water reflects the purity of the soul. It also serves for the spirits to quench their thirst. You can also put soap or a towel on the side, so that the deceased can wash.
- Cempasúchil (marigolds) serve as a guide to the spirits in this world.
- Skulls made of sugar, chocolate, or amaranth represent that death can be sweet, and serves as a reminder that death is always among us.
- Seeds and fruits represent the earth.
- Food must be to the liking of the deceased, who can only enjoy them once a year.
- Bread represents the Eucharist.
- Alcoholic beverages, generally shots of tequila, pulque, or mezcal, to toast the arrival of the ancestors.
- Salt is the element of purification. It keeps the body from corruption on its round trip for the following year.
- Another element of purification is the ash cross that serves to purify the spirit of the dead of their pending faults.

What is the purpose of the tapete (rug of sand)

This acts as a welcome mat to pay tribute to those who have already died and started their journey to Mictlán, the portal between life and death. The sand, similar to the ashes on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday, also reminds us that "you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

The celebration of the Day of the Dead takes place on November 1 and 2 and is divided into categories: According to the Catholic calendar, November 1 corresponds to All Saints, a day dedicated to the "little dead" or children, and November 2 to All Soul, that is, to adults.



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The summit will revolve around the notable keynote speaker, Gloria Purvis, a prominent author. Deacon Mel Tardy will delve into the life and impact of Daniel Rudd, emphasizing his efforts to call the Catholic Church to justice and beyond. The legacy of local Catholic military service members will be honored. The interrelationship between Black Catholic history and Catholic social teaching will be explored through a panel discussion featuring Barbara Anderson, Director of Bellarmine Prep School, Malcolm Nelson, Principal of St. Therese Catholic Academy in Seattle, and Fr. Robert P. Boxie III, Chaplain at Howard University, and more. The day will culminate in a Mass of Praise and Worship, led by Archbishop Paul Etienne, offering participants to come together in faith and gratitude.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>NOVEMBER</h1> <h2>Month of the Souls in Purgatory</h2>						4 Memorial of St. Charles Borromeo Baptism Prep 10:00am Vigil Mass (Anniversary & Birthday Blessings) 4:00pm Gala Dinner & Auction 5:00pm
5 Daylight Saving Time Ends Rosary 8:30am Mass (Anniversary & Birthday Blessings) 9:00am Mass w/Baptism (Anniversary & Birthday Blessings) 11:00am Mission Trek Tree Sales Orientation 3:00pm	6 Word & Communion Service 9:00am Spanish Class 10:00am Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Study of the Patristic Tradition (Zoom) 7:00pm	7 Word & Communion Service 9:00am Letter to the Hebrews (Zoom) 6:30pm Women's Book Group 7:00pm Grief Support Group 7:00pm	8 Adoration & Mass 9:00am Mom's Morning Out 9:15am Faith Sharing Group 10:00am Quilters Group 10:00am Boy Scouts 7:00pm Social Justice Commission (Zoom) 7:00pm	9 Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome Adoration & Mass 9:00am RCIA Begins (Zoom) 7:00pm	10 Veterans Day (Observed) Adoration & Mass 9:00am Church Closed After Mass	11 Veterans Day Reconciliation 3:30pm Vigil Mass 5:00pm
12 Rosary 8:30am CKCC (3yrs - K) 9:00am Mass 9:00am CKCC (1st - 5th) 9:55am Mass 11:00am Girls Scouts 2:00pm Youth Group 5:00pm	13 Memorial of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Word & Communion Service 9:00am Spanish Class 10:00am Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm CKCC 7:00pm Study of the Patristic Tradition (Zoom) 7:00pm	14 Word & Communion Service 9:00am Letter to the Hebrews (Zoom) 6:30pm Facilities Committee 7:00pm	15 Adoration & Mass 9:00am Mom's Morning Out 9:15am Faith Sharing Group 10:00am Quilters Group 10:00am Boy Scouts 7:00pm	16 Adoration & Mass 9:00am Knights of Columbus 7:00pm RCIA 7:00pm	17 Memorial of St. Elizabeth of Hungary Adoration & Mass 9:00am	18 YMP Trip to Tri-Parish Food Bank 7:45am Confirmation Prep 2:30pm Reconciliation 3:30pm Vigil Mass 5:00pm
19 HS Mission Trek Tree Lot Set Up Rosary 8:30am CKCC (3yrs - K) 9:00am Mass 9:00am CKCC (1st - 5th) 9:55am Mass 11:00am Youth Group 5:00pm	20 Word & Communion Service 9:00am Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm CKCC 7:00pm Study of the Patristic Tradition (Zoom) 7:00pm	21 Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Word & Communion Service 9:00am Letter to the Hebrews (Zoom) 6:30pm St. Vincent de Paul 7:00pm	22 Memorial of St. Cecilia Adoration & Mass 9:00am Faith Sharing Group 10:00am Quilters Group 10:00am Boy Scouts 7:00pm	23 Thanksgiving Day Mass 10:00am Church Closed After Mass	24 Native American Heritage Day Christmas Tree Sales Begin Church Closed	25 Reconciliation 3:30pm Vigil Mass 5:00pm
26 Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Rosary 8:30am Mass 9:00am Mass 11:00am	27 Word & Communion Service 9:00am Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Study of the Patristic Tradition (Zoom) 7:00pm	28 Word & Communion Service 9:00am Letter to the Hebrews (Zoom) 6:30pm Rummikub 7:00pm	29 Adoration & Mass 9:00am Mom's Morning Out 9:15am Faith Sharing Group 10:00am Quilters Group 10:00am Boy Scouts 7:00pm	30 Feast of St. Andrew Adoration & Mass 9:00am	December 1 Adoration, Mass, & Anointing of the Sick 9:00am Candlelight Rosary Procession 7:00pm	2 Bridge Ministry Christmas Feast 9:00am Baptism Prep 10:00am Vigil Mass 5:00pm
Christmas Tree Sales						



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Veterans Day will be observed on Friday, November 10. After 9:00am Adoration & Mass, St. John Vianney will close for the rest of the day to honor all who served.

THANKSGIVING

Mass

10:00am on Thanksgiving Day

You are invited to bring bread or wine for Fr. Vu to bless before your Thanksgiving Feast.

Donations for St. Vincent de Paul are also welcome to be blessed by Fr. Vu.

Enjoy pumpkin pie and coffee in the social hall with us after Mass.

The church will be closed afterward, and the day after Thanksgiving.

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.