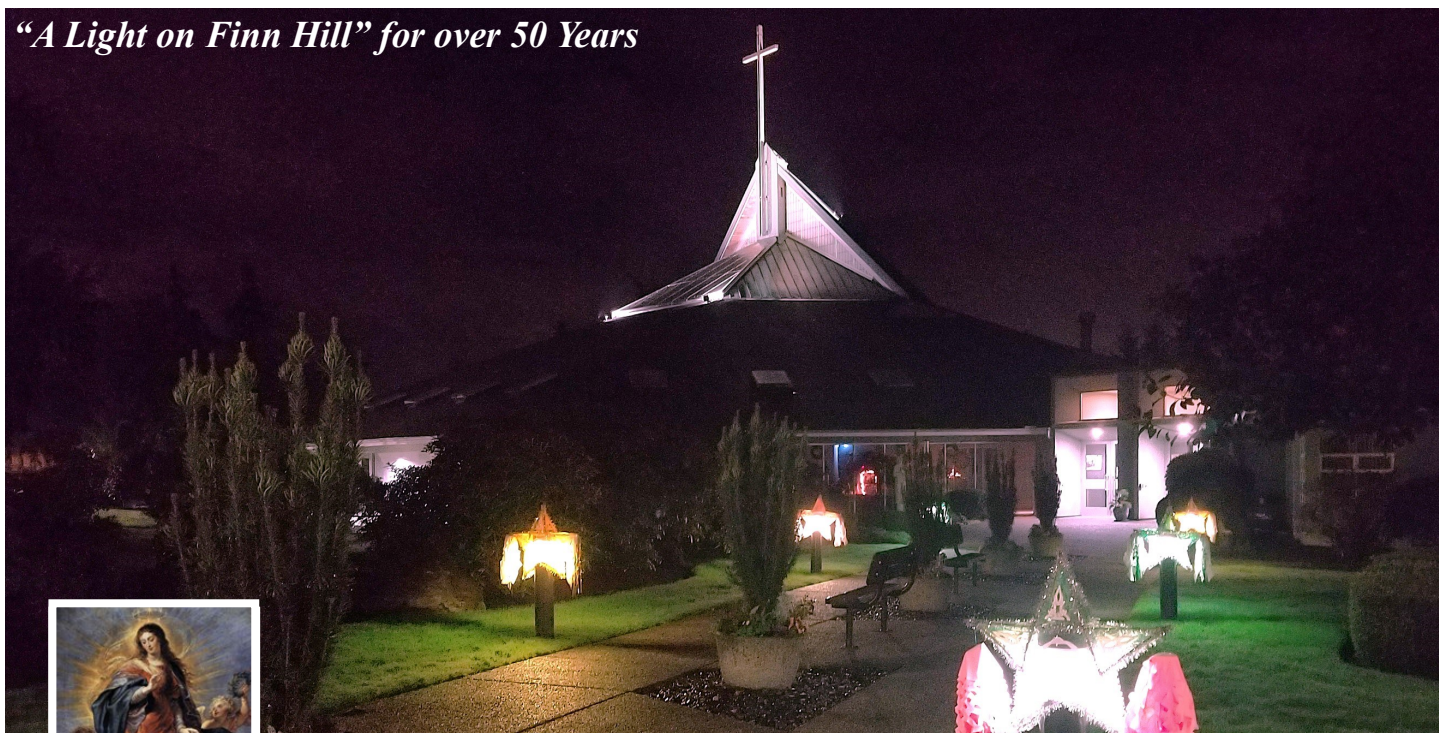


"A Light on Finn Hill" for over 50 Years



SAINT JOHN VIANNEY PARISH

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December 2024

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
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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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday - Friday: 8:38am

Weekday Masses

Wednesday - Friday: 9:00am

Word & Communion Services

Monday - Tuesday: 9:00am

Holy Days of Obligation

9:00am and 7:00pm

The Immaculate Conception on
Monday, December 9, Mass
will be at 6:00pm

SACRAMENTS

INFANT BAPTISM

Contact Laura, Lstanger@sjvkirkland.org, to schedule a baptism and class, and to get a baptism packet.

ORDER 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 email Laura, Lstanger@sjvkirkland.org. 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 Laura as well.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST

We prepare children for Reconciliation through the Lenten Season, and for 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 preparation classes begin in February for 7th through 12th graders in collaboration with Holy Family as a Parish Family. We will be having an information session on Wednesday, **December 11** at 7:00pm at Holy Family. If you are unable to attend or have any questions, please email Daniel, dhartmann@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 with questions, Lstanger@sjvkirkland.org.

HOLY ORDERS

If you are interested in becoming a Priest or Deacon please contact our pastor 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.

Welcome to Mass at St. John Vianney

Lord, help us to be watchful and prayerful, to grow in love and holiness, and to trust in Your promises. Guide us through this Advent season as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus. Amen.

We're thrilled to have you with us as we come together to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and to seek Christ in the Word, the Eucharist, and the Assembly.

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'd love to help you find your place of service and connection within our church family. We also invite you to visit our website at sjvkirkland.org.

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 by the end of the day 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.



"We must be like the shepherds in the fields during the winter. They have a fire, but from time to time they search about for sticks to keep it alive. If we knew how to keep up the fire of the love of God in our heart by prayers and good works, it would not go out."

- St. John Vianney



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

You are an integral part of the life of this parish. Please scan the QR code to see how you can best use your gifts to contribute to our community.



If you plan on making an end-of-year disbursement donation, the office will be closed December 26, 27, 30 and 31.

To comply with tax laws, all checks must be either received in the office or postmarked by **December 31**.

Thank you as always for your support of SJV Church and its programs.

FR. BRAD HAGELIN

My dear Kirkland Catholics,

The word Advent comes from the Latin *adventus* which means “coming.” Referring to *Christ’s* coming of course. The theological virtue that corresponds with Advent is hope. Indeed, hope is the very central theme of Advent. Mark Searle reflected:

“Human beings cannot live without hope. Unlike the animals, we are blessed – or cursed – with the ability to think about future and to fear our actions to shaping it. So essential is this to human life, that human beings cannot live without hope, without something to live for, without something to look forward to. To be without hope, to have nothing to live for, is surrender to death in despair.” (“The Spirit of Advent,” *Assembly* Volume 7:1 ©Notre Dame Center for Liturgy)

We can definitely hope for things that are *not* good things: that those who have wronged us “get what’s coming to them,” etc. We can put a lot of energy and hope into things that *may or may not* be good or possible: that my child plays a division one sport, or that I might win the lotto. We can also hope for things that are *certainly* good but are not likely attainable: that world hunger is completely eradicated. Putting energy into these hopes usually bears bad fruit in our lives.

But for Christians the Lord Jesus is our only hope, and the only one who will not disappoint us. I find however, that many people become angry with God for not doing something that He never promised in the first place; like sparing us pain, conflict, suffering and difficulty. It is important to recognize what God has actually promised us, and to frankly acknowledge the constant battle of good and evil both in the world and also in ourselves. Jesus needs to be allowed to be victorious in us during this life, and will be victorious in the world in the end. He is the constant source of grace and is right with us in each of our battles. He is never outdone in generosity. May this Advent season become a time of *properly placed* hope: may our longing for salvation to take root more deeply in our hearts as we prepare for the Christmas season.

With love in Christ,

Fr. Brad

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FUNERAL RECEPTION MINISTRY

Chair Needed
Please call the office to volunteer

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

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

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Having celebrated Thanksgiving, there is no better time to express our gratitude for all of God's abundant blessings. We only have 79 Stewardship pledges so far, out of our ~600 households, with a goal of at least 250 returns. Even if you are giving electronically, we ask that you return a pledge card or go online to pledge there. As we begin to conclude our yearly campaign on Stewardship, prayerfully reflect on the blessings God has given to you and the ways in which we have been blessed through the gifts of others. Your generosity allows us to continue the mission of Jesus Christ both here in our parish family and in the wider community. It's easy to make your stewardship of treasure pledge to our parish: visit our website to access the online pledge form at sjvkirkland.org/donate or scan the QR code.



Stewardship of Treasure at SJV

Through October 31, 2024

Budgeted Offertory Income \$281,500

Actual Offertory Income \$268,395

Budget over/under \$ 13,105

Prior Yr Actual thru 10/31/2023 \$239,136

*Thank you for your ongoing support
of our parish and its programs.*

ST. JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC PRESCHOOL



At SJV Preschool, we teach our little students the meaning of sharing, caring and being grateful through stories, actions and how we treat one another inside the classroom.

During the month of November, our lesson rippled outward to our preschool families. Generous food donations for SVdP are coming in, parents are joining and contributing to our classroom Thanksgiving Feasts, and we have partnered up with Babies of Homelessness www.BoH.org for a diaper and wipe drive. Our caring community takes care of each other in times of illness and need. We feel blessed and are grateful for each and every one of you.

The Staff of St. John Vianney Preschool would like to wish everyone a blessed Advent and Christmas Season and a happy and healthy New Year.

Registration for the 2025/26 school year for current families and alumni begins January 6, 2025.

An updated brochure and registration form will be available the end of December on the parish web site or the welcome table.

We will start scheduling tours for **new families** on January 13, 2025. Please contact Annette Schwientek at aschwientek@sjvkirkland.org or 425-305-9662 if you are interested.



CHILDREN AND FAMILY LIFE

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW): Children are invited to join us for dismissal during the regular Sunday 11:00am Mass. The children hear the Gospel 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-12:00pm, 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 per child per day, and a registration form. Parents with more than two children pay a maximum of \$30 per day. There is currently a waiting list for this ministry. Sign up to get on the list today.

Children's Ministry Volunteers: If you are interested in volunteering for Children's Ministry we would love to have you! Anyone who volunteers to work with children or vulnerable adults must do a criminal background check and complete the Safe Environment Program to keep everyone safe - the volunteers, kids, and the church. We are so very grateful for all of those who are willing to take the steps needed to work with our children. The classes are now done online. Log on to virtus.org to check your status if you are already a volunteer. There may be some updates you need to make. If you are a new volunteer, log on and create a password. If you have any questions please ask Laura Stanger in the office.

Parish Nursery: Our nursery is available for children 18 months through 4 years old. It is staffed Sundays during the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses. The nursery is located downstairs. Parents are welcome to stay with their children if it makes them more comfortable. Audio from Mass can be heard in the nursery.

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.

Catholic Kids' Catechism Club (CKCC): 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 sessions on Sundays between 9:55-10:55am or Mondays between 7:00-8:00pm. We open our sessions with the proclamation of the Gospel, then do an opening challenge related to it. Kids then break off with their clubhouses to complete 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!

CKCC December Service Project: CKCC will be stuffing Blessing Bags for the homeless on Sunday December 15 and 16. If you are able to donate items, please place them in the designated donation box by the welcome table.

Suggested items: soft breakfast bars, protein bars, applesauce, dried fruit, hand warmers, chapstick, shaving cream, razors, wash rags, soap, hand sanitizer, toothbrushes, toothpaste, lotion, batteries, shampoo and conditioner, wet wipes, top ramen, tissues, flashlights, hats, scarves, gloves



Saint John Vianney

Youth Group

Grades 6-12

Come join us for an evening of food, games, faith, and community!
This will be a great place for any youth to find a welcoming community and to dive deeper into the faith that we strive to live.

5 - 6 : 3 0 p m
Youth Room
12600 84th Avenue NE
Kirkland, WA 98034



Attendance at an info meeting is required to register for Confirmation!



CONFIRMATION INFORMATION SESSION

We will be having one more information session for confirmation prep at HFK on Wednesday, December 11 at 7:00pm right after the 6:30pm Mass. It is very important that families who have not made it to a previous information meeting try and attend this meeting. Please, if you are unable to make this meeting, email Daniel at dhartmann@sjvkirkland.org.

YOUNG ADULTS (18-39)

The Young Adults had so much fun last Friday. Thanks to all who came! Can't wait to see you at the next Swing Event!

We will be having a Christmas white elephant exchange on December 12 at 8:00pm right after the Our Lady of Guadalupe mass, downstairs in room 12. All young adults are welcome and encouraged to bring a gift for the white elephant gift exchange. Or just come and have a good time.

We will be starting in January to have faith formation at SJV on a weekly basis every Tuesday evening for young adults. Please email Daniel if you are interested, dhartmann@sjvkirkland.org.



.SJV & HFK YOUNG ADULT (18-39) WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE

Saint John Vianney
December 12th at 8pm

Come join us on December 12th for 7pm mass followed by a White Elephant gift exchange from 8-10pm in room 12

Bring a gift you would be excited to receive for the exchange between \$5-30

YOUTH MIGRANT PROJECT

We served nearly 800 families at the Tri-Parish Food Bank for their Thanksgiving distribution on November 23. In the words of one of our youth, "It was a good day to reflect on all that we have."

Our 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. Please check our website and weekly handouts for information on our next day trip in the spring. Please contact Susan, for more information, sweaver@sjvkirkland.org.



OUTREACH & SOCIAL CONCERNS



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). To learn more about the work of this committee, please visit sjvkirkland.org/outreach/#social-justice. All are welcome to join us at our next meeting, **Wednesday, January 15, 7:00pm via Zoom**. Contact Susan for the link, sweaver@sjvkirkland.org.



HELPING TO FEED OUR FRIENDS - Our gardeners are excited to announce they received a grant for \$5,540 from the St. James Foundation and \$1,000 from Catholic Community Services Rice Bowl Program to fund expansion of the garden for next year, including fencing and additional beds. All of this summer's harvest (336 pounds!) was distributed through Hopelink to those experiencing food insecurity. Our goal is to significantly increase next year's harvest donation. Many volunteers will be needed! Please contact Susan if you would like to be a part of this fun & rewarding project, sweaver@sjvkirkland.org.



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 at 425-486-2528 and she will get the prayer chain going.

LUNCH MAKING FOR THE HOMELESS - We are preparing sack lunches for 150 people. We are currently taking 100 lunches to the overnight and cold weather center in Sultan and also taking 50 lunches to God's little Acre shelter. If you can, please donate homemade cookies to be sure everyone gets a tasty treat. So, we will need to have 300 cookies! Those of you who want to help make sandwiches, join us after the 9:00am Mass on Thursday, **December 5** in the social hall to prepare the lunches. Special thanks to **Mike McAuliff** for purchasing the food items for the lunches. So blessed by your generous heart.

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. Come to one of the Liturgical Ministers Trainings on Sunday, November 10 at Noon or Saturday, November 23 at 6:00pm. 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.

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 those in need by making a meal. It is a wonderful way to support one another.

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, December 3rd.

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

JOIN OUR SJV ADULT MISSION TREK to MEXICO May 17 - 24, 2025

All are welcome to join us as we work with Esperanza, Int., to build homes with families across the border.

Approximate cost is \$800 per person excluding airfare.

Informational meeting Sunday, January 19, 12pm, in the SJV Social Hall.



For more information contact: sweaver@sjvkirkland.org

AFGHAN REFUGEE FAMILY - WONDERFUL NEWS!

By the time this bulletin is published, Shamila's husband, Bilal, should have arrived in Seattle and both our refugee families will be fully reunited! What a long journey it has been since these families were first separated over three years ago. What a blessing to be able to walk this road with them. We could not have done it without your support. Please continue to keep them in your prayers as Bilal and their parents settle in Seattle, look for employment, and they all re-build their lives together.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS FOOD BOX COLLECTION IS UNDERWAY!

The SJV St. Vincent de Paul society is assembling and preparing to distribute food baskets again this year for families in great need. Last year we helped 83 families, distributing over 230 boxes of food! Our goal is to serve 100 families this year. Of course, we would not be able to do this without your help.

When you do your own shopping, please consider purchasing some of the items on the food drive schedule in this bulletin for our pantry.

Monetary donations supporting the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas food baskets and ministry are always appreciated and may be made 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. Thank you for making stewardship a way of life.



BRIDGE MINISTRIES CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Annual Bridge Ministries Christmas party is returning to SJV on **Saturday, December 7 from 12:00-3:00pm**. 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.

St Vincent de Paul 2024 Christmas Basket Food Drive

Support our local families in need. Please consider donating a few items weekly on the following schedule:

Nov 30 - Dec 1 Cooking Oil, Jam/Jelly, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Canned Tomatoes, Tomato Sauce, Pasta, Mac & Cheese, Top Ramen, Canned Fruit Juice, Coffee (Instant & Bean), Tea Bags, 5 LB Flour, 4LB Sugar, Salt

Dec 7-8 Cooking Oil, Canned Fruit, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Jam/Jelly, Canned Vegetables, Spaghetti Sauces, Pasta, Cake Mix, Frosting, Brownie Mix, Stove Top Stuffing Mix, 5 LB Flour, 4 LB Sugar, Canned Stew

Dec 14-15 Cooking Oil, Canned Fruit, Jam/Jelly, Canned Vegetables, Spaghetti Sauces, Pasta, Cake Mix, Frosting, Brownie Mix, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Stove Top Stuffing Mix, 5 LB Flour, 4 LB Sugar, Canned Stew.

**Donations may be placed in the SVDP box in the Narthex.
We are so grateful for your support!**

St Vincent de Paul's Christmas Giving Tree for Families in Need

Gift Cards requested for the following stores:

Amazon, Fred Meyer, Target,
Safeway, QFC, Dollar Tree
\$25 or \$50 denominations*

to be used for family gifts and perishable foods.

***Please write the gift card amount clearly on the card.**

On-line Gift Card registry

Available at Amazon
for Amazon gift cards

<https://www.amazon.com/registries/custom/2HYFJ1W8BEBHJ/guest-view>



Home-made cards or small ornaments are welcome with the gift cards.

Please do not wrap any items.

Gift cards should be turned in at the SJV office, no later than December 15.



SJV CHRISTMAS TREES



All proceeds go to support our youth as they work their way to Tijuana to build houses.

**Open for the season:
Friday, Nov 29, 9am - 8pm**

Operating Hours:

Sun: 9am-5pm

Mon - Friday 1-8 pm

Sat: 9am-7pm

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Frasers

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Douglas

Grands

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St. John Vianney Church

12600 84th Avenue NE,
Kirkland 98034

www.sjvkirkland.org

Contact: Susan Weaver
425-823-0787

sweaver@sjvkirkland.org

FACILITIES WORKSHOP

We had a great Masquerade themed Auction this year! Thanks to Ann and all those that prepared, decorated, cooked, served, attended, cleaned up, etc... So many people involved – we have a great community! We also were able to raise over \$31,000 to be used for several good-sized projects we need around here. First and foremost is the church sound system. Next is security cameras installed inside and outside to enhance our coverage, and then several building and maintenance issues to reconstruct some areas subject to the last 30+ years of wear and tear. I will keep you posted on what projects are being completed. We have already had Morgan Sound in the church. Hopefully, within a few weeks, we will have the sound running smoothly. The goal is to delay having to replace our existing system with an entirely new one. Our components are so old they cannot get parts for them. Fingers crossed and a lot of praying!

The SJV Gardeners is a group that is “growing”! if you enjoy gardening and doing good, here is a great opportunity. Contact **Kathleen McCaffrey** through the Parish office at sec@sjvkirkland.org if you are interested in joining the team.

Check out our roses! They are more magnificent than ever! Thanks again to our Rose Committee, headed by volunteer **Michelle Pomada**. If you would like to get involved with the Rose Committee, please contact the front office and leave your contact information, (425) 823-0787.

Thanks to all who make this such a great place to call our home! I would like to thank all of you that make these things happen and especially to those behind the scenes with their continued dedication! Be it members of our Adopt-a-Bed Program, Rose Committee, SJV Gardeners harvesting produce for Hopelink, Flower Committee for the Altar Flowers, Facilities Committee, and those of you that are constantly volunteering in various areas. We are who we are because of you! Thank you all!

I hope you are taking advantage of the many lovely reflection areas on our campus. The Madrona Stump Madonna in the north parking lot, the Memorial Mother Mary statue, the wooden Stations of the Cross, the Vern Endres Memorial Rose Garden area, the Margie Berard Memorial garden, or just taking a stroll around these beautiful grounds. Thank you again to all of you that have made this all happen! Thank you to the “Adopt-a-Bed” volunteers who are making our home a beautiful Light on Finn Hill. You, too, can adopt-a-bed, just contact Tony Zimmerman @ tzimmerman@yahoo.com or gleptich@sjvkirkland.org.

We are starting to look at options for our outdoor meeting and gathering area that has been partially funded by our Auction Fund-a-Need from last year. We recently had an arborist review our options here as well as other needs on the campus. We have a Landscape Architect sketching up some ideas that we will take into consideration. Stay tuned...

The Facilities Committee, Fr. Brad, Fr. Val, and the Staff are so appreciative of our volunteers here at SJV! Every little bit helps, and we always have things to do around this building and this 8-acre parcel of beautiful grounds. Please contact Greg Leptich (cell 206.940.4072 or gleptich@sjvkirkland.org) if you have questions.



THANK YOU

The Seiler and Schwientek clans cleaned up the parking lot before the weekend Masses after the bomb cyclone!

CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATING

It's almost time to deck the halls! Help get the church ready for Christmas on Sunday, December 22 after the 11:00am Mass. Everyone is welcome. Many hands make LIGHT work!



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, 206-999-0804 or tzimmerman@yahoo.com.

Divorced? Considering getting an Annulment? Contact the parish office so we can connect you with Roberta Hatfield, our amazing advocate who will meet with you and help you through the process.



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. No meeting in December. We'll see you **January 16**. For more info contact the Grand Knight: Brad Lund, bradelund@comcast.net.

Mom's Meetup Calling all moms, especially moms with infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and elementary school-aged children! Please join the *SJV Moms Meetup* Facebook group for updates about our 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.

Rummikub We usually 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. Due to our regularly schedule times being so close to holidays, we won't be meeting in November and December. We hope you will join us **January 28!**

Faith & Brew (21+) SJV Faith & Brew is a group of adults who enjoy faith sharing and socializing. We are enthusiastic, active parishioners who desire to better learn the Catholic faith, value spiritual growth, and help each other lead holier lives. Come join us any time! We meet the first Friday of the month with the broader parish for the Rosary Procession starting at 7:00pm. Afterwards, around 8:00pm we meet in Room 12 for food, fun, and more! Our next meeting will be on Friday, **December 6**.



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.

Senior Dinner (55+) Calling all seniors! We won't be meeting in December, but come join us for fun, fellowship, and a great night out on **January 11**. We usually meet on the second Saturday of the month after the 5:00pm Mass. After dinner we play the *Left Right Center* dice game so remember to bring four quarters. Price is \$10/person (cash only please). Stop in or call the parish office to sign up by Tuesday, January 7 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. 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! Our book for the month of December is *Small Things Like These* by Claire Keegan. And our book for January is *Cherished Belonging, The Healing Power of Love in Divided Times* by Gregory Boyle. See you **December 3!**

OFRENDA PICTURES

If you shared a photo of a loved one for the Ofrenda, please pick it up at the Welcome Table after Mass this weekend. We continue to keep our loved ones close to our hearts and in our prayers.

SHARING THE LIGHT OF HOPE



The CCSWW Appeal for the Poor Campaign kicks off December 7-8 at SJV. Catholic Community Services and Catholic Housing Services are our local Catholic Charities at work, serving tens of thousands of individuals and families in our neighborhood and across western Washington. Please join the thousands of volunteers and staff to support our neighbors in need through prayer, advocacy, volunteerism, or a generous donation at ccsww.org/donatenow.



INCLEMENT WEATHER

In bad or threatening weather situations, SJV tries to make decisions by 7:00am on whether the church will be open, based on conditions in the Finn Hill area. If SJV has to make schedule changes due to inclement weather or other emergencies, we will use Facebook to communicate them.



MEET & GREETS

Scan this QR code to select a date to meet Fr. Brad and Fr. Val, along with other parishioners from our parish family!



ST. JOHN VIANNEY CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Christmas Eve at 3:30pm

A prelude to our 4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass



Children and youth are invited to participate in the Christmas Pageant!

HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE?

Be an Actor:

Children and youth ages 4 years old and up (costumes provided)

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO TO PARTICIPATE?

Sign up:

Sign up at the Welcome Table or email Laura Stanger at Lstanger@sjvkirkland.org

Attend rehearsals:

Sunday, December 22 at 12:00 noon in church

Tuesday, December 24 at 2:30pm in church

Perform on Christmas Eve at 3:30pm. This year's pageant will be a prelude to the 4:00pm Mass.

All You Need is Love

An afternoon of music with family and friends

Sunday, December 15 at 3:00pm

Have a Rockin' Christmas with Mixed Plate as we play some of your favorites!

Angelina on keys/vocals

Hubert on drums/vocals

Greg on guitar/vocals

Colin on guitar/vocals

Mike on sax/vocals

Chris on bass

With guest appearances by Christina and the new Youth Praise & Worship Band

Light refreshments provided by

SONSHINE MINISTRY

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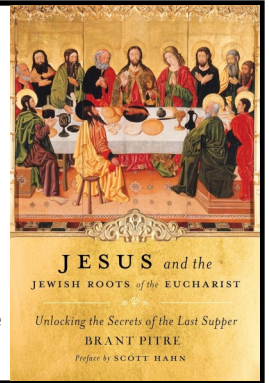
CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING

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 by Sunday, December 15.

JESUS AND THE JEWISH ROOTS OF THE EUCHARIST

December 7 and 8, this book will be available to you as a gift to enhance your Advent and Christmas seasons.

If sufficient interest is expressed after Christmas, we may offer some study opportunities about the book.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CELEBRATION

Everyone is invited on Sunday, **December 8**, and we hope you can join in celebrating the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

- 10:15am - The Rosary will be recited as we process around the outside of the church.
- 12:30pm - Potluck lunch. Please bring your favorite food to share with everyone.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Monday, December 9

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a holy day of obligation. SJV will celebrate Mass at 6:00pm, and HFK will celebrate Masses at 9:00am and Noon.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

"Listen and understand, my humblest son. There is nothing to frighten and distress you. Do not let your heart be troubled, and let nothing upset you. Is it not I, your Mother, who is here?"

December 12th



We want to honor and give our respects to our lovely mother and celebrate her on this special day. Please join us this December 12:

- 6:30pm Rosary (Bilingual English/Spanish)
- 7:00pm Mass
- 8:00pm Reception to continue the celebration (Latin Community will share traditional Pozole)

If you would like to participate and bring something to share, please sign up at the welcome table. We'd really appreciate it.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE Friday, December 13 at 7:00pm

Make time for Reconciliation this Advent. After the Reconciliation Service multiple priests will be available for Confession.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also available every Saturday from 3:30-4:30pm.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

Monday, December 9

- There will be no 9:00am Word & Communion Service. Please join us for Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception at 6:00pm.

Tuesday, December 24

- There will be no 9:00am Word & Communion Service. Please join us at any of the scheduled Christmas Masses.

Wednesday, December 25

- There will be no morning Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Mass. Please join us at any of the scheduled Christmas Masses.

December 26, 27, 30, 31

- The church will be closed.

Wednesday, January 1

- There will be no morning Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Mass. Please join us for Mass for the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 10:00am.

Simbang Gabi

Saturday, December 21
During the 5:00pm Mass
Reception Following

Join us for the Filipino tradition of Simbang Gabi, a novena of Masses leading up to Christmas. It will be a festive, colorful, and prayerful Advent celebration!



DECEMBER | Month of the Immaculate Conception

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 First Sunday of Advent Mass 9:00am Mass 11:00am Baptism 12:00pm	2 Word & Communion Service 9:00am Spanish Class 9:30am Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Patristic Fathers 7:00pm (Zoom)	3 Memorial of St. Francis Xavier Word & Communion Service 9:00am Letter to the Hebrews 6:30pm (Zoom) Women's Book Group 7:00pm Grief Support Group 7:00pm	4 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8:38am Mass 9:00am Mom's Morning Out 9:15am Faith Sharing Group 10:00am Quilters Group 10:00am OCIA 7:00pm @ HFK	5 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8:38am Mass 9:00am Lunch Making for the Homeless 9:45am	6 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8:38am Mass & Anointing of the Sick 9:00am Rosary Procession 7:00pm Faith & Brew 8:00pm	7 Memorial of St. Ambrose Bridge Ministry Christmas Dinner 12:00pm Reconciliation 3:30pm Vigil Mass (Birthday & Anniversary Blessings) 5:00pm
Mission Trek Christmas Tree Lot Open in SJV Back Parking Lot						
8 Second Sunday of Advent Mass (Birthday & Anniversary Blessings) 9:00am CKCC (3yrs - K) 9:00am CKCC (1st - 5th) 9:45am Immaculate Conception Rosary Procession 10:15am Mass (Birthday & Anniversary Blessings) 11:00am Immaculate Conception Reception 12:30pm Youth Group 5:00pm	9 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass at HFK 9:00am Spanish Class 10:00am Mass at HFK 12:00pm Mass at SJV 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm CKCC (1st - 5th) 7:00pm	10 Word & Communion Service 9:00am Letter to the Hebrews 6:30pm (Zoom) Facilities Committee Meeting 7:00pm	11 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8:38am Mass 9:00am Mom's Morning Out 9:15am Faith Sharing Group 10:00am Quilters Group 10:00am OCIA 7:00pm @ HFK	12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8:38am Mass 9:00am Our Lady of Guadalupe Bilingual Rosary 6:30pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass then Reception 7:00pm Young Adults 8:00pm	13 Memorial of St. Lucy Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8:38am Mass 9:00am Advent Reconciliation Service 7:00pm	14 Memorial of St. John of the Cross Reconciliation 3:30pm Vigil Mass 5:00pm
Mission Trek Christmas Tree Lot Open in SJV Back Parking Lot						
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Mission Trek Christmas Tree Lot Open in SJV Back Parking Lot						
22 Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass 9:00am Mass 11:00am Christmas Pageant Rehearsal 12:00pm St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Box Distribution 12:00pm Christmas Tree Lot Open	23 Word & Communion Service 9:00am Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm	24 Mass at HFK 3:00pm Christmas Pageant Rehearsal 2:30pm Christmas Pageant 3:30pm Mass at SJV 4:00pm Mass at HFK 5:00pm Mass at HFK 7:00pm Mass at SJV 8:00pm Mass at HFK 9:00pm	25 The Nativity of the Lord Mass at SJV 10:00am Mass at HFK 11:00am Church Closes 11:00am	26 Feast of St. Stephen Church Closed	27 Feast of St. John Church Closed	28 Feast of the Holy Innocents Reconciliation 3:30pm Vigil Mass 5:00pm
29 Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Mass 9:00am Mass 11:00am	30 Church Closed	31 Church Closed	JANUARY 1 Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass 10:00am Church Closes 11:00am	2 Memorial of Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8:38am Mass 9:00am Lunch Making for the Homeless 9:45am	3 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8:38am Mass & Anointing of the Sick 9:00am Rosary Procession 7:00pm Faith & Brew 8:00pm	4 Memorial of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Reconciliation 3:30pm Vigil Mass 5:00pm

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.