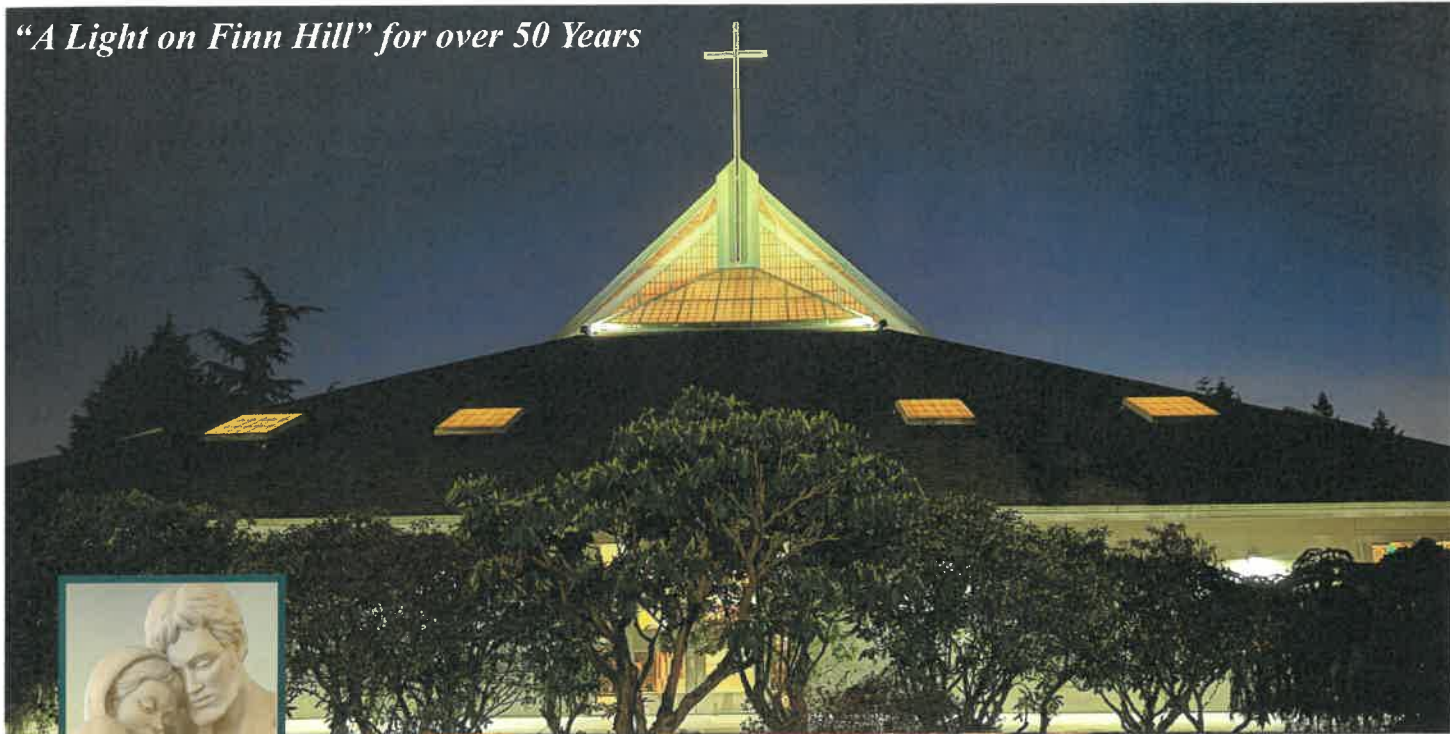


"A Light on Finn Hill" for over 50 Years



SAINT JOHN VIANNEY PARISH

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February 2025

OFFICE HOURS

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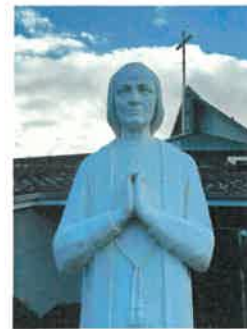
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MISSION STATEMENT

*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

SACRAMENTS

INFANT BAPTISM

Infant Baptisms are celebrated on the first Saturday of the month at 3:00pm, except during Lent. Contact Laura, to schedule a baptism and class, and to get a baptism packet, Lstanger@sjvkirkland.org.

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. *More info in this bulletin.*

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation registration is now open at sjvkirkland.org/sacraments/#confirmation. Our Parish Family Confirmation Mass will be at St. John Vianney on Wednesday, May 14 at 6:30pm. If you are interested in getting confirmed this Spring but have not attended an information session, 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

In the Presentation of the Lord, we see that Jesus came to bring light, hope, and salvation to the world. Through Mary and Joseph's faithfulness, Jesus' mission begins humbly but with great purpose. May we embrace the light of Jesus and trust in His saving plan for us and for the world.

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 health safety protocols. Scan the QR code to see a comprehensive summary of them.



"The Holy Spirit leads us along, as a mother leads her child by the hand, as a sighted person leads a blind one."

- 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.



LENT BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

FR. BRAD HAGELIN

My dear Kirkland Catholics,

It is not often that Lent evades February because Easter is so late that Ash Wednesday lands in March. This means that an entire month of ordinary time in February is rare. Each of the months of the year the Catholic Church dedicates to a particular devotion or prayer focus.

- March – St. Joseph
- April – The Blessed Sacrament
- May – Mary
- June – Sacred Heart of Jesus
- July – The Precious Blood
- August – The Immaculate Heart of Mary
- September – Our Lady of Sorrows
- October – The Holy Rosary
- November – The Poor Souls in Purgatory
- December – The Immaculate Conception
- January – The Holy Name of Jesus

And February ... is **The Holy Family**. Today's theme in the homily series is virtue. If you have children at home and are looking for specific ideas of helping your family establish virtue and imitate the Holy Family and aspire to the call that our families be "the Domestic Church," The Knights of Columbus have sponsored a really well done website and free program called "Family Fully Alive" which has a ton of resources and ideas. It will be the first or second internet search result if you put "Family Fully Alive" into a search engine.

If you do not have children at home, but are looking to make your home a place more conducive to the virtue of prayer, I highly recommend – if at all possible – spending quiet prayer time almost always in the same place and the same (comfy) chair. That nook and chair will over time be conducive (even consecrated) for you entering into prayer more easily so that, like Mary in today's Gospel, you can better "ponder" in your heart with God about what He is up to in your life (discernment – last week's discipleship habit).

With love on Christ,

Fr. Brad

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FUNERAL RECEPTION MINISTRY

Chair Needed
Please call the office to volunteer

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Tom Dubé • Call the office

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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.

DISCIPLESHIP

You can find Fr. Brad and Fr. Val's homilies and supplementary videos for their 7-week series on the Characteristics and Habits of Discipleship at hfkparish.com/discipleship.

Armed

Part 1: Our True Identity

Trained

- Part 2: Trusting Obedience
- Part 3: Fruitful Discernments
- Part 4: Habits of Virtue
- Part 5: Perennial Truths

Deployed

- Part 6: In Prayer
- Part 7: In Sacraments



Stewardship of Treasure at SJV

July 1 - December 31, 2024

Budgeted Offertory Income	\$466,500
Actual Offertory Income	\$444,357
Budget over/under	\$ 22,143
Prior Yr Actual	\$404,395

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



ST. JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC PRESCHOOL

We are almost halfway 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. We are looking forward to a variety of upcoming field trips and fun events throughout the next few months.

Registration for the 2025/26 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. 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, 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 sjvkirkland.org/preschool as well as the welcome table and the preschool bulletin board.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LIFE

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.

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.

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.

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.

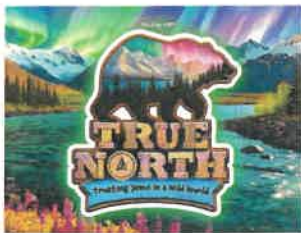
Catholic Kids' Catechism Club (CKCC): Our 3 year olds through kindergarten kids meet downstairs in Room 6 during the 9:00am Mass. Their session begins with learning about the Mass, then they move to Room 2, where they are picked up at the end of Mass. Kids will hear the Gospel for the day, adapted for 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!

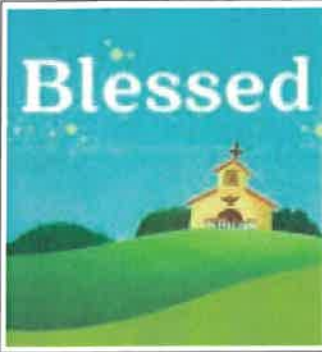
Our CKCC group did a scavenger hunt following Stars to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. They left some lovely gifts for Jesus in the Adoration Chapel, including: Love, Prayer, their heart, going to confession, being more patient, making good choices, to pray more, to focus more on the Mass, trying not to yell, read more about the Saints, be more kind, and love and respect my elders.

They will also be getting geared up with Training Camp for Superbowl Sundae! A very important part of Catechism Club! Let the wild rumpus start!

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.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is scheduled to begin JUNE 23. Mark your calendar! Hopefully the date will stick! As long as the school schedule stays and we do not have any extended days!



FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST PREPARATION BEGINS FEBRUARY 28 OR MARCH 1

Children at or about the age of 7, who have been baptized Catholic are invited to attend. We ask that parents and children attend sessions together. We use the *Blessed* First Reconciliation and First Eucharist Curriculum.

Sessions are scheduled at 7:00pm on Friday nights and 10:00am on Saturday mornings. We offer the same class session twice for your convenience. If Friday night works well one week and Saturday morning works better the next, come to whichever day fits best for you!

Pick up a registration form in the narthex at the welcome table or on the Faith Formation bulletin board. There is a supply fee for the classes. Visit sjvkirkland.org/sacraments/#reconciliation for more info, and contact Laura Stanger with any questions at LStanger@sjvkirkland.org.

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



High School

BIBLE STUDY

February 19, 2025

2:00 - 3:00

Totem Lake Starbucks

17425 116 Ave NE Kirkland, Wa

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Sunday's 2pm - 3:30pm
February - May 2025

Our Parish Family Confirmation Mass will be at St. John Vianney on Wednesday, May 14 at 6:30pm. If you are interested in getting confirmed this Spring but have not attended an information session, please email Daniel at dhartmann@sjvkirkland.org.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

sjvkirkland.org/sacraments/#confirmation



Thank you so much for your amazing support of our High School Mission Trek



We could not make this journey without you.



HFK & SJV YOUNG ADULTS



LINK TREE

OPEN TO
ANYONE 18-39

ABOUT US

We as the Young Adults of HFK & SJV would like to welcome you to join us in creating a faith community in our parish family.

Monthly Events

- Faith Formation
- Open Gym
- Mass & Dinner

Quarterly Events

- Swing Dances
- SJV Auction
- Game Nights
- Hikes



CONTACT US

Reach out to our young adult staff members

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Instagram [Kirklandcatholicya](#)
 Facebook [HFK & SJV Young Adults](#)
SJVKirkland.org
HFKParish.com

Young Adult SJV Faith and Fellowship

18-39

We will meet Tuesday evenings from 7-8:30 at the SJV Rectory

We will begin with the video series the Wild Goose created by Father Dave Pivonka

Location:
12614 84th AVE
NE 98034 2662
Kirkland WA

Dates:
Jan 14th, 21st, 28th
Feb 4th, 18th, 25th
Mar 11th, 18th
Apr 15th, 22nd, 29th
May 6th, 20th, 27th

YOUNG ADULT FAITH FORMATION WITH FATHER VAL

join us as we dive deeper into the different Papal encyclicals.
Meeting twice a month February through April at HFK.

6:30 - 7:30 IN THE ST. JEROME ROOM

FEBRUARY 2ND
FEBRUARY 16TH
MARCH 2ND
MARCH 30TH
APRIL 13TH
APRIL 27TH

YOUNG ADULT

OPEN GYM

EVERY OTHER SUNDAY EVENING

HFK GYM OPEN 7:30 - 9PM

FEBRUARY 23RD
MARCH 9TH
MARCH 23RD

APRIL 6TH
APRIL 20TH

SEATTLE
CATHOLIC DANCE CREW
Presents

*Country
Dance Night!*

Saturday, February 15th
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Young adults (21-35) are invited to join us for a night of country line-dancing! Lessons included.

Holy Family Catholic Church
7045 120th Ave NE Kirkland, WA 98033



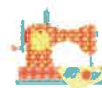
Adopt-a-Garden Bed Join the program and pick out a spot on our property to beautify. This has become a very successful and rewarding program to everyone, especially from the pride you feel from working in our beautiful gardens to make them even better! Contact Tony if interested, 206-999-0804 or tzimrman@yahoo.com.

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.



Rosary Procession Pray with us during our Rosary Procession, every first Friday of the month (except during Lent) in honor of Our Lady. Usually we meet at 7:00pm, but on Friday, **February 7 we will meet at 6:00pm**. We will not meet during Lent due to Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings, but will resume in May.

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 usually meet the first Friday of the month with the broader parish for the Rosary Procession starting at 7:00pm, then meet afterward in Room 12 for food, fun, and more! Due to the February Rosary Procession being an hour earlier, on **February 7 we will join the procession at 6:00pm and meet afterward**.



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. We hope you will join us **February 25!**

Hiking Club Open to all interested parishioners looking to take advantage of our beautiful local trails and fellowship with other SJV hiking enthusiasts, we organize regular hikes mid-spring through early fall. Please check our website and Mass handouts for news on our next hike this spring.



Knights of Columbus Membership is open to males 18 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics. Meetings are every third Thursday of the month at 7:00pm. We'll see you **February 20**. For more info contact the Grand Knight: Brad Lund, bradelund@comcast.net.

Moms 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.



Senior Dinner (55+) Calling all seniors! We meet on the second Saturday of the month after the 5:00pm Mass. Come join us for fun, fellowship, and a great night out on **February 8**. 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, February 4, 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 Our February book is *Heliacal Star* written by parishioner, **Victor Bahna** - author! No matter how fast you are, the past has a way of catching up. This is not our typical Women's Book Group book, but what an opportunity to meet with and support a parishioner in their creation. It is a horse racing thriller, and you will learn about something new! Join us for wine, chocolate, and great conversations. Our March book is *When God was a Rabbit* by Sarah Winman. See you **February 4!**

TAX STATEMENTS

Giving statements/tax letters were emailed Friday, January 24 to those whose families we have email addresses for. This change cuts down on the labor and monetary costs associated with sending the statement through the postal service. It was sent to the email associated with your family in your parish registration. Please be assured that this new electronic statement is a safe and secure method of sending your giving information.

If you (or another family member) did not receive a letter by email, please stop by the welcome table to see if we have a physical copy available for you and give us an updated email address. Letters were generated for any registered parishioners who donated more than \$250 total in the calendar year 2024.

With the new parishioner data system utilized by the archdiocese, if you are registered at another parish, or at another parish as well as ours, you may be receiving a letter from the other parish which should include donations made here as well. Please reach out to Ann V. at avandewark@sjvkirkland.org if you have any questions or concerns regarding your letters, or if you donated to the auction and would like a receipt. Thank you for your patience as we work through the first time with the new system.

FACILITIES WORKSHOP

Fund a Need Update from our Auction this year! We have made strides with the sound system to include new handheld mics for Christina and gang and new belt pack mics for the priests. Some modifications were made on the amps and soundboard to help control any irregularities. With the Morgan Sound technicians help, the sound clarity has been improved in house and on our livestream broadcasts. So far, so good. We are installing security cameras inside and outside of our building to enhance our security. After that we have several building and maintenance issues to repair/upgrade subject to the last 30+ years of wear and tear. I will keep you posted on what projects are being completed.

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.

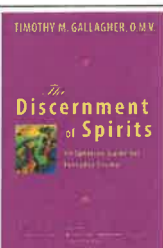
Thanks again to our Rose Committee, headed by volunteer **Michelle Pomada**. This committee continues to grow as well and the results are fantastic. If you would like to get involved with the Rose Committee, please contact the front office and leave your contact information. (425) 823-0787.

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 our 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! Check out what volunteers are doing to make our home a beautiful Light on Finn Hill. You, too, can adopt a bed – just contact **Tony Zimmerman** at tzimrman@yahoo.com or gleptich@sjvkirkland.org.

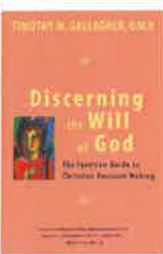
We are starting to look at options for our outdoor meeting and gathering area that has been partially funded by our Auction Fund-a-Need from last year. We recently had an arborist review our options here as well as other needs on the campus. We have a Landscape Architect sketching up some ideas that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



BOOKS ON DISCERNMENT

Fr. Val shared about two books on discernment at the end of the Masses last January 25-26. For those interested in delving deeper into the art of discernment, the books are by Fr. Timothy Gallagher.



The Discernments of Spirits teaches practically how to be aware of the spirits that are at work in you, understand them, and take action.

Discerning the Will of God offers wisdom on how make decisions in accordance to God's will and not just follow our own will.



MEET & GREETs

Scan the QR code to select a date to get to know Fr. Brad and Fr. Val, along with others from our parish family!



SCHEDULE CHANGES

Wednesday, February 12

- There will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Mass. Please attend Mass at HFK at 8:40am or 6:30pm.

Monday, February 17 - Presidents' Day

- Church closed in observance of the holiday.

February 26-28

- There will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament prior to 9:00am Mass.

OLIVE WOOD CARVINGS

Olive wood carvings from Bethlehem will be available to purchase after all Masses on **February 22-23**. The proceeds support Christian Catholic families in the Holy Land and is a major source of income for them there. More than 75 families in Bethlehem Hand carved these items. They are very beautiful and unique items - Nativities, Crucifixes, Rosaries, Statues. The Christian population has dropped from 22% to less than 2% in the past two decades. And this is a way to support them to stay there. Thank you in advance for your support.

OUTREACH & SOCIAL CONCERNS



HELPING TO FEED OUR FRIENDS GARDEN

GROUP - Our gardeners are excited to expand the garden this year, with the help of a \$5,540 grant from the St. James Foundation of the Archdiocese of Seattle, and \$1,000 grant from Catholic Community Services Rice Bowl Program. All interested gardeners are needed as we build new beds, install fencing, and plant seedlings as we raise produce for those experiencing food insecurity. **All are welcome to join our planning meeting, Wednesday, February 12, 7:00pm, in the SJV office.** Please contact Susan sweaver@sjvkirkland.org, for information.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MINISTRY - Our St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) chapter at SJV helps our neighbors in need within the local community. Every weekday, families or individuals in Kirkland and Kenmore contact the church to request assistance for rent, utilities, food, clothing, gasoline, and other essential needs. The parish relies on our SVDP group to provide help and hope to these neighbors. Because of the increasing number of calls for assistance, our SVDP group could use your help to respond to the needs of our neighbors. If you are interested in volunteering with or learning more about this ministry, please contact the SJV office at 425-823-0787.



YOUTH MIGRANT PROJECT

- 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, sweaver@sjvkirkland.org, for more information.

SJV ADULT ESPERANZA MISSION TREK – May 17-24, 2025 - All are welcome to join us as we work with Esperanza, Int., building homes with families in Tijuana. There will be an **informational and planning meeting Sunday, February 9, following 9:00am Mass at Holy Family** in the St Martin Room. Please contact Susan, sweaver@sjvkirkland.org, for more information.



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 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, **February 4**. Please contact Dana, 206-371-0803, 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) 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, featuring **Guest Speaker, Chris Koehler, Director of Missions and Immigrant Affairs at the Archdiocese of Seattle, Wednesday, February 19, 7:00pm via Zoom.** Chris will be discussing the current state of immigration and resources for supporting migrants. Please contact Susan for the link, sweaver@sjvkirkland.org.

LUNCH MAKING FOR THE HOMELESS - During these cold weather months, we will be making 150 lunches for the homeless. They are delivered to Snohomish County and to Seattle. We meet at about 9:30am on the first Thursday of each month, and we would be grateful for your help on **February 6**. We have people prepare the sandwiches and fill the bags. We are also in need of people who would like to make homemade cookies for the lunches. They can be delivered to the church anytime it works for you during the week! We can even freeze them until our lunch making event. Please just let someone in the office know if you are dropping them off and they will show you where to put them. Thanks!



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

AFGHAN REFUGEE FAMILY UPDATE

As we enter 2025, the Sisters have each completed their first full years of work! Shamila has earned paid vacation time and thinks it's pretty great. They and their husbands are learning about tax returns. We hope will each get a small refund as Nov-Feb are slow months of earnings in the service industries.

As we look forward, it's also important to look back at the past 3 years, not in the abstract but with actual humans with all the complexity, success, messes and joy that entails. The St. John Vianney support community has learned so much by engaging with this process. There was so much unknown about how counties, our state and the nation manage the immigrant and refugee process.

The Sisters - like all refugees - received a range of government supports when they arrived. Due to war and unrest in Ukraine and Syria among others, the Afghan refugees were not the only group arriving in very large numbers in 2021 and 2022.

The fall of Kabul revealed that the federal infrastructure for managing refugee services had been dismantled by the previous administration. In the summer/fall 2021, it was operating at 10% of previous capacity, which given the exponential needs made a difficult process chaotic at best. Despite having dedicated and hard-working staff, local aid agencies charged with administering federal grants (i.e. Catholic Community Services, Lutheran Services, Jewish World Services, Muslim Housing, International Rescue Committee, World Relief etc.) were woefully understaffed and lacking key aspects of expertise needed to be effective and efficient.

Government supports decrease steadily for refugees as they do for all state and federal aid recipients due to a straightforward formula: the more you work, the less you receive. It's largely impossible to remain housed in Washington state and elsewhere unless you work at least one job because the average rent nationally is \$1730 per month. Food supports have returned to pre-pandemic levels which resulted in a significant cut for most recipients. The monthly federal "cash" support (never more than \$770 for the Sisters) goes away within 6 months of starting work. Working is always better because the "cash" has not been enough to live on for decades. In summary, food support is just that. Support. It doesn't come close to meeting all needs and explicitly doesn't cover personal care items such as diapers, toilet paper, hygiene, and cleaning products. In addition, lack of personal transportation, English fluency and abundant time impacts the ability to be a "thrifty" shopper.

It was eye opening to see that for most refugee families the federal housing support is only provided for 3 months. Housing is the most challenging aspect of resettling, and the expectation is that these newcomers would find housing and acquire sufficient language skills to support themselves in 3 months is optimistic to say the least. In the past 2 years we have seen dozens and dozens of folks in the Sisters' apartment complex (including Shamila and Nabila) receive eviction notices and too many become unhoused. Fortunately, because of the non-governmental safety net in place, Nabila and Shamila weathered their eviction process and have tenuous stability.

The Sisters, other than a small amount of federal food support each month and health insurance, have not been eligible for state or federal aid for over a year. This does not mean they meet their own needs. They rely on food banks to supplement the needs of their large families and having their own vehicles now allows them to access programs independently. They also access subsidized utility programs where they can, and are fortunate and grateful to have had a "safety net" from supporters that has helped bridge specific situations.

Shamila's husband Bilal is seeking work. He is a trained mechanic having worked on "large vehicles" in the military as well as personal vehicles. We have observed that he is fastidious and thorough in his work with their home and car being even more sparkly since his arrival! He is already an asset to the Afghan community in their complex, having repaired a number of issues for new friends. English is a barrier, and he won't be able to take formal classes until summer due to wait lists, but translate software is available and he is literate in Farsi, Dari, and Pashto. We hope that he is able to find work utilizing his skills (mechanic, detailing). He may be able to get work at the hotel with Shamila when the need for employees picks up in March. If anyone in the SJV has leads which might help Bilal find a position, please contact Susan Weaver, sweaver@sjvkirkland.org.

In closing, there is a lot of rhetoric around if and what responsibility we bear to assist and support those on the margins in our community and our country. Volunteering through SJV to help newcomers reveals that they need to get on track to supporting themselves remarkably quickly. Lessons about systems and structures that American children and youth have the opportunity to gain over a period of years, must be learned in a period of months in a new country and language and in the context of trauma. Because of the generosity of Shamila's initial Host family in Seattle and the SJV community in Kirkland, both Sisters have had more tangible, emotional and spiritual support than most over the past 3 years. They are literate and completed basic and some university education before arriving. Still, it is clear the ability "pull yourself up by the bootstraps" is a myth in our current economy and housing situation where more than 60% of income goes to housing alone. Families are complex and even in the best situations, the "unexpected" come up and can derail stability and progress forward. This is true for newcomers as well as long term neighbors. We have the opportunity at SJV to continue to embrace all our community; those already recognized as members and particularly those on the margins. Father Gregory Boyle, SJ, captures this:

"If we love what God loves, then, in compassion, margins get erased. 'Be compassionate as God is compassionate,' means the dismantling of barriers that exclude." And also, "You don't go to the margins to make a difference. You go so the folks at the margins make you different."

~ Aileen Hammar, Lead Volunteer, St John Vianney Refugee Support Ministry

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to links below:



Immigration & Migration Resources and Assistance

Catholic Immigration Legal Services (CILS) provides quality immigration legal services to low-income residents of Washington. Visit them at <https://ccsww.org/services/catholic-immigration-legal-services/> or call in Seattle. (206) 328-6314 or Mount Vernon (360) 416-7095. They host *Know Your Rights* workshops and can help with green cards, family petitions, humanitarian cases and more.

The Archdiocese of Seattle's **Immigrant & Refugee Ministry (IRM)** provides care and resources for immigrant families and equips and empowers parishes to develop their own response programs. Visit them at <https://archseattle.org/ministries/outreach-ministries/immigrant-refugee-ministry/> The site has a **list of agencies offering legal assistance**, various prayers, Church statements and more.

To learn about immigration issues, visit the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' **Justice for Immigrants**, <https://justiceforimmigrants.org> Their goal is to educate the public, especially Catholics, about Church teaching on migration; create political will for just immigration reform; and advocate policies that reflect the principles of dignity and compassion.

The State of Washington's **Migrant and Asylum Seeker Support Project**, <https://washington-mass-hub.zendesk.com/hc/en-us> covers assistance for immigrants who arrived in Washington state after December 2021 and do not have work permits. They offer screening and referral for services for those who qualify and have a resource directory organized by county.

A Prayer for Immigrant Justice

Blessed are You, Lord God, King of all creation.

Through Your goodness, we live in this land that You have so richly blessed.

Help us always to recognize our blessings come from You and remind us to share them with others, especially those who come to us today from other lands.

Help us to be generous, just, and welcoming, as You have been and are generous to us. Amen

TAMALES & CANDLEMAS

According to ancient Jewish tradition, a new mother had to be purified forty days after giving birth, then present her baby at the temple. So February 2 was marked as the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Candles were offered as a symbol of purity and new life, and the feast became known as Candlemas. After the Spanish conquest in Mexico this tradition replaced the beginning of the agricultural season when corn was presented to the Gods, but their tradition of sharing corn-based food remained. The Latin Community is generously sharing tamales with SJV on Sunday, **February 2** in celebration of the Presentation of the Lord. Gracias Latin Community!

INCLEMENT WEATHER

In bad or threatening weather situations, weekend Masses will still be celebrated.

On weekdays, 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.

Parishioners come from throughout the area, and weather conditions may vary significantly from one place to another. If the church is open, but there are hazardous road conditions in your area, please stay home. Safety of all parishioners is the primary concern.



AFFIRMATION OF MARRIAGE VOWS February 15 & 16

St. John Vianney Cana Commission invites Married couples to affirm their marriage vows at the end of the weekend Masses on February 15 or 16.

Married couples need reminders to affirm the commitment they made when they celebrated the Sacrament of Matrimony. The words matter.

Don't miss this opportunity to affirm your marriage vows and remember the covenant you made to each other.

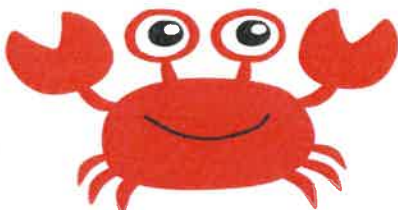
Your affirmation is also a sign to our parish community of your faithful commitment and a Light of Christ in the World.

There will be a cake reception following the Masses to honor our married couples in the social hall.

St. John Mary Vianney
Knights of Columbus



Crab Fest Dinner



Raffle

Bar

Dessert

Crab Dinner \$50 includes Coleslaw and Garlic Bread
Alternative/Lasagna Dinner \$30 Garlic Bread and Salad



Children 12 and under \$10

March 1st Saturday 6:30 PM

Saint John Vianney Church

12600 84th Ave NE Kirkland WA

FEBRUARY | Month of the Holy Family

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.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>2 Feast of the Presentation of the Lord</p> <p>Mass (OCIA Dismissal, Birthday & Anniversary Blessings) 9:00am</p> <p>CKCC (3yrs - K) 9:00am</p> <p>CKCC (1st - 5th) 9:45am</p> <p>Mass (Birthday & Anniversary Blessings) 11:00am</p> <p>Youth Group 5:00pm</p> <p>HS Mission Trek Meeting 6:30pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Word & Communion Service 9:00am</p> <p>Spanish Class 10:00am</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm</p> <p>CKCC (1st - 5th) 7:00pm</p> <p>Patristic Fathers 7:00pm (Zoom)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Word & Communion Service 9:00am</p> <p>Letter to the Hebrews 6:30pm (Zoom)</p> <p>Women's Book Group 7:00pm</p> <p>Grief Support Group 7:00pm</p> <p>Young Adults Faith & Fellowship 7:00pm</p>	<p>5 Memorial of St. Agatha</p> <p>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8:38am</p> <p>Mass 9:00am</p> <p>Mom's Morning Out 9:15am</p> <p>Faith Sharing Group 10:00am</p> <p>Quilters Group 10:00am</p> <p>OCIA 7:00pm at HFK</p>	<p>6 Memorial of St. Paul Miki & Companions</p> <p>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8:38am</p> <p>Mass 9:00am</p> <p>Lunchmaking for the Homeless 9:30am</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8:38am</p> <p>Mass & Anointing of the Sick 9:00am</p> <p>Rosary Procession 6:00pm</p> <p>Faith & Brew 7:00pm</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Reconciliation 3:30pm</p> <p>Vigil Mass 5:00pm</p> <p>Senior Dinner 6:00pm</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Mass (OCIA Dismissal) 9:00am</p> <p>CKCC (3yrs - K) 9:00am</p> <p>CKCC (1st - 5th) 9:45am</p> <p>Mass 11:00am</p>	<p>10 Memorial of St. Scholastica</p> <p>Word & Communion Service 9:00am</p> <p>Spanish Class 10:00am</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm</p> <p>CKCC (1st - 5th) 7:00pm</p> <p>Patristic Fathers 7:00pm (Zoom)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Word & Communion Service 9:00am</p> <p>Letter to the Hebrews 6:30pm (Zoom)</p> <p>Facilities Committee Meeting 7:00pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Mass at HFK 8:40am</p> <p>Mom's Morning Out 9:15am</p> <p>Faith Sharing Group 10:00am</p> <p>Quilters Group 10:00am</p> <p>Mass at HFK 6:30pm</p> <p>OCIA 7:00pm at HFK</p> <p>Helping to Feed Our Friends Garden Group 7:00pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8:38am</p> <p>Mass 9:00am</p>	<p>14 Feast of St. Valentine</p> <p>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8:38am</p> <p>Mass 9:00am</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Reconciliation 3:30pm</p> <p>Vigil Mass (Affirmation of Vows) 5:00pm</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Mass (OCIA Dismissal, Affirmation of Vows) 9:00am</p> <p>Mass (Affirmation of Vows) 11:00am</p>	<p>17 Presidents' Day</p> <p>Church Closed</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Word & Communion Service 9:00am</p> <p>Letter to the Hebrews 6:30pm (Zoom)</p> <p>St. Vincent de Paul 7:00pm</p> <p>Young Adults Faith & Fellowship 7:00pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8:38am</p> <p>Mass 9:00am</p> <p>Mom's Morning Out 9:15am</p> <p>Faith Sharing Group 10:00am</p> <p>Quilters Group 10:00am</p> <p>High School Bible Study 2:00pm at Starbucks, Totem Lake</p> <p>Social Justice Committee 7:00pm (Zoom)</p> <p>OCIA 7:00pm at HFK</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8:38am</p> <p>Mass 9:00am</p> <p>Finance Council 5:15pm (Zoom)</p> <p>Pastoral Council 6:00pm</p> <p>Knights of Columbus 7:00pm</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8:38am</p> <p>Mass 9:00am</p>	<p>22 Feast of the Chair of St. Peter</p> <p>Reconciliation 3:30pm</p> <p>Vigil Mass 5:00pm</p> <p>Olive Wood Sales 6:00pm</p> <p>New Bethlehem Programs Soiree 6:15 at HFK</p>
<p>23</p> <p>Mass (OCIA Dismissal) 9:00am</p> <p>CKCC (3yrs - K) 9:00am</p> <p>CKCC (1st - 5th) 9:45am</p> <p>Olive Wood Sales 10:00am</p> <p>Mass 11:00am</p> <p>Olive Wood Sales 12:00pm</p> <p>Confirmation Prep 2:00pm at HFK</p> <p>Youth Group 5:00pm</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Word & Communion Service 9:00am</p> <p>Spanish Class 10:00am</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm</p> <p>CKCC (1st - 5th) 7:00pm</p> <p>Patristic Fathers 7:00pm (Zoom)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Word & Communion Service 9:00am</p> <p>Letter to the Hebrews 6:30pm (Zoom)</p> <p>Rummikub 7:00pm</p> <p>Young Adults Faith & Fellowship 7:00pm</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Mass 9:00am</p> <p>Mom's Morning Out 9:15am</p> <p>Faith Sharing Group 10:00am</p> <p>Quilters Group 10:00am</p> <p>OCIA 7:00pm at HFK</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Mass 9:00am</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Mass 9:00am</p> <p>First Reconciliation Prep 7:00pm</p>	<p>March 1</p> <p>First Reconciliation Prep 10:00am</p> <p>Baptisms 3:00pm</p> <p>Reconciliation 3:30pm</p> <p>Vigil Mass (Birthday & Anniversary Blessings) 5:00pm</p> <p>Knights of Columbus Crab Feed 6:00pm</p>

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MOST NEEDED ITEMS

- Hats
- Gloves
- Handwarmers
- Bottled water
- Nonperishable food
- Toothbrushes with Toothpaste
- Combs

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