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In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert. John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah:

*A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.*

*Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low.*

*The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth,*

*and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."* Luke 3:1-6 Pieter Bruegel the Younger, "The Sermon of John the Baptist," ca. 1615, Bavarian State Painting Collections, Munich

# Stewardship at SJV

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.” – Colossians 3:23-24

## Stewardship of Treasure

**SJV SACRIFICIAL GIVING for the 2024-25 Fiscal Year: \$125,220**  
**Last Collection Total (Nov. 23/24 & 30/Dec. 1): \$16,781 Weekly Average \$5,692**

To pay electronically, click ONLINE GIVING on the SJV website, [St John Vianney - Vashon, WA \(stjohnvianneyvashon.com\)](http://stjohnvianneyvashon.com), or scan the QR code.



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ADVENT GIVING TREE**  
Please take an ornament from the tree and provide a cheerier Christmas for an Islander in need. Wrapped gifts back at SJV by Dec. 22nd, please. **MANY TAGS ARE STILL HANGING ON THE TREE.**

### POINSETTIAS FOR OUR CHRISTMAS ALTAR

**A DONATION TO SJV** Get your poinsettia form in the vestibule. Remember your loved ones at Christmas and help us make a glorious altar to welcome Christ.



**2ND SUN. COLLECTION** If you are able to help SVdP do its wonderful work on Vashon, you can place a donation for them in the Collection basket or online. <http://svdpvashon.org/>



**SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND** Thank you for contributing to the 190 CCS/CHS Programs helping the poor in Washington State. Envelopes are in the pews. **Please make checks payable to CCS.**

## Stewardship of Time

### 2024 Nativity & Carols—Rehearsal on Sunday

Our youth actors/lectors/singers and adult choir will perform Nativity & Carols on Dec. 22nd at 3PM. Rehearsal this Sunday, Dec. 8th, and next Sunday too. **This Sunday grab a small stack of pancakes for a fast breakfast after Mass and then head back into the church for rehearsal.**



SJV 2024 Nativity & Carols Sunday, December 22, 3:00PM

### ADVENT THOUGHTS AND STUDY OFFERINGS

Please check the links below for some very thoughtful direction of our faith as we enter this Advent season of waiting for the birth of Christ.

[Eschatology: Grade Checks and Conferences | iCasad](#)



[Find new meaning... - Jesuits of Canada and the United States | Facebook](#)

### DECEMBER EUCHARISTIC ADORATIONS

#### Eucharistic Devotion twice in December

This Friday, Dec. 6th, will be our December 1st Friday Adoration. **We will also have an hour of Eucharistic Devotion on Friday, Dec. 20th.** If you would like to arrive at 6:00PM, you will be able to join in the Benedictine Evening Prayer. **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 6:30.** The evening will conclude with a potluck in the Parish Hall. If you can, please bring a sweet or savory to share.



### FRASSATI YOUTH GROUP

Next evening is Dec. 18—at 6:30—for a **night of Christmas caroling.** See you then. Don't miss Frassati... Friends... Faith... Fun... Food! **And for this youth group session, a warm coat too!** If you don't want to miss the fun this, don't skip Frassati—every other Wednesday at SJV.



### PRAY THE ROSARY WITH OUR SJV FAMILY

#### Wednesday Zoom Rosary at 7PM

We are praying for our parish family and individual intentions. You will find the link on the SJV website—<https://stjohnvianneyvashon.com/> Meeting ID: **823 9368 4503**



**2025 CONFIRMATION PREPARATION Class is here at SJV Wednesday evening, Dec. 11th. At 6:30. See you here, Confirmandi.**



### BENEDICTINE PRAYER

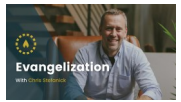
Liturgy of the Hours in the unity of the Holy Spirit.... **Morning Prayer:** Every M, W, F, from 6:30 to 7AM at the Burton Community Church **Evening Prayer:** In the sanctuary at 6:00PM on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesdays, and First Fridays at SJV, 6-6:30PM



**SJV WOMEN'S GROUP — SEE YOU NEXT IN 2025** Noon at SJV—BYOLunch... Spiritual reading shared and discussed... Catch up on our lives... Sometimes serious, sometimes fun... Always a good time with friends and support and faith....

## Evangelization STUDY GROUP SEE YOU IN 2025! NEXT CLASS IS JANUARY 5TH

The adult Faith Formation study group is a wonderful opportunity to share your faith, and with this group's focus, to share also how we hope to expand the number of those who share our faith. We hope you will join us in learning how to do what Jesus asked us to do.



**THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, THIS MONDAY, DEC. 9TH  
MASS AT NOON AND 7PM**

## Stewardship of Talent

**LEAF RAKING LAST WEEKEND—NO LONGER A LEAF IN SIGHT!**



### THANK YOU TO THESE PARISHIONERS:

We had a “medium turn-out” last Saturday, 17 when you count the Pottinger children lunch counter help! The raking and “getting rid of” leaves wouldn't have been nearly as fast without **Ryan Simmons and his four children**—thank you, Simmons Crew! Added to the Simmons blowers and rakers were: **Herb Beck, Kristen Elliott, Francisco Esquiviez, Gary Gray, Steve Jones, Fr. David, Alec Pottinger, and Laura Wishik**. Thank you to all—the parish is grateful for your sharing of your Saturday morning time and energy to beautify our campus.



**Maria, Meredith, and Grace** had three

crockpots warm with chili and soup ready for the rakers. Many thanks also to **Francisco for his homemade chicken tamales, Wintry Sheehan for her freshly made bread, and Fr. David for his batch of just made chocolate cookies**—lunch was great!!!

### THE HOMILY IN ACTION at the Wood Shed

They heard Fr. David's encouragement in his homily to do good for a neighbor during this Advent Season, and then **George Hockley and Steve Urban** filled a truck with firewood and made a delivery—thank you for this Christian action.



### ADVENT BAKE & CRAFT SALE

**December 14th & 15th—NEXT WEEKEND**

This will be a Parish fundraiser and a sweet way to celebrate Advent. Bring your treats to Mass and place on the sales table in the vestibule. After Mass, be ready to make your yummy selection **We need sales and a little set up help at each Mass. Can you arrive early and leave late and help your parish?** We need someone for the Vigil and Sunday Masses. Thank you for letting the office know if you will help.



### ADVENT PANCAKE BREAKFAST SUNDAY

A modest charge for a delicious breakfast: \$5 per person/\$15 per family. Thank you in advance to all the pancake enjoyers who help also with the pancake breakfast clean up. Janice, Bruce, and Mike have the set up, sausage and pancake making, and the dishes, and so would certainly appreciate your willing and busy hands helping with clean up. Thank you for your help, SJV.



### ADVENT WREATH FOLIAGE GRATITUDE!

Last Sunday the NW corner of the Hall was busy with wreath making, but unfortunately we have no photos of the resulting Advent Wreaths; we can, however, say thank you to **Mary Lawrence, Karen Reiling, Erin Simmons, and Jane Valencia** who scoured their yards for greens and blooms and brought them in to share—thank you guys!

### DON'T MISS SOME OF OUR PARISH CHOIR ON THE BIG STAGE NEXT WEEKEND

Holiday concerts feature beautiful Christmas carols: Vashon Island Chorale presents “Candlelight Carols” in two concerts at the Kay White Theater on Sat., Dec. 14 at 7:30pm and Sun., Dec. 15 at 3pm.



### SJV 3RD THURS. COMMUNITY DINNERS—

Up next on the 19th is our **December Team: Gomez, Lynn, Malone, and Peani!** Thank you to your four families. Let the office know if you would like join in this Christian action and sharing of our parish spirit. March 2025 dinner is open for a team. [kristen.parishlife@vashonsjv.org](mailto:kristen.parishlife@vashonsjv.org)



**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR  
THE 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

<u>Positions</u>	<u>5PM Vigil</u>	<u>Sunday 9:30</u>
Sacristan	xxxxxxx	M. Casad
Greeter	T. Terry	B. Powell
Lector 1	K. Meyer	A. Casad
Lector 2	A. Scafe	J. McCoy
EMC Cup	K. Meyer	
EMC Cup	A. Scafe	
Altar Server	D. Mielock	J. Casad
Accompanist	xxxxxxx	M. Casad
Cantor	xxxxxxx	A. Krikawa

**Prayer for the Sick Requests &  
Mass Intentions & Funerals**

*As a parish we pray for:*

Pamela Bianchi—Recovery of her memory and speech

Rudi Brutoco—Strength during healing

Claudia & Mike Cunningham—Fortitude

Dailene Dean—Healing

Kathi Ferrari —Healing

Cameron Hudson Manson Mattison—Recovery

Mary Lee Hutchinson—Rest in Peace

Denise Katz—Strength during healing

Gary Medeiros—Strength during treatment

Rick Paquette—Peace with his illness

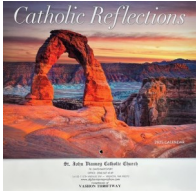
Leslie Perry—Healing and Recovery

Mary Sage—Strength in her illness

Monica Stein—Repose of the Soul

Gena Yousoufian—Healing

Please submit Prayer for the Sick requests to the Parish Office.



**THANK YOU TO THRIFTWAY FOR THE 2025 SJV CALENDARS** Please pick up your family's 2025 Catholic calendar from the credenza in the vestibule and remember to thank the store if you see the manger while shopping at Thriftway!

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**Sundays  
in Advent**  
A Season of Beauty & Grace

**- Saint Patrick Church -**  
6:00 pm Sung Advent Vespers  
6:30 pm Confessions  
7:00 pm Holy Mass

**TACOMA-VASHON PARISH FAMILY 2025  
CONFIRMATION**

All Parish Family Confirmation Sessions at St. Patrick Church Parish Center Fireside room

**When: Jan. 5.** 5:30-6:45PM, then Mass at 7PM Sundays

Topics: Guest Speaker weeks (at St. Patrick Parish Center)

Jan 5: Justice and Virtue (w/Deacon Bill Eckert)

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION  
PREPARATION**  
for grades 7-12 | ages 12-17

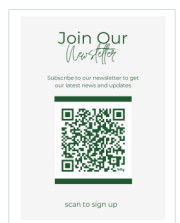


September 2024-February 2025

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## St. John Vianney 2024 Advent & Christmas Schedule

Confession in Advent: Saturdays, 3:00-4:30 —Reconciliation before Christmas is best



Nov. 30 SJV All-Parish Leaf Raking & Fall Clean Up Party and lunch, 9:00AM-Noon

Nov. 30/Dec. 1 First Sunday of Advent—wear purple  
Advent Wreath Making Party, during Coffee & Donuts  
St. Vincent de Paul Advent Giving Tree up in the vestibule  
Poinsettias to decorate the Christmas altar available for sale  
*Nativity & Carols* rehearsal after Mass

Dec. 7-8 Second Sunday of Advent—wear purple  
Advent Pancake Breakfast  
*Nativity & Carols* FULL rehearsal

Dec. 9 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception—Mass at Noon and at 7:00PM

Dec. 12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe—  
Las Mañanitas, 5:30AM, Mass and potluck, 7:00pm

Dec. 14-15 Third Sunday of Advent—Gaudete Sunday—wear rose/pink  
Advent Bake & Craft sale after both Masses—bake to help SJV!  
*Nativity & Carols* FULL rehearsal  
Blessing of the Bambinelli at both Masses—bring your Nativity's baby Jesus

Dec. 21-22 Fourth Sunday of Advent—wear purple  
Final Sunday to place gifts beneath the Advent Giving Tree and to order  
poinsettias

Dec. 22 Christmas decorating party, 11:30-2:30

Dec. 22 **Nativity & Carols, 3:00PM**

Dec. 24-25 The Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
Christmas Eve Mass 5PM Christmas Day Mass 10:00am

Dec. 28-29 Feast of the Holy Family

Jan. 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation), Mass at noon

Jan. 4-5 Feast of the Epiphany— Blessing chalk distributed at all Masses

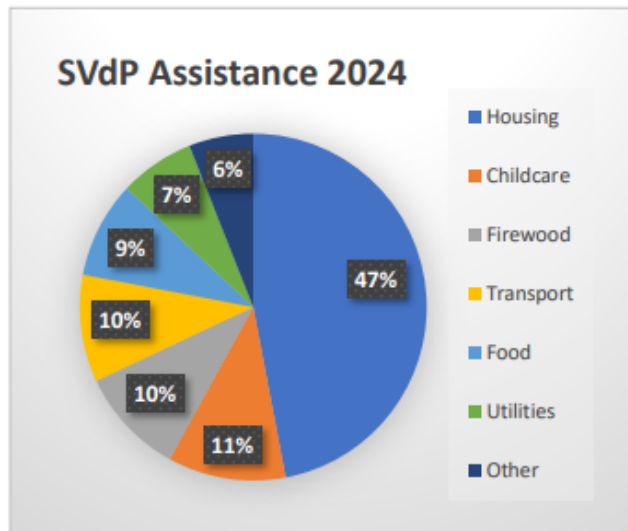


# St. Vincent de Paul Society

St. John Vianney Conference  
Vashon Island

## SVdP Vashon served 171 island households in 2024

Vashon's St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVdP) served a record number of island households in fiscal year 2024 thanks to record contributions. Donors provided SVdP with \$120,194 in cash and in-kind contributions this past year. That enabled SVdP to help 171 households (787 adults and children) pay for rent, utilities, food, clothing, transportation, childcare, and other needs.



In FY 2024, help included:

- Housing: \$52,763
- Childcare: \$12,560
- Firewood: \$11,720
- Transportation: \$11,361
- Food: \$10,646
- Utilities: \$7,407
- Other: \$6,776

"Parishioners at St. John Vianney Church and a growing number of other islanders have given us the means to assist more neighbors in difficult circumstances," said Barbara Powell, SVdP conference president. "We're also grateful for grants we've received from the Puget Sound

Energy Foundation, Granny's Attic and the Clementine Foundation."

As an active member of the Vashon Social Services Network, SVdP partners with Vashon Youth & Family Services, the Interfaith Council to Prevent Homelessness, DOVE, the Food Bank, and other service providers. St. John Vianney parishioners purchased presents for children of low-income families through SVdP's Christmas gift program while Windermere Realty provided Thanksgiving food baskets that SVdP delivered to some of those homes.

*SVdP-Vashon members are Barbara Powell, Jenny Shields, Mary Langland, Janis McElroy, Anne O'Leary, Charles Lovekin, Ann Scafe, Kathy Winge, John McCoy, Linda Bianchi, Pam McMahan, Kathy Gilbert, Leondra Weiss, Geri Thompson and Sue Earl-Lynn.*

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