



TACOMA - VASHON PARISH FAMILY

HOLY CROSS | SAINT PATRICK | SAINT JOHN VIANNEY

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Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money-changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, *Zeal for your house will consume me*. At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his Body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken. John 2:13-22

Mosaic of Jesus Cleansing the Temple, Cathedral of Monreale, Palermo, Sicily

Stewardship at SJV

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” —Matthew 6:19–21

Stewardship of Treasure

SJV SACRIFICIAL GIVING for the 2025-26 Fiscal Year: \$104,479

Last Collection Total (Oct. 9-22): \$20,718 Weekly Average \$5,804

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



2026 STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE DRIVE

Thank you so much to Erin and Ryan Simmons for their fantastic talk last weekend on the important and faith-filled decision to share of our financial treasure. The Stewardship of Treasure Cards are in all the pews. Prayerfully consider the gift you will give our church. You can pledge via the pledge card or online.



HELP FEED OUR ISLAND NEIGHBORS

The reduction in federal SNAP funding means more Vashon families will struggle to put food on the table. **St. Vincent de Paul–Vashon** helps by providing vouchers for food purchases from island groceries. Giving hungry households this choice and convenience supplements the work of food banks. Your donation directly helps a neighbor buy groceries. Contribute now through the QR code or at svdpvashon.org.



Stewardship of Time

SACRAMENTAL PREP CLASSES/CLASES DE PREPARACIÓN SACRAMENTAL



Our 1st Communion Class meets this Sunday, November 9th, following the 9:30 Mass. All students, please meet your teachers next to the coat rack by the side door of the Parish Hall. All parents, please pick up a donut for your child to eat after class. See you Sunday.

Nuestra clase de Primera Comunión ocurre este domingo 9 de noviembre, después de la misa de las 9:30.

Alumnos, por favor, reúnanse con sus profesores junto al perchero, junto a la puerta lateral del Salón Parroquial. Padres, por favor, compren una dona para que sus hijos la coman después de clase. Nos vemos el domingo.



****Our Confirmation Preparation is a two-year program, and includes attending our Frassati Youth Group, which meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday evenings—next meeting is Nov. 19 at 6:30PM.**

****La preparación para la Confirmación es un programa de dos años e incluye asistir a nuestro Grupo de Jóvenes Frassati, que se reúne el primer y tercer miércoles por la noche; la próxima reunión es el 19 de noviembre a las 6:30 p.m.**

ALL SOULS' DAY BLESSING OF GRAVES AT THE VASHON CEMETERY

Last Saturday the inclement weather led to a low-ish turnout for the blessing of graves, but even with the soggy grass, nine parishioners accompanied Fr. David on his walk through the Vashon Cemetery to bless the graves of their loved ones as well as those of many other former SJV parishioners whose resting place is our beautiful cemetery.



SJV MEN'S GROUP

SJV Parish is forming a Men's group! Starting this coming **Tuesday November 11th** and continuing to meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. All men are invited to read the gospels together or discuss a book we've chosen and grow in fellowship. The group will convene at 6:30 for snacks and social time, then break out into small groups at 7:00, followed by night prayer in the Nave at 8:05. The night's gathering should be over by 8:30. Invite a friend, anyone new, old and young alike, Catholic or not to walk together as seekers of Truth and disciples of Christ. Questions call: Collin Medeiros 206-940-6805.

P.S. Would you like to start a Women's group with the same schedule and pray night prayer together with the Men's group? Collin would love to chat.

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Pastor Letter: November 9, 2025 | *Feast of St. John Lateran Basilica*



Dear Friends in Christ,

In my All Souls homily last weekend, I wrote a knock off “Screwtape Letter” to address the great benefits of faithful Catholics praying for the dead...at all times. That’s because our prayers prayed in time exist in eternity, as they are addressed to the Eternal God! I hope this letter drives home the point. I am no C.S. Lewis, but as they say, imitation is the best flattery!

My dear Wormwood,

Congratulations are in order as you have faithfully led your Patient to the brink of the last things! You are coming to the end of your time with him; after many years of enticing him with indifference toward his adopted Father and that Beloved Son of his, and convincing him that being good & nice is sufficient. He is now breathing his last breaths and the victory can soon be ours. But I warn you: now is not the time to let up. You must be on your guard now more than in all the years you have subtly drawn him to our side. You must ensure that his heart is closed tight shut to all things light, so he may drift away in death into the darkness of our eternal abode. (*sinister laugh heh, heh, heh!*)

Why am I warning you now? Because it is now that the Patient’s Catholic family are armed with the arrows of their insipid prayers aimed directly at his crusted, hardened heart, hoping against all hope, that it may open ever so slightly to listen to the voice of the Beloved Son utter his loathsome mercies to him. You might ask how can this be? It is because these Catholics are relentless with their rosaries, their chaplets, their candles, and their Masses; they shoot from all times and places into eternity itself, hitting the Patient squarely at his last breath, for they are aimed at that very spot; the spot where the final

battle rages for all souls. For at the Patient's last breath, if he so much as takes into his heart the Son's voice of mercy and even with a slight groan acquiesces to it, then the Patient is invariably lost to us, and all we have done for so long is **UNDONE!** And you will helplessly witness your Patient's soul snatched away from you and taken toward perfection as Heaven is rewarded once again! And the failure remains ours.

Oh, Wormwood, I shudder to admit to you that your esteemed uncle has lost a number of his own patients in this very same way; so I warn that you must never let down your guard! And while others in our realm are working hard to undo these Catholics on many levels by indifference and distraction, convincing them to leave their dead in their happy memories and to have them set aside the arrows of their prayers to a bygone era...we are not yet successful in this regard. So we still must always be alert to their present ability to bring about our undoing at any moment. Keep up your guard, my dear nephew. Do not lose our hope of eternal separation for your Patient from our ancient Enemy.

Most truly do I sign myself,

Your affectionate uncle,
Screwtape

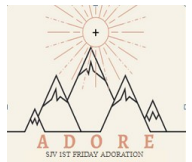
Blessings for the week ahead.

In Christ the Lord,
Fr. David Mulholland



NOVEMBER EUCHARISTIC DEVOTION This Friday, Nov. 7th, 6:30

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the church. The evening will conclude with some social time in the Parish Hall. If you can stay, please bring a sweet or savory to share.



FRASSATI YOUTH GROUP



The SJV Frassati Youth Group meets every other Wed. (the 1st and 3rd) at 6:30. Our 2027 Confirmandi are asked to attend Frassati as a way to expand their faith group.

This past Wednesday 17 of our Frassati youth enjoyed a presentation by parishioner Kate Lande covering the important Irish saints—Kate is a pro, as she is just back from a master's degree in Dublin. Thank you so much, Kate!



Their next get together is Nov. 19th Middle and High School Students—see you then. **Don't miss Frassati... Friends... Faith... Fun... Food!**

Stewardship of Talent

NEWEST DRIVE-THRU ON VASHON—OUR WOOD SHED!

Thank you to the eight people here who suited up for the rain and worked on cutting, picking up & dropping off a Land Trust donation, stacking, and area cleaning up!!! 30 tractor bucket loads of debris were carted off so that now trucks can ease along right next to the stacked firewood supply for our deliveries. Those tough were:

Casads, father & son, George Hockley, Jeff Kelley, Andy Krikawa, Tom Langland, Tom Lehman, Steve Urban, and Jim Walker.

This bunch didn't let the rain stop them. Thank you to all! p.s. If you came and I missed you, I apologize, please email the office and let me know—I also heard 10 had been there in the deluge!



LANTERN MAKING THIS SUNDAY

Want to know why... please use this link [Of Basilicas and Martinmas](#) | [iCasad](#) to understand the Catholic tradition behind lantern making in honor of two upcoming feasts—the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Sunday) and the Feast of St. Martin of Tours (Tuesday). The Lateran Basilica in Rome is truly a light to the world, and German children for centuries paraded with lanterns on Martinmas. Here at SJV we will have the chance to make lanterns during Coffee Hour. Please watch for the table with all the supplies, and make yours to light up your home and acknowledge the wonderful traditions our 2,000 year old history provides us.



COFFEE HOUR HOST SIGN-UPS STILL NEEDED FOR DECEMBER

Thank you to **Ann Navarro** who will have donuts and coffee waiting for all after the 9:30 Mass.

Hosts—December is 100%-open for Hosting. Please choose a Sunday so Coffee Hour can happen. New Hosts are welcome too!



SVdP MILESTONE—THE NUMBER OF YEARS OUR VINCENTIANS HAVE GIVEN

These parish members were honored last month at the SVdP meeting for their generous spans of service to the poor:



Five years: **Linda Bianchi, Janis McElroy, and Barbara Powell**

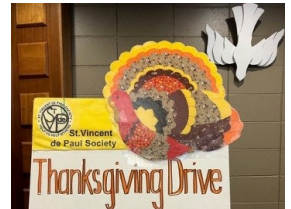
10 years: **Ann Scafe, Jenny Shields, and Sue Earl-Lynn**

15 years: **Mary Langland and John McCoy**

20 years: **Anne O'Leary**

And **40** years: **Kathy Winge!**

The SVdP Thanksgiving Drive begins next weekend—it is time to add extra Thanksgiving dinner items and staples to your list.



SJV 3RD THURS. COMMUNITY DINNERS—

Maui Ianelli and Erin Simmons are looking for a salad and meatless entrée to join their dishes on December 18th. This is your chance to experience this wonderful way to share Christian action with the greater Island community. November is covered thanks to **Janice & Bruce Johns and Barbara Powell.** **Sign-up sheets are on the table in the vestibule.** With the drippy weather and current SNAP situation, this warm spot for those in need is more important than ever.



PRAYER VIGIL FOR IMMIGRATION JUSTICE

In Seattle at the Federal Building, next Thursday, November 13th at 4PM—if you are able to attend, you will be joining with Catholics nationwide on this Thursday to pray for justice and peace here in the United States.



**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR
Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

Positions	5PM Vigil	Sunday 9:30
Sacristan	K. Elliott	E. Stewart
Greeter	K. Elliott	B. Powell
Lector 1	K. Meyer	E. Simmons
Lector 2	J. McElroy	B. Simmons
EMC Cup	K. Lande	M. Pottinger
EMC Cup	R. Reagan	L. Weiss
Altar Server	D. Mielock	C. O'Connell
Accompanist	xxxxxxx	M. Casad
Cantor	xxxxxxx	A. Terry
Coffee Hour	xxxxxxx	A. Navarro

**ALL SAINTS/ALL SOULS
PANCAKES WERE GREAT**

Those who followed their noses to the Parish Hall had a delicious treat. Thank you to Bruce and Janice, and to the extra hands replacing the Landes'—Maria's!



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.



The Cornerstone

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Prayer for the Sick Requests & Mass Intentions & Funerals

As a parish we pray for:

John Burggraff—Repose of the Soul
Claudia & Mike Cunningham—Fortitude
Jack Kanet, father of Caroline Peani—Repose of the Soul
Ron Keenan—Repose of the Soul
Gary Medeiros—Repose of the Soul
William Miller, father of Sylver Miller—Repose of the Soul
Rick Paquette—Repose of the Soul
Nancy Radford—Repose of the Soul
Mary Sage—Strength in her illness
Jay Scafe—Healing
Guy Stricherz—Repose of the Soul
Nancy Wallrof—Repose of the Soul

Funerals and Mass Intentions:

We will celebrate Memorial Masses for two former parishioners who have died this fall.

We will remember Nancy Wallrof at the 9:30 Mass on Nov. 23rd and Annette Geoghegan on Nov. 30th.

PRAY THE ROSARY WITH OUR SJV FAMILY

Wednesday Zoom Rosary at 7PM— You will find the link on the SJV website—<https://stjohnvianneyvashon.com/> Our SJV Rosary group is a warm group of parish-family friends, and an easy parish connection outside of Mass. Join us!



PREGNANCY AID OF TACOMA



Pregnancy Aid of Tacoma serves the well-being of families with children in & beyond the womb by providing material and emotional support. It is open for donations and shopping M, W, & Sat. @902 Market St. in Tacoma, from 10:30am-1:30pm. Please call ahead (253-383-4100). Rebecca Medeiros 206-305-2087

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING (NFP)

“Embracing the Gift of Life” Christian marriage calls spouses to give themselves to one another faithfully, fruitfully, totally, and forever, as Christ gave himself for us. This means a universal call to preserve fertility as a gift from God. Embracing Natural Family Planning (NFP) helps us to do this! You can read and learn all about it on these websites: [Natural Family Planning | USCCB](#) and <https://ccli.org>. For more information or to hear our stories, contact Collin and Rebecca Medeiros rebeccamedeiros@yahoo.com and collin@stellmarisfarm.com or Ryan and Erin Simmons ewsimmons@outlook.net.