

St. John Vianney Catholic Parish

St. Paschal Catholic Parish

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord January 11, 2026

Welcome!

To make St. John Vianney or St. Paschal your parish home, register with the office or online!

Pastor: Fr. Raymond Kalema

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SJV Parish School 509-926-7987

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Secretary: Joan Olson

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Director: Mary Jo Paschall

Prayer Chains

SJV: Jayne Seaboldt 509-921-0945

If unavailable: Mary McLeslie 509-926-0460

SP: Rosalie Thompson 509-443-7268

Assistance Program

If you need assistance with food, utilities, prescriptions, please call the SJV office Tues.—Thurs., 9 a.m. to noon

Catholic Family Service Counseling

Call the Diocesan Office 509-242-2308

SJV & SP Parish & Finance Council Members

SJV Parish Council:

Ric Wesselman (Chair), Greg Takisaki, Angie Nordhus, Ruth Ann Pfeifer, Sue Kappen, Mark Sullivan

SJV Finance Council:

Erik Wakeling (Chair), Barbara Ewers, Nick Durgan, Cathy Suda, Greg Takisaki

SP Parish Council:

Kathy Foreman, Fred Meyer, Joan Dunn, Emily Klein, Lori Sullivan, Tom Lutyens

SP Finance Council:

Bill Trudeau (Chair), Fred Meyer, Carmen Ballard



Mass Times:

SJV: Sat. Vigil 4 p.m.; Sun., 10 a.m.

SP: Sun. 8 a.m.

Daily Mass: SJV 8:15 a.m., Tues.-Fri.

Eucharistic Home Visits

If you are homebound or ill, and want to receive Holy Communion, please call the office.

Eucharistic Exposition for Adoration

SJV: Wed. 8:45 a.m. - 5 p.m.

2:30 p.m. — 3:30 pm Every First Saturday is

Holy Hour for Vocations

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Every Last Saturday is

Holy Hour for SJV School

SP: Tue. 5-6 p.m.

Confessions By appointment, and regularly at:

SJV: Sat. 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

SP: Tues. 5-6 p.m.

Sacraments of Baptism & Holy Matrimony

Parents seeking baptism for their child should fill out a baptism request form on our website 3 months before intended baptism date. Engaged couples should contact the office 6 months before the intended wedding date to begin marriage preparation.

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Interested in becoming Catholic, or want to ask about our OCIA program? Please call Mike Heywood, 509-999-8374 or Sue Manfred, 509-230-2695.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The St. John Vianney Catholic Church Family:

- Seeks to grow in our faith,
- to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ
- and to serve the people of God.

Office: (509) 926-5428 SJV / SP

Mailing Address: P.O.Box 141125, Spokane Valley, WA 99214

SJV Location: 503 North Walnut Road / SP Location: 2521 North Park Road

Website: www.sjvchurch.org / Email: sjv@dioceseofspokane.org / Facebook: StJohnVianneyCatholic

LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday Jan. 17	SJV		
Lectors	B. Smith	G. Takisaki	
EMs	D. Velardi	B. Standiford	C. Smith
Sunday Jan. 18			
Lectors	M. Heywood	B. Sauve	
EMs	S. Keith	D. Hamblin	J. Williams
Sunday Jan. 18	SP		
Lector	L. Burks		

Stewardship Report - SJV

1/4/26	Collected	Budgeted	YTDCollected	YTDBudget	Difference
Offertory:	\$ 8,508	\$ 7,692	\$ 201,731	\$ 207,692	\$ 5,962
Assistance	\$ 570		\$ 25,848		
Building	\$ 6,808		\$ 20,566		
School:	\$ 605		\$ 28,097		

Stewardship Report - SP

1/4/26	Collected	Budgeted	YTDCollected	YTDBudget	Difference
Offertory:	\$ 2,145	\$ 1,481	42,893	39,981	2,912
Assistance	\$ 75		\$ 2,210	\$	\$
Building	\$ 394		\$ 2,620		
Fuel	\$ 70		\$ 1,080		
School:	\$ -		\$ 50		

MASS INTENTIONS

	Offered For	Requested By
Tue	+ Mary Wachsmuth BD	Dave & Shelly Humbert
Wed	+ Harold Kellams	Ray & Jane Sebert
Thu	Vocations	
Fri	+ Toni Myers	Peg Heimerman
Sat	+ Sheila Verhey	Marilyn Frei
Sun	8 am People of SP	
	10 am People of SJV	

If Mass is ever canceled, please know that the intention will be offered in the next available Mass.

The Gospel of Mark Bible Study

We are continuing *The Gospel of Mark* Bible Study. Please join us in the Kathy Reisenauer Parish Hall at SJV Sundays from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Videos are available at *Formed* under "Lectio: Mark" with the episodes listed below:

- Jan. 4 Mystery of the Bread
- Jan. 11 Way of Discipleship
- Jan. 18 Jesus and the Temple
- Feb. 1 The Servant of the Lord
- Feb. 8 Jesus' Suffering, Death and Resurrection
- Feb. 15 Q and A

Questions - contact Greg Takisaki at 509-981-0487 or Doreen Takisaki at 509-922-9443.

Second collection for the Assistance Fund - **NEXT WEEK**

Young at Heart Luncheon



Join the *Young at Heart* for a potluck lunch this Thursday, Jan. 15 at noon in the Kathy Reisenauer Parish Hall at SJV. The SJV Kindergarteners will treat us to baked goods & share lunch with us. Everyone is welcome!

Father Raymond Vacation

Father Raymond will be out of the office **January 27- February 27**. We will not have daily Mass during that time, except on Wednesdays. We will still have our normal weekend schedule.

There will be no Confession or Adoration at St. Pachal during this time. Adoration and Confession will remain the same at SJV.

Please pray for Fr. Raymond and our visiting priests during this time.

DECEMBER ASSISTANCE FUND

The Assistance Committee would like to thank the St. John Vianney & St. Paschal communities for their tremendous support. Thanks to you, we were able to feed and provide gift cards to 45 families this Christmas. We also gave out \$6,313.93 for gifts, utility and garbage bills. A special "Thank You" to all who supported the Giving Tree and to the Knights of Columbus for their financial support.



Pray for the repose of the soul of

Virginia McMulkin

Funeral January 23 at 11 a.m. at SJV with reception to follow in the Kathy Reisenauer Parish Hall.

May she rest in peace.

ART CONTEST

Catholic Daughters are sponsoring an Art Contest. Students in grades 4-8 are invited to use their imagination to create an 8 1/2 x 11 inch drawing that reflects Matthew 25:40 "The Least of These" and enter. Details and entry forms can be found online at sjvchurch.org/catholic-daughters or in the SJV school or parish offices.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Join us Sunday, January 25 in the Kathy Reisenauer Parish Hall after 10 a.m. Mass for our Knights of Columbus Breakfast. Donations will benefit St. John Vianney School. Enjoy pancakes, scrambled eggs, ham, sausage and fruit while supporting our school.



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Sunday Reflection

Friends, today we celebrate the Feast of the Lord's Baptism, which also concludes the Christmas season. So, if you haven't yet done so, today is the right day to put down Christmas decorations. I have always shared in John the Baptist's shock that Christ should come to him for baptism! He is exceedingly stunned at this and says, "I need to be baptized by you... and yet you come to me?" We all know what has been going on in the desert; John has been preaching repentance with fire in his voice. Crowds come to him; sinners, soldiers, tax collectors, people who know they need conversion. John knows his role very well: he is the forerunner, the voice crying out in the wilderness, the one preparing the way. And then shockingly Jesus appears! Not with fanfare, not with angels, not with a heavenly spotlight, just quietly, simply, and humbly. He steps into the water to be baptized. Why would Jesus who is sinless, divine, the Son of God, submit to a baptism meant for sinners?

John expected the Messiah to stand apart but Jesus chose to stand with. John expected the Messiah to separate Himself from sin but Jesus chose to enter the very place where sin is confessed. John expected the Messiah to baptize with fire but Jesus chose to be baptized with water. Why? Because Jesus is not a distant God. He is Emmanuel, God with us. When Jesus steps into the Jordan, He is stepping into our story, our muddy waters, our sin, our confusion, our humanity. He is not baptized to be made holy but that humanity may be holy. He stands with sinners so that sinners may stand with God. He enters the water so that no human experience, no sin, no shame, no struggle will ever be outside His reach. He goes down into the water so that we can rise from it with Him.

We are further told that when Jesus rose from the waters, the heavens rend open, and the Father's voice was heard, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." This voice of the Father reveals what baptism gives us and what it truly is. Baptism is not simply a cleansing. It is a claiming, belonging, and identity. And everything spoken over Jesus is spoken over us in our baptism: You are my beloved child. I am pleased with you. You belong to me. This is the deepest truth of our lives. Baptism is therefore not a certificate, a family tradition or a photo album moment. Baptism gives us an identity, a belonging and a mission. Just as Jesus' baptism launched His public ministry, our baptism launches ours too.

So today we can pause to check if we have truly lived our baptismal identity and mission! And if not, the prophet Isaiah gives us a blueprint for that when he talks about the servant whom the Lord upholds. Isaiah says the servant will not break the bruised reed. In a world that is harsh, loud, and quick to condemn, the baptized are called to be gentle, patient, and healing. He also says, "I have made you a light to the nations." A baptized person is someone who refuses to add to the darkness, no gossip, no cruelty, no indifference but instead brings compassion, truth, and hope. The servant is also to open the eyes of the blind. This points not just to physical blindness but the blindness of despair, loneliness, or feeling unloved. A baptized person helps others see God's presence in their lives. The Lord's servant further brings freedom to captives. We all know people imprisoned by fear, addiction, shame, or grief. Our baptism calls us to walk with them, to be instruments of freedom.

Today, as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, we pray that we hear the Father's voice again: "You are my beloved. You are mine. Live as my child." And may that identity shape every choice, every relationship, every moment of our lives throughout this year.

SCHOOL NEWS

Dine Out for A Cause



Our January Dine-Out evening is at Chuck E. Cheese this month, Wednesday, January 14 from 3-9pm. 20% of all sales are donated back to the school! Come join us for dinner and some fun!!

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week and our annual Day of Giving is approaching. Catholic Schools Week begins on Sunday, January 25 and our Day of Giving is January 27. Our goal this year is \$50,000 and we are happy to announce that we have \$20,000 in matching funds - every dollar donated up to \$20,000 will be matched. To donate, go to johnvianney.com/give

Welcome Sandy Opp

Please welcome Sandy Opp, our new Bookkeeper and Business Manager. Sandy has a BS in Accounting & has been a bookkeeper for several years. She's married with grown children and grandchildren. Spokane has been her home since 2005.

Sandy says "I am excited to be working here and look forward to serving the Parishes."

Spaghetti Dinner

SJV Knights of Columbus will hold a Spaghetti Dinner, **Feb. 1** from noon - 5:30 pm in the Kathy Reisenauer Parish Hall. Age 11+ \$15, ages 6-10 \$6 and age 5 and under are FREE.



If you would like to volunteer for the event, please contact Mike at 509-998-4170

St. Paschal Altar Society & Knights of Columbus

The second Tuesday of each month the St. Paschal Altar Society (for women) and Knights of Columbus (for men) have separate meetings in the SP Rectory. Next meetings are Jan. 13. Altar Society meets at noon and Knights meet at 7 p.m. Come join these groups of women and men in service of Christ.

We need help taking down Christmas decorations at SJV. If you are available **Monday, Jan. 12 at 9 a.m.**, please lend a hand. Thank you!





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