

St. JOHN Mary VIANNEY MISSION 1916



**The location of:
"THE HEALING SHRINE OF THE
LIVING WATER**

**WELCOME
TO
ST. JOHN MARY VIANNEY MISSION**

Welcome to our historic "Little Country Church"! We hope our love of the Lord and spirit of hospitality will be a blessing to you.

For over 90 years we have kept the Catholic presence alive in these far reaches of Snohomish County. One of our trade marks is our weekly brunch after our noon Mass on Sunday. We invite everyone to stay and share a meal and visit with each other. We cherish our out of town regulars and all who make the journey to be with us. Please do come again!

With our new Campbell Hall, we are now able to provide a facility for a wide range of events for people near and far. We hope this little introduction will encourage you to come back and use our beautiful facility for a special event.

HISTORY:

Several Catholic families lived in the Darrington area in the early 1920s. Somewhere around 1915 the Campbell family convinced Fr VandeWalle from Snohomish to come once a month to offer Mass. He was met at the train at Shomet Crossing and taken by horse and buggy to the Campbell home at Squire Creek. Mass moved to the Lelan Hotel lobby as more Catholics arrived. The next stop was in the club room behind the Baevin Restaurant. We became a mission parish in 1916. Our first pastor was Fr. William Fitzgerald. An old bunk house from the Sauk River Logging Co. and portable classrom from Darrington School District make up the present St. John Mary Vianney Church. An extensive remodel in the early 1980's added the ceiling shape and the "Flying buttresses" outside. In 2008-2009 Campbell Hall was built under the direction of Marv Kastning and many volunteers.