

YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!

The parish council currently has two two-year openings, effective in January 2010. Its mission is to advise the pastor on practical matters of parish life and to develop a greater sense of community within the parish. We welcome diversity on the council, reflecting the diversity of our community. Present members of the council include, among others, parishioners of Chinese, Filipino, and Indian descent.

Requirements for being a council member are only that you be a parishioner and have a desire to help build a stronger, more vibrant parish. We meet on the first Thursday of every month from 7 to 9 P.M. in the community center.

If interested, you may contact Fr. Greg at 252-7653 x24 or pastor@stjoscup.org or Janice LaMotte at 252-7653 x30 or adulted@stjoscup.org before January 7, 2010.

2009 Christmas Schedule
 Christmas Eve
 Thursday, December 24
No morning mass
 Masses: 4, 6, 8 & 10 P.M.
 (The 4 P.M. mass will have a special focus on children.)

Christmas Day
 Friday, December 25
 Masses: 8, 9:30, & 11 A.M.
No mass at 5 P.M.

Feast of the Holy Family
 December 26-27
Regular weekend schedule

New Year's Day
 (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)
 Friday, January 1, 2010
 Mass at 10 A.M. only
 (This day is *not* a holy day of obligation this year.)



The parish offices will be closed from Christmas Eve at noon until Monday, January 4, 2010, at 9:00 am. We wish everyone a safe, happy and healthy holiday season.



Do You Like to Organize Things? If so, we would greatly appreciate your help **organizing the song books in the pews each week.** Normally, the youth from California School for the Blind do this job, but they currently have no transportation. Thus, we are asking our parishioners if they would be willing to help. Usually this can be done on a Monday morning, anytime after 9 a.m. Mary Ellen Hennig is coordinating this effort. Please call (408) 255-6382. Many thanks for your help!



Christmas Poinsettia's For Our Church

Would you care to make a gift of a poinsettia in memory of a loved one or to honor someone special? If so, we will purchase and place a poinsettia in our sanctuary at Christmastime. Special envelopes are located on the table in the vestibule of church, outside the chapel door or at the parish office. A list of names of persons honored will be published in our bulletin after Christmas.

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE INCREASED THEIR DONATIONS TO OUR PARISH. We are most grateful that you recognize the importance of having a parish in which to worship and to carry out the work of the Lord!
Again, deepest thanks!

GRIEF SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO HAVE SUFFERED A LOSS OF LOVED ONE, JOB, ETC. NEXT MTG. JANUARY 3, 2010 FROM 3-4:30 P.M. IN THE PARISH OFFICE.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: What does "Advent" mean? How many weeks are there and what are the colors? *Answer: The liturgical season which begins four Sundays before Christmas. The color is purple and it is a season of "waiting".*



There will be no Catechetical classes on Dec. 20, Dec. 23, Dec. 27 and Dec. 30. Classes will resume Jan. 3. The Catechetical office is closed from Dec. 20-Jan. 2.

HAVE A SAFE AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS!





GROWING IN FAITH



(If you are interested in any of the offerings below, please contact Janice LaMotte in the parish office---252-7653 ext. 30)

"ALIVE IN THE SPIRIT"! CHECK OUT THE FOLLOWING OFFERINGS:

- Jan. 3 Celebration of Epiphany ---movie 3 p.m.
- Jan. 4 Bible Study (Paul's Life & Thessalonians--- Deacon Ron Hansen---7 p.m. Art Room

Our **BIBLE STUDY** is now concluded on the gospel of Mark. Deacon Ron Hansen will resume bible study on Monday, January 6h at 7 p.m. in the Art Room of the school.

INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH or completing initiation through the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist? *(call Janice at 252-7653 ext. 30 for more information)*
The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: (RCIA) ages 7&older HELP SPREAD THE FAITH. INVITE SOMEONE TO FIND OUT ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH!

There is no prayer group this week. The group will reconvene on the 1st Thursday of the New Year—09-07-2010

PRAYER REQUESTS? We have a prayer request form on our **website**. All requests are welcome & confidential.

Anyone who has brought PICTURES of your loved ones for our November display, please pick them up in the parish office as SOON AS POSSIBLE.

BETTER PREPARED NEXT WEEK'S MASS: FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY December 27, 2009

Read Sirach 3:2-, 12-14;
Colossians 3:12-21 Luke 2:41-52

Question for Adults:

What has this blessed season been like for you and family? Who has been and example of faith for you?

Questions for Children:

What family tradition do you like most?

ACTION

SAY A SPECIAL PRAYER BEFORE OPENING YOUR GIFTS. THANK JESUS FOR COMING INTO THE WORLD

Prayer:

Come Lord Jesus, make us more like you and guide us in what we need to do to make things better for those around us. Amen



SJC SCHOOL NEWS

Extremely generous donations of all amounts continue to come in for our

PRESCHOOL CAPITAL CAMPAIGN!!!

Our overall goal is \$200,000 and it is possible that we will reach three-fourths of that goal by the end of this calendar year, December 31, 2009. Your open-hearted goodness has truly been inspiring, and we are so grateful. This week we are happy to share with you that we have now exceeded the \$135,000 mark. Remember, all gifts given by December 31 will be tax-deductible for the 2009 tax year. Please help us to reach the \$150,000 mark. If we are able to reach the \$150,000 mark by the end of this month, we are confident that we will be able to reach the \$200,000 mark by the end of the school year, and we can proceed with plans for the additional meeting room/learning center that will be such a boon to our school and parish curricular and extracurricular programs. The Diocesan Building Committee agrees that we will save a lot of money by including this additional room in our renovation plans.

Cash gifts, pledges, credit card donations, and stock transfers are a few of the methods of giving offered. If you need to speak with one of us during Christmas vacation, please e-mail Mary Lyons at stjosephcup@yahoo.com or Kama Belloni at development@sjc.org. We will get back to you right away.

PRESCHOOL APPLICATIONS

TUITION/DAILY SCHEDULE

Our SJC JUNIOR JAGUARS PRESCHOOL will definitely be opening in August 2010. Spread the word. We have everything in place, including staffing and curriculum. We are planning to open with 24 students, with the option to expand to 35 to accommodate our school/parish/related families.

PRESCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT

We will have another Preschool Information Night in February. We are moving along smoothly and successfully. Most importantly, our SJC Preschool will be the best! We will have a beautiful facility, an outstanding staff, a nurturing environment, and a strong curriculum.

Christmas plants to be watered starting December 3 (perhaps checking on all twice weekly—watering once). Would you be able to give us a few hours of your time? Would like to have two persons to share this little job. Please phone Totsie Taylor @ (408) 252-7653x61 at your earliest convenience as I would like to get things into place early in December. Thanks so much.



WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW MEMBERS, VISITORS AND GUESTS! Your presence helps enliven our community and we thank and praise our God for each and every one of you.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56
 Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66
 Thursday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79
 Friday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Midnight: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
 Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
 Sunday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128 or Ps 84; Col 3:12-20 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

Mass Intentions For the Week

Dec. 19	5:00 PM	Donald & Faye Mullen (+)
Dec. 20	8:00 AM	Robert Steinberg (L)
	9:30 AM	Jose Saleme (+)
	11:00 AM	Sakti Widjojo (+)
	5:00 PM	Cecilia Quadros (+)
Dec. 21	8:30 AM	Joel Munar (L)
Dec. 22	8:30 AM	Aurelia & Baldemero, Jr. Munar (+)
Dec. 23	8:30 AM	Victoria & Baldemero, Sr. Munar (+)
Dec. 24	4:00 PM	Louise Smith (+)
	6:00 PM	Frank & Mary Ward (+)
	8:00 PM	Joe Ignatowicz (+)
	10:00 PM	Michael Saenz (L)
Dec. 25	8:00 AM	Donato & Praxides Ducusin (+)
	9:30 AM	Linda Munar (+)
	11:00 AM	Peggy Anne Martone (+)
Dec. 26	8:30 AM	Gloria Tanique & Linda Iyama (L)
	5:00 PM	George Erickson (+)
Dec. 27	8:00 AM	Ronald Kelm (+)
	9:30 AM	Wilfredo & Clarita Munar (+)
	11:00 AM	Elio Castnuela (+)
	5:00 PM	Mary Louise Smith (+)



PLEASE PRAY FOR

All victims of war & terrorism, All serving our country in the military, PEACE, and our relatives and friends



Stewardship at St. Joseph of Cupertino

The Gospel today tells of the Virgin Mary, pregnant herself, hurrying off to help her cousin Elizabeth. The model of good stewardship, she who had given herself to bear the Savior gave her time and love to others as well.

For more information on the many ways to practice stewardship at St. Joseph of Cupertino, please call L. T. Guttadauro, Stewardship Council, at 253-2449.

Stewardship in Action

Dear God and Father, You have given me a mission to help bring about your reign on earth as it is in Heaven through my life and the gifts You have given me. May I use the gifts of time, talent and treasure to follow Your plans and accomplish Your will. Help me go in peace to love and serve You!

THE FOLLOWING MINISTRIES NEED YOUR HELP!!! PLEASE ANSWER THE "CALL"

WON'T YOU HELP? Help make our monthly liturgies with "**emphasis on children**" extra special. This is a very rewarding ministry to help enrich the faith life of our younger parishioners. Call Dan if you can help; 252-7653 ext.32

JOIN OUR FUNERAL RECEPTION COMMITTEE:

It only takes about two hours of your time to set up, serve, and clean up when someone has a reception in our community center. This only happens about six times a year. Call Janice at the parish office.

NEW MINISTRY!!! We would like to start a ministry for those who need help with meals during a time of convalescence or loss. If you are willing to help or for more information, call Janice at the parish office 252-7653 ext. 30



Meant4More Youth Ministry is open to all students in high school. We meet every Sunday from 6-8pm. Come join us and make new friends, learn your faith, play games, sing, go on trips and watch movies. For more information email primomartinez@yahoo.com.

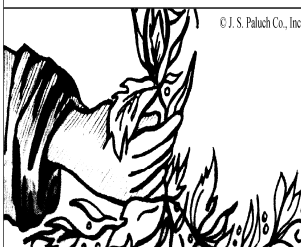
Young Adult Ministry

Are you single or married in your 20's or 30's? Perfect! The Young Adult ministry promotes spiritual enrichment through bible study, discussion of current controversial issues, religious retreats, and guest speakers from the Catholic community. We also organize social events such as dinners, movies, bowling, nature hikes, etc. to kick back and have fun with friends. The YAM group is passionate about sharing our gifts, so we participate in community service events multiple times a year.

Please come join us in our prayer meeting the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month, 6:30PM, in the Rectory office.

DID YOU KNOW? ATTENDANCE AT CHURCH

does not automatically make you or your family REGISTERED members of St. Joseph of Cupertino parish. Registration forms are in the vestibule, outside the chapel and available online. Do not hesitate to call on us if you have questions.



**Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 20, 2009**

O LORD of hosts, look down from heaven and see; take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted.
— Psalm 80:15-16

Automated Giving is here—Have you signed up yet?

All parishioners are encouraged to give a set monthly amount. There are a number of ways this can be accomplished. You can sign up for Parish Pay by clicking on “donations” on the St. Joseph website home page (www.stjoscup.org). You can use your bank’s online bill pay service to set up a recurring monthly payment to St. Joseph, or you can write one check each month and either drop it in the collection basket or send it to the parish office. If you have questions, please contact the Planned Parish Giving team at ppcteam@stjoscup.org or call Mike Hoffman at (408) 255-4767.

PARISH WEBSITE!!---(stjoscup.org) have you checked out our parish’s website lately? You will find the **bulletin**, a **calendar of events** including **funerals**, and links to other **resources** as well as a **homily** at times!

podcast---“**Morning has Broken**,” **singing and reflection, Sofyan Nugroho**, one of our parishioners and song leaders!

PRAYER LINE! (Prayer line @stjoscup.org)

Other Websites

American Catholic.org, you’ll find information about the Catholic Faith, Saint of the Day, as well as a place for prayer requests!

Vatican---www.vaticanstate.va in English, Italian, French, German, and Spanish

The Christophers website at www.christophers.org.

www.Americancatholic.org

www. Finding God.org

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WARNING!!! Not all websites are created equal---be careful that they follow the true Catholic teaching!

PARISH OUTREACH We welcome your donations of dry and canned foods for our Out reach Closet. Please continue to bring these items with you when you attend weekend Masses. Unfortunately, **we cannot accept any articles of clothing**. All other clothing should be taken to other charitable organizations. Thank you for your support of our program.

MEMORIES AND DREAMS

There is an old saying that good gifts come in small packages. This is certainly borne out in today’s scriptures. In the first reading the Lord announces that it is from Bethlehem, described as “too small to be among the clans of Judah” (Micah 5:1), that the Messiah would spring forth. In the Gospel story of the visitation of Mary to Elizabeth, we can only imagine Mary, probably a young teenager, a small woman, bearing within herself the greatest gift the world would ever know. These scriptures have much to say to us as we look forward to opening Christmas gifts over the next few days. Nothing in any package beneath any tree can compare to the gift given to the world two thousand years ago. As we share the joy of Christmas, let us remember the greatest gift, Jesus Christ, who came into this world to save us and set us free.

PRAYER REQUESTS? We have a prayer request form on our **web-site**. All requests are welcome & confidential.



DID YOU KNOW?

We run a **BINGO** game every Monday and Saturday night. **BINGO** is a source of significant funds for our school, along with other donations to outreach, scholarships and other needed charities.

BINGO is in the parish hall. Warm-ups games start a 6:30 PM with the regular games at 7:15 PM. If you are a first time player there, you will receive a free dauber. Come join the fun--and spread the news!

**St. Joseph of Cupertino
Staff Information**

- Parish Office: 252-7653** sjeparish@stjoscup.org
- Secretary: Free Draga Fri. Admin. Asst: Tracey Govola
- Bereavement Ministry – 221-7255Mary Ann Herlihy
- Bingo Information – x37
- Business Administration – x23 Monica Viruegas-Ferrante
- Catechetical Ministry – x60 Tam Tran (catmin@stjoscup.org)
- Liturgy – x32 Dan Morris
- Ministry to the Sick – 252-7653 Marlene Penney
- Organist – 996-9352 Lothar Bandermann
- Outreach.....Dick Schumacher/Tom Kemnitz
497-7952 (Dick) – 446-1674 (Tom)
- Pastoral Associate – x30Janice LaMotte
(adulted@stjoscup.org)
- School – 252-6441 Mary Lyons (www.sjcschool.org)
- Wedding Coordinator – 255-1881Totsie Taylor
252-7653x61
- Youth Ministry Coordinator --x38Primo Martinez
(Primo.Martinez@yahoo.com)
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- Altar Server Coordinator.....Rev. Normandy Segovia
- Infant Baptism.....Rev. Normandy Segovia
- Kaiser Hospital ChaplainRev. Peter Seimas
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- Stewardship Council..... stewardship@stjoscup.org
- Finance Council.....finance@stjoscup.org
- Liturgy Committee.....liturgy@stjoscup.org
- Communications Committee ..communications@stjoscup.org

- Baptism**
Please call the parish office to begin the required preparation process.
- Marriage**
Please contact one of the priests at least six months in advance.
- Adult Initiation**
If you are interested in becoming a Catholic call the parish office. Our RCIA program looks forward to hearing from you.
- Illness**
If someone from our parish is ill and would like to receive communion and/or the anointing of the sick, please call the parish office.
- Bereavement Ministry**
This ministry provides food after a funeral or memorial service. Advance notice is necessary. Volunteers are always welcome to join.