



St. Joseph of Cupertino Catechetical Ministry

Family Letter—March 2010



Dear Families,

February 17 was Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. When you talk with your child about the season of Lent, perhaps these questions will help you think of things you could do as a family: What can we do together this Lent? Who can we reach out to? What can we do for our parish or for our town or for people who need our help? When would be a good time for us to pray together every day/every week this Lent?

As you decide on something to do as a family, keep in mind that the season of Lent is about turning our hearts to God; this is called “conversion.” Perhaps what you decide to do as a family during Lent becomes something you can do as a family all year long. I would be excited to hear about your experiences.

Last Sunday, Rice Bowls were sent home with your children. If your child was absent, please pick one up in the Catechetical office. Last year we collected over \$500 dollars for Catholic Relief Services.

Besides collecting money for the rice bowls, I also wish to ask each family to minister to the children in Alviso. Fliers will be sent home on February 28. You have been very generous during our Thanksgiving and Christmas outreach, and I ask for your generosity again this Easter. Page 2 of this Family Letter gives details on what each class is asked to bring.

March 14 begins Daylight Saving Time. Don’t forget to set your clocks **ONE HOUR AHEAD** on Saturday, March 13 or the children will be an hour late to classes on Sunday!

Yours in Christ,

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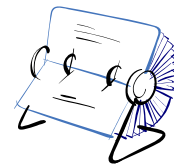
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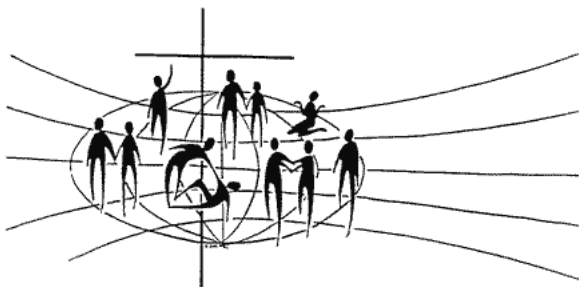
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BEING THE BODY OF CHRIST



Br. Joseph Hiep, FSC

Christ has no body now on earth but yours;
you are the only hands which he can do his work,
yours are the only feet with which he can go about the world,
yours are the only eyes through which his compassion can
shine forth upon a troubled world.

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St. Teresa of Avila
(Doctor of the Church)

How are we and our children building up the body of Christ?



Sacrament Preparation

The Family Retreat is on Saturday, March 20, 9:30am-12:00 pm in the Parish Hall!!

All families of children celebrating the sacraments of Confirmation and/or First Eucharist are expected in attendance. At least one parent/guardian should be in attendance with all the children preparing for sacraments this year, but sponsors and siblings are welcome! Letters will be going out February 28 and we ask that you RSVP by March 10 so that we might have a total headcount. The retreat will start promptly at 9:30am so please plan to arrive a bit earlier to sign-in your child. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Along with the RSVP Family Retreat form sent home, also included is a form for the Restored-Order celebration on April 24. Please return the form to the office no later than April 1 to help us better arrange the seating for the day of the celebration.

Alviso Easter Outreach

Our Alviso Easter Outreach project will be to provide Easter Baskets for the children living in Alviso. Each student will be asked to bring something specific to contribute to the Easter Baskets. When purchasing your item, please keep in mind that the item must fit into a medium size basket and candy must fit into a small plastic egg. A basket is on display in the Catechetical office for you to get a sense of the size. These contributions will be due on March 28 and delivery will take place on Thursday, April 1. Listed below is what we are asking each class to contribute. An excel file will be sent via mail with details on the age and gender to help each family with specific Easter contributions. Please call the office at 252-7653x60 if you have any questions. May God bless you for your continued generosity!

CLASS

ITEM

3-year-olds (Art room)	Easter basket (12" in diameter)
4-year-olds (Room 2)	Gender specific toy
KA (Room 1)	Plush toy (approximate size 12")
KB (Room K)	Gender specific toy
1A (Room 4)	Plush toy (approximate size 12")
1B (Room 5)	Boxed chocolate bunny
2A (Room K)	Plush toy (approximate size 12")
2B (Room 1)	Gender specific toy
3A (Room 2)	Gender specific toy
3B (Room 3)	Boxed chocolate bunny
4A (Room 4)	Easter basket (12" in diameter)
4B (Science Room)	Boxed chocolate bunny
5A (Room 5)	Gender specific toy
5B (Room 6)	Boxed chocolate bunny
6A (Youth Ministry Room)	Plush toy (approximate size 12")
JH (Youth Ministry Room)	Boxed chocolate bunny
Catechists	Easter basket (approximate size 12")



If you would like to contribute even more, we are also in need of more grass, plastic eggs and bags of individually wrapped mini size candy like Hershey Kisses, Sweet Tarts, Jelly Belly, etc... NO PEANUT containing candy.

This Month's Dates to Remember

Sunday, March 7	Sunday Catechetical Classes in session <i>9:30am Sunday liturgy with an emphasis on children</i>
Sunday, March 14	Sunday Catechetical Classes in session <i>Daylight Saving Time begins—set clock 1 hour ahead</i>
Saturday, March 20	Sacramental Preparation Family Retreat , 9:30am-12pm, Parish Hall
Sunday, March 21	Sunday Catechetical Classes in session Eucharist/Confirmation Review for older children, 1-2:30pm in the Art Room
Sunday, March 28	Sunday Catechetical Classes in session
Sunday, April 4	No Catechetical Classes—Easter
Sunday, April 11	No Catechetical Classes—Spring Break

***Junior High will meet every Wednesday night from 7:30pm-8:45pm.**

Early Childhood Education News



During the month of March, the children in 3's, 4's and Kinder will be discovering the wonders of God's creation. The first graders will be learning about the early Church, formed through the gift of the Holy Spirit, and how the Church is called to act in the world for the good of all.

Lent & Easter Schedule

Friday Night Lenten Devotions:

March 5	7:00 PM	Taize Prayer Service
March 19	7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Every Saturday from 3:30 to 4:45 PM (none on April 3)

Parish Lenten Reconciliation Liturgy—Friday, March 26 at 7:00 PM

Chrism Mass—Tuesday, March 23 at 7:30 PM at St. Joseph Cathedral

Holy Week

Holy Thursday, April 1: 7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 2: 12:15 PM– Good Friday devotions
1:30 PM– The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
7:00 PM– Taize



Easter Vigil, April 3: 8:00 PM—The solemn vigil of Easter (Note: This is at least a 2 hour liturgy and is not recommended for small children due to its length.)

Easter Sunday, April 4: Masses in the morning are at 8:00, 9:30 (church and hall) and 11:00 (church and hall).

Please note: There will be no 5:00 PM mass on Easter Sunday, or the day before.