



They offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh

UPDATE ON THE MEDITATION GARDEN FROM FR. GREG

Progress on this long-awaited garden has been painfully slow, mainly because the project is much more complicated than originally imagined. For example, we must take care not to harm the existing trees, and in order to do this we have had to consult some tree experts. But the parish has secured the approval of the diocesan Building Committee and received a number of bids from interested landscapers. Mary Ann Herlihy and I interviewed landscapers on January 4 and 5; we hope to have made a choice of landscaper by the time you read this message. The next step is to obtain a contract and the necessary signatures. Once this is done, work can begin.

Some parishioners have inquired about the inscriptions on the promised plaques and benches. We have records of all those who have requested these inscriptions and will contact each donor before the plaques and benches are ordered. We want to make sure that the wording is exactly correct. In the meantime, I ask your patience and your continuing enthusiasm for this beautiful addition to our parish property. And by the way, information on how to donate and how to remember your loved ones in the garden or community center is still available in the vestibule or at the parish office.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

All victims of war & terrorism,
 All serving our country in the military,
PEACE, and for our relatives and friends:
 Ake Jacobson & Lilybeth Solis,
 Ken Tuttle, Kenneth Huettl,
 Wilda Duvernay, Paul Lee, Trevan
 Cooley, and Edward Osuna



Next weekend there will be a second collection for **ETHNIC MINORITIES** and the **CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA**. This national collection will support and strengthen evangelization programs for Black and Native American peoples of the United States and will give aid to evangelization, pastoral programs and the formation of laity, religious and seminarians for the Latin American Church.

Mass Intentions For the Week

Jan 06	8:30 AM	Sonny Paulino (L)
	5:00 PM	In Thanksgiving
Jan 07	8:00AM	Sierra Perez (L)
	9:30 AM	Hari Widjaja (+)
	11:00 AM	Nellie Mirelez
	5:00 PM	William Scott
Jan 08	8:30 AM	Joyce Brennan
Jan 09	8:30 AM	Anna Solleza
Jan 10	8:30 AM	Marie Louise Wybo (+)
Jan 11	8:30 AM	Michael Sullivan
Jan 12	9:00 AM	Special Intention
Jan 13	8:30 AM	Ezio Faraguna (+)
	5:00 PM	Oscar Tapia (+)
Jan 14	8:00 AM	Russ Loafman (+)
	9:30 AM	Ursula Aiken (+)
	11:00 AM	Anne Robertson (+)
	5:00 PM	Sofia Laguisma (L)



STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO

The three kings in today's Gospel traveled a great distance at considerable cost in time, effort and expense to offer their richest gifts to Jesus. "Then they opened their treasures and offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." How far will I go and what will I offer to do homage to this newborn King, fulfilling my obligation to my Savior? For more information on the many ways to practice stewardship at St. Joseph of Cupertino, please call 253-2449.

A Stewardship Prayer

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 our plans and accomplish Your will. Help me go in peace to

SILVER AND GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Bishop Patrick J. McGrath invites couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversaries (or more) to a mass celebrating their commitment at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph on February 3, 2007, at 10:00A.M. The mass will be bilingual in English and Spanish, and the couples will have the opportunity to renew their wedding vows. A reception in the Cathedral's parish hall will follow. Registration forms are available at our parish office or you may register online at dsjliturg.y.blogspot.com. The deadline for registration is January 26, 2007.

Congratulations and God's Blessing to Angie and Ed Vasquez who are celebrating 59 years of marriage on January 18, 2007.

Grief Support Group: All are welcome to attend our grief support group which meets on the first Sunday of the month from 1:30 until 3 p.m. in the rectory. It is facilitated by Larry Compagnoni, a trained counselor. Call 252-7653.



GROWING IN FAITH



(If you are interested in any of the offerings below, please contact Janice LaMotte in the parish office (408) 252-7653 ext. 30)

PLEASE HELP US REACH OUT!!!

We are looking for parishioners of various ethnic backgrounds, who are willing to call new members and welcome them to St. Joseph of Cupertino. Please consider seriously this vital and important ministry! It does not require a lot of your time.

HAVE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW BEEN AWAY FROM THE CHURCH? NEED UPDATING? "TAKE ANOTHER LOOK" at the Church offers sessions that would be most helpful. They will be held on Mondays beginning January 15th through Feb. 12 at Queen of Apostles parish and co-sponsored by St. Joseph of Cupertino. Call Janice for more information.

ADULT CONFIRMATION: If you are an adult 18 yrs and older who has not celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation and would like to do so this spring, call Janice at the number above. **Our first meeting will be**

Sunday, January 21st at 12 noon in the rectory.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC? KNOW

SOMEONE WHO IS? Our ongoing process is for anyone who has not been baptized, been baptized in another faith tradition, or baptized Catholic with no further formation. All are invited to "come & see" on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. in the Parish Community Center. Call Janice at the above number for more information.

FAITH SHARING

**Gospel for Jan. 14, 2007---2nd Sun. of Ordinary Time--
-John 2: 1-11**

Question for Adults:

When have you helped someone in a difficult situation?

Questions for Children:

What can you do to help someone who is in need of help this week?

Action:

Celebrate with a special meal---prepare a special food.

Prayer:

Lord, keep us faithful to you and mindful of what you are calling us to do to be better members of your Church. Amen

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11 or Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or
Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7 or Acts 10:34-38;
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11



SJC SCHOOL NEWS

SJC SCHOOL'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Please join us to celebrate our 50 years of Catholic Education. SJC School opened its doors for the 1956-1957 school year. We will be celebrating with the entire St. Joseph community! If you would like to attend, please RSVP through last week's invitation flyer, on line at www.sjeschool.org or call the school office. The celebration will take place on **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2007**, beginning with the 11AM Mass, followed by a luncheon in the Parish Hall, and an Open House at the school.

LIFE DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Thank you to all who have donated to the LIFE fund over the past several weeks. We have received about \$27,000.00 in donations so far. Be assured that 100% of your tax-deductible gift goes directly to the Development Fund. Donations are accepted in cash, pledges and stock transfers. Please help us surpass our goal of \$1.5 million during this, our 50th Anniversary year.

SAVE CAMPBELL'S LABELS FOR SJC SCHOOL

Please continue to save labels from Campbell's products as well as Swanson, Peppridge Farms, Prego, Franco American, Marie's, Mrs. Paul's, V-8, Vlasic, Pace product labels, UPC symbols or jar lids. Also, please save General Mills boxtop coupons from cereal, treat and other products and send them in to the school office, or put them into the box in the church vestibule. Both programs allow us to redeem the labels for cash or merchandise for our classrooms, such as software, educational videos and other equipment for the classes and office. **THANK YOU.**



COMMUNITY CRAB FEED PLANNED

An all-you-can-eat crab feed, open to the public, is scheduled for **Friday January 26**, in the St. Joseph of Cupertino Parish Hall. The sixth annual event features a menu of fresh crab, pasta, salad, garlic bread and dessert as well as no-host beer and wine. **Doors open at 6p.m.** and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. **Tickets, at \$30**, may be purchased in advance by calling the St. Joseph of Cupertino School office at (408) 252-6441. **After January 19, available tickets will be sold for \$35 each.** All proceeds from the event will go towards school events.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Catechetical classes resume Sunday, January 7th

Upcoming parent meetings for sacramental preparation:

For Confirmation only children: Tuesday, January 30th at 7:30pm in the parish community center (for application please inquire in the Catechetical Ministry office)

For Restored-order children: Tuesday, February 6th at 7:30pm in the parish community center.

WEB RESOURCES:

Check out AmericanCatholic.org. You'll find information about the Catholic Faith, Saint of the Day, as well as a place for prayer requests!

Automated Giving is here—Have you signed up yet?

To sign up, simply fill out an enrollment form (at the back of church), go to www.parishpay.com, or contact the parish office. If you have already signed up and would like to place the special ParishPay slips in the collection basket, they are available in the vestibule.

PARISH OUTREACH We welcome your donations of dry and canned foods for our Outreach Closet. Please continue to bring these items with you when you attend weekend Masses. Unfortunately, **we cannot accept any articles of clothing.** Men's clothing may be taken to Cupertino Community Services, behind the fire station on Vista Drive, here in Cupertino. All other clothing should

VESPERS

For Sunday Masses: Please join us for Vespers Sunday evening at 6:15 p.m. in the Chapel. All parishioners are invited to help celebrate this part of the daily liturgy of the Church.

A good disposition is a virtue in itself, and it is lasting; the burden of the years cannot depress it, and love that is founded on it endures to the end.

CORRECTED

St. Joseph of Cupertino Monthly Financial Update for 5 mos. Ended Nov 30, 2006

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Weekly & other Collections	\$245,845	\$253,913	\$ (8,068)
Gifts & other revenue	\$119,221	\$138,122	\$ (18,901)
Total Revenue	\$365,066	\$392,035	\$ (26,969)
Total Expenses	\$389,889	\$405,377	\$ 15,488
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ (24,823)	\$ (13,342)	\$ (11,481)

We apologize for the error in last week's report.

PRIEST-SEMINARIAN BASKETBALL GAME: All are invited to a basketball game between diocesan priests (including Fr. Chady) and seminarians, Friday, February 2 at 7 P.M. at Mitty High School. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students. Proceeds will help the seminarians attend World Youth Day in Australia. For more information, contact Fr. Mark Catalana,, Vocation Director for the diocese, at (408) 983-0255.



**The Epiphany of the Lord
January 7, 2007**

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you.
— Isaiah 60:1