

Return to me with your whole heart.

Lenten Reconciliation Service

Friday, March 30, 7 P.M.

This service will include scripture, music, and the opportunity for individual confession.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt. 18:21-35
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14
 Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34; 2 Cor 5:17-21;
 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
 Alternate readings (Year A):
 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23;
 Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

DID YOU KNOW? The church uses three special oils which are blessed by the Bishop at the Chrism Mass. They are: S.C. Sacred chrism used in Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders; O.C., Oil of Catechumens used during the prayer of exorcism and anointing when a catechumen is initiated; and O.I. Oil used in the Anointing of the Sick.



Sacramental Preparation Families: The two forms (Family Retreat and Restored-Order celebration) are due in the Catechetical Ministry office Wednesday, March 21st. The **Family Retreat** will take place on Sunday, April 1st, from 1:30p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Alviso Easter Outreach: Donations are due today. Each class will be decorating and stuffing the baskets on March 25th. Thank you for your generosity and continuing support.



Stewardship at St. Joseph of Cupertino

The stewardship message in the parable of the prodigal son is that it is never too late to become a good steward. Blessed is the elder brother who had been a good steward all along, but, blessed, too, is the prodigal, who had to lose all he had in order to understand the value of what he had been given. And, as the father in the parable says, "...but now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again."

For more information on the many ways to practice stewardship at St. Joseph of Cupertino, please call L.T. Guttadaro, Stewardship Council, at (408) 253-2449.

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 Your plans and accomplish Your will. Help me go in peace to love and serve You!

Mass Intentions For the Week

Mar 17	5:00 PM	Cecile & Abigail Tapia
Mar 18	8:00 AM	George Lamoureux (+)
	9:30 AM	David Abad (+)
	11:00 AM	Anne Gnanapragasam
	5:00 PM	Jay Butera (+)
Mar 19	8:30 AM	Abednego Acolatse
Mar 20	8:30 AM	Dorothy Viano (+)
Mar 21	8:30 AM	John & Margaret Mardesich (+)
Mar 22	8:30 AM	Edwin Munar (+)
Mar 23	8:30 AM	Rich Kawashima (L)
Mar 24	8:30 AM	Craig Kawashima (L)
	5:00 PM	Mary Ward (+)
Mar 25	8:00 AM	Robert Berridge (+)
	9:30 AM	The Ryer Family (+)
	11:00 AM	Pat Burris (+)
	5:00 PM	Frank Foti (+)



PLEASE PRAY FOR

All victims of war & terrorism,
 All serving our country in the military,
 PEACE, and for our relatives and friends:
 Ake Jacobson, Ken Tuttle, Wilda Duvernay,
 Trevan Cooley and Salvador Torres

This Sunday we start preparing for Stewardship Sunday: SJC Ministries in Action—Ministry Fair Weekend, April 12-22. Stewardship directs our attention to sacred scripture which teaches us that all we have in this world—our time, talent and treasure are to be treated as gifts from God. Our job is to use these gifts wisely, always sharing generously to build up the Kingdom of God. As a parish family we take time to celebrate our faith together and to discern how to put our gifts into service for each other and for those in need. Please open your hearts in the weeks ahead—this is an exciting opportunity to grow in faith and express that faith in action.

ALTAR SERVERS' MINISTRY

For those who would like to join the Altar servers' ministry, Application forms are available at the parish office. For more information please contact Fr. Chady, (408) 252-7653x28 or e-mail him at frchadsjc@yahoo.com



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)

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?—You are invited to attend the following:

Monday, MARCH 19—celebrate the FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH—MASS at 11:30 a.m. followed by a \$5 LUNCH in the Parish Community Center.

COMING MARCH 24—“Preparing for the Unexpected”. Learn the ethical and practical implications involved in Advanced Care Directives.

Saturday, 10 a.m.- 12 noon in the Parish Community Center.

Monday, MARCH 26---“Guess Who’s Coming to Lunch? --FR. JORGE DA SILVA, SM will share **LENTEN REFLECTIONS** with us at 12 noon. Lunch for \$5.

Fr. Paul A. Soukup, author of the new book, “**Out of Eden-7 Ways God Restores Blocked Communication**” will be in the Community Center on Friday, March 23rd for a book signing. Fr. Paul was weekend clergy at St. Joseph of Cupertino for over 15 years and has dedicated his new book, in part, to the parishioners of St. Joseph of Cupertino.

Fr. Paul will lead the Stations of the Cross at 7p.m. in the Church and then will present a short Lenten reflection in the Community Center. He will then answer questions and sign copies of his book. Bring a copy of the book with you if you want Father to sign it.

Light refreshments will be served in keeping with the season of Lent.

FAITH SHARING

Be better prepared for celebrating next

Sunday’s Mass! Read John 8:1-11, the Gospel for March 25, 2007---The Fifth Sunday of Lent

(The Adulteress)

Question for Adults:

Describe a time when you misjudged another person.

Questions for Children:

When have you criticized or made fun of someone What could you do differently?

Action:

Pray the **stations of the cross** this week.

Prayer:

Loving and forgiving God, give us the humility needed to ask for the forgiveness of others whom we have offended. Amen.

SCRUTINIES: During Lent we will be praying in a special way for those who wish to be baptized (the elect) at the Easter vigil. We pray that they will avoid temptation, and experience the true freedom of the children of God. **At the scrutinizes, Cycle A readings are proclaimed.**

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 (408) 252-7653X30 for more information.

THANK YOU The Butera family would like to thank all for providing salads and desserts for their funeral on February 20th. There was more than enough delicious food. They express their deep appreciation.



SJC SCHOOL NEWS

AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

St. Joseph of Cupertino School’s 22nd annual Auction Gala is planned **Saturday, April 28th at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.** Come board the S.S. Jaguar for a Mediterranean cruise to exotic destinations! This is the school’s major fundraiser and we rely heavily on the support of parents and parishioners to make it successful every year. Besides attending this fun-filled event, you can help by donating an item for the bidding tables or advertising in the catalog. We are seeking:

- Getaways at vacation homes
 - Themed dinners or events at your home
 - Tickets for sporting or cultural events
 - New gift items or gift baskets
 - Art and antiques
 - Specialty services
 - Gift certificates to restaurants, spas or popular spots
- All items should be delivered to the school office by **March 20th.**

Questions about donations? Call **Holly O’Boyle** at (408) 264-5659 or **Barbara Hill** at (408) 252-9775

BINGO SALAD LUNCHEON & BEARS SILENT AUCTION

Saturday, April 21, 2007 in St. Joseph of Cupertino Parish Hall. 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM. Tickets are \$15.00 which includes lunch and bingo. For tickets and more information call: Mary Lou Caldwell at (408) 252-0213, Anne Shanley at (408) 257-4463 or Virginia Puzar at (408) 253-8149

The **Justice Speakers Forum**, at Ascension Parish in Saratoga, returns on Monday, March 26, with Shannon Oliver from Catholic Relief Services speaking on the topic: “Inroads Into Hatred: Christians and Muslims Working Together for Peace, Justice, and Human Dignity.” Interactions between Christians and Muslims is not all violence and vengeance; the news media focuses on flash points around the world, but more is going on to bring about understanding and acceptance between Christians and Muslims than ever gets reported. From his experience in directing disaster relief in the Middle East and Central Asia, Shannon Oliver speaks from first hand experience of people working together to build communities that provide for the common good and promote human dignity. The Justice Speakers Forum will convene at Ascension Parish in Saratoga on Monday, March 26, at 7:15p.m. There is no admission fee, but donations are gratefully accepted. Refreshments will be served.

GRIEF SUPPORT: Our ongoing grief support group meets the first Sunday of the month in the rectory from 1:30 -3 p.m. Larry Compagnoni, a licensed counselor is the facilitator. All are welcome to attend at anytime. For more information, call Janice at the parish office---252-7653 ext. 30

SPRINGTIME

Came the Spring with all its splendor
All its birds and all its blossoms
All its flowers, and leaves, and grasses.
—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, *Hiawatha*



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 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.

Website----have you checked out our parish's website lately? You will find the bulletin, a calendar of events, and links to other resources as well as a homily at times!

BINGO AT ST. JOSEPH'S OF CUPERTINO

St. Joseph of Cupertino has bingo every Saturday and Monday night. Warm Ups start at **6:30pm**. The games start at **7:15pm**. The evening ends at approximately **9:45pm—10:00pm**. We invite everyone to come out and enjoy the fun!

HAPPINESS

Happiness will never be ours if we do not recognize to some degree that God's blessings were given us for the well-being of all.
—Anonymous



FLOWER REMEMBRANCE

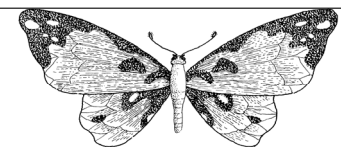
You may share in decorating the church for Easter by donating to our **Easter Altar Fund** in memory of a loved one or as a personal sign of love. Please pick up an envelope in the vestibule of the Church, and list the names of those you wish to be remembered for publication in an upcoming bulletin.

EASTER GARDEN FLOWERS

We appreciate donations of **Calla Lilies** from your gardens to beautify our Church for Easter. Lilies may be dropped off either **Holy Thursday** or **Good Friday**. Containers will be outside of the Sacristy for your convenience. Thank you.

PARISH MISSION

March 19-22, 2007. Set aside some time for spiritual renewal in Lent for a 4-day Mission. On Monday, March 19, through Thursday, March 22, 2007, Fr. Michael Moore, a St. Patrick Father, will conduct a mission at the Church of the Ascension, in Saratoga. The mission will take place at 9am with a repeat at 7 pm. Each hour includes mass and a reflection.



**Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 18, 2007**

Whoever is in Christ is a new creation:
the old things have passed away;
behold, new things have come.