

THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Jesus devoted much of his early ministry to the healing of the sick. Today at St. Joseph of Cupertino we continue this ministry of Jesus in a variety of ways.

We are fortunate to have a number of dedicated and compassionate volunteers who visit regularly those members of the parish who are too ill to come to church. They chat with the sick persons, pray with them, and, in most cases, give them holy communion. These volunteers are the invaluable link between the parish community and those who might feel cut off from it because of the condition of their health.

We also continue Jesus' ministry through the celebration of one of the seven sacraments, the anointing of the sick. Forget the old name for this sacrament: "extreme unction." This term usually brought to mind a visit from the angel of death, disguised as your friendly parish priest. Now we understand better that as its modern name implies, the sacramental anointing is primarily for the healing and strengthening of those who are sick, *not those who are dying*. Proper candidates for the sacrament include any Catholic who is seriously ill, who is preparing for surgery because of a serious illness, or who has been "notably weakened" by old age. Like all the sacraments, the anointing will have some effect but it will be up to God to decide exactly what effect that will be.

Simple but moving, the sacrament in its basic form consists of three elements: the laying on of hands by a priest; the offering of the prayer of faith; and the anointing with blessed oil. It can take place anywhere. Quite often, at the request of the sick person or someone close to him or her, a priest will celebrate the sacrament in a hospital or the sick person's home. Sometimes, a special mass for the sick will include the sacrament.

Those who wish to receive the sacrament of the anointing of the sick are welcome to attend a special mass here on **Saturday, August 11 at 11 A.M.** (this mass will replace the regular 8:30 A.M. mass). If you know someone who would like to be anointed but cannot come to church, please feel free to contact me or Fr. Chady anytime.

THANKS TO ALL FROM THE ROTATING SHELTER

The men of the Rotating Shelter moved on Saturday, July 28th, to Ascension Parish in Saratoga. Perhaps the best way to say thanks is to quote a recent shelter guest:

"I want to say thank you to all the people who made this shelter possible. I was referred to this program by one of my friends who attends St. Joseph of Cupertino Church, and it has been a blessing to me. I have been given the opportunity to get back on my feet. Having a positive and caring environment during this tough time in my life has made a tremendous difference. Thank you." K.T.

Thank you meal providers, greeters, shoppers and all who helped in any way!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Mt 13:31-35
 Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Mt 13:36-43
 Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Mt 13:44-46
 Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Mt 13:47-53
 Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Mt 13:54-58
 Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Mt 14:1-12
 Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21



Stewardship at St. Joseph of Cupertino

Jesus is describing God's immeasurable generosity when He says in today's Gospel, "For everyone who asks, receives, and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened." But it should also be the description of us as Christian stewards – those seeking to follow Christ by using our gifts in service to others.

For more information on the many ways to practice good stewardship at St. Joseph of Cupertino, please call L.T. Guttadauro, Stewardship Council, at (408) 253-0449.

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!

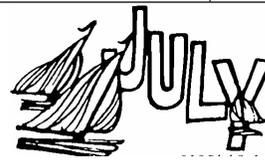
Mass Intentions For the Week

July 28	5:00 PM	Julie Westgate (+)
July 29	8:00 AM	Lambert Metzger (+)
	9:30 AM	Amado Barrera
	11:00 AM	Mary Hawthorne (+)
	5:00 PM	Mary Tuohey (+)
July 30	8:30 AM	Rodney Smith (+)
July 31	8:30 AM	Terry Birkholz (+)
Aug 01	8:30 AM	Keating Family Intentions (L)
Aug 02	8:30 AM	Jorge Rivas Figeac
Aug 03	9:00 AM	Mary Ann Moyer
Aug 04	8:30 AM	In Thanksgiving
	5:00 PM	Oscar Tapia (+)
Aug 05	8:00 AM	Lambert Metzger (+)
	9:30 AM	St. Joseph of Cupertino
	11:00 AM	Edmund G. Bauer (+)
	5:00 PM	Arnaldo Felipe Monge (+)



PLEASE PRAY FOR

All victims of war & terrorism, All serving our country in the military, PEACE, and our relatives and friends: Ake Jacobson, Ken Tuttle, Wilda Duvernay, Trevan Cooley, Kay Flavin, Raymond Thelen and Michael Lei



Going on **VACATION?** We're still depending on you! Please remember your Sunday envelope - or sign up for Parish Pay, the automated giving program. (Information on the bulletin flap.)

A Reminder To Parents: Our "cry" room is well stocked with toys and books for children. You and your child are welcome to use this room during Mass. Thanking you in advance for putting toys and books back in their places!



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)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! FEAST DAY CELEBRATION & DEDICATION OF THE GARDEN ON SEPTEMBER 16TH!!!

If you would be willing to give input on your ethnic background regarding food, music, and the culture, please call the parish office at 252-7653. Let's make this a real fun celebration!!!

COMING SOON!!! More events & faith formation opportunities---stay posted to our bulletin & website!

Next January---Fr. Kevin Joyce will do a mission here at St. Joseph of Cupertino.

INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH? KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS? (Adults & children age 7 and above)

Our ongoing RCIA process is for those who:

- Are unbaptized
 - Baptized in another faith tradition
- Baptized Catholic but no further formation

Call the parish office at 252-7653 for more information.

PRAYER GROUP---NO MEETINGS IN JULY, MEETINGS WILL RESUME AUGUST 6TH AT 12 NOON IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER. This is a wonderful prayer support for our parish and parishioners!

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

GRIEF SUPPORT: Our ongoing grief support group meets the first Sunday of the month in the rectory from 3:00p.m.-4:30 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. **Next meeting is Sunday, August 5th.**

FAITH SHARING

**Be better prepared to celebrate next Sunday's Mass!
Read Luke12: 13-21, the Gospel for August 5, 2007.**

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
(trust in God, not possessions)

Question for Adults:

When have you felt possessions were becoming too important in your life?

Questions for Children:

Have you ever received a gift you wanted a lot and then found it didn't make you as happy as you thought it would?

Action:

Think of ways to simplify your life.

Prayer:

Lord, we hold on to what is ours. Help us to let go of our "stuff" and see the needs of others. We place our trust in You. Amen



SJC SCHOOL NEWS

2007-2008 APPLICATION PROCESS UNDERWAY

Applications for the 2007-2008 school year are now available.

We are currently testing applicants for all grades. If you are interested in applying for the 2007-2008 school year, please call (252-6441) or stop by the school office as soon as possible. Tours are available upon request. You will also find registration information and MUCH MORE about SJC on our website at: www.sjcschool.org.



SAVE THESE DATES! September 28, 29, and 30th, 2007 St. Joseph of Cupertino's

Family Fun Festival

Coming soon, with live entertainment, fun games, carnival rides, arts & crafts, delicious food, huge rummage sale, raffles and more.

Vespers

Vespers liturgy for the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time will be held next Sunday, August 5th, at 6:15 p.m. in the Chapel. All parishioners are invited to help celebrate this small part of the daily prayer of the Church. The reading from the Office of Readings will be, "The mind has a spiritual sense which teaches us to distinguish between good and evil," which is from *On Spiritual Perfection* by Diadochus of Photice, a fifth century Grecian bishop. Diadochus is well-know for his quote, "The measure of a man's love for God depends on how deeply aware he is of God's love for him."

ON BENDED KNEE

Certain thoughts are prayers. There are moments when, whatever the attitude of the body, the soul is on its knees.

—Victor Hugo

KEEP PRAYING

St. Monica, whose feast we celebrate in August, is often known as "the persistent mother." She watched her oldest son, Augustine, turn his back on his Christian faith.

Monica was exasperated. For years she gave up talking directly to her son on the advice of a local bishop, who told her that it was better to talk to God about Augustine then to Augustine about God.

The mother never gave up praying for her son. Eventually Augustine gave up his wild ways, was baptized, and later ordained and named bishop of Hippo. St. Augustine went on to become one of the Church's greatest scholars.

Today's readings address the importance of persistent prayer. Abraham, in spite of trepidation that he is bothering the Lord, continues to ask about the fate of Sodom and Gomorrah. Jesus, in Luke's Gospel, tells his disciples to "ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you" (Luke 11:9). This is our charge: keep praying.

MOM'S GROUP meets the second Friday of the month usually at a park. If you are interested, please call Carol Ruiz at 777-2963

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.** All other clothing should be taken to other charitable organizations. Thank you for your support of our program.

Parish Website---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! Check out the latest addition---**Amazing Grace & reflection by Sofyan Nugroho**, one of our parishioners! **NEW ADDITION---PRAYER LINE!** (stjosecup.org)

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

Ms. April Zaide, Mr. & Mrs. Gary Faules, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Taylor Family, Mr. & Mrs. Romel Perez Family, Mr. & Mrs. Sean Miller Family and Mr. & Mrs. William Ng Family

**A Silent Retreat For Men
On Pilgrimage with Ignatius
Fr. Joseph Fice, S.J.**

Saint Ignatius Loyola is honored with the title "the heavenly patron of all spiritual exercises." This retreat will follow his life adventures and religious experiences to discover spiritual lessons for our own personal and spiritual growth.

ARE YOU AN ANGEL OF AN EMPLOYER?

A person with some mental and physical disabilities is seeking part-time employment in a small, low-stress office environment where she can handle responsibilities such as light filing, stuffing envelopes, opening and sorting mail, and assembling/collating paperwork. She can work 10-15 hours a week at a slow but steady pace. While she would prefer a job close to Cupertino, she is willing to travel outside the area. If you can help this person overcome her challenges and change her life for the better, please contact St Joseph parishioner Elizabeth Mullen, Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist, Momentum Employment Services, 408-938-8500 ext. 226.



**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 29, 2007**

You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

— *Colossians 2:12*

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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.