

A NOTE FROM FR. GREG

On Wednesday, August 15, the Church will celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. According to an ancient belief formally defined as Catholic dogma by Pope Pius XII in 1950, the “Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-virgin Mary, was at the end of her days on earth, taken up body and soul to heavenly glory” (wording of the definition). Just as Mary was freed from the corruption of sin, it was fitting that she be freed from the corruption of death. Interestingly, no one knows if Mary actually died before entering into heaven.

Father Thomas Merton writes, “[Mary’s assumption] is the expression of the divine love for humanity, and a very special manifestation of God’s respect for His creatures, His desire to do honor to the beings He has made in His own image, and most particularly His respect for the *body* which was destined to be the temple of His glory. If Mary is believed to be assumed into heaven, it is because we too are one day, by the grace of God, to dwell where she is. If human nature is glorified in her, it is because God desires it to be glorified in us too. . . .”

Let us renew our devotion to Mary and redouble our efforts to impress upon our children the important role that Mary has in the Church and in lives of faith. Draw us after you, holy Mother!

**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Masses Tuesday, August 14 at 7 P.M., Wednesday, August 15 at 6:30 & 9 A.M., 7 P.M.

**MASS FOR THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK**  
**Saturday, August 11 at 11 A.M.**  
 (replaces the mass at 8:30)

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36  
 Tuesday: Nm 12: 1-13; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14  
 Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Mt 15:21-28  
 Thursday: Nm 20:1-13; Mt 16:13-23  
 Friday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26  
 Saturday: Dt 6:4-13; Mt 17:14-20  
 Sunday: Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]; Lk 12:32-48 [35-40]



**Stewardship at St. Joseph of Cupertino**

In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the rich man and his bountiful harvest. As He says when the man obviously does not understand God’s call, “Thus will it be for all who store up treasures for themselves *but are not rich in what matters to God.*” Jesus is urging us to be rich in what matters to God. Are our hearts open to what really matters?

**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!*

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES IS GRATEFUL** for May Appeal contributions totaling \$19,674.25 from St. Joseph of Cupertino parishioners. Your generosity will make a difference in the lives of the poor and vulnerable in our community.

**SPENDING WISELY**

The best use of life is to spend it for something that outlasts life.  
 —William James

*Mass Intentions For the Week*

Aug. 04	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 (+)
Aug. 06	8:30 AM	Anna & Franz Muller (+)
Aug. 07	8:30 AM	Anna Biskupski (L)
Aug. 08	8:30 AM	Vinko Mariani
Aug. 09	8:30 AM	In Thanksgiving
Aug. 10	8:30 AM	Tillie Mazur (+)
Aug. 11	11:00 AM	Albert Saenz
	5:00 PM	Abigail & Cecile Tapia (+)
Aug. 12	8:00 AM	In Thanksgiving
	9:30 AM	Ernest & Santa Lorenzo (+)
	11:00 AM	Peggy Anne & Aunt Sis (+)
	5:00 PM	Justino Sales (+)



**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, Minnie Butera and Michael Lei



## 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 16<sup>TH</sup>!!! Food, music, games, and fun!!

#### Watch for flyer!

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!!! The Spirit is alive and moving all around our wonderful parish.** In September we will celebrate the feast of St. Joseph of Cupertino and dedicate our new "meditation garden". We will also have a wonderful party celebrating our cultural richness! Then throughout the coming year we will have various opportunities for mind, body, and spirit. Keep posted through our bulletin, website, and flyers!!! **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---RESUMES THIS MONDAY, AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup> 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!

### FAITH SHARING

**Be better prepared to celebrate next Sunday's Mass!  
Read Luke 12:32-48, The Gospel for August 12, 2007.**

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
(preparedness for the master's return)

#### **Question for Adults:**

How are you living these days as God's faithful servant?

#### **Questions for Children:**

Who is someone that is an example to you of how Jesus would want us to be/

#### **Action:**

Put your gifts and talents to use by volunteering at church!

#### **Prayer:**

O God, thank you for blessing us and choosing us to be part of your church family. Help us to know what you would like us to do to serve you better. Amen



## SJC SCHOOL NEWS

### 2007-2008 APPLICATION PROCESS UNDERWAY

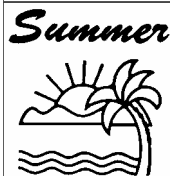
Applications for the 2007-2008 school year are now available.

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](http://www.sjcschool.org).



**SAVE THESE DATES!**  
**September 28, 29, and 30<sup>th</sup>, 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.



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.)

### THIS SUNDAY

**JOIN US FOR COFFEE & CONVERSATION** in the Community Center after the 9:30 and 11 a.m. Mass!

### 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

**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 5<sup>th</sup>.**



### THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

**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!

**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](http://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](http://stjosecup.org))

**Sane, Happy, Useful: Recovery Retreat for Men & Women**

**Fr. Kevin Ballard, S.J., and Sr. Patricia Galli, R.S.M.** The 12 Steps can be practiced in a variety of situations and times. They are powerful tools for leaving behind the bondage of self and living free of alcoholism's grip. We are also meant to a life of "sane, happy usefulness." Let's explore together how these 12 steps can be worked and reworked, used and adapted in all our affairs. For more information call (650) 948-4491 or [www.jrclosaltos.org](http://www.jrclosaltos.org)

Please do not post **flyers** or leave any kind of literature, including **magazines, brochures** or **prayer cards** on church premises without permission of our pastor. Any materials found on the premises without permission will be discarded. Thank you for your cooperation.

**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.



**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 5, 2007**

Teach us to number our days aright,  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
— *Psalm 90:12*

***St. Joseph of Cupertino  
Staff Information***

**Parish Office: 252-7653** sjeparish@stjoscup.org  
Secretary: Free Draga Fri. Admin. Asst: Tracey Govola

Bereavement Ministry – 221-7255 .....Mary 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 – x30.....Janice LaMotte  
(adulted@stjoscup.org)  
School – 252-6441 ..... Mary Lyons (www.sjcschool.org)  
Wedding Coordinator – 255-1881 ..... Totsie Taylor  
Youth Ministry – x28 ..... Rev. Normandy Segovia  
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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.