

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The **Annual Education Appeal**, which will be held on the weekend of **September 15-16, 2007**, is most important as it provides financial assistance to many of our Catholic students who want to receive a Catholic education. This special collection is for the scholarship fund that supports the tuition aid program for elementary and high school students in our diocesan schools. Although not all parishes have schools, they all have families with school age children. Many of our families would like the choice in the school where they can send their children. Our schools provide that choice. Over 17,000 students are educated in our 31 elementary and 6 high schools and many are there because of the generosity and support of your parish community. Please plan on giving generously—this is an investment in the future of the young lives as well as the future of the Catholic Church in the San Jose Diocese. Questions and inquiries can be directed to the Department of Education, 983-0185. (Please note that the envelopes are incorrectly dated Sept.9)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Mt 23:13-22
 Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Mt 23:23-26
 Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Mk 6:17-29
 Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51
 Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13
 Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30
 Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68;
 Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14



The parish offices will be closed on **Monday, September 3, 2007**, in observance of **Labor Day**



LITURGY CORNER

One of the puzzles that our Church presents us with is the concept of “more fully”. It is said for example that when one is confirmed, they receive the Holy Spirit “more fully”, since we do receive the blessing of the Holy Spirit at Baptism. When we receive the Eucharist in the form of bread, we receive Christ fully, but if we also partake of the cup, we receive “more fully”. During the Mass we also experience Christ’s presence in the assembly around us, in the proclaimed Word, and in the priest/presider. If we are not present to experience all of these things fully, it is like missing out on parts of a five course gourmet banquet and showing up only for dessert. It shortchanges both the guest and the host.



Stewardship at St. Joseph of Cupertino

Today’s reading from Isaiah describes the Israelites bringing their offering to the Lord “in clean vessels.” The gift of myself – my patient endurance and fidelity to the will of God – is as important as the monetary gift I offer. **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

Aug. 25	5:00 PM	Oscar Tapia (+)
Aug. 26	8:00 AM	Jack & Janet Birkholz (L)
	9:30 AM	Martha Ames (L)
	11:00 AM	Chong Yet Fong Family (L)
	5:00 PM	Joseph & Mary Scannell (+)
Aug. 27	8:30 AM	Lydia Wang (+)
Aug. 28	8:30 AM	Fr. Jack Greer (+)
Aug. 29	8:30 AM	Shirley Norton (+)
Aug. 30	8:30 AM	Emilio & Rozita Guttadauro (+)
Aug. 31	8:30 AM	Ann Laing (+)
Sept. 01	8:30 AM	In Thanksgiving
	5:00 PM	Abigail & Cecile Tapia (+)
Sept. 02	8:00 AM	Donald & Faye Mullen (+)
	9:30 AM	Steve & Jackie Stahara (L)
	11:00 AM	Sophia Mash (+)
	5:00 PM	Leo Bernard (+)



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 and Kay Flavin

Summer



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.)

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 at (408) 252-7653 ext. 30. **Next meeting is Sunday, September 9th.**



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.



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)

JOIN US!! Help welcome our NEWCOMERS to the parish!!!
RECEPTION after 11 a.m. Mass today.

PLEASE COME AND GIVE INPUT AS TO HOW WE CAN MAKE OUR FEAST DAY & DEDICATION OF THE GARDEN ON SEPTEMBER 16th SPECIAL!!! Please see your cultural heritage is represented---come to a **meeting on Monday, August 27th at 7 p.m. in the rectory** or call Janice LaMotte at 252-7653 ext. 30.
Let's make this a real fun celebration!!!

INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH? KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS? RCIA (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

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: 'Life is too short to be little.'----
Benjamin Disraeli "Truly I tell you, did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.?"---*Matthew 25:40.*

SPECIAL NOTICE: Our September Grief Support will be held on September 9th from 3-4:30 p.m. , in the rectory, instead of the first Sunday of the month due to Labor Day weekend.

PRAYER GROUP---- MONDAYS 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!

BE PREPARED FOR MASS!!!

Read Luke 14:1, 7-14, the Gospel for September 2, 2007.

The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
(a lesson in humility)

Question for Adults:

Has the hunger for status & influence in the world around you endangered your life as a Christian?

Questions for Children:

Does it make you a better person to be chosen first for a team or some other honor? Why or why not?

Action:

Make a visit to someone in a nursing home who is alone.

Prayer:

Oh Source of all Wisdom, as I walk the spiritual path with my flawed condition, guide and direct my life so I may reflect your loving goodness. Amen



SJC SCHOOL NEWS

ST. JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO PARISH SCHOOL: **ENROLLMENT INFORMATION** **and** **BACK TO SCHOOL UPDATE**

St. Joseph of Cupertino Parish School re-opens for the 2007-2008 school year on Monday, August 27, from 8:15 to 11:00 a.m. A reception will be held for families in our Parish Hall during this time. In addition, Kindergarten families will receive a brief orientation to our school on this first day (in the Kindergarten classroom).

The hours for the remainder of the first week (Tuesday, August 28 through Friday, August 31) will be 8:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday, August 30 is School Picture Day. Monday, September 3 is a holiday (Labor Day Weekend). Full day sessions begin on Tuesday, September 4 (8:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for all grades).

We are still accepting applications for all grades. Please contact our school office for application information (252-6441). Also you may log onto our website (www.sjcschool.org) to learn more about our parish school. Applications may be downloaded from the site. We will be happy to arrange for a testing appointment for your child as soon as we receive the application. Please note that active St. Joseph of Cupertino parishioners are given priority consideration in our enrollment procedures and financial aid programs. We would love to welcome you and your child into our parish school community.

YOUTH MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

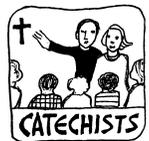
Attention High School Students! Our high school parish youth ministry program will kick off the school year on **Sunday, September 9th**, from **6:15p.m. - 8:00p.m.** in the youth ministry room at the Parish school. Returning Youth members, please note we changed the time from last year! Parents of students interested in Youth Ministry should plan to attend a parent meeting on **Thursday, September 13th, at 8:00p.m.** in the youth ministry room, where we will discuss events for the upcoming year.



Religious Education Catechetical sessions begin Sunday, October 7th. It is not too late to register your child(ren) for the 2007-2008 school year.

Download the form online at <http://www.stjoscup.org/forms/CatRegForm070429-1.pdf> or contact Tam at 252-7653x60.

Catechetical Ministry is looking for people willing to share their faith experience with the young people of our church community. Each class is set up with two catechists, so each one only teaches every other week. All materials necessary for each week's lesson plan are provided, leaving you free to concentrate on personal prayer and lesson preparation. If you can consider this ministry or have any questions, please call Tam at 252-7653x60.



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.

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!** (stjoscup.org)

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!!

Mr. Scott Beach, Ms. Carin Phillips Family, Mr. Christino Pacheco Family and Mr. & Mrs. Peter Day.

RESTORED ORDER CONFIRMATION

For High school teens who haven't yet received the sacrament of confirmation and for those who are planning to receive this year, the process of preparation will begin in September. To know more about it please contact Fr. Chady. There is also a sign-up sheet available in the vestibule.

Vespers liturgy for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time will be held next Sunday, September 2nd, at 6:15p.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, "Let us sing Alleluia to the good God Who delivers us from evil." This reading is from a sermon by St. Augustine, a fifth century Bishop of Hippo and Doctor of the Church - often called the Doctor of Grace.

**St. Joseph of Cupertino Monthly Financial Update
For 1 month Ended July 31, 2007**

Weekly & other Collections	\$52,228	\$49,783	\$2,445
Gifts & other income	\$15,521	\$28,261	(\$12,740)
Total Revenue	\$67,749	\$78,044	(\$10,295)
Total Expense	\$58,245	\$64,699	\$6,454
Net Gain (Loss)	\$9,504	\$13,345	(\$3,841)

In an effort to keep the lines of communication open, the Finance Council has requested that a financial report appear in the bulletin Each month.



**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 26, 2007**

Strengthen your drooping hands and your week knees.

Make straight paths for your feet,
that what is lame may not be
disjointed but healed.

— *Hebrews 12:12-13*

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

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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.