



Take up  
your cross  
and be my disciple

# THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY

## IN ORDINARY TIME

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Lk 6:6-11  
 Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19  
 Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26  
 Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Lk 6:27-38  
 Friday: Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17  
 Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35  
 Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51; 1 Tm 1:12-17;  
 Lk 15:1-32 [1-10]

**Eucharistic adoration** will not take place on **Wed., Sept. 12th** due to a scheduling conflict.

### 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

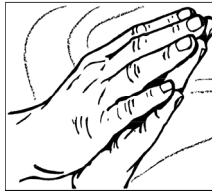
Jesus tells the crowd that only those who renounce all their possessions can be His disciples. Is He truly asking us to give up *everything*? Perhaps He is trying to help us see that everything we think we own is really a gift from God. Good stewards know that and strive to use those gifts accountably. **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

Sept. 08	5:00 PM	Frank Fowlie (+)
Sept. 09	8:00 AM	Donald & Faye Mullen (+)
	9:30 AM	Doris Mearini (+)
	11:00 AM	Hari Widjaja (+)
Sept. 10	5:00 PM	Elizabeth Greenwood (+)
	8:30 AM	Feliciano Terrenal, Sr. (+)
	8:30 AM	Hank Chang (L)
Sept. 11	8:30 AM	Tru Dang (+)
Sept. 12	8:30 AM	Feliciano Terrenal (+)
Sept. 13	8:30 AM	Teresa Terrenal (+)
Sept. 14	8:30 AM	Teresa Terrenal (+)
	5:00 PM	Oscar Tapia (+)
Sept. 15	8:00 AM	Regina Raciles (+)
	9:30 AM	Avelino Terrenal (+)
	11:00 AM	Joseph Wey (+)
Sept. 16	5:00 PM	Martha Steiner (L)



### 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

**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.



### 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.

**Diocesan Vocations Fair—Come and See** The Diocese of San Jose is sponsoring a Vocations Fair on Saturday, October 13, 2007 from 11:00a.m.-3:00p.m. Holy Family Parish Community Center, 4848 Pearl Avenue, San Jose, Ca. Come and meet members of the various religious orders, our diocesan seminarians and priests, and permanent deacons. Members of the Serra Club will be assisting with refreshments and information.



## 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)*

**COMING SOON!!! FEAST DAY CELEBRATION & DEDICATION OF OUR "MEDITATION GARDEN". SEPTEMBER 16, 2007. SEE FLYER IN BACK OF CHURCH.** Help make this a special event by bringing a **food dish** or helping serve, etc. Call the rectory or fill out form on our flyer.

**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

***All are welcome to attend our Wednesday sessions at 7 p.m. in the Community Center.***

*(Call Janice at the parish office at 252-7653 for more information.)*

**SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY MEETING: TODAY., Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 p.m. in the rectory.**

All are invited to come and explore being part of a small faith sharing group which reads and reflects on the Sunday scriptures. This is a great opportunity to interact with others and to "grow your faith"!

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** "I have seen enough evidence to be unshakably convinced that no difficulty, no fear is so great that it can completely suffocate the hope that springs eternal in the hearts of the young."

### **BE PREPARED FOR MASS!!!**

**Read Luke 15: 1-32, the Gospel for September 16, 2007.**

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
(the prodigal son))

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

How easy or difficult is it for you to say, "I am sorry; I was wrong.," or "I forgive you."

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

Have you ever felt you were not getting credit for your good works?

#### **Action:**

Enjoy family & friends---tell someone you're "sorry" if need be.

#### **Prayer:**

Oh Lord, as I walk the spiritual path, guide and direct my life. Help me make good choices that 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](http://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.

**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!



**Religious Education** Catechetical sessions begin Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. 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](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.

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**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](http://stjoscup.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.

**INVITED**

The Good News is that we have all been invited—invited to the Kingdom, invited to be disciples. It's a life-changing invitation, and like so many other such invitations, it requires a great deal of deliberation and discernment. Whether we choose marriage, ordination, single life, or community life, we know the serious planning and consideration that accompany these profound decisions. Like the tower-builder in the Gospel, we have weighed both the monetary and emotional cost. We have pondered and planned our lives in the direction to which we believe God has called us. And while we pray for guidance and acceptance of God's will, we often fail to understand so much. Like Solomon, we turn to God for wisdom and counsel in our life-changing decisions.

**CONTINUE TO CHANGE**

When you're through changing, you're through.

**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.



**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**September 9, 2007**

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,  
that we may shout for joy and  
gladness all our days.

— *Psalm 90:14*

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

**Parish Office: 252-7653** sjeparish@stjoscup.org  
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Finance Council..... finance@stjoscup.org  
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.