THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

A Holy Day of Obligation
Saturday, December 8, 2007
Masses Friday, December 7 at 7 P.M. and Saturday, December 8 at 9:30 A.M.
(The mass on Friday evening is also the celebration for Our Lady of Guadalupe.)

Do You Like to Cook? Thanksgiving Dinner for the Rotating Shelter

We will be fixing a traditional Thanksgiving dinner for the 16 men in the Rotating Shelter, including:
2 turkeys, stuffing, potatoes, gravy, sweet potatoes, corn on the cob, green vegetable, cranberry sauce, dinner rolls, salad, pumpkin pie, cherry pie, whipped cream, ice cream and soft drinks. During the month of November, the men are housed at First United Methodist Church**, 535 Old San Francisco Road in Sunnyvale**. Dinner needs to be brought there at **12 noon on Thanksgiving Day**, warm and ready to eat. If you would like to prepare part of this meal, please contact **Mary Ellen Hennig at (408) 255-6382**. Thanks so much!

Thanksgiving Alviso Outreach: Many thanks to all the families and parish staff for the monetary and food donations. With your generosity, we were able to provide 20 families in Alviso with food baskets this Thanksgiving.

REMINDER: THERE WILL BE NO CATECHETICAL CLASSES ON NOV. 21 AND NOV. 25.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday:	2 Mc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday:	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday:	1 Mc 2:15-29; Lk 19:41-44
	Thanksgiving Day—Suggested: Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
Friday:	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday:	1 Mc 6:1-13; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday:	2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

Stewardship at St. Joseph of Cupertino

Today's readings paint a somewhat frightening picture of the end of time. But the Gospel ends with the assurance to faithful stewards that those who persevere will be saved. "By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

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

Stewardship in Action

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!

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

We are working on the baskets today in the **PARISH HALL.** Come join us at 11:00 if you would like to help set up the hall and to sort food or at 12:00 noon if you would like to only assemble boxes.
Any food brought in today will be included in the boxes and monetary donations will be used to buy turkeys, eggs, margarine, flour, sugar and produce.

The boxes will be distributed tomorrow, **MONDAY, NOV. 19,** from 10:00am to 2:00pm.. Volunteers, please be at the hall by 9:00am. Thank you. Thank you for you help.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE HERE AT ST. JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO CHURCH

Tags will be on the tree in the Chapel on November 24 & 25. Please take one tag, purchase a gift for that individual and return the gift (with tag attached on the top) by December 8&9. Gifts are going to be delivered on December 14, therefore, the gifts **MUST BE AT THE CHURCH BY DECEMBER 9 - NO LATER.** We thank you very much for your response to this collection every year and we know you will be as generous as in years past.

PLEASE NOTE: The parish offices will be closed on **November 22nd and November 23rd** in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Mass Intentions For the Week

Nov. 17	5:00 PM	Oscar Tapia (+)
Nov. 18	8:00 AM	Joe Ignatowicz (+)
	9:30 AM	For All Departed Souls
	11:00 AM	Chi Chao Tsien (+)
	5:00 PM	Gregory Anthony Hou (L)
Nov. 19	8:30 AM	Paul My Nguyen (+)
Nov. 20	8:30 AM	Paul My Nguyen (+)
Nov. 21	8:30 AM	John & Margaret Mardesich (+)
Nov. 22	9:00 AM	Andy & Tony Groh (+)
Nov. 23	8:30 AM	Paul My Nguyen (+)
Nov. 24	8:30 AM	Paul My Nguyen (+)
	5:00 PM	Abigail & Cecile Tapia (+)
Nov. 25	8:00 AM	Celine Joseph & P. Joseph (+)
	9:30 AM	Elizabeth Greenwood (+)
	11:00 AM	Ronald Joseph Moore, Jr.
	5:00 PM	Clem Joseph (+)

PLEASE PRAY FOR

All victims of war & terrorism, All serving our country in the military, PEACE, and our relatives and friends

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 ATTRACTIONS:
Nov. 28 Anointing---A Healing Ritual---
Fr.Chris Bennett---7p.m.
Community Center *(come & learn about this misunderstood sacrament)*

Dec. 1 Praying through Grief during the Holidays---Fr. Chris Bennett---10-12
Community Center
Dec. 2 Advent Intergenerational Celebration –---3 p.m.
Community Center
Keep posted for more details in flyers & web!

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OR HAVE A CHILD 7 OR OLDER IN NEED OF BAPTISM OR BAPTIZED IN ANOTHER FAITH AND WANT TO BE CATHOLIC---
Call Janice ASAP at the parish office for more information.
DISPLAY PICTURE OF DECEASED LOVED ONES? If you would like to honor someone who has died, please bring a framed picture to the rectory during the month of November. (***NO one of a kind or valuable frames please!).***

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Thank God each day for the things for which you are grateful.

GRIEF SUPPORT: NOTE CHANGE OF TIME. Our ongoing grief support group meets the **first Sunday of the month** in the rectory from **3-4:30 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.

BE PREPARED FOR MASS!!!
Read Luke 23:35-43, the Gospel for Nov. 25, 2007
The Solemnity of Christ the King
(the crucifixion; the King of the Jews)
Question for Adults:
What type of authority did Jesus demonstrate?
Questions for Children:
What are the qualities of a good leader? How are you developing these?
Action:
Enrich you understanding of the church's teaching on political participation—read the U.S. Bishops statement on "Called to Faithful Citizenship".
Prayer:
Prayer the Our Father frequently this week.

SJC SCHOOL NEWS

Enrollment at St. Joseph of Cupertino Parish School
We have a few openings in certain grades at our parish school. Visit our website at www.sjcschool.org or come to the school office to get an application packet. Active 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. Also, if you are interested in kindergarten for your child next year, don't miss our upcoming kindergarten information night. (See bulletin announcement below.)

LIFE Donations Coming In

Many thanks to those who have generously contributed to the St. Joseph of Cupertino LIFE Development Fund so far this fall. As you know, LIFE (Legacies in Faith and Education) encompasses both an educational scholarship program and a development fund. We are currently focusing on the development fund, which will be used to augment the annual budget, ensuring equitable teacher salaries and a stable tuition base.
The success of our development fund is critical to the future of SJC School. Please consider joining this effort if you have not already done so. If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution in time for the 2006 tax year, simply send in your donation before the end of the calendar year. You may also choose to spread out your gift through our pledge program. All donations will be gratefully accepted throughout the New Year as well. For further information, contact the school office at 252-6441.
Thank you so much for your continued support

CAN YOU SPARE ONE HOUR FOR PRAYER???
COME JOIN US to pray for the needs of our parish, parishioners, and your intentions.
Drop in anytime to our ongoing PRAYER GROUP---- MONDAYS AT 12 NOON IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER. This is a wonderful prayer support for our parish and parishioners!

MOM'S GROUP : A good way to meet other mothers and share spiritually, and socially. This group will now MEET ON THE THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 9-10 A.M., usually at a park. If you are interested, please call Carol Ruiz at 777-2963.

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Coming soon! The feast of Our Lady as the Immaculate Conception and as Our Lady of Guadalupe will be celebrated at St. Joseph's on Friday, December 7th, with rosary at 6:30pm and Mass at 7:00pm. Everyone is invited!

All are welcome, to honor our Lady, Patroness of the Americas. You will participate in a beautiful Mass with several of our priests concelebrating. You will hear the Aztec Mariachis play rousing, authentic music. You will learn about the story of Guadalupe from our school children, as they reenact the drama and participate in the prayerful liturgical dance. You will enjoy a wonderful fiesta afterwards in the parish hall with food, drink, piñatas, Mexican dancers and more mariachi music.

Let Our Lady of Guadalupe, depicted as pregnant with the Christ child, lead us to her Son.

Questions? Would you like to help with set-up or clean up? We can always use some extra helping hands! Monetary donations made out to "Friends of Our Lady of Guadalupe of St. Joseph of Cupertino" help defray expenses and would be most welcome. Contact Mariqueta Churchill at (408) 245-3504

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 & other websites---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!
Newest podcast---"Morning has Broken," singing and reflection by Sofyan Nugroho, one of our parishioners!
NEW ADDITION---PRAYER LINE! (Prayerline @s**tjoscup.org)**
NEW VATICAN WEBSITE? *www.vaticanstate.va* in English, Italian, French, German, and Spanish. Also try out THE CHRISTOPHERS website at *www.christophers.org.*
www.*Americancatholic.org*
PHOTO GALLERY http://wwwstjoscup.org/events/photogallery.html

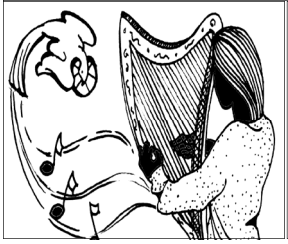
Please do not post **flyers** or leave any kind of literature, including **magazines, brochures** or **prayer cards** on church premises without permission of our pastor. Any materials found on the premises without permission will be discarded. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

New Song Books for Pews are Coming

Are you interested in helping with the "changing of the books"? We will need many hands to gather up all the old song books from the pews, take off the plastic covers, put the covers into the new song books and distribute them in the pews. The new books will begin with Advent, so we want to get them ready beforehand. Come to the Church on Friday, November 30th, at 7:00pm. For information, please call Mary Ellen Hennig at (408) 255-6382. Thanks so much!

CRUISING TO ALASKA…….. Are you interested in cruising to Alaska? If so, we are putting together a trip for adults that will be leaving from San Francisco (and returning there also) on May 17 or June 16. The prices will vary depending on whether you want an inside cabin, a cabin with a view or one with a balcony. It will be a fun trip for one week, so call Totsie for details @ 408-252-7653x61. We will try to book a bus to transport us (return also) so there will be no need to drive up, take a taxi or whatever means of transportation you need to take to get to the pier. We have not cruised with a group previously and this sounds like fun so give me a call for more information



Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 18, 2007
Sing praise to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and melodious
song.
— Psalm 98:5

St. Joseph of Cupertino
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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.