



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18
 Tuesday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps. 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Jn 1:29-34
 Friday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42
 Saturday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51
 Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Rejuvenate Your Relationship with God in 2008

The Jesuit Retreat Center

300 Maresa Way
 Los Altos, Ca. 94022-4659
 650-948-4491
 www.jrclosaltos.org

Renewal of the Spirit for the New Year

A Silent Retreat for Women

Fr. Paul Macke, S.J.

January 11-13, 2008

Reconnecting With God in Our Daily Experiences

A Silent Retreat for Men

Fr. Paul Macke, S.J.

January 18-20, 2008



Stewardship at St. Joseph of Cupertino

Joseph's obedience to God was not a one time thing. His attention to the angel's warning kept Jesus from being murdered by Herod and led to the fulfillment of the prophecy that the Messiah would be a Nazorean. Fidelity to God's will assures the best use of my time and talents, too!

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!

Mass Intentions For the Week

Dec. 29	5:00 PM	Dick Caldwell (+)
Dec. 30	8:00 AM	Donald & Faye Mullen (+)
	9:30 AM	Judy Murphy (+)
	11:00 AM	Hari Widjaja (+)
	5:00 PM	Mary Louise Smith (+)
Dec. 31	8:30 AM	Hari Widjaja (+)
Jan. 01	10:00 AM	Paul My Nguyen (+)
Jan. 02	8:30 AM	Paul My Nguyen (+)
Jan. 03	8:30 AM	Paul My Nguyen (+)
Jan. 04	9:00 AM	Paul My Nguyen (+)
Jan. 05	8:30 AM	Paul My Nguyen (+)
	5:00 PM	In Thanksgiving
Jan. 06	8:00 AM	Celine Joseph (+)
	9:30 AM	Jack Pereira (+)
	11:00 AM	Paul My Nguyen (+)
	5:00 PM	Patricia Garcia (+)



PLEASE PRAY FOR

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



The Catechetical Ministry Office will reopen January 2. Catechetical classes will resume on Sunday, January 6.

GRIEF SUPPORT: NOTE CHANGE OF TIME. Our on-going 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.

MOM'S GROUP : A good way to meet other mothers and share spiritually, and socially. NOTE CHANGE!! 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.

Vespers (Evening Prayer)

Vespers liturgy for Epiphany will be held on Sunday, January 6th 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, "Life Itself was revealed in the Flesh." This reading is from the tractates on the First letter of St. John by Saint Augustine of Hippo, a 5th Century Bishop and Doctor of the Church. The Doctor of Grace.



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 YOU CALENDAR:

Jan. 12---**GRIEF AFTER THE HOLIDAYS** ---Fr. Chris Bennett---
10-12 in Community Center; You survived the holidays---now what?

Jan. 15, 22, 29 **CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY FOR A HEALTHY LIFE**---Fr. Kevin Joyce---
7-8:30 p.m. in church. *(start the New Year right)*
deepen you intimacy for God, combat stress, counteract unhealthy habits , promote loving relationships.

“Take Another Look” at the Catholic church will be held on Monday, Jan. 15, 22, and 29th at Queen of Apostle parish. St. Joseph of Cupertino co-sponsors this program which is for anyone who has been away from the church and want to “re-discover” the Catholic faith”. Call Janice at the number above for more information.

ARE YOU 18 OR OVER AND NEVER CELEBRATED CONFIRMATION? Call Janice at the parish office. **Sessions begin in January 20, 2008,** at 12 noon in the rectory.

INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH? KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS? All are invited to learn more about the process of becoming Catholic by calling Janice at the parish office. This ongoing process is for anyone seven or older.

DID YOU KNOW? Next week we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. What are the names tradition gave to the Magi? *(see next week’s bulletin)*

NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTION: Join a Small Faith Sharing Group. We have one that meets on the second Sunday of the month at 12:15 p.m. in the rectory. Come and learn more about the Sunday scriptures, meet others, and share your faith.

PRAYER GROUP---- **MONDAY’S 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 Matthew 2:12, the Gospel for
January 6, 2008

The Feast of the Epiphany
(The Visit of Magi)

Question for Adults:

What new insights have you gained about your faith lately?

Questions for Children:

What could you do to lead others to Jesus?

Action:

Continue to help people who are less fortunate. Remember to bring nonperishable foods for our food pantry.

Prayer:

The wise men followed the star, and found Christ who is the light of the world. May we too find the Lord and be a light for others. Amen



SJC SCHOOL NEWS

LIFE Development Drive Update

During the last several weeks, the LIFE (Legacies in Faith and Education) program has received almost \$48,000 in donations. Thank you so much for your continuous show of generosity and support! We hope you feel our appreciation through our words as well of our prayers. It is gratifying to know that the SJC community understands the crucial need to plan for the future. As previously mentioned, this will allow for a stable tuition base, justly compensated teachers, and a scholarship program for needy families.

To make your tax deductible contribution in time for the 2007 tax year, simply send in your donation by the end of the year. You may also choose to spread out your gifts in several payments through our pledge program, or to make a stock transfer. Please contact Mary Lyons or Kama Belloni at the school office (252-6441) with any questions regarding the LIFE program. Thanks to all who have already joined with us in this worthy effort!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

“Octave” comes from the Latin word for “eight,” and since eight is one step beyond seven, the number of days in a week, it has long been seen as a symbol of perfection, completion, and new beginnings. Early Christians called Sunday the “eighth day,” since it was the day after the Sabbath and a day of resurrected life, the Lord’s Day. By the seventh century, people regarded the eight days after Easter Sunday as one great day, an octave, one glorious feast when people were forbidden to fast or kneel. In the seventh century, Pentecost acquired an Octave, too. Christmas didn’t claim the honor of a continuous feast, but it did get an Octave Day. January 1 is the oldest Marian feast, the Octave of Christmas. It was originally a feast of the motherhood of Mary, although for centuries until 1969 it was called the Feast of the Circumcision. Our reformed calendar follows the earlier tradition of celebrating Mary as Mother of God.

Today’s Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph is a modern one, instituted in 1921. Strains on family life then, with the world emerging from the first “Great War,” were enormous. From its inception, this feast was clearly intended to inspire people with an image of family harmony even amid difficulties.

In 1969 the Feast of the Holy Family was moved to its present position, the Sunday within the Octave of Christmas. When Christmas falls on a Sunday, this feast is bumped to December 30, but is not a holy day. The Gospels chosen in 1969 all depict stressful times in the life of the family of Jesus: the Presentation (with the warning of future sorrow), the flight into Egypt, and Mary and Joseph’s frantic search for their son in Jerusalem. The feast’s former place in the calendar is taken now by the Baptism of the Lord.

—Rev. James Field

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 & 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 @stjoscup.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://www.stjoscup.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.

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.

St. Joseph of Cupertino Monthly Financial Update

Weekly & other Collections	\$243,539	\$250,717	(\$7,178)
Gifts & other income	\$191,910	\$133,666	\$58,244
Total Revenue	\$435,449	\$384,383	\$51,066
Total Expense	\$399,640	\$387,952	(\$11,688)
Net Gain (Loss)	\$35,809	(\$3,569)	\$39,378

For 5 mos. Ended November, 2007

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.



**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
December 30, 2007**

Over all [other virtues] put on love,
that is, the bond of perfection.
— *Colossians 3:14*

***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.