



ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL 2008: THE FINAL REPORT

(as of 4/11/08)

ST. JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO PARISH GOAL: \$140,200
TOTAL PLEDGED: \$167,657 (120%)
POTENTIAL PARISH REBATE: \$ 27,457

NUMBER OF SJC PARISHIONERS: 1600
NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS PARTICIPATING IN ADA: 346 (22%)

Thanks again to all of the faithful parishioners who helped us reach and exceed our goal during a particularly challenging year. May God bless you for your generous support of our parish and diocese!



Vespers (Evening Prayer)

Vespers liturgy for the Ascension will be held on Sunday, May 4th, 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, "Our Faith is Increased by the Lord's Ascension." This reading is from a sermon by St. Leo the Great, mid 5th century Pope and Doctor of the Church. St. Leo, who single-handedly confronted both Attila the Hun and Genseric the Vandal, is only one of two popes, thus far, to have been honored with the sobriquet, "the Great".

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26
 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a
 Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8
 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11
 Friday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20
 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21
 Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66; 1 Pt 3:15-18 or 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 14:15-21 or Jn 17:1-11a



Welcome New Parishioners:
Ms. Phuong Le and Le Ann
Mr. & Mrs. David Torrisi
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Serafini and Family



Stewardship at St. Joseph of Cupertino

"Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me," Jesus says in today's Gospel. Does my stewardship reveal my love for Jesus?

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!



ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Please remember that in most parts of the U.S.--including the Diocese of San Jose--the Ascension of the Lord is now celebrated on the Seventh Sunday of Easter. This year it will be celebrated on the weekend of May 3-4. This Thursday, therefore, is **NOT** a holy day of obligation.

Mass Intentions For the Week

Apr. 26	5:00 PM	Henry Kloss (+)
Apr. 27	8:00 AM	Diego Giracca (+)
	9:30 AM	Felix Saneski (+)
	11:00 AM	Victor Mandella (+)
	5:00 PM	Joseph E. Wallace (+)
Apr. 28	8:30 AM	Joanna Ferrell (+)
Apr. 29	8:30 AM	Joseph Chao (+)
Apr. 30	8:30 AM	Special Intention
May 01	8:30 AM	Henry Kloss (+)
May 02	8:30 AM	St. Jude
May 03	8:30 AM	St. Jude
	5:00 PM	In Thanksgiving
May 04	8:00 AM	John & Margaret Mardesich (+)
	9:30 AM	George & Bonnie Lowe (L)
	11:00 AM	Eileen Day-Kubick
	5:00 PM	Katherine Saneski



PLEASE PRAY FOR

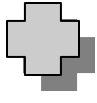
All victims of war & terrorism, All serving our country in the military, PEACE, and our relatives and friends



Registration packets are ready for the upcoming school year, 2008-2009. The Catechetical program welcomes all children between the ages of 3 up to the 8th grade. For more information or if you would like to add another child in the program, please contact the Catechetical Ministry office at (408)252-7653x60 or via email at catmin@stjoscup.org. Registration packets are also available online at www.stjoscup.org/releduc.html.

The last Sunday catechetical class will be next Sunday, May 4. The junior high's last meeting is on Wednesday, May 7.

PRAYER REQUESTS? We have a prayer request form on our website. All requests are welcome & confidential.



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)

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO RON PALMA FOR THE BEAUTIFUL ROSE GARDEN & many other additions to our environment. He and his helpers worked for many weeks, turning over soil, putting bark around all the bushes and planting a wall of boxwood. Also, Ron has planted many beautiful plants in the front and on the sides of our church. **Words cannot express our deepest appreciation for all the work Ron and his helpers have done for our parish community.**

ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

“Come & explore” the process of becoming Catholic or completing initiation through the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. There will be a meeting on Sunday, April 27th at 2 p.m. in the rectory.

(call Janice at that above number for more information or e-mail at adultec@stjoscup.org)

COMING SOON!!! OUR MINISTRY FAIRE! Bigger and better than ever---come & learn what it takes to keep our parish active ---**enjoy refreshments, free raffle, plus other surprises!**

GREETERS NEEDED: Won't you join this ministry? Help greet people and pass out bulletins at the end of Mass. This requires very little time and is a **very needed and important ministry!** Call the parish office if you are interested.

PLEASE HELP OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY: We are in need of people to join our **“SOCIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE”**. All you need to do is help out with whatever event you are able to attend---(even one event a year would be sufficient) *Call Mabel Hoffman at 315-1306 for information.*

DID YOU KNOW? The **“lectionary”** is the book of Scripture readings used at Mass.

BE PREPARED FOR MASS for the SEVENTH Sunday of

Easter---May 4, 2008

Read John 17:1-11

(completion of Jesus' work)

Question for **Adults:**

If you were to be criticized or insulted because of your Catholic faith, how would you respond?

Questions for **Children:**

What do you like about being a Catholic Christian?

ACTION

Give praise to someone this week and be specific about your praise.

Prayer:

Take time to praise and thank the Lord each day for the blessings of that day.



SJC SCHOOL NEWS

Spring Scholarship Drive Update

Thank you to all who have donated to the LIFE Spring Scholarship Drive. We have received \$24,765.00 toward our three scholarship funds so far. Our goal is to raise \$37,500.00 in total. We are so grateful to all who have donated to this worthy cause. You are enabling us to keep our doors open to so many deserving families who are struggling through difficult financial times. Please consider making a tax-deductible contribution toward the fund of your choice if you are able to do so. Scholarship Donation Forms were mailed to parishioners in March. Extra brochures and donor forms are available in the Church vestibule, or you can contact the school office at 252-6441. Please help us to reach our goal.

Thank you for your generous support!

The Faculty and Students at SJC School



It's hard to believe that it's already been over six months since **CARNIVAL 2007** was held. But, believe it or not, the Carnival 2008 Committee is already in full swing, meeting regularly, and planning an even better Carnival for next September. They would love your input. Please complete the **ON-LINE SURVEY** they created, and help them in their planning. Log on to the school website (www.sjcschool.org) or the Carnival website (www.sjcschool.org/carnival) and hit the survey link.



The **ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY BREAK-FAST**, sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 476 and the Holy Name Society, will be held on Sunday, May 11. Breakfast will be served from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM in the Parish Hall. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time from Troop 476 or at the door. Adults will be \$5.00. Seniors and Youth 14 years and under will be \$3.00. Come out and treat your mom, support the Boy Scouts of America, and have a great breakfast.



CONGRATULATIONS to Frank and Carol Bonzell on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. May they enjoy many more years together!



THE UNIVERSE AS HOLY GROUND. A retreat day on May 17, 2008 from 9:30 AM-2:30 PM at Notre Dame Province in Belmont. Why was Sister Dorothy Stang, Sister of Notre Dame and martyr, so passionately in love with people and the rainforest of the Amazon? Spend the day with presenter Marlene DeNardo exploring this question and reflecting on creation spirituality. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, please go to [<http://www.snddenca.org>] www.snddenca.org and enter Holy Ground Retreat in search in upper right corner of the page, or contact Sr. Phyllis D'Anna at (650) 593-2045x277 or mail to danna@sndden.org

GRIEF SUPPORT: 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. **Next meeting is May 4th.**

COULD YOU SPARE AN HOUR OCCASIONALLY to pray for our parishioners & parish? We meet on Mondays at 12 noon in the Community Center. All are welcome!!

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 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!

Newest podcast--"**Morning has Broken**," **singing and reflection** by **Sofyan Nugroho**, one of our parishioners!

NEW ADDITION--PRAYER LINE! (Prayerline@stjoscup.org)

Other Websites

- **Vatican**---www.vaticanstate.va in English, Italian, French, German, and Spanish
- **The Christophers** website at www.christophers.org.
- www.Americancatholic.org
- www.FindingGod.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.

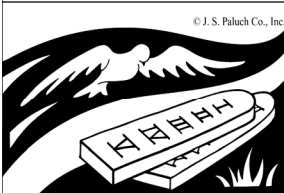
MOM'S GROUP : A good way to meet other mothers and share spiritually, and socially. This group will now MEET ON THE THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 9-10 a.m., usually at a park. If you are interested, please call Carol Ruiz at 777-2966.

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.

A REMINDER TO PARENTS: Our "cry room" is stocked with toys and books for children. You and your child is welcome to use this room during Mass. **NOTE:** Books and toys are always appreciated. Please bring to Mass when you attend. Thank you.

PEOPLE OF HOPE

Throughout this Easter season the readings have drawn us into the experience of the early church. We have tasted the excitement and zeal of the first Christians. Now, with them, we listen to the words of Saint Peter, who reminds us that when people notice that we are people of hope, we should be ready to explain why. This challenges us. Do others even notice that we are people of hope? In a world often marked by cynicism and hopelessness, do we stand out as people who offer hope and reassurance to others? In today's Gospel Jesus promises that when he leaves the earth he will not leave us orphaned. Today he promises to send his Advocate, the Spirit of truth who will be with us always. Let us acknowledge the presence of the Holy Spirit and ask the Spirit to make us people of hope.



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Sixth Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2008

"I will ask the Father,
and he will give you . . . the
Spirit of truth."

— John 14:16-17

***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.