

God As Seen By an 8-Year Old Boy

Explanation of God:



“One of God’s main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die, so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth. He doesn’t make grownups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way he doesn’t have to take up his valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that to mothers and fathers.”

“God’s second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times beside bedtime. God doesn’t have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this. Because he hears everything, there must be a terrible lot of noise in his ears, unless he has thought of a way to turn it off.”

“God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere which keeps Him pretty busy. So you shouldn’t go wasting his time by going over your mom and dad’s head asking for something they said you couldn’t have.”

“Atheists are people who don’t believe in God. I don’t think there are any in Chula Vista. At least there aren’t any who come to our church.”

“Jesus is God’s Son. He used to do all the hard work, like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn’t want to learn about God. They finally got tired of him preaching to them and they crucified him, but he was good and kind, like his father, and he told his father that they didn’t know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said O.K.”

“His dad (God) appreciated everything that he had done and all his hard work on earth so he told him he didn’t have to go out on the road anymore. He could stay in heaven. So he did. And now he helps his dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of and without having to bother God. Like a secretary, only more important.”

“You can pray anytime you want and they are sure to help you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time.”

“You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there’s anybody you want to make happy, it’s God!”

“Don’t skip church to do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach. This is wrong, and besides the sun doesn’t come out at the beach until noon anyway.”

“If you don’t believe in God, besides being and atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can’t go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can. It is good to know He’s around you when you’re scared, in the dark or when you can’t swim and you get thrown into real deep water by big kids.”

“But...you shouldn’t just always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and he can take me back anytime he pleases.

And...that’s why I believe in God.”



Going on vacation? We’re still counting on you! Please remember your Sunday offering. Thank you.

There will be **no eucharistic adoration** or benediction on Wednesday, July 9.

Mass Intentions For the Week

July 05	5:00 PM	In Thanksgiving
July 06	8:00 AM	John & Margaret Mardesich (+)
	9:30 AM	Jerry Sowul
	11:00 AM	Mary & Patrick Halligan (+)
	5:00 PM	Elena Yutronich (+)
July 07	8:30 AM	Karl Kpatakpa (L)
July 08	8:30 AM	Tina Toller (+)
July 09	8:30 AM	Joseph Mardesich (+)
July 10	8:30 AM	Imelda Hartono (L)
July 11	8:30 AM	Theo Rusli (L)
July 12	8:30 AM	George & Helina Paz (L)
	5:00 PM	Margie Munzell (+)
July 13	8:00 AM	Edie Maples (L)
	9:30 AM	Christina Olsen (L)
	11:00 AM	Albert Saenz (+)
	5:00 PM	Jeanne Muntz (L)



PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday:	Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday:	Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday:	Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9; Mt 10:7-15
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday:	Is 6:1-8; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday:	Is 55:10-11; Ps 65; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 [1-9]



Stewardship at St. Joseph of Cupertino

In today’s Gospel, Jesus asks all who labor to come to Him for rest. “Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves.” As we learn from Him and take His yoke as His stewards, we will see how easy is that yoke and how light is that burden. Those who are volunteering for the Rotating Shelter are seeing that now!

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!



WANT TO CRUISE THE MEXICAN

RIVIERA? We are again getting a group together for a 10 day cruise - roundtrip from San Francisco. We would like to depart on November 10. Fares range from \$949.00 to \$1,549.00 per person. It would be great if we could have a group from SJC along with relatives and friends. More info needed? Phone Tot-sie at (408) 252-7653x61. Hope to hear from you soon.

(If you are interested in any of the offerings below, please contact Janice LaMotte in the parish office---252-7653 ext. 30)

UPCOMING EVENTS:



**July 6 Celebrate America---potluck & karaoke
12 noon in the Community Center**

(All are welcome. Please bring a main dish or salad to share. Drinks and dessert provided.)

July 11 Taize Prayer---7 p.m. in church

Aug. 4 Welcome to Newcomers---11 a.m.
Mass followed by reception

Aug. 24 Meeting for RCIA *(anyone interested in the process of becoming Catholic)*
12:15 p.m. - in the Parish Office



Sept. 14 FEAST DAY CELEBRATION! If you can help plan or represent your nationality, please call Janice at the parish office. Every year has been better than before. Let's make this year extra special!

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS? The RCIA process is for anyone 7 years of age or older:

- Unbaptized
- Those baptized in another faith tradition

Those baptized Catholic but no other formation

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

ADULT EDUCATION & FORMATION: If you would like to give input as to the offerings for next year's program for learning about the faith or our social events, please call Janice at the above number or e-mail at adulted@stjoscup.org.

DID YOU KNOW? The "Deposit of Faith" is the sum total of beliefs in Scripture, Tradition, and the teaching authority of the Church.

BE PREPARED FOR MASS for the Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time----July 13, 2008

**Read Matthew 13: 1-23
(parable of the seed)**

Question for Adults:

How do you provide good "soil" for the faith of others to grow?

Questions for Children:

What are you doing to grow closer to Jesus each day?

ACTION

HELP WITH OUR HOMELESS SHELTER

Prayer:

O God, help me to read your holy Word and let it touch my heart more fervently so I can go forth and spread the good news with conviction. Amen



Thank you so much to all who have made contributions to the SJC Spring Scholarship Drive. We truly appreciate all that you do for us. Because of your generosity, we have met our goals for our scholarship funds, raising \$38,850 in total for the Fr. Leo Rooney, Dick Caldwell and Nick Kelly Memorial Scholarship Funds.

These scholarship programs allow us to assist families in their time of need, so that they can provide a Catholic education for their children. Donations are accepted year-round. Extra brochures and information are available at the school office and on our website at: www.sjcschool.org.

You are constantly in our thoughts and prayers,

Gratefully,
The Faculty and Students at SJC School



**NEW SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
AVAILABLE FOR SAN JOSE DIOCESAN
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

The BASIC Fund (Bay Area Scholarships for Innercity Children) is expanding its services. It now serves lower/middle income families in several areas. Recently these scholarship funds became available to Santa Clara County families who send their children to Catholic schools. You may qualify if your household size and annual income meet the following guidelines:

Household Size	Income Range
2	\$18,065 - 38,103
3	\$21,110 - 47,896
4	\$24,155 - 57,600
5	\$27,200 - 67,304
6	\$30,245 - 77,008

Based on your Household Size and Income, The BASIC Fund may provide tuition assistance ranging from 25% to 75% of your tuition, up to a maximum of \$1,600 per child.

This is a great opportunity for those of you who want to send your child to St. Joseph of Cupertino School, but cannot afford the full tuition. We have a school financial aid program, and now The BASIC Fund is offering additional and significant financial support. We still have a few openings in our 2008-2009 Kindergarten class, as well as openings in some of the other grades.

Log onto www.basicfund.org for more information and to request an application. The April 15 deadline has been indefinitely extended for Santa Clara County Catholic Schools.

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



"Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." (Mk 16:15)

The Catechetical Office is closed for the summer and will re-open on August 18. Voice messages and emails will be picked up weekly and all inquiries will be responded to promptly.

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

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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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.

GRIEF SUPPORT: THERE WILL BE NO GRIEF SUPPORT DURING JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST.
NEXT MEETING WILL BE SEPTEMBER 7TH AT 3 P.M. IN THE PARISH OFFICE. If you need assistance before then, please call Janice or one of the priests at the office---252-7653.



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THE KIEV (UKRAINE) SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND CHOIR is scheduled to perform at Sacred Heart Church in Saratoga on Friday, September 19 at 7:30 P.M. Orchestra and choir members are in need of housing for one night. Hosts will meet up with their guest(s) after the concert, serve breakfast the next morning, and return the guest(s) to Sacred Heart with a sack lunch. Hosts will get first choice on ticket sales. If you can help, please call Bruce Hodgins at 408-370-9030 or Olga Kelly at 408-741-0857.

GOING HOME

Life is a voyage that's homeward bound.
—Herman Melville



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 6, 2008

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest.”
— *Matthew 11:28*

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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.