

Prepare the way of the Lord!
ADVENT RECONCILIATION
SERVICE

Thursday, December 4 at 7 P.M.



Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on
Dec. 12, 2008

The feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be celebrated with grand festivity here at St. Joseph of Cupertino parish on Friday, December 12th, with rosary at 6:30p.m. and Mass at 7:00p.m. Everyone is warmly invited!

All are welcome, to honor Our Lady, Patroness of the Americas. You will participate in a beautiful Mass with our Bishop and 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 prayerful liturgical dance. And you will enjoy a wonderful fiesta afterwards in the parish hall, with food and 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 decoration, set-up, serving or clean-up? We need lots of helping hands! Contact Mariqueta Churchhill at (408) 245-3504



A CHRISTMAS CRECHE exhibit at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Palo Alto will again be offering a beautiful free exhibit of Christmas Creche's from around the world donated for viewing at this church. We would like to have a group attend as we did two years ago. Are you interested in attending and joining a car pool? If so, contact Totsie at (408) 252-7653x61. The date they have picked for this group outing will be Tuesday, December 9th. We will be leaving the church parking lot at 11:30 a.m. and will probably arrive back around 2:00p.m. Thanks so much. P.S. If you have not attended this exhibit previously, you should try to attend either joining our group or going on your own as it is so beautiful (and large). The exhibit runs from December 6th through the 10th this year. The church is at 3865 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto. (650) 856-3781. Also, if you have a van or car and would like to drive for our group, we will chip in for gas.

Vespers (Evening Prayer)

Vespers liturgy for the 2nd Sunday of Advent will be held Sunday, December 7th at 6:15 p.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, *The Voice is John, the Word is Christ*, from a sermon by Saint Augustine, 5th Century Bishop of Hippo and Doctor of the Church.

THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN
MARY

A Holy Day of Obligation

Monday, December 8, 2008

Masses at 6:30 A.M. (chapel), 9 A.M., 7 P.M.
 (No vigil mass on Sunday, December 7)



CHRISTMAS POINSETTA'S FOR OUR
CHURCH

Would you care to make a gift of a poinsettia in memory of a loved one or to honor someone special? If so, we will purchase and place a poinsettia in our sanctuary at Christmas-time. Special envelopes are located on the table in the vestibule of church, outside chapel door or at the parish office. A list of names will be published in our bulletin after Christmas.

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



St. Joseph of Cupertino will be fixing a big traditional Thanksgiving dinner for the 16 men in the Faith in Action Rotating Shelter. This will include: 2 turkeys, stuffing, potatoes, gravy, sweet potatoes, corn on the cob, green vegetable or salad, cranberry sauce, dinner rolls, 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 1:30p.m., warm and ready to eat.

If you would like to prepare part of this meal, please contact Mary Ellen Hennig at (408) 255-6382. Thank you! "*Jesus saw the vast crowd and was moved with pity...Give them something to eat yourselves...*" Luke 14:14-16

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE HERE AT ST. JOSEPH OF
CUPERTINO CHURCH

Tags will be on the tree in the Chapel November 29 & 30. Please take one tag per family & purchase a gift for that individual and return the wrapped gift (with the original tag attached) by December 13 & 14. Gifts are going to be delivered on December 17, therefore gifts **MUST** be at the Church by December 14 — **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.

NOTE: If any tags remain after the first week, you are welcome to take another and do the same as spelled out above. Also, if you to take a tag, remember the gift **MUST** be returned to the tree. We do not want any person to be without a gift from us for this Christmas season. Thanks again.



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)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Dec. 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration
7 p.m. in church
- Dec. 14 **Movie: A Christmas Story**
3 p.m. ---Community Center
- Dec. 17, 18, 19, 20
 Simban Gabi—7 p.m –Church
- Dec. 21 Choir Concert—7 p.m.-Church

WONDERING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?
KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS? All welcome to “**COME & EXPLORE**” our RCIA process Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. in the community center.

HELP SPREAD THE FAITH. INVITE SOMEONE TO FIND OUT ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH!

DO YOU HAVE OR KNOW A CHILD AGE 7 OR ABOVE IN NEED OF BAPTISM? Or someone over 7 yrs. of age who has not celebrated the sacraments of Confirmation or First Communion? Call Janice at the parish office for more information at 252-7653 ext. 30.

Those attending 9 a.m. Mass on Thanksgiving day are invited to bring bread and wine to be blessed which will be used for your holiday dinner .
Also, a collection of non-perishable food items as well as a monetary collection will be taken up for the poor.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: What does “infallibility” mean? *(find answer in next week’s bulletin)*

BE PREPARED NEXT WEEK’S MASS:

The First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2008

Read: Mark 13:33-37

Question for Adults:

Where do you find peace and solace during the holidays?

Questions for Children:

What can you do this Advent to prepare for Jesus?

ACTION

SAY SPECIAL PRAYERS OF THANKS THIS WEEK AND ON THANKSGIVING DAY

Prayer:

Oh God, help us to grow in love for you and one another. Help us this Advent to see and hear the needs of others. Amen



SJC SCHOOL NEWS

LIFE Development Drive

If you have not already done so, please take a moment to read through the materials you received in the mail last week regarding the St. Joseph of Cupertino LIFE development program. We are asking our St. Joseph Community to consider donating to this important project, designed to build long-term financial stability for our parish school, ensure equitable teacher salaries and help struggling families provide a Catholic education for their children.

Cash donations, pledges and stock transfers are among the ways you can participate in this worthy program. Be assured that 100 percent of your tax-deductible gift goes directly to the LIFE Development Fund. Please feel free to contact us with any questions about the LIFE program at the SJC school office (252-6441).

As always, we remain deeply grateful for your continued support.

SCRIP for sale at the School Office

Planning a holiday get-together? **We have scrip for HONEYBAKED HAM (\$10) and MARIE CALLENDERS (\$25) just in time for Thanksgiving!** Start your holiday shopping early and come see our huge assortment of restaurant and retail store gift cards. Don’t forget, we also have scrip for places that you shop at everyday – from the grocery store to the pharmacy. Come by or call the school office to order yours today! **Thanks for supporting the SJC SCHOOL SCRIP program.**



ATTENTION LUCKY’S SHOPPERS: Do you shop at LUCKY’S? Save your RECEIPTS for SJC School! Lucky’s

has a program called “Apples For Students” where schools can receive FREE classroom supplies and educational products based on your register receipts. Please keep your Lucky’s receipts and deposit them in the designated box in the vestibule of the church. Thank you!



Marriage Preparation Ministry

Join the marriage prep team and share your marriage experience with couples who are planning their wedding. This is a wonderful ministry to help engaged couples prepare for their married life. We are looking for one or two married couples who can help for 1-2 weekends a year. The timing is flexible and there are prepared guidebooks to help you. Please contact Bert Swanson at bert.swanson@att.net or 408-733-2507 for more details.

GRIEF SUPPORT: Meets the 1st SUNDAYS OF THE MONTH AT 3 P.M. IN THE PARISH OFFICE. Next meeting---Dec. 7th. Anyone who has suffered a loss of any kind is most welcome. “Grief shared is half grief; Joy shared is double joy. *Honduran Proverb*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Lk 21:1-4
 Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11
 Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19
 Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Lk 21:20-28
Thanksgiving Day (suggested):
 Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
 Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11 — 21:2; Lk 21:29-33
 Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Lk 21:34-36
 Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80;
 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Mass Intentions For the Week

Nov. 22	5:00 PM	Margaret Lucas (+)
Nov. 23	8:00 AM	Andrew Ziegler (+)
	9:30 AM	Aloyius Mark Anthony & Ashley Frank Anthony (L)
	11:00 AM	P. Joseph (+)
	5:00 PM	Clement Joseph (+)
Nov. 24	8:30 AM	Phil Blumenthal (+)
Nov. 25	8:30 AM	William Ivison (+)
Nov. 26	8:30 AM	Simon Jia Jen Chang (L)
Nov. 27	9:00 AM	Laura Pickler (+)
Nov. 28	9:00 AM	Abelardo Constantino (+)
Nov. 29	8:30 AM	Emogene Davis (L)
	5:00 PM	Viceta Claire Connolly (+)
Nov. 30	8:00 AM	All Deceased in the Joseph Family
	9:30 AM	Tony Dao (+)
	11:00 AM	Robert Steinberg (L)
	5:00 PM	Vivian O'Leary (+)



PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

CHARACTER

Character is much easier kept than recovered.
 —Thomas Paine



Stewardship at St. Joseph of Cupertino

When the Son of Man, Jesus, comes in glory, may we be among those who have fed the hungry, welcomed the stranger, and clothed the naked. For Jesus tells us clearly that it is those who have demonstrated good stewardship by sharing their gifts with the less fortunate who will receive God's blessing – and inherit the kingdom.

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!

New Song Books for Pews are Coming



Are you interested in helping with “changing the books”? We will need many hands to gather up all the old song books from the pews, take off the plastics covers, put labels onto the new books, put the covers onto them, 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 28th, at 10:00a.m. For information, please call 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 25 families in Alviso with food baskets this Thanksgiving.

REMINDER: THERE WILL BE NO CATECHETICAL CLASSES ON NOV. 26 AND NOV. 30.

Sign of the Cross. It is one of the most familiar and ancient Catholic gestures. In a concise way it expresses the basic truths of faith—the Trinity, and the redemption by Jesus on the cross. When we sign ourselves with holy water as we enter the church, it s a reminder of our own commitment to Christ in baptism. The sign of the cross is used in liturgical celebrations, sacraments, blessings, devotions, and prayers.

Pray For

PRAYER GROUP---ALL ARE INVITED TO COME TO OUR PRAYER GROUP MEETING in the

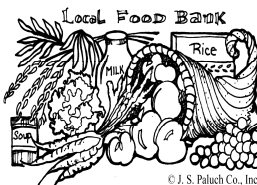
community center at 12 noon on Mondays. Come and help pray for your needs, the needs of our parishioners and our parish.



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



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



Our Lord Jesus Christ the King November 23, 2008
 “I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink.”
 — Matthew 25:35

GO TO
www.stjoscup.org
 SPECIAL EVENTS• ACTIVITIES• PHOTOS
 CALENDAR• HOMILIES•AND MORE!

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!!---(stjoscup.org) 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!

podcast---“**Morning has Broken**.” **singing and reflection**, Sofyan Nugroho, one of our parishioners and song leaders!

PRAYER LINE! (Prayer line @stjoscup.org)

Other Websites

American Catholic.org, you’ll find information about the *Catholic Faith, Saint of the Day, as well as a place for prayer requests!*

Vatican---www.vaticanstate.va in English, Italian, French, German, and Spanish

The Christophers website at www.christophers.org.

www.Americancatholic.org

www.Finding God.org

WARNING!!! Not all websites are created equal---be careful that they follow the true Catholic teaching!

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.

SHARE SCRIPTURE; JOIN A SMALL FAITH SHARING GROUP. Develop a closer relationship with God by reading and reflecting on the scriptures with others. If you are interested in joining one of our groups, please call Janice at the parish office.

BALANCE

Today’s scriptures emphasize the fundamental link between love of God and love of our neighbors, especially those who are most in need. Love of God should compel us to love the people whom God cherishes. Conversely, work for justice and charity for those in need should be rooted in our love of God.

That connection and balance, however, isn’t always easy to maintain in our lives. Even in religious orders we find that some Christians are more oriented toward contemplation and prayer, while others are more active in reaching out to those who are oppressed. Today Jesus reminds us of the necessity for both in the life of faith.

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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.