

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)



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 Mariachi Azteca 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



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 the chapel door or at the parish office. A list of names will be published in our bulletin after Christmas.

MOMENTUM FOR MENTAL HEALTH

Due to prior commitments we are not collecting for the mentally handicapped this Christmas. If you have saved the items that we usually ask for, we suggest that you donate them to another charitable organization. Look for this collection to start again in December, 2009. Thank you.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP THE PARISH INCREASE ITS INCOME? We are seeking volunteers to assist with the promotion of Parish Pay, the automated giving program. Parish Pay enables parishioners to make their offertory contributions through a bank or credit card account, eliminating the need to use envelopes, write checks, or hunt for cash, while insuring that the parish receives a regular offering. If you are interested in promoting this service, please contact Mike Hoffman at 255-4767 or mikeahoffman@yahoo.com



FIRST RECONCILIATION will take place on **TUESDAY, DEC. 16 at 7pm** in the Church. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

Alviso Christmas Outreach has begun. Please have your child bring in his/her gift to class by Dec. 14. Thank you for your continuous generosity.



BOY & GIRLS: Santa will soon be at your house with toys and books. Would you like to share your toys, etc. with other children who use our cry room? If so, have Mom or Dad bring them to church and deposit them in this room. Thank you so much.

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.



Light a candle for all children who have died.
**WORLDWIDE CANDLE
LIGHTING**...that their light may always shine. Sunday, December 14, 2008 7PM at The Burlingame United Methodist Church. 1443 Howard Ave., Burlingame 94040.

GRIEF SUPPORT: Meets the 1st SUNDAY OF THE MONTH AT 3 P.M. IN THE PARISH OFFICE. Next meeting--- Jan. 4, 2009 Anyone who has suffered a loss of any kind is most welcome. "Grief shared is half grief; Joy shared is double joy. *Honduran Proverb*

PURE HEARTS

Those whose hearts are pure are the temples of the Holy Spirit.



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. Reception following.
- Dec. 14 **Movie: "A Christmas Story"**
3 p.m. ---Community Center
(come one and all---refreshments will be served!)
- Dec. 17, 18, 19, 20
Simbang Gabi—7 p.m –Church
(come join us and help prepare spiritually for Christmas)
- Dec. 21 Choir Concert—7 p.m.-Church
(put on by our choir---special musical arrangements & songs)

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: On Dec. 8th we celebrate the feast of the **Immaculate Conception of Mary**. God prepared Mary to be the mother of Jesus by preserving her from original sin. This is a day to celebrate god's great love for Mary, and for all of us. Mary was always in communion with the will of God. What sin keeps you from being in a deeper relationship with God?

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 BAPISM? 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. **(MEETING: SUNDAY, DEC. 7—12:30 P.M. IN COMMUNITY CENTER.)**

BE PREPARED NEXT WEEK'S MASS:
The THIRD Sunday of Advent
December 14, 2008

Read: John 1: 6-8 (John as witness to the light)

Question for Adults:

To whom do you need to be a messenger of joy for this week?

Questions for Children:

How could you make someone happy this week?

ACTION

HELP THE CHURCH BY SIGNING UP FOR PARISH PAY SO THERE IS CONSISTENCY IN GIVING.

Prayer:

Oh Lord, teach me how to experience the joy of knowing and believing in you. Help me to better spread your joy to others so they also can come to know you better. Amen



SJC SCHOOL NEWS

LIFE Donations Coming In



Many thanks to those who have generously contributed to the St. Joseph of Cupertino LIFE (Legacies In Faith and Education) Development Fund during the month of November. The LIFE Fund is 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.

If you would like to make your tax-deductible contribution in time for the 2008 tax year, simply send in your donation before the end of the calendar year. You may also choose to spread out your gift by using our pledge program.

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. For further information, contact the school office at (252-6441.) *Thank you for your continued generosity!*

A Special Invitation for Parish Families...

SAVE THE DATE!

St. Joseph of Cupertino School Open House
Tuesday, January 27th, 2009
9am - 12 noon

Prospective students and their families for the 2009-2010 school year are invited to come for a tour at our open house. Come see our classrooms, students and teachers in action! Tours will be lead by current school parents and applications for all grades will be available. To reserve your spot, please call Kama Belloni in the school office at 252-6441.

SCRIP SUNDAY IS NEXT WEEKEND!

Do some convenient holiday shopping right after mass! Come see our huge assortment of restaurant and retail store gift cards. There is something for everyone on your list. Don't forget, we also have scrip for places that you shop at everyday - Safeway, Lucky's, Marina Foods, Han Kook Market, Long's, Starbucks, Walgreens, Panera, etc.

Thanks for supporting the SJC 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!

ROTATING SHELTER NEWS

The Faith in Action Rotating Shelter for Men will be housed at Congregational Community Church at Remington Drive and South Bernardo Avenue in Sunnyvale for the month of December. **Help is needed!!** They need help filling the calendar for meals. The following dates are still open and in need of dinner for 15 men plus the supervisor: **December 19, 24, 25 (Christmas Day!), 26, 27, 30, 31 and January 2nd.** If you can help please call Mary Ellen Hennig at (408) 255-6382. Thanks you so much!!



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14
 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30
 Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15
 Friday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
 Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Mass Intentions For the Week

Dec. 06	5:00 PM	Terry Eastwood (+)
Dec. 07	8:00 AM	John & Margaret Mardesich(+)
	9:30 AM	Babe Carrol (+)
	11:00 AM	Charles Enders (+)
	5:00 PM	Hari Widjaja (+)
Dec. 08	6:30 AM	
	9:00 AM	Albert Saenz (+)
	7:00 PM	Tsei-Ping Huang (+)
Dec. 09	8:30 AM	Joe-Jen Sun (+)
Dec. 10	8:30 AM	Eniel Solleza (L)
Dec. 11	8:30 AM	Alice King (+)
Dec. 12	8:30 AM	Han-Chung King (+)
Dec. 13	8:30 AM	Norman Parent (+)
	5:00 PM	
Dec. 14	8:00 AM	Courtney Metzger (+)
	9:30 AM	
	11:00 AM	Jay Butera (+)
	5:00 PM	Carol Brown (+)



PLEASE PRAY FOR

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



Stewardship at St. Joseph of Cupertino

John the Baptist's call to repentance is echoed in the U. S. bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship: "Christians must beg God for the grace of conversion: the grace to know who they are, to whom they belong, how they are to live – the grace to repent and change and grow, the grace to become good disciples and stewards." Let us pray for those graces!

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!



A BIG THANK YOU

A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped get out our Christmas mailing. We appreciate your time and effort beyond measure!



PHOTOS OF DECEASED LOVED ONES that were submitted to us for the month of November are at the rectory office to be picked up during the week — from 9-5 and on the weekend — from 10-2. Thank you .

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

If you are between the ages of 11 and 19 our Youth Ministry Needs you. Come and make new friends with other youth as they share their desire to learn and grow in the Catholic Faith while forming great friendships. We meet every Sunday in the Youth Ministry Center from 6:15pm – 8:00pm.

Youth Ministry Movie Night

Come join us for our FLIC2 Movie night on Sunday, Dec.14th after the 5pm Mass in the Community Center. This month's movie is "The Dark Knight". Come and make friends with other youth as Fr. Chad Wahl L.C. will show us "The Dark Knight" and help us decipher its meaning. Pizza and drinks for all youth who attend with a signed parent's permission slip. For more info please contact Primo Martinez.

COME & PRAY FOR AN HOUR---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. NO MTG. DEC. 8. WE WILL MEET ON DEC. 15, 22., THEN BREAK FOR CHRISTMAS UNTIL JAN. 12, 2009.

Thank you for all you prayers, cards and good wishes during my recent hospitalization and recovery. I am now well on my way to a full recovery. **May God Bless All Of You.** Janet Birkholz

St. Joseph of Cupertino Monthly Financial Update For 5 mos. Ended November 30, 2008

Actual	Budget	Variance	
\$247,588	\$242,292	\$5,296	
\$131,077	\$194,526	(\$63,449)	
\$378,665	\$436,818	(\$58,153)	
\$396,673	\$447,080	\$50,406	
(\$18,008)	(\$10,262)	(\$7,747)	

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.

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.FindingGod.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.

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

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: WHAT IS THE LITURGICAL YEAR? What season of the church are we now in? What is the primary color we use for this season?
(answer next week)



Second Sunday of Advent
December 7, 2008
 Every valley shall be filled in,
 every mountain and hill shall
 be made low.
 — Isaiah 40:4

St. Joseph of Cupertino
Staff Information

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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.