

CHRISTMAS 2008 MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve
Wednesday, December 24

No morning mass

Masses: 5:00 (Church & Hall), 8 & 10:00 P.M.
(The 5 P.M. mass in the church will have a special focus on children.)

Christmas Day
Thursday, December 25
Masses: 8, 9:30, & 11 A.M.
No mass at 5 P.M.

Feast of the Holy Family
December 27-28
Regular Weekend Schedule

New Year's Day
(Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)
Thursday, January 1, 2009
Mass at 10 A.M. only
(This day is *not* a holy day of obligation this year.)



The parish offices will be closed from December 24, 2008 through January 1, 2009. The offices will re-open on Friday, January 2, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. We wish everyone a lovely holiday season.



There will be no Catechetical classes on Dec. 21, Dec. 24, Dec. 28 and Dec. 31. Classes will resume Jan. 4. The Catechetical office is closed from

Dec. 21-Jan. 2.

HAVE A SAFE AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS!



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.



A SPECIAL OFFER FROM THE HARVEST RESTAURANT ON DE ANZA BLVD: All St. Joseph of Cupertino parishioners get a 25% discount! Just mention that you are from the parish. Harvest has been very good to us, supporting our bingo and school, so stop by to express appreciation and have a fine meal at the same time. Also, the restaurant is currently collecting gently used or new toys, clothing, and other gift items for donation to local charities. Bins are located in the restaurant. ***Please patronize all who advertise on the back of our bulletin; they make it possible for us to receive the bulletin at no cost.***



CHRISTMAS PLANT WATERING. Would you like to care for all our Christmas plants twice weekly (checking to see if they need a drink — snipping dead leaves, etc.) in our church, chapel and vestibule? If so, please phone Totsie @ (408) 252-7653x61. I would like a phone call this week so I can plan ahead. Thank you.



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.

GRIEF SUPPORT: Meets the 1st SUNDAYS OF THE MONTH AT 3 P.M. IN THE PARISH OFFICE. Next meeting—January 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*



SINGING AT MASS Children wishing to help lead the singing at the 5 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve can come to a rehearsal on Monday morning, December 22nd in the Parish Community Center from 10-11 a.m. Dan Morris will be directing the children's music.

BE PREPARED NEXT WEEK'S MASS:

The Feast of the Holy Family
December 28, 2008

Read: Luke: 2:22-40 (Circumcision of Jesus,
Presentation in the Temple)

Question for Adults:

How does your family know you are a caring person?

Questions for Children:

How do you help your family and show your love?

ACTION

**Go green in your home by taking shorter showers,
turning off lights when not in use. Etc.**

Prayer:

Dear Lord, bless all our family members. Keep them in your constant care and guidance. Please help those who are without family and give them someone to be a companion to them. Bless especially all members of our parish family this coming year. Amen



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. 21 Choir Concert—7 p.m.-Church
(put on by our choir---special musical arrangements & songs)
- Jan. 24 Grief after the Holidays---Fr. Chris Bennett-Community Center – 7 p.m.
- January 25 Video or talk on St. Paul Community Center – 3 p.m.
- Feb. 19 End of Life Handbook – David Feldman, Ph.d – Community Center 7 p.m.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

No one on the planet will ever have exactly the mix of the people in their lives that you do. No one else has the assignment to touch those particular people with love. You have been given a divine purpose that no one else can fulfill. We can do a hundred other things but if we don't do this one thing, at the end, it will be as if we have done nothing at all.---*Mary Manin Morrissey*

Our RCIA is in full swing!!! Persons interested in Catholicism are invited to attend the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children over 7 years of age.** This process of faith formation is for those who have never been baptized, or who were baptized in another faith, and who now seek to know more about Catholicism. We also welcome Catholics who were baptized but never celebrated the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. After a period of informal inquiry, participants are then invited to embark on a process of instruction, prayer, and discernment in preparation for the reception of the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter vigil. We meet Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m. and we invite anyone interested to "come & see". (for more information, please contact Janice LaMotte at 252-7653 ext. 30)

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

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: What is the liturgical color for Christmas? How long does the Christmas season last? (*Answer Next Week!*)



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 Beloni in the school office at 252-6441.



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!



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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56
 Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79
 Thursday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Midnight: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
 Friday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
 Saturday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
 Sunday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128 or Ps 105; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

Mass Intentions For the Week

Dec. 20	5:00 PM	David Rosinski (+)
Dec. 21	8:00 AM	Mary Amos (+)
	9:30 AM	Eva Falabella (+)
	11:00 AM	Suzanne Good (+)
	5:00 PM	Raymond Lederer (+)
Dec. 22	8:30 AM	Joel & Aurelia Munar (+)
Dec. 23	8:30 AM	Victoria & Baldomero Munar (+)
Dec. 24	5:00 PM	Louise Smith (+) - Church
	5:00 PM	Vivian O' Leary (+) - Hall
	8:00 PM	Donald & Faye Mullen (+)
	10:00 PM	Michael Saenz (L)
Dec. 25	8:00 AM	Joe Ignatowicz (+)
	9:30 AM	Hari Widjaja (+)
	11:00 AM	Peggy Anne Martone (+)
Dec. 26	8:30 AM	Dante Falcioni (+)
Dec. 27	8:30 AM	Wilfred & Clarita Munar (+)
	5:00 PM	Judge Wm. J. Lederer (+)
Dec. 28	8:00 AM	Russ Loafman (+)
	9:30 AM	Gloria Tanigue (L)
	11:00 AM	Linda Iyama (L)
	5:00 PM	Linda Munar (+)



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!

Pray For

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. WE WILL MEET ON DEC. 22., THEN BREAK FOR CHRISTMAS UNTIL JAN. 12, 2009.

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.

FLOWER OFFERINGS

Memory of Carroll family	Val, Sophie & Joseph Leksan
Memory of Donaldson family	Mary Louise Smith
Memory of Meyers family	Louise & Clarence Smith
Mary Amos	Tony & Doris Perusa
William Rea, Sr.	Lloyd Standridge
William Rea, Jr.	Minnie Muniz
George Bennett	Mary, Han & Tom Bryance
Robert Delgado	Memory of Bohn family
Guadalupe Delgado	(more names will be in next week's bulletin)
Virgil & Antonia Koker	

CHRISTMAS IN THE HEART

Christmas! 'Tis the season for kindling the fire of hospitality in the hall, the genial fire of charity in the heart.



DID YOU KNOW?

We run a **BINGO** game every Monday and Saturday night. **BINGO** is a source of significant funds for our school, along with other donations to outreach, scholarships and other needed charities. **BINGO** is in the parish hall. Warm-ups games start a 6:30 PM with the regular games at 7:15 PM. If you are a first time player there, you will receive a free dauber. Come join the fun--and spread the news!

**The Catholic Professional and Business Club
Thursday, January 8, 2009**

New Mass Time: 7:00AM; Breakfast Program 7:30AM
New Location: Biltmore Hotel, 2151 Laurelwood Road, Santa Clara
 (near Hwy 101, Montague and San Tomas Expwy)
 Speaker: Tom Bowen, Athletic Director, San Jose State University
 Topic: The Challenges of Practicing My Faith While Working in Collegiate Athletics
 \$20 Members, \$25 Non-Members. Walk-ins welcome
 Contact: Jessica King 408-491-9229; cpbcinfo@gmail.com or www.sjcatholicprofessionals.org

Automated Giving is here. Have you signed up yet?

All parishioners are encouraged to make their weekly contributions via Parish Pay. You may sign up on the St Joseph website: www.stjoscup.org (click on "parish" and "contributions") or the Parish Pay site: www.paritypay.com. If you have questions, please contact the Parish Pay team at ppcteam@stjoscup.org or call Mike Hoffman at 408-255-4767.

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!

GO TO

www.stjoscup.org

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CALENDAR• HOMILIES•AND MORE!

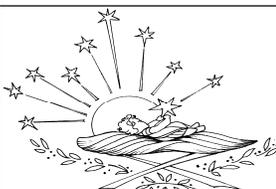
PURE HEARTS

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

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.



**Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 21, 2008**

The child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.

—Luke 1:35

**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.