



3rd Annual Priests vs. Seminarians Basketball Challenge

Back by popular demand, our annual Priests-Seminarians Basketball

Game will be held on February 6, 2009 at 7:00 PM. Because of the growing number of people attending this event, the upcoming game will be at Leavey Center on the campus of Santa Clara University. Tickets can be purchased after Masses during the weekend of January 3/4 or on-line at <http://www.dsj.org/bballtix>. Price: \$10 per adults and \$5 for students. The Bishop has described this as "one of the most fun things he gets to do as bishop." You'll see your priests and future priests in a whole new light. And, yes, they play better than you think! Get your tickets early. All proceeds go to support our 22 seminarians. Come and watch Fr. Chady play on the Championship REVS team!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO FULFILL YOUR 2008 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL PLEDGES BY DECEMBER 31, 2008. Since St. Joseph of Cupertino has already reached its goal, every dollar you contribute will come right back to us! *Thank you for supporting your diocese and your parish.*

FLOWER OFFERINGS

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

Thursday, January 1 (New Year's Day)
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
(Not a holy day of obligation this year)
All are welcome to attend mass at 10 A.M.



The Catechetical office is closed for the New Year and will reopen on January 4.

The Early Childhood Program will have an Epiphany party when they return to classes on Jan. 4. Further details will be emailed home.



GRIEF SUPPORT: Meets the 1st SUNDAYS 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*

ANGELS OF PEACE

Let us not be justices of the peace, but angels of peace.
—St. Thérèse of Lisieux

BE PREPARED NEXT WEEK'S MASS:

The Feast of the Epiphany
January 4, 2009

Read: Matthew 2:1-12 (the visit of the Magi)

Question for Adults:

When have you found the presence of Christ in an unexpected place?

Questions for Children:

When and where do you pray to Jesus?

ACTION

JOIN A SMALL FAITH SHARING GROUP THIS YEAR TO HELP NURTURE YOUR SPIRITUALITY

Prayer:

Lord, help us to see your presence within and around us more clearly. Give us insight and wisdom in your ways. 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:

- 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.
- March 22,23,24 Parish Mission 7 p.m. Church

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: Make a New Year’s Resolution to help our parish. What can you do to be a good steward (disciple) of Christ this year?

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 form 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!



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!



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.

Mass Intentions For the Week

Dec. 27	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)
Dec. 29	5:00 PM	Linda Munar (+)
	8:30 AM	Joseph Mardesich, Jr. (+)
Dec. 30	8:30 AM	Adelina & Francisco Munar (+)
Dec. 31	8:30 AM	Hari Widjaja (+)
Jan. 01	10:00 AM	
Jan. 02	9:00 AM	
Jan. 03	8:30 AM	
	5:00 PM	
	5:00 PM	
Jan. 04	8:00 AM	
	9:30 AM	
	11:00 AM	
	5:00 PM	



PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

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CALENDAR • HOMILIES • AND MORE!



Stewardship at St. Joseph of Cupertino

“Whatever you do,” says St. Paul to the Colossians, “...do it in the name of the Lord Jesus. Give thanks to God the Father through Him.” And so it is that we offer our gifts in the Eucharist “through Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit.”

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!

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
Tuesday:	1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40
Wednesday:	1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18
Thursday:	Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Friday:	1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
Saturday:	1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Jn 1:29-34
Sunday:	Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

What is the liturgical color for Christmas? How long does the Christmas season last?

The color for the Christmas season is white. The season begins December 25 with Christmas---the celebration of the incarnation. The season continues until the Baptism of the Lord. This season celebrates the birth of Christ and his manifestation to the world. Christmas is the third important feast of Christendom. It ranks behind Easter and Pentecost.

WE ARE GOD'S HOLY FAMILY

The scriptures of Israel are filled with many stories of barren couples who were miraculously granted the gift of children by God. Surely the best known among these is the first reading from today, from which Luke took inspiration when he recounted the miraculous birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah and Elizabeth, and the more miraculous birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph. In each instance, we are given examples or role models of those who trusted in God. More than examples of those who trust, they are models of self-surrender. They abandoned their own presuppositions and prejudices about the workings of the world and turned their lives over to belief in a God who can make life grow where none ought to; a God who can turn death around into a new and unimagined life; a God who can, today, take a tiny child of humble parents in an insignificant town and make him into a light for all the world. This is what we, as God's holy family, are called to do each day: to trust not in ourselves and the way we think things should be, but to open ourselves and surrender ourselves in faith to a God of endless promise.

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.

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!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO NURTURE YOUR FAITH?

Join a Small Faith Sharing group which reflects on the Scripture, prays about the scripture, and discusses how the readings speak to us today. There will be a meeting for all who are interested on Jan. 11th in the parish office at 12:15 p.m. For more information, call Janice at the parish office, 252-7653 ext. 30.

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.

NEXT MEETING IS JAN. 12, 2009.

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

CHARACTER

Character is much easier kept than recovered.
—Thomas Paine



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
December 28, 2008
My eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the sight of all
the peoples.
— Luke 2:30-31

**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.