

The clergy and lay staff of St. Joseph of Cupertino express their gratitude for the good wishes and other kind gestures of support they received from parishioners at Christmas. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated!

Help Wanted

The St. Joseph Parish Council is looking for fresh faces and new ideas to build and strengthen our church community. We have four new volunteer positions open, each for a two-year term, starting in early 2009. We meet on the first Thursday of every month, from 7 pm to 8:30 pm in the Community Center. Requirements for becoming a Council member are only that you be a parish member and have a desire to help build a stronger, more vibrant parish. We NEED your talents. The demands on your time are minimal.

If you hear the call to help your parish family, please contact Dick Sherman, Council Chairman, at (408) 255-4671 or via email at Dick.Sherman@gmail.com. If you are interested in becoming a member, please send a short biography (one to two paragraphs) describing your background and interests. **The deadline for applications is 18 January 2009.**

HAVE YOU BEEN MARRIED 25 OR 50 YEARS (OR MORE)? You are invited to participate in the Silver and Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration at St. Joseph Cathedral Basilica on Saturday, February 14 at 10 A.M. Each couple will receive a certificate signed by the bishop. A reception follows the mass. Register online at dsjliturg.blogspot.com or by mail (registration forms are available at the parish office). *The registration deadline is January 26.* For more information, call Sylvia Blanch at 408-983-0128.



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 online 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!

"GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER" is the theme of the 2009 Annual Diocesan Appeal, which begins January 31-February 1. Please prayerfully consider pledging your support to your parish and our local church by contributing to the ADA.

A huge thank you for the environment group that worked so very hard on Monday and Tuesday, December 22nd & 23rd & Mon. Jan. 5th preparing our church and hall for the Christmas season and take down. Many hours go into the beautiful surroundings that you enjoy for the weeks of this season. We had two families that joined us this year and we appreciate them and all of you for the work that goes into these days. Please tell all of them how much you enjoy what they do. It makes my job here at SJC lighter. Thanks so much to all and we wish you a very healthy and happy 2009! Totsie Taylor (environment coordinator)

QUESTION OF LAST WEEK: What is a **dogma**? What is a **doctrine**? **ANSWER:** When the pope speaks *ex cathedra* (from the chair) or *infallibly*, the truth he proclaims is infallible and binds Catholics to believe it. The truth then becomes a dogma. A **dogma** is a truth of the Church revealed by Scripture or contained in Tradition. Other truths; which are subject to various interpretations or, change, and which explain and aid Catholics in belief are called doctrines. These beliefs have not been as definitely and authoritatively defined as have dogmas.

ADULT CONFIRMATION: If you are 18 or older and have never been confirmed, call Janice at 252-7653 ext. 30 or e-mail at adulded@stjoscup.org. Our first meeting is January 18th at 12 noon in the parish office.

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

St. Joseph of Cupertino Parish is holding its eighth annual Crab Feed on Friday, January 23, in the Parish Hall at 10120 N. De Anza Blvd., Cupertino. This all-you-can-eat event features a menu of crab, pasta, salad, garlic bread, and dessert. A no-host bar will serve beer and wine. Doors open at 6pm and dinner will be served at 7pm. Tickets must be purchased in advance from the school office; no tickets will be sold at the door. Until January 19, an adult ticket is \$40. After January 19, an adult ticket is \$45. Tickets for children 12 and under are \$20. Call (408) 252-6441 for more information.



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, PhD – Community Center 7 p.m.
- March 22,23,24 Parish Mission 7 p.m. Church

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: *“It’s difficult to hold on sometimes but some day beyond our tears and all the world’s wrongs, beyond the clouds and all we can see and touch. . .there will be love, compassion, and justice, and we shall all understand”.*

INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

One of the greatest gifts we have been given is our gift of faith. This is a gift we are called to share. Is there someone waiting for an invitation from you?---someone who has not been baptized and would like to learn more about the faith, someone who has been baptized, but has not received the sacraments of confirmation and eucharist, or maybe someone who has been baptized in another faith and would like to know more about the Catholic church?

Our RCIA process meets

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!

**BE PREPARED NEXT WEEK’S MASS:
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
January 18, 2009**

Read: 1 Samuel 3:3-10; 1 Corinthians 6:13-15; John 1:35-42

Question for Adults:

What qualities do you have that would cause others to recognize you as a disciple of Jesus?

Questions for Children:

What does it take to be a follower of Jesus?

ACTION

INVITE SOMEONE TO ATTEND CHURCH WITH YOU THIS WEEK

Prayer:

In the written scroll it is prescribed for me to do your will, O my God, is my delight, and your law is within my heart. Here I am Lord; I come to do your will. Amen *(pray all of Psalm 40)*



SJC SCHOOL NEWS

**St. Joseph of Cupertino School invites you to our
Open House 2009
Tuesday, January 27th
9 a.m. - 12 noon.**

St. Joseph of Cupertino School is a Catholic, parish school dedicated to teaching the whole child: spiritual, intellectual, emotional, moral, social, cultural and physical. We are a community which fosters a sense of belonging and honors the unique personality and gifts of each child. We work in partnership with our families because children benefit when they see and experience a supportive, positive relationship between school and home. Please see the enclosed flyer in today's bulletin with more information about our school. We hope to see you at our upcoming open house where you can take a tour of our school, meet our principal and see our classrooms in action.

St. Joseph of Cupertino School does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, age, sex, or disability in the admission of students, the administration of education policies, scholarship and loan programs, and other school-administered programs.

Applications for the 2009-2010 school year will be available at our Open House, but are also now available in our school office, or on-line at www.sjcschool.org.



LIFE DEVELOPMENT DRIVE UPDATE

Many thanks to those who have generously contributed to the St. Joseph of Cupertino LIFE (Legacies In Faith and Education) Development Fund. We have received nearly \$21,000 in donations to date. As you know, LIFE (Legacies in Faith and Education) encompasses both an educational scholarship program and a development fund. 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. All donations will be gratefully accepted throughout the New Year. There are various ways to participate including our pledge program and stock transfers. For further information, contact Mary Lyons or Kama Belloni in the school office at 252-6441.

Thank you so much for your constant generosity and support!

- The students and faculty of St. Joseph of Cupertino School.

Lucky

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!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20
 Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28
 Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45
 Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17
 Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

Mass Intentions For the Week

Jan. 10	5:00 PM	Christina Chan (L)
Jan. 11	8:00 AM	Russ Loafman (+)
	9:30 AM	
	11:00 AM	Barbara Schumacher (+)
	5:00 PM	Hari Widjaja (+)
Jan. 12	8:30 AM	Paul Enders (+)
Jan. 13	8:30 AM	Albert Saenz (+)
Jan. 14	8:30 AM	
Jan. 15	8:30 AM	
Jan. 16	8:30 AM	
Jan. 17	8:30 AM	Barbara Schumacher (+)
	5:00 PM	Christine Maria Hou (L)
Jan. 18	8:00 AM	William Rea, Jr. (+)
	9:30 AM	
	11:00 AM	Salvador Torres (+)
	5:00 PM	



PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

Flower offerings in memory of: Barbara Schumacher, Cecilia Niedermaier, Barbara Stinson and Nick Kelly.



Stewardship at St. Joseph of Cupertino

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. The U.S. bishops pastoral on stewardship reminds us that Baptism gives all of His disciples a share in His priestly work and calls them to “offer up the world and all that is in it – especially themselves – to the Lord of all.” What have I done in my obligation as one of His stewards?

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!



Upcoming parent meetings for sacramental preparation:

For Confirmation only children: Tuesday, January 20 at 7:30pm in the parish community center.

For Restored-order children: Tuesday, January 27 at 7:30pm in the parish community center.

There are no Sunday Catechetical classes next Sunday, January 18.

Don't miss the fun at the RODEO ROUNDUP DINNER AUCTION, a fundraiser for St. Lawrence Educational Center, on Saturday, February 7 from 6-11 P.M. at St. Lawrence Community Center, 1977 St. Lawrence Dr., Santa Clara. For tickets, please contact Sr. Grayce Ross at gross@saintlawrence.org or 408-296-2260 x322.

Happy Birthday to Art D'Aura who was 99 years young this past week

Walk for Life—West Coast 2009! Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 24th 2009. Join upwards of 25,000 pro-lifer's for the 5th Annual Walk for Life in San Francisco as we peacefully proclaim our message that abortion hurts women and we all deserve better than abortion. For more information visit our website at www.walkforlifewc.com. To volunteer or to arrange busses contact us at (415) 586-1576 or email questions to info@walkforlifewc.com.

Help One Child Ministry Orientation Thursday, January 22, 7:00—8:30 PM, Community Center at St. Joseph of Cupertino. Has God been nudging your heart to open your home to a foster child or help someone who has? Are you caring for someone else's child either through foster care or adoption? Representatives from Help One Child, a local “hands on” Christian ministry will be speaking about its free services tailored to foster and adoptive families that include guidance in licensing or certification, respite care, support, special education and volunteer service. Did you know that there are more than 2,400 children in foster care in Santa Clara County? Of those, 40% will be pulled away from all that is familiar to them due to a lack of available foster homes. Find out how your family or small group can make a difference in the life of a child in your local community. All are welcome! Please RSVP to Judy at (888) KID-HOPE. Visit www.helponechild.org.

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.



**The Baptism of the Lord
January 11, 2009**

All you who are thirsty, come to the water!
— Isaiah 55:1

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!

The parish offices will be **closed** on **Monday, January 19th**, in observance of the Martin Luther King holiday. The offices will re-open on Tuesday, January 20th, at 9:00 AM.

ITALIAN SOCIAL CLUB POTLUCK! ALL ARE WELCOME—Italian or not. Potluck begins at 6 p.m. and discussion at 7 p.m. Tuesday, January 13th in the Community Center.

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.

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.**

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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.