

A NOTE FROM FR. GREG

As all Americans are aware, the inauguration of our 44th president on January 20 is a moment of particular historic significance for our nation. While not wishing to take anything away from the pride and celebration of our African American sisters and brothers, I'd like to point out that Mr. Obama's election to the highest office in our land represents not only the progress of the African American community but also, in a wider sense, the wonderful diversity of these United States. Just look at the new president's background and family: his father was a member of the Luo tribe of Kenya; his mother, a white woman from Kansas, later married a man from Indonesia; his half-Indonesian sister is married to a Chinese Canadian now residing in Hawaii; his wife, a native of Chicago, is the great-great-granddaughter of a slave in South Carolina.

Tempted as we may be to think that we have come very far as a nation, it is important to remember that there is still much work to be done. Traditionally, we Americans have been very slow to insure that all people have access to the freedoms we cherish, much less embrace the diversity of our country. It was only decades ago that a Chinese person was not permitted to marry a Caucasian person in the state of California; that black people had to sit in the back of buses in Alabama; or that Protestants all over the United States were worried that a Catholic president would take his orders from the pope. Today, many Americans continue to feel the sting of discrimination, including women, people with disabilities, gay people, Native Americans, and recent immigrants. The ugliness of the November 4 election, with its vicious attacks over candidates and controversial issues, proved that we still have a lot to learn about showing respect for differences.

A different place of origin does not negate the origin that all people have in God. A different appearance does not negate the image of God in which all people are made. A different status does not negate all people's status as God's children. A different set of beliefs does not negate God's belief that all people are valuable. As Christians, we are called to love without regard to differences, to love even those people who are different from us.

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.**



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 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!

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*

新春彌撒暨祭祖典禮 CHINESE NEW YEAR MASS AND ANCESTRAL CEREMONY

Sunday, February 8, 11 AM

ALL ARE INVITED

***Food and entertainment following;
please bring a treat to share***

特別請各位華人教友參加

THANKS!

Dick Schumacher and his family want to thank the clergy and members of our parish community for the tremendous outpouring of love and support that you have given us following the death of his wife Barbara. Special thanks are due to Msgr. Milani, Father Greg Kimm, Father Peter Luc The Phan, Father Tom Shea and Father Paul Sokup for the beautiful Mass offered for Barbara and to Mary Ann Herlihy and all those who helped the Bereavement Ministry put on such a wonderful reception after the Mass. You are all in my prayers!

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. 18	Adult Confirmation Meeting---12 noon – Parish Office
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. 3	What is the Sacrament of Penance? Fr. Greg Kimm- 7 p.m. Community Center
Feb. 19	End of Life Handbook – David Feldman, Ph.D – Community Center 7 p.m.
March 4	What is the Role of the Assembly At Mass? Caroline Thomas 7 p.m. Community Center
March 22,23,24	Parish Mission 7 p.m. Church

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

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: *Making right choices often involves asking the right questions. Indianchild.com, a website for young people, suggests asking:*

- Will this hurt any person’s body, feeling or things?
- Will I get hurt if I do this?
- What would happen if everybody did this?
- Is this something I could do again and again?
- If I do this will I be sorry?

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: What season of the Church year are we currently into? What is the color for this season? (*Answer next week*)

BE PREPARED NEXT WEEK’S MASS: THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 25, 2009

Read: Jonah 3: 1-8. 10; I Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1: 14-20

Question for Adults:

What part of your life is Jesus calling you to change right now?

Questions for Children:

How can you be a better follower of Jesus?

ACTION

INVITE SOMEONE TO ATTEND CHURCH WITH YOU THIS WEEK

Prayer:

Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths, guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior. (*pray all of Psalm 25*)



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 \$34,000 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.

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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 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22
 Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28
 Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6
 Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Mk 3:7-12, or any readings from the Mass “For Peace and Justice,” nos. 887-891
 Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Mk 3:13-19
 Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Mk 3:20-21
 Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20 or for the Conversion of St. Paul Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 16:15-18

Mass Intentions For the Week

Jan. 17	5:00 PM	Christine Maria Hou (L)
Jan. 18	8:00 AM	William Rea, Jr. (+)
	9:30 AM	Celine Joseph (+)
	11:00 AM	Salvador Torres (+)
	5:00 PM	
Jan. 19	8:30 AM	
Jan. 20	8:30 AM	Lilybeth Solis (+)
Jan. 21	8:30 AM	
Jan. 22	9:00 AM	
Jan. 23	9:00 AM	
Jan. 24	8:30 AM	
	5:00 PM	Joseph Furtado (+)
Jan. 25	8:00 AM	
	9:30 AM	P. Joseph (+)
	11:00 AM	Francisco Ibanez (+)
	5:00 PM	



PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

“**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.



Stewardship at St. Joseph of Cupertino

In today’s first reading, we hear Samuel respond eagerly, “Here I am!” each time the Lord calls him. May we, too, be listening for the call of God in our lives and be ready to say like the psalmist, “Speak, for your servant is listening.” Let our listening result in action for our Lord.

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.

Sunday catechetical classes resume on January 25.

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.

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.

Congratulations to Angela & Ed Vasquez on the celebration of their 61st wedding anniversary on January 17th. May they share many more years of love and happiness together!



**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 18, 2009**

Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you.
— 1 Corinthians 6:19a

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

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 dsjliturgu.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.

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.

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!

NEED PRAYER? KNOW SOMEONE WHO DOES? 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. 27, 2009.

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.*

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!

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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.