

Thanks!

With help from 368 parishioners (23%), we are at 106% of our ADA goal and have potentially raised \$8,254 for our own parish. *All future ADA donations will stay right here at St. Joseph.* There are only two weeks left in the campaign. If you have not yet joined in, please consider doing so today. We have many needs, including the renovation of the restrooms in the hall.

Girl Troops 60475, 61403, and 61441 gratefully thank the generous parishioners and school families that donated to the Pajama and Book Drive. Over 130 pajamas and 140 books were collected and helped us to easily reach our goal of 100 pajamas! Thank you to all who supported this drive!



THE PARISH Welcomes

Mr. & Mrs. David Altmar Family
Ms. Jenna Cestone Family
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Cosentino Family

ST. JOSEPH'S DAY TABLE AT ST. JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO will be held this year on the Feast of St. Joseph (foster father of Jesus) on March 19, 2009 @ 6:00 P.M. in our parish community center. In 2008 we had this table after the 11:00 Mass but we are unable to do so this year. Instead of a fee at the door, we are asking you to bring a potluck dish (or two). These dishes **DO NOT** have to be meatless as spelled out in last week's bulletin. We ask you to respond by March 16th to Totsie at (408) 252-7653x61. We will not be able to have you join us without a reservation. We have asked our clergy to join us and our food will be blessed and we will be told the origin of how this St. Joseph's table came about. For additional info please phone Totsie ASAP. Note: At 7:00 P.M. the regular meeting of our Italian Social Club will follow this dinner. All are welcome to stay and join us (lots of fun!!).

SJC'S ANNUAL AUCTION

St. Joseph of Cupertino School's 24th annual auction, A Pirates' Gala, is Saturday, March 28th, at 5:30 in the Parish Hall. This is the school's major fundraiser, and we rely on the support of parents and parishioners to make it successful every year. Tickets are \$35 each, \$40 after March 23rd.

This fun-filled event includes:

Gourmet Dinner
Live and Silent Auctions, and
Exciting Raffle Prizes including a \$1,000 Grand Prize!

If you have any questions or need more information, please call Barbara Hill at (408) 252-9775.

LENTEN MISSION

St. Joseph's will be having a Parish Mission on March 23-25 (Monday – Wednesday) from 7:00-9:00PM led by Fr. Shawn Aaron, LC.

Each evening begins with Mass at 7:00PM followed by a spiritual talk.

Confessions will be available throughout the whole of each evening starting at 6:30-9:00PM.



Flowers, Flowers, Flowers! Would you like to share in decorating our church for the Easter Season? Donations may be made in memory of a loved one or as a personal sign of love to be made to our **Easter Altar Flower Fund**. Donations will be used to purchase Easter lilies for our church. You may pick up an envelope in the vestibule of our church or by the chapel entrance or mark an envelope "Easter Flower Fund". You may list the names of those you wish to be remembered for publication in upcoming bulletins.



Sacrament Preparation: Forms for the Family Retreat and Restored-Order celebration have been sent home. If you have not already turned in your RSVP, please do so to the Catechetical Ministry office.



Students in the catechetical program are participating in Operation Rice Bowl, the official Lenten Program of Catholic Relief Services. Many parishes throughout the Diocese of San Jose participate in this program and 25% of the money collected will stay within our diocese, to help fight hunger and poverty locally. If you wish to pick up a bowl, some are available in the vestibule of the church and also in the Catechetical office. Bowls are due back by Sunday, April 5.



SAVE THE DATE-Parish Lenten soup supper and penance service-April 3, 2009 @ 5:30 P.M. in the community center (and church @ 7:00 P.M.) More information to follow or phone Janice at the rectory office now. Thank you.



Won't you please join us for Mass, in preparation for Easter, on Tuesday, March 24th at 11:00am at St. Joseph of Cupertino. Msgr. Milani is the presider. The donation is \$3.00. There is a no host brunch to follow at Holder's Country Inn restaurant on De Anza Blvd. For more information please call Mary Lou Caldwell at (408) 252-0213 or Virginia Puzar at (408) 253-8149. (Sponsored by the YLI)

Easter Flowers from your garden. We appreciate donations of calla lilies from your gardens at this time every year to beautify our church for the Easter season. Containers will be provided (outside the sacristy entrance) for you to drop off your flowers either Holy Thursday or Good Friday. Please do not drop off any on Holy Saturday as we will have arranged the lilies on the previous two days. Thank you very much.





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)

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?
(here are opportunities to grow your faith!)

March 23,24. 25 Parish Mission---“Purpose Driven Lent” 7-9 p.m. Church

March 31 “Christianity 101” Fr. Jose Rubio
7 p.m. Community Center

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. There will be a meeting Tuesday night, March 24th at 7 p.m. in the community center.

GRIEF SUPPORT: Meets the 1st SUNDAYS OF THE MONTH AT 3 P.M. IN THE PARISH OFFICE. Next meeting---April 5, 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*”

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: “What are the scrutinizes?”
Last week, we celebrated the **Penitential Rite** with the RCIA members who have been baptized. In the next three weeks of Lent, we will be praying (**the Scrutinies**) in a special way for those who wish to be baptized (the Elect) at the Easter vigil. We pray that they will avoid temptation, and experience the true freedom of the children of God. **At the Masses which include the scrutinizes, the Cycle A readings are used.**

EVERYONE IS CALLED TO GREET AND BE HOSPITABLE TO FELLOW PARISHIONERS AND TO OTHERS WHO COME TO OUR PARISH! If you would like to do this in a more formal way, consider joining our **SUNDAY HOSPITALITY MINISTRY** or our ministry to **NEWCOMERS**. *Call Janice at the parish office if you can help--- 252-7653 ext. 30*

PLEASE PICK UP PICTURES OF YOUR LOVED ONES WHICH ARE IN THE PARISH OFFICE.

EASTER SCHEDULE

Within the next week your Easter schedules will be arriving in the mail. Please take a moment to verify that the spelling of your name and address is correct. Also, make a note of your parish ID# on the label. This number should be written on all checks or envelopes containing donations to our church. Thank you.

**BE PREPARED NEXT WEEK’S MASS:
FOURTH WEEK OF LENT
MARCH 22, 2009**

Read: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23, Ephesians 2:4-10, John 3:14-21

Question for Adults:

Do you see the world as basically evil, or as good? What difference does this make in the way you live?

Questions for Children:

Where do you see goodness in God’s world?

ACTION

SPEND TIME AND REFLECT ON HOW YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE (as part of your almsgiving during Lent) TO THE ADA. All above our goal comes back to our parish!


Prayer:

Oh God, sometimes the world is filled with so much darkness. You, Lord, are the light of the world. Help us to let your light shine through us and make world a better place. Amen



SJC SCHOOL NEWS

**SAVE THE DATE: ALUMNI PIZZA PARTY
for high school age SJC Alumni
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22 5:30 pm
Parish Community Center**

All high school age SJC Alumni are invited to our Alumni Pizza Party on Wednesday, April 22 at 5:30 pm here on campus! Meet up with our faculty, staff, and other fellow young alums at this fun social evening. **RSVP** to the school office at 252-6441 or via email to development@sjschool.org to save your spot! 
Hope to see you there!

AN SJC STUDENT SPARCCLS! DID YOU KNOW?

Students at St. Joseph of Cupertino are **Strong Communicators**...

Did you know? St. Joseph of Cupertino students have learned the importance of being able to communicate with others effectively, directly, and positively. They have developed both written and oral self-expression skills.

Did you know? SJC offers public speaking instruction as part of its curriculum. We are delighted to have “Retired” Msgr. Michael Mitchell as a frequent educator in our classrooms, offering instruction in the many aspects of oral communication to our students.

Did you know? Students at St. Joseph’s have multiple opportunities for being strong communicators. Did you hear our Catholic School’s Week student speakers at Mass in January? Children from all grades shared in their own words why they love SJC. In addition, these students demonstrated beautifully our other SPARCCLS values of being confident as well as community-oriented as they spoke before the entire congregation, giving of their own time to share the “Good News” about SJC School.

Did you know? At our morning assemblies, students are publicly recognized for displaying our SPARCCLS. Teachers and fellow students have the opportunity in front of the school community to give out “Fire Stars” to children who have embodied our SPARCCLS values. (Come see all of them displayed in our school office – it’s quite impressive!) In taking the time to recognize each other publicly, students are able to practice being strong communicators as well as helping on an individual level to cultivate an environment that values our SPARCCLS ideals.

AN SJC STUDENT “SPARCCLS”!

An SJC Student is:

Spiritual
Peaceful
Academically Prepared
Respectful
Confident
Community Oriented
Life-long Learners
Strong Communicators

CONGRESSMAN HONDA VISITS ST. JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO



This past week, Congressman Mike Honda of the 15th Congressional District of California in the U.S. House of Representatives, came to SJC School to formally accept our Origami Wind Flag for Peace. (You may have seen it featured on the cover of both the Cupertino Courier and Sunnyvale Sun newspapers in January.) This beautiful, handmade creation consisting of 1000 red, white, and blue paper cranes was blessed by the student body at a special prayer service. Following the blessing, the wind flag was presented to the Congressman, who then addressed the student body. The Wind Flag will now be making its way to the White House! Congressman Honda will be delivering it, and the prayers for peace it represents, to the President on behalf of SJC School.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt. 18:21-35
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14
 Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21
 Alternate readings (Year A):
 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

Mass Intentions For the Week

Mar. 14 5:00 PM
 Mar. 15 8:00 AM Jessie Ziegler (+)
 9:30 AM Vera Rodrigues (+)
 11:00 AM Jose Saleme (+)
 5:00 PM Michael Martinez (+)
 Mar. 16 8:30 AM Rob Bloom (L)
 Mar. 17 8:30 AM
 Mar. 18 8:30 AM
 Mar. 19 8:30 AM Remily Avanzado (+)
 Mar. 20 8:30 AM Abednego Acolatse (+)
 Mar. 21 8:30 AM
 5:00 PM
 Mar. 22 8:00 AM Herbert Smith (+)
 9:30 AM Belinga Mbarga (+) & Desire Magloire (+)
 11:00 AM Eduard Schroeder (+)
 5:00 PM Michael Martinez (+)



PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

MANY THANKS to Eleanor Ignatowicz, Catharine Wong, Kitty Enders, Doris Groves, Dolores Kloss, Rita Finn and Mini Butera for volunteering to get our Easter bulk mailing done. We appreciate your help so very much!



Stewardship at St. Joseph of Cupertino

“You shall not covet” may be a difficult commandment to keep in our consumer-oriented society. But as Christian stewards, we know that we are the recipients and caretakers of God’s many gifts. Many this understanding that *all* is a gift help us be less resentful of the gifts of others.

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!

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 Monday’s. Come and help pray for your needs, the

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 in the parish office at 12:15 p.m. *For more information, call Janice at the parish office, (408) 252-7653 ext. 30.*

 **PRAYER REQUESTS?** We have a prayer request form on our



PUSSY WILLOW AND TALL PALM BRANCHES will be needed for the upcoming Lenten and Easter season. Do you have any growing in your yard? If so, we will ask you to cut branches of pussy willows as this

is the time they should be pruned. If you cut, we will come to your house to collect. Tall palm branches will be needed on Thursday, March 2nd. 12-14 branches are needed. We will pick up if you cut down. Can you help out this year? Please phone Totsie at (408) 252-7653x61. Thank you very much.

THANKS A MILLION TO BETTY DEMARE AND GLORIA HOEKE WHO HAVE AGREED TO FACILITATING A MINISTRY FOR FUNERAL RECEPTIONS IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER. If you are interested in helping when needed (*this only entails about 4-5 times a year!*), please call Janice at the parish office 252-7653 ext. 30

ARE YOU MISSING DISHES??? If you have donated food lately and haven’t retrieved your dishes as yet, please come to the parish office and pick them up.

If you do not pick them up THIS WEEK, they will be DONATED to a worthy cause.



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.

St. Joseph of Cupertino Monthly Financial Update For 8 mos. Ended February 28, 2009

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Weekly & other Collections	\$412,602	\$430,817	(\$18,214)
Gifts & other income	\$268,077	\$339,630	(\$71,553)
Total Revenue	\$680,679	\$770,447	(\$89,768)
Total Expense	\$714,311	\$749,782	\$35,471
Net Gain (Loss)	(\$33,632)	\$20,665	(\$54,297)

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.



Third Sunday of Lent March 15, 2009

I, the LORD, am your God . . . You shall not have other gods besides me.
 — Exodus 20:2a, 3

Automated Giving is here—Have you signed up yet?

All parishioners are encouraged to give a set monthly amount. There are a number of ways this can be accomplished. You can sign up for Parish Pay by clicking on “donations” on the St. Joseph website home page (www.stjoscup.org). You can use your bank’s online bill pay service to set up a recurring monthly payment to St. Joseph, or you can write one check each month and either drop it in the collection basket or send it to the parish office. If you have questions, please contact the Planned Parish Giving 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. Finding God.org

www. Finding God.org **CHECK OUT RESOURCES FOR LENT!**

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.

Badminton Summer Camp at Cupertino (羽毛球夏令營)

California Badminton Academy will host an 8 weeks (3 sessions) Summer Camp at St. Joseph church in Cupertino from June 23 to August 14, 2009. CBA has more than 10 years of badminton coaching experience. The coach was a top world athlete and the China National Team captain. CBA students will get superior coaching and will improve their skills at a much faster pace. Previous classes have been hugely appreciated by everyone including parents. Interested parents please contact: cabadmintonacademy@gmail.com for detail information.

加洲羽毛球學校將在 Cupertino St Joseph Church 舉辦為期8周3期的夏令營。課程將由在灣區10多年豐富教學經驗，曾是世界一流羽毛球選手，前中國國家隊女隊隊長執教。學生學的快又好。深得家長稱贊。有興趣者，請連絡 cabadmintonacademy@gmail.com 。

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH INVITES YOU TO COME & SEE:

- Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith?
- Are you baptized in another Christian tradition or baptized Catholic, but without formal religious education?

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)

**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.