

HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN SRI LANKA: The bishops of Sri Lanka have appealed for assistance for victims of the ongoing civil war in their country. Many civilians—men, women, and children—have been displaced and left without food, water, shelter, and proper sanitation, as well as physical security. If you would like to help the people of Sri Lanka, please send your contribution, clearly marked “Sri Lanka,” to the parish office. We will forward your contribution to the diocesan office, which will make sure it gets to Caritas Sri Lanka, the Catholic organization organizing relief efforts. Thank you.

FREE BASEBALL TICKETS: The Serra Club of Santa Clara invites families to be their guests at the San Jose Giants/ Modesto Nuts game on Saturday, May 23 at 6 P.M. at San Jose Municipal Stadium. Complimentary tickets are available at the parish and St. Joseph School offices, while supplies last.

DID YOU KNOW? We have a grief support group, two Mom’s groups—one for older children and one for younger children, a youth group, a prayer group, a hospitality group, funeral reception group, young adult group, social justice group, as well as a social group plus various ethnic groups, and Chinese bible study groups? *(these are the latest additions to the many other groups which already have existed).* **Come to the Ministry Faire and find out more as well as enjoy refreshments, entertainment, raffles, and ?????**



The parish offices will be closed on Monday, May 25th, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. The offices will re-open on Tuesday,



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

THE SPIRIT IS COMING! THE SPIRIT IS COMING! Look for special events which are happening in preparation and celebration of **PENTECOST!**

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.*

ALTAR CARE MINISTRY is in need of replacements for their five teams. We usually work on Mondays from 9:00 to 11:00A.M. (or sometimes earlier). We have a few women & men who are moving or retiring after being on teams for many, many years. Altar care consists of very easy dusting, vacuuming and candle cleaning. Won’t you join this ministry—**WE NEED YOU !!!!!** Please phone Totsie Taylor @ (408) 252-7653x60 Thanks so much.



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.

New Playgroup on Tuesday’s from 9am-11am. Bring your babies/ children who are still too young for school to our weekly playgroup. Come for companionship for both mommies and kids! For more information contact Kristin Bacich at klhbacich@hotmail.com



Registration packets are ready for the upcoming school year, 2009-2010. The Catechetical program welcomes all children between the ages of 3 up to the 8th grade. For more information or if you would like to add another child in the program, please contact the Catechetical Ministry office at 252-7653x60 or via email at catmin@stjoscup.org. Registration packets are available in the church vestibule, the rectory, the Catechetical office and also online at www.stjoscup.org/releeduc.php.



Would you like to share your faith experience with the young people of our church community? The Catechetical Ministry program is looking for catechists for the 2009-2010 school year. If you can consider this ministry, please call Tam at 252-7653x60.

ROTATING SHELTER NEWS

Faith in Action Rotating Shelter for homeless men is an organization that has been in our immediate area for over 17 years. St. Joseph of Cupertino participates every July by hosting and providing meals for the men in the shelter.

The Rotating Shelter has the following WISH LIST: personal hygiene items (soap, shampoo, razors, toothpaste, toothbrushes, antifungal foot powder, sunscreen), umbrellas, shoe vouchers, shoes, shoe laces, socks, underwear, backpacks, AA batteries, ear plugs (block out snoring!), and quarters for laundry. In fact, we are starting a “Collect Quarters” campaign to help the homeless clients with their laundry.

Can you help with any of these items? Please contact Mary Ellen Hennig at (408) 255-6382, or Wilma Traylor at West Valley Community Services at (408) 255-8033 ext. 202. Thank you so much!!!

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)*

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

Catholic Charities Annual Appeal This Week “Love one another.” You can make a difference for the good by encouraging and supporting the work of Catholic Charities! Your contribution helps leverage larger grants to provide more than 40 different services that help people move out of poverty in Silicon Valley. This is a clear expression of loving one another. Envelopes are available in church or at the parish office For more information, see www.catholiccharitiesscc.org or contact Marnie Regen, (408) 325-5248, mregen@ccsj.org



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 GROW YOUR FAITH?

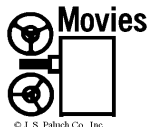
(here are opportunities to grow your faith!)

May 24 Pentecost Experience---Movie

and activity for all. 2:30 p.m.
Community Center.

May 30,31 Ministry Faire----Community Center following all Masses

May 31 Celebration of Pentecost---Mass with emphasis on Children---9:30 a.m. church



A movie for all ages! Joshua is based on the best selling novel by Fr. Joseph Girzone. An inspirational movie about a stranger whose mysterious "supernatural" powers inspire a small town. Please join us in the Community Center on May 24th at 2:30pm to see this wonderful film!

ETHNIC DRESS: All are invited to wear your traditional dress to church on the weekend of Pentecost.

PLAN TO COME TO THE FAIRE! MINISTRY FAIRE is May 30, 31. Come & see all it takes to help bring about the kingdom of God on earth. There will be food, entertainment, prizes and more!!!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: What happened to heaven, hell, and purgatory? If you were in the Community Center on May 6th with Fr. Kevin Joyce you know the answer!

"THE MINISTRY OF THE ASSEMBLY" by Caroline Thomas has an excellent explanation of the Mass the assembly's role at Mass. If you would like to purchase a copy (\$5), call Janice at the parish office---252-7653 ext. 30.

**BE PREPARED NEXT WEEK'S MASS:
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
May 24, 2009**

**Read: Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 4:1-13;
Mark 16: 15-20**

Question for Adults:

How important is it for you to belong to a community of faith?

Questions for Children:

How are you showing others you believe in Jesus?

ACTION

READ POPE BENEDICT XVI'S ENCYCLICAL "GOD IS LOVE" (Deus Caritas Est)

Prayer:

Lord Jesus make us instruments of your love. You taught us that if we love one another,, You remain in us. Help us to believe more fully that all things are possible with You.



SJC SCHOOL NEWS

Spring Scholarship Appeal



Thank you to all parish and school families who have generously donated over \$22,000.00 to the Nick Kelly, Dick Caldwell, and Fr. Leo Rooney Memorial Scholarship Funds. Your continuing support is an inspiration to all of us. Currently, we are at 50% of our annual goal for our scholarship appeal.

If you have not donated yet, we hope you will consider giving to these funds. With your help, we are able to reach out to those school families struggling through difficult times. This year, the need for financial assistance is greater than in years past. We sincerely appreciate any assistance you can give us. Be assured that 100% of your gift goes directly to the fund you designate, and your donation is tax deductible. Additional donation materials are available in the church vestibule.

Please know how grateful we are for your all your generous support!

The Faculty and Students at SJC School

APPLICATIONS FOR 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR ARE BEING ACCEPTED!

Applications for our parish school for the 2009-2010 school year are available and now still being accepted. We still have a few openings in some grades. You may download an application by logging on to our school website at www.sjcschool.org and clicking on Admissions. You may also pick up an application at our school office or contact us at (408) 252-6441 to request an application. *Please note: parishioners are given priority consideration in our acceptance policy.*

GRIEF SUPPORT: Meets the 1st SUNDAY OF THE MONTH THE MONTH AT 3 P.M. IN THE PARISH OFFICE. Next meeting---June 7, 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

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

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: What is the Rosary?
(answer next week)



Communion and Liberation Lay Movement. ARE YOU AN ADULT LOOKING TO DEEPEN YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND EXPERIENCE OF THE CHURCH?

Come to our "School of Community" Wednesdays at 7:30-8:30pm in the SJC School Art Room. We are currently working on the book *Is it Possible to Live this Way?* by Luigi Giussani. For more information contact Yvonne Fernández at yvonnefernandez@yahoo.com or go to our website at www.clonline.us

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
 Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11
 Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Jn 16:12-15
 Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Eph 1:17-23 or 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20
 Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23
 Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28
 Sunday: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Ps 103; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19; or, for Ascension, Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20

Mass Intentions For the Week

May 16	5:00 PM	Olga Blasko (+)
May 17	8:00 AM	Herbert Smith
	9:30 AM	Laura Pickler(+)
	11:00 AM	Victoria & Linda Munar (+)
	5:00 PM	Carl Rodrigues (+)
May 18	8:30 AM	Cornelia Gadegbeku (+)
May 19	8:30 AM	
May 20	8:30 AM	Sam Bagar (+)
May 21	8:30 AM	
May 22	8:30 AM	Matilda Mazur (+)
May 23	8:30 AM	Jennifer Kawashima (L)
	5:00 PM	Bijan Mullen (+)
May 24	8:00 AM	Herbert Smith (+)
	9:30 AM	Vittorio Radaelli (+)
	11:00 AM	Tom Taylor (L)
	5:00 PM	Sam Bagar (+)



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

Jesus' commandment is that His disciples love one another, even to the point of laying down their lives, if necessary. What gifts of myself – my skills and talents, my time and resources – will best demonstrate my love for God's people?

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!

An Evening with Piers Paul Read and Ron Hansen, Wednesday, June 3, 2009 at 7:30pm. Come join us at Our Lady of Peace in Santa Clara on Wednesday, June 3 for a onetime opportunity to hear what two of the greatest novelists of this generation have to say about craft, faith, art and more! Piers Paul Read, the award-winning British novelist and playwright, and Ron Hansen, the American novelist, essayist and professor, are both Catholic writers creating art in the contemporary world. This is a rare chance to learn and be inspired by these two great men of letters. Dr. Richard Sonnenshein, PhD., will moderate and lead the conversation, which will conclude with a question-answer session. Both writers' latest novels will be available for purchase at this event. Entrance is free of charge, but donations will be gratefully accepted. For more information please call (408) 988-4585 or (415) 387-2324ext.202

Praying the Mystics: Teresa, John and Ignatius— May 29 though June 1, 2009 Three great Christian saints and mystics—Teresa of Avila, John of the Cross and Ignatius of Loyola—were teachers of prayer whose practical wisdom can help us draw closer to God no matter where we are on the spiritual journey. On these retreat days, we will learn about their lives, spirituality, teachings and prayer and their “maps” of the journey toward union with God. **Carmen de la Vega Neafsey, MA and James Neafsey, DMin.**, who have studied the lives of these Spanish mystics for over thirty years, will lead this retreat weekend.

Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe & Guadalajara—Aug 17th—24th, 2009 You are invited to come to the information meeting regarding the pilgrimage to ur Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City & Guadalajara from August 17-24, 2009. The meeting will be from 2:30pm—4:00pm, on March 29, 2009 in the small room of Fr. Perata Parish Center of St. Victor Church, 3108 Sierra Road, San Jose, Ca. 95132. For further information, please call Fr. Lim at (408) 251-7055

Transfiguration Catholic Community has a Clothing Closet benefiting infants through adults. It is currently well stocked and in need of recipients. If anyone could use clothes or small household items, please call (408) 264-3600 to make an appointment. The clothing closet is staffed Tuesday through Thursday from 10am-2pm.

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

In the Gospel for the Sixth Sunday of Easter we are met with an extraordinary challenge: Jesus commands us to “love one another as I love you” (John 15:12). The letter from John echoes this command. Of course, we are to love those in our family, those we work with, those we like. But the scriptures make clear that we are also to love those we never notice, those we purposely avoid, and even those we are tempted to despise.

In this Sunday's selection from the Acts of the Apostles Peter shows us how far God's love extends, and how far our love should extend in response. Peter realizes that God no longer “shows partiality” to the Jews, sharing divine love exclusively with them. Christ has revealed that God's love extends to all people, and so should ours.



Sixth Sunday of Easter May 17, 2009

It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit.
 — John 15:16

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

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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 。

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!

**St. Joseph of Cupertino
Staff Information**

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- Bingo Information – x37
- Business Administration – x23 Monica Viruegas-Ferrante
- Catechetical Ministry – x60 Tam Tran (catmin@stjoscup.org)
- Liturgy – x32 Dan Morris
- Ministry to the Sick – 252-7653 Marlene Penney
- Organist – 996-9352 Lothar Bandermann
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- School – 252-6441 Mary Lyons (www.sjcschool.org)
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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.