

## LETTERS TO THE PASTOR

*Here are a couple of notes I received after the June 27-28 talk on parish finances, along with my responses. –Fr. Greg*

Father: I'm very disappointed that I took time out once a week to worship God. Instead, each time, especially today, the enthusiasm of worship becomes talking about money in the midst of mass when we should think of nothing but Jesus. But again, the same issue 24/7 money, money!! Can we have this 60 minutes just devoted to God and Jesus other than worldly problems? Or at least put this issue after the mass and put God priority [sic]. Thanks.

*We all want to come to church to worship God. This is precisely why we must speak about our financial need. If we do not have the money to keep our church open—to pay for staff salaries, electricity, water, candles, bread, wine, etc., there will be no Sunday masses. And, while it is not ideal to have a finance talk after the homily, it was put there in order to get the attention of the largest number of parishioners. Many people leave mass early and/or do not read the bulletin. A mailing costs hundreds of dollars and would be thrown away by many before they read it.*

I thought I should write to you about my feelings of coming to church to attend masses. Last week was very disappointing. Instead of providing me with harmony, I listened for almost twenty minutes from someone about parish finance with graphs and pictures. I could not help asking myself the purpose of coming to masses, all about money, money, money. The church is getting broke. I come to masses for spiritual support and not to hear about money. I consider contributing \$30 per week plus the ADA and Bishop Appeal is more than adequate, all together \$90 per week per mass for one hour. I will not come to church or go elsewhere where if you continue bore me by asking for more money [sic]. Enough is enough.

*Thank you for your financial support. A talk about money may not be exciting but it is necessary on occasion because it is your financial support and the financial support of other parishioners which makes it possible for us to offer you spiritual support. I hope that in the future we will have enough resources to prevent you from hearing about money ever again.*

### **BECOMING CATHOLIC: COMPLETING INITIATION:**

**The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: (RCIA) ages 7 & older** If you are not baptized, or baptized in another Christian denomination, or if you are baptized Catholic but have not celebrated the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist, *please contact Janice LaMotte at 252-7653 ext. 30) Meeting for Adults on Wed. Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the parish office.*



**THE PARISH Welcomes...**

Ms. Iva Galesic  
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Okincha

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:** What was the last council of the church? *answer:* The last council was the Vatican II council called by Pope John the XXIII and was held from 1962-1965. It was not called to proclaim doctrine and fend off heresy, but to make the Church meaningful and relevant to the modern day world.



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



The Catechetical Office is closed for the summer and will re-open on Monday, August 17. Voice messages and emails will be picked up weekly and all inquiries will be responded to promptly. Registration packets can be picked up at the rectory or downloaded from the website at <http://stjoscup.org/forms/RegistrationPacket2009.pdf>.

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

**GRIEF SUPPORT: WILL NOT MEET DURING THE SUMMER. NEXT MTG. SEPTEMBER 13 FROM 3-4:30 P.M. IN THE PARISH OFFICE.**

**WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW MEMBERS, VISITORS AND GUESTS!** Your presence helps enliven our community and we thank and praise our God for each and every one of you.



*Advertising Opportunity!*

Own a business? Work for one? The SJC Carnival has sponsorship opportunities for businesses large and small. **Major sponsors** receive space for corporate banners & logos in prominent areas of the carnival grounds, plus a free promotion booth.

For more info:

<http://www.sjcschool.org/carnival/sponsorship>



**MOM'S GROUP :** (*mom's with older children*) 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](mailto:klhbacich@hotmail.com)



## 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)*

### COMING SOON!

**Aug. 23 Welcoming New Parishioners. 11 a.m. Mass Reception following in Community Center**

Aug. 26 Meeting for those interested in the Catholic Church 7 p.m. Parish Office

**Sept. 13 PARISH FEAST DAY** 11 a.m. mass followed by reception.

**“ALIVE IN THE SPIRIT” - BIBLE STUDY beginning SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> AT 7 P.M. IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER!!!** Stay tuned for many other adult faith and spirituality offerings coming in Fall.

### WHAT ACTIVITIES, PRAYER, EVENTS, ETC. WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE TO HELP GROW YOUR FAITH?

*( Please e-mail or call Janice at the parish office)*

**OUR FEAST DAY IS COMING!!!** If you are able to **help** plan or **help** with our annual celebration on **September 13<sup>th</sup>**, please call Janice at 252-7653 ext. 30. Look for upcoming flyers!!!

**THANKS SO MUCH** to all who volunteer their time and assistance and money to help keep our parish alive and well!!!!

### **BE BETTER PREPARED NEXT WEEK'S MASS: TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**August 16, 2009**

**Read: Proverbs 9: 1-6**

**Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58**

**Question for Adults:**

What does it mean to you to be one body in Christ?

**Questions for Children:**

What does being united to Jesus mean for you?

#### ACTION

**BE SURE TO ATTEND MASS AND RECEIVE COMMUNION ALL SUMMER!**

#### Prayer:

*Oh Lord, help us to be more aware of our brothers and sisters around us knowing that we are all part of one body. Help us to be more generous and kind to others especially make us aware of the needs of our church community. Amen*



## SJC SCHOOL NEWS

### **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](http://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.*

### **ST. JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO PARISH SCHOOL WELCOME WAGON SOCIAL FOR NEW SCHOOL FAMILIES**

St. Joseph of Cupertino Parish School would like to extend a special invitation to all of our new school families for the 2009-10 school year to meet one another and their Welcome Wagon “buddy” families at an ice cream social:

**St. Joseph of Cupertino School  
Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>  
2-4pm**

Ice cream and drinks will be served in the Extended Care room.

**We hope you can join us!**

**Please RSVP by Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup> to:**

Kama Belloni, Development Director  
Phone: 650-868-5515  
Email: [development@sjcschool.org](mailto:development@sjcschool.org)

### **ENROLLMENT INFORMATION and BACK TO SCHOOL UPDATE**

St. Joseph of Cupertino Parish School re-opens for the 2009-2010 school year on Monday, August 24, from 8:15 to 11:00 a.m. A reception will be held for families in our Parish Hall during this time. In addition, Kindergarten families will receive a brief orientation to our school on this first day (in the Kindergarten classroom).

The hours for the remainder of the first week of school (Tuesday, August 25 through Friday, August 28) will be 8:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday, August 28 is School Picture Day. Full day sessions begin on Monday, August 31st (8:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) for all grades.

We are still accepting applications for the 2009-2010 school year. Please contact our school office at 252-6441 for application information. You may also log onto our website ([www.sjcschool.org](http://www.sjcschool.org)) to learn more about our parish school. Applications may be downloaded from the site. We will be happy to arrange for a testing appointment for your child as soon as we receive the application. Please note that active St. Joseph of Cupertino parishioners are given priority consideration in our enrollment procedures and financial aid programs. We would love to welcome you and your child into our parish school community.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26  
 Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14  
 Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12; Mt 18:15-20  
 Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Mt 18:21 — 19:1  
 Friday: Jos 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12  
 Saturday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2;  
 Ps 132;  
 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28  
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45;  
 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56  
 Sunday: Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

*Mass Intentions For the Week*

Aug. 08	5:00 PM	Kathie Wade (+)
Aug. 09	8:00 AM	John & Margaret Mardesich (+)
	9:30 AM	Rich Kawashima (L)
	11:00 AM	Aloyious Mark Anthony (L)
	5:00 PM	Nancy Todd (+)
Aug. 10	8:30 AM	Maria Lorenza (L)
Aug. 11	8:30 AM	Rich & Bella Kawashima (L)
Aug. 12	8:30 AM	Albert Saenz (+)
Aug. 13	8:30 AM	Albert Saenz (+)
Aug. 14	8:30 AM	Satoru Kawashima (+)
Aug. 15	10:00 AM	William Rea, Jr. (+)
	5:00 PM	Kathie Wade (+)
Aug. 16	8:00 AM	Antoinette Mariadassou (+)
	9:30 AM	Margarita & Joseph Chao (+)
	11:00 AM	Peggy Anne Martone & Aunt Sis (+)
	5:00 PM	Hari Widjaja (+)



**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

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

The Filipino Priests of the Diocesan Council of Filipino Catholics of the Diocese of San Jose are sponsoring a Memorial Mass for President Cory Aquino on August 12, 2009 at 7:00 P.M., to be held at St. John the Baptist Church, 279 Main Street, Milpitas, CA. Fr. Andres Ligot, Vicar fo the Flipino Ministry will reside. For more information call (408) 729-7228 or (408) 434-9414 or (408) 946-2005.



**Stewardship at St. Joseph of Cupertino**

The gifts of God that the angel brought to Elijah – food, water, rest and encouragement – were given, not for his own good alone, but to strengthen him for service. How am I using my gifts to serve 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!*



**Communion and Liberation Lay Movement**

**ARE YOU AN ADULT LOOKING TO DEEPEEN 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](http://www.clonline.us)

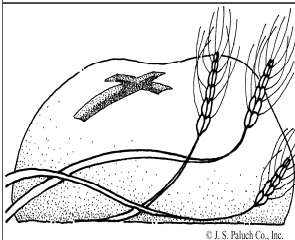
**PRAYER GROUP: Our weekly prayer group will NOT be meeting during the summer. It will reconvene in September. We will still acknowledge prayer request on the website.**

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Careful readers of the “Treasures” will have noticed that the two columns about the oldest monastic communities in the United States refer to the colonial states. The Louisiana Purchase gained a great treasure for our nation, the Ursuline monastery of New Orleans. Among the greatest pioneers of that city were nuns who came from France on a perilous voyage in 1727, pestered by pirates and tossed by fearsome storms. These were genteel, well-educated Ursulines, yet their first task was to roll up their sleeves and open a hospital to care for the pestilence-ridden colony. Next, they opened a school for girls and launched a plan to educate the women being shipped over from France to marry settlers. In this way, they had enormous influence in molding patterns of family and domestic life.

At Christmastime in 1814, the threat of a British assault on the city was growing. On the terrifying night of January 7, 1815, the women of New Orleans gathered in the monastery chapel to pray that the city be spared from destruction in battle. The mother superior made a vow to have a Mass of Thanksgiving on that date every year should the Americans win. That night, Our Lady of Prompt Succor, to whom the nuns had great devotion, became the protector and patron of this great city. The convent in the French Quarter is the oldest standing building in the Mississippi valley, and the only surviving building of the French colonial period. The nuns relocated in 1824, but their old monastery is preserved as a museum and archives for the Archdiocese of New Orleans. The school the nuns began, Ursuline Academy, is the oldest continuously operating Catholic school, and school for women, in the United States.

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



**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 August 9, 2009**

I am the living bread that came down from heaven.  
 — John 6:51

**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.

**DID YOU KNOW? OUR PARISH WEBSITE HAS A NEW LOOK!!! CHECK IT OUT!**

**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

**PLEASE SUPPORT THE ADVERTISERS IN OUR BULLETIN!**

They are a big help to our parish.

**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**

- Parish Office: 252-7653** sjeparish@stjoscup.org
- Secretary: Free Draga Fri. Admin. Asst: Tracey Govola
- Bereavement Ministry – 221-7255 .....Mary Ann Herlihy
- 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
- Outreach ..... Dick Schumacher/Tom Kemnitz  
497-7952 (Dick) – 446-1674 (Tom)
- Pastoral Associate – x30 ..... Janice LaMotte  
(adulted@stjoscup.org)
- School – 252-6441 ..... Mary Lyons (www.sjcschool.org)
- Wedding Coordinator – 255-1881 ..... Totsie Taylor  
252-7653x61
- Youth Ministry Coordinator --x38 ..... Primo Martinez  
(Primo.Martinez@yahoo.com)
- Young Adult Coordinator - x28 ..... Rev. Normandy Segovia  
(frchadsjc@yahoo.com)
- Altar Server Coordinator ..... Rev. Normandy Segovia
- Infant Baptism ..... Rev. Normandy Segovia
- Kaiser Hospital Chaplain ..... Rev. Peter Seimas  
( fr.pseimas@gmail.com)
- Parish Advisory Council ..... advisory@stjoscup.org
- Stewardship Council ..... stewardship@stjoscup.org
- Finance Council ..... finance@stjoscup.org
- Liturgy Committee ..... liturgy@stjoscup.org
- Communications Committee .. communications@stjoscup.org

**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.