

To encourage area Catholics to conserve water and energy, to become more educated about conservation efforts and environmentally friendly practices for the home and workplace and to collaborate on a unified green vision for the diocese, the Catholic community of San Jose has begun the



As part of this effort, we are asking all parishioners to sign the *St. Francis Pledge*. The St. Francis Pledge, named after Francis of Assisi, known for his love of God's gift of creation, is a promise and a commitment by Catholic individuals, families, parishes, organizations and institutions to live our faith by protecting God's creation and advocating on behalf of people in poverty, who face the harshest impacts of global climate change:

The St. Francis Pledge

I/We Pledge to:

- **PRAY** and reflect on the duty to care for God's creation and protect the poor and vulnerable.
- **LEARN** about and educate others on the causes and moral dimensions of climate change.
- **ASSESS** how we-as individuals and in our families, parishes and other affiliations-contribute to climate change by our own energy use, consumption, waste, etc.
- **ACT** to change our choices and behaviors to reduce the ways we contribute to climate change.
- **ADVOCATE** for Catholic principles and priorities in climate change discussions and decisions, especially as they impact those who are poor and vulnerable.

The Diocese of San Jose is also distributing 10,000 reusable grocery bags to parishioners, eliminating the need for plastic or paper bags. **These bags are currently available at the parish office.** To cover the cost to the parish, we ask for a donation of at least \$1 per bag.

PICK UP A COPY OF THE ST. FRANCIS PLEDGE IN THE VESTIBULE OR AT THE PARISH OFFICE. PLEASE RETURN YOUR ST. FRANCIS PLEDGE IN THE COLLECTION BASKET, TO THE PARISH OFFICE, OR TO ANY STAFF MEMBER.

CITYWIDE EMERGENCY DRILL

All parishioners who are residents of Cupertino are encouraged to participate in the citywide emergency drill that will take place on October 17 and 18. The purpose of the drill is for the city's emergency volunteers to evaluate their ability to respond to an emergency such as an earthquake the magnitude of the Loma Prieta earthquake in 1989. Just as in a real emergency, volunteers will make contact with the 21,000 Cupertino households to simulate a citywide safety assessment. For more information, please go the city website, www.cupertino.org.



Catechetical sessions begin this Sunday. It is still not too late to enroll your children in the program. Just come by the office to register. Please note that 2nd grade is full.

New Family Meeting: For parents who missed the Open House, there will be a make-up meeting on Sunday, Oct. 11 at 9:30am in the AV room.

Sacramental Preparation: There will be a Parent Meeting for Restored Order Children on Tuesday October 20, 2009 in the Parish Community Center at 7:30 p.m.

GRIEF SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO HAVE SUFFERED A LOSS OF LOVED ONE, JOB, ETC. NEXT MTG. November 1st FROM 3-4:30 P.M. IN THE PARISH OFFICE.

PRAYER GROUP: HELP US PRAY FOR YOUR NEEDS AND THE NEEDS OF OUR PARISH! Now on THURSDAY'S ---12 noon ---- community center.

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.

DISPLAY PICTURE OF DECEASED LOVED ONES? If you would like to honor someone who has died, please bring a framed picture to the rectory by Wednesday, October 23, 2009. **(No one of a kind frames please!) Place your name and phone number on the back of the frame please. Thank you.**



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 klhba-

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

The Young Ladies Institute (YLI) Maureen #136 is collecting your extra and unused rosaries during the month of September. These same rosaries will be used in our outreach to young members of our community. We wish to share this powerful prayer form by teaching and praying together with the students. A box will be in the vestibule of the church for your convenience. Thanks from the Ladies of Maureen. For more information about the YLI or this program please call Carolyn at (408) 733-3710. Thank you.



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!

Oct. 11 BIBLE STUDY with Deacon Ron Hansen at 7 p.m. in Community Center

Oct. 14 The Catholic Approach to the Bible Fr. Greg---7 p.m. Community Center

Oct. 18, 25, Nov. 1 Healing the Trauma of Divorce 1-2:30 p.m. Community Center

Oct. 28 SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING ---
Celebration of Sacrament – 7 p.m.
Community Center

“ALIVE IN THE SPIRIT” - BIBLE STUDY NEXT SESSION: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11 AT 7 P.M. IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER!!! The Gospel of Mark.

Question of the week: What does the word Eucharist mean?
Answer: Eucharist—1. The liturgy of the Mass; 2. Communion or the Sacrament of (Communion);3. The consecrated bread and wine; 4. Thanksgiving (Why do Catholics...? Sr. Charlen Altomose MSC)

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE INCREASED THEIR DONATIONS TO OUR PARISH. We are most grateful that you recognize the importance of having a parish in which to worship and to carry out the work of the Lord! Again, deepest thanks!

ATTENDANCE AT CHURCH does not automatically make you or your family REGISTERED members of St. Joseph of Cupertino parish. Registration forms are in the vestibule, outside the chapel and available online. Do not hesitate to call on us if you have questions.

BE BETTER PREPARED NEXT WEEK’S MASS: TWENTY –NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 18, 2009

Read: Isaiah 53:10-11;

Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10: 35-45

Question for Adults:

Have you ever encountered difficulty being a Christian in today’s world?

Questions for Children:

Are you willing to do a good deed even if no one notices?

ACTION

ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE AT MASS !!!

Prayer:

Oh Lord, help me to live out the gospel message even if it is difficult at times. Amen.



SJC SCHOOL NEWS

ST. JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO PARISH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

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) 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.



**SAVE THE DATE:
KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT
Tuesday, November 11th 7 - 9pm**

SJC School extends a warm invitation to all families with young children to find out about our unique Kindergarten program at a special open house on Tuesday, November 11th at 7pm in the Kindergarten classroom. Come meet our kindergarten teachers discuss our kindergarten curriculum, meet our principal, Mary Lyons, and talk with school board members about why St. Joseph’s school is a wonderful place for your child.

For more information or to RSVP call the school office at 252-6441 or send an email to development@sjcschool.org.

SAFeway Club Card RE-Registration:

All Safeway Club card users must renew their support of SJC School each fall. Renewing is easy: login to escrip.com and look for the Safeway Renewal logo. Click to renew and you are done! Need help? Not sure if you re-registered? Email development@sjcschool.org or call the school office at 252-6551.

Are you registered with ESCRIP to support SJC School? Go to escrip.com and sign up. Our **Group ID # is 137104986**. Thank you for supporting our parish school.



Blessing of the animals will take place on Wednesday, October 14th, in the school field at 8:30 AM.

Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

An invitation is most gratefully extended to all our parishioners who so generously helped the **Faith in Action Rotating Shelter for Homeless Men** when it was housed here at St. Joseph of Cupertino in July. If you helped in any way, providing a meal, acting as greeter or shopper, or in any other capacity, you are invited!!! Come and enjoy a delicious lunch and learn more about the program!

The luncheon is sponsored by West Valley Community Services.

Sunday, October 18, 3:00 p.m.

St. Thomas Episcopal Church

231 Sunset Avenue

Sunnyvale, CA 94086

Please RSVP by October 12 to Tonya Clarke, program manager, (408) 255-8033, ext. 104 or tonyac@wvcommunityservices.org

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32
 Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41
 Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11; Lk 11:42-46
 Thursday: Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54
 Friday: Rom 4:1-8; Lk 12:1-7
 Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18; Lk 12:8-12
 Sunday: Is 53:10-11; Ps 33; Heb 4:14-16;
 Mk 10:35-45 [42-45]

Mass Intentions For the Week

Oct. 10	5:00 PM	Joa Tan (+)
Oct. 11	8:00 AM	Doug Cheung (+)
	9:30 AM	Rich & Bella Kawashima (L)
	11:00 AM	Luigi Montesano
	5:00 PM	
Oct. 12	8:30 AM	
Oct. 13	8:30 AM	Albert Saenz (L)
Oct. 14	8:30 AM	
Oct. 15	8:30 AM	
Oct. 16	9:00 AM	
Oct. 17	8:30 AM	
	5:00 PM	Leo Bernard (+)
Oct. 18	8:00 AM	Rose Bello (+)
	9:30 AM	Emilio & Rosita Guttadauro (+)
	11:00 AM	Victor Mandella (+)
	5:00 PM	Christine Costantino (+)



PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

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

Fr. Peter is offering FREE counseling for children, adolescents, individuals and couples as part of USF Counseling Program. All cases will be professionally supervised by Dr. Michael Kelley MFT PhD. from a A Center for Hope. To schedule an appointment, please call Fr. Peter at 252-7653x6



Stewardship at St. Joseph of Cupertino

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the rich young man to give away all that he has in order to have treasure in heaven. But the young man cannot free himself from his possessions, and so he goes sadly away. Does what I own keep me from following Jesus?

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!

DID YOU KNOW THAT HERE AT ST. JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO WE HAVE AN ONGOING ITALIAN SOCIAL CLUB?

We meet every other month, on a Tuesday evening in our Community Center, for a potluck and fun. Our next meeting will be on November 17th @ 6:00 P.M. **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE ITALIAN TO JOIN THIS GROUP AND WE WELCOME YOU!!!** For additional information please phone Totsie @ (408) 252-7653 Ext. 61. Note: We had a large table of great Italian food prepared by our members at our St. Joseph of Cupertino feast—did you stop by and sample some of the **GREAT** food?? I will be awaiting a call from you. (This is a social club and we do not have rules at our meetings—and **NO**

HAVE QUESTIONS:

About becoming Catholic?
 About the Catholic faith?
 The RCIA process is for
 those who have never been baptized
 those who were baptized in another
 faith tradition & want to be Catholic
 those who were baptized Catholic but never
 celebrated Confirmation or Eucharist
 All are invited to “come & see” on Wednesdays,
 at 7 p.m. in the Community Center
 (call Janice at 252-7653 ext. 30 for more information)

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: (RCIA) ages 7&older HELP SPREAD THE FAITH. INVITE SOMEONE TO FIND OUT ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH!



Meant4More Youth Ministry is open to all students in high school. We meet every Sunday from 6-8pm. Come join us and make new friends, learn your faith, play games, sing, go on trips and watch movies. For more information email primomartinez@yahoo.com.

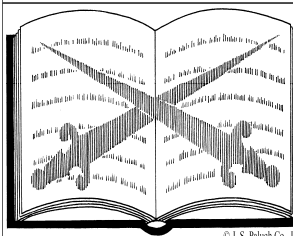
Young Adult Ministry

Are you single or married in your 20's or 30's? Perfect! The Young Adult ministry promotes spiritual enrichment through bible study, discussion of current controversial issues, religious retreats, and guest speakers from the Catholic community. We also organize social events such as dinners, movies, bowling, nature hikes, etc. to kick back and have fun with friends. The YAM group is passionate about sharing our gifts, so we participate in community service events multiple times a year.

Please come join us in our prayer meeting the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month, 6:30PM, in the Rectory office.

WON'T YOU HELP? Join our planning committee and help make our monthly liturgies with “emphasis on children” extra special. This is a very rewarding ministry to help enrich the faith life of our younger parishioners. Call Janice if you can help; 252-7653 ext. 30

JOIN OUR FUNERAL RECEPTION COMMITTEE: It only takes about two hours of your time to set up, serve, and clean up when someone has a reception in our community center. This only happens about six times a year. Call Janice at the parish office.



**Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 October 11, 2009**

The word of God is living and effective,
 sharper than any two-edged sword.
 — Hebrews 4:12a

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!

PLEASE SUPPORT THE ADVERTISERS IN OUR BULLETIN! They are a big help to our parish.

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.

THE REMARKABLE SALESMAN

Christopher Columbus was the world’s most remarkable salesman. He started out not knowing where he was going. When he arrived, he didn’t know where he was. And when he returned, he didn’t know where he had been. And he did it all on a big cash advance and he received a repeat order.

—Anonymous



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** sjcparish@stjoscup.org
- Secretary: Free Draga Fri. Admin. Asst: Tracey Govola
- Bereavement Ministry – 221-7255Mary 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
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- Young Adult Coordinator - x28 Rev. Normandy Segovia
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- Infant Baptism Rev. Normandy Segovia
- Kaiser Hospital Chaplain Rev. Peter Seimas
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- 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.