

# THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

A Holy Day of Obligation

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

Vigil mass Monday, December 7 at 7 P.M.

Masses Tuesday at 6:30 A.M. (chapel), 9 A.M., 7 P.M.

*Prepare the way of the Lord!*  
**ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE**  
Thursday, December 3 at 7 P.M.



### Do You Like to Organize Things?

If so, we would greatly appreciate your help **organizing the song books in the pews each week**. Normally, the youth from California School for the Blind do this job, but they currently have no transportation. Thus, we are asking our parishioners if they would be willing to help. Usually this can be done on a Monday morning, anytime after 9 a.m. Mary Ellen Hennig is coordinating this effort. Please call (408) 255-6382. Many thanks for your help!

**LITTLE BLUE BOOKS**, for the Advent and Christmas seasons, with reflections beginning on November 29/09 and ending January 10, 2010, will be available the weekend of **21st & 22nd** outside the Chapel and the front doors of our Church. The donation for these new little blue books will be \$2.00. The books will also be available after weekday Masses from November 16th through November 21st. Please note that the little blue books will have **NEW** reflections for the coming seasons.

A **BIG** thank you to all the volunteers that helped with our bulk mailing this past Monday. We truly cannot do this without you!! You are greatly appreciated!!

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



### New Song Books for Pews are Coming

Are you interested in helping with the "changing of the books"? We will need many hands to gather up all the old song books from the pews, take off the plastic covers, put labels onto the new books, and distribute them in the pews. The new books will begin with Advent, so we want to get them ready beforehand. Come to the church on Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. For information, please call Mary Ellen Hennig at **(408) 255-6382**.  
**Thanks so much!**

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

**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.



### Do You Like to Cook? **Thanksgiving Dinner for the Rotating Shelter**

St. Joseph of Cupertino will be fixing a big traditional Thanksgiving dinner for the 16 men in the Faith in Action Rotating Shelter. This will include: 2 turkeys, stuffing, potatoes, gravy, sweet potatoes, corn on the cob, green vegetable or salad, cranberry sauce, dinner rolls, pumpkin pie, cherry pie, whipped cream, ice cream, and soft drinks.

During the month of November, the men are housed at First United Methodist Church, 535 Old San Francisco Road in Sunnyvale. Dinner needs to be brought there at 2 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day, warm and ready to eat.

If you would like to prepare part of this meal, please contact Mary Ellen Hennig (408) 255-6382. Thank you! *"Jesus saw the vast crowd and was moved with pity... Give them something to eat yourselves..."*  
Luke 14:14-16



### Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Dec. 11

The feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be celebrated with grand festivity here at St. Joseph of Cupertino parish on Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, with rosary at 6:30 and Mass at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is warmly invited!

All are welcome to honor Our Lady, Patroness of the Americas. You will participate in a beautiful Mass with several of our priests concelebrating. You will hear the Mariachi Azteca play rousing, authentic music. You will learn about the story of Guadalupe from our school children, as they reenact the drama and participate in prayerful liturgical dance. And you will enjoy a wonderful fiesta afterwards in the parish hall, with food and drink, pinatas, Mexican dancers, and more Mariachi music.

Let Our Lady of Guadalupe, depicted as pregnant with the Christ Child, lead us to her Son.

Questions? Would you like to help with decoration, set-up, serving, or clean-up? We need lots of helping hands! Contact Mariqueta Churchill at (408) 245-3504.



**Thanksgiving Alviso Outreach:** Many thanks to all the families and parish staff for the monetary and food donations. With your generosity, we were able to provide 29 families in Alviso with food baskets this Thanksgiving. Fliers for the Christmas outreach will be sent home on Sunday.

**REMINDER: THERE IS NO JUNIOR HIGH MEETING ON NOV. 25 AND NO CATECHETICAL CLASSES ON NOV. 29.**



## 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)*

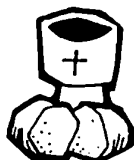
### COMING SOON!

- Nov. 22 Bible Study ----Gospel of Mark---7 p.m.  
Community center
- Dec. 1 Italian Social Club Potluck---6 p.m.  
Community Center---All are Welcome!
- Dec. 3 Parish Reconciliation Service---7 p.m.  
Church
- Dec. 4 Taize Prayer ---emphasis on unemployed  
7 p.m. Church

**COME & ENRICH YOUR FAITH!!! BIBLE STUDY NEXT SESSION: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd AT 7 P.M. IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER!!!** The Gospel of Mark.

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL THE WONDERFUL GIRL SCOUTS WHO HELPED CLEAN UP AFTER OUR VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER!!!** It is so good to see our young people freely giving to others.

**GRIEF SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO HAVE SUFFERED A LOSS OF LOVED ONE, JOB, ETC. NEXT MTG. DECEMBER 6TH<sup>th</sup> FROM 3-4:30 P.M. IN THE PARISH OFFICE.**



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On Thanksgiving Day Mass, at 9:00AM, we invite you bring in your bread and wine to be blessed for your holiday dinner. We wish everyone a lovely holiday with family and friends.

### **BE BETTER PREPARED NEXT WEEK'S MASS: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**November 29, 2009**

Read: Jeremiah 33:14-16

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

#### **Question for Adults:**

Where do you find in the scripture readings, signs of hope?

#### **Questions for Children:**

What prayers will you say each day and each week during Advent?

#### **ACTION**

**ATTEND EXTRA CHURCH SERVICES DURING ADVENT**

#### **Prayer:**

Dear Lord, help us to be more aware of you this Advent season and how to help others. Amen



## SJC SCHOOL NEWS

### **PRESCHOOL CAPITAL CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF**



This past week, St. Joseph of Cupertino Parish School launched a special capital campaign project to raise funds to build our new preschool. In place of our LIFE Development Drive, held annually in November and December, we are instead conducting the St. Joseph of Cupertino Preschool Capital Campaign. Information packets were sent in the mail to all parishioners this past week and brochures are also available in the vestibule of church.

Please read through the materials and consider participating in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to help us literally build the foundation for our Junior Jaguars Preschool. With your help, we can open our arms a little wider to nurture and touch the lives of preschoolers in our community in a faith-centered learning environment. We hope you share in our excitement and will partner with us to turn this dream a reality!

Thank you so much for your support!

## Junior Jaguars

Have you completed our **PRESCHOOL SURVEY** yet? As we formulate plans for the structure of our preschool program, we would like the input of our parent, school, and parish community about what kind of schedule would best meet your needs. If you have young children who will be attending preschool during the next several years, please take a few minutes to complete this very short online survey at:

<http://www.sjcschool.org/preschool/survey>

Feel free to share the survey link above with any friends, relatives, or neighbors you know that might be interested in a preschool at SJC. *Please complete the survey as soon as possible but no later than December 1st.*

As with our elementary school policies, active parishioners will receive priority consideration in our preschool acceptance policy, financial aid programs, and will be placed in the discounted "in-parish" tuition rate.

We look forward to welcoming your little one into our SJC Junior Jaguars Preschool!



**Thank you SJC Parishioners, for Campbell's Labels and General Mills Boxtops.** Thank you to all who save and bring in to the church vestibule your Campbell's labels and General Mills boxtops. Our parish school redeems them for DVD equipment, educational videos and classroom supplies. Please continue to save them during the holiday season and through next year.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4  
 Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11  
 Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk 21:12-19  
 Thursday: Dn 6:12-28; Lk 21:20-28  
Thanksgiving Day—Suggested:  
 Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19  
 Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33  
 Saturday: Dn 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36  
 Sunday: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25; 1 Thes 3:12 — 4:2;  
 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

*Mass Intentions For the Week*

Nov. 21	5:00 PM	Donald & Faye Mullen (+)
Nov. 22	8:00 AM	Courtney Metzger (+)
	9:30 AM	Celine Joseph (+)
	11:00 AM	Raymond Paul (L)
	5:00 PM	Clem Joseph (+)
Nov. 23	8:30 AM	Ducusin family (+)
Nov. 24	8:30 AM	All Souls (+)
Nov. 25	8:30 AM	Ursula Travers (+)
Nov. 26	8:30 AM	Simon Chang (L)
Nov. 27	8:30 AM	Laura Pickler (+)
Nov. 28	8:30 AM	Munar family (+)
	5:00 PM	Louis Fuerst (+)
Nov. 29	8:00 AM	All Departed Souls (+)
	9:30 AM	Tony Dao (+)
	11:00 AM	Saleena Kurian (L)
	5:00 PM	Desiree Widjojo (L)



**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

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

**NEW MINISTRY!!!** We would like to start a ministry for those who need help with meals during a time of convalescence or loss. If you are willing to help or for more information, call Janice at the parish office 252-7653 ext. 30



**Stewardship at St. Joseph of Cupertino**

Today's second reading reminds us that the sacrifice of Christ frees us from sin and makes us a royal nation of priests *in the service* of God. How am I using my gifts to serve God and 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!*

**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.

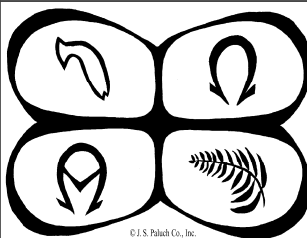
**Young Adult Ministry**

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.



**Our Lord Jesus Christ the King  
 November 22, 2009**

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth.  
 — Revelation 1:5

**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.

**NEW PARISH DIRECTORY!!!** If you wish to have your picture taken and be in our upcoming parish directory, please sign up online or in person after masses on Sundays. **FREE 8 X 10---** PERFECT FOR CHRISTMAS!!! (see the flyers in the vestibule for dates and times and more info.)

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK: What is the Rite of Acceptance/Welcome?** The **Rite of Acceptance** into the Order of Catechumens marks the promise of those who are **not baptized** to commit themselves to follow the way of Jesus that leads to the initiation sacraments. We also will celebrate the **Rite of Welcome** for those **who have been baptized** and who seek to complete their Christian initiation through the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist or to be received into the full communion of the Catholic church.

**Please pray for all these adults and children in our RCIA process.**



**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 – 221-7255 .....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  
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- 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
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- 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.