

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!



CATECHETICAL CLASSES will resume on DEC 2 and DEC 6.

The 9:30am mass next Sunday will be a liturgy with a focus on children. Come celebrate with our young people God's love and mercy.



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 27th 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 11th, 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 Mariachis 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.



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)

“ALIVE IN THE SPIRIT”! CHECK OUT THE FOLLOWING OFFERINGS:

- 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
- Dec. 5 “I’ll Be Home for Christmas” (*grief support to help get through the holidays*) Fr. Chris Bennett---10-12 Community Center
- Dec. 10 Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration-
6:30 p.m. rosary, 7 p.m. mass followed by reception.

Our BIBLE STUDY is now concluded on the gospel of Mark. Stayed tuned for the next series of studies!

INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH or completing initiation through the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist? (*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!

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

BE BETTER PREPARED NEXT WEEK’S MASS: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 6, 2009

Read: Baruch 5:1-9;

Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6

Question for Adults:

What does “hone” mean to you? How “at home” do you feel with God?

Questions for Children:

What do you want to ask God to forgive you for?

ACTION

ATTEND EXTRA CHURCH SERVICES DURING ADVENT especially our Parish Reconciliation Service on DEEMBER 3RD.

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

Many thanks to those who have already responded in support of our Preschool Capital Campaign! If you have not already done so, please take a moment to read through the materials you received in the mail last week.

We hope you share in our excitement and will partner with us to turn our preschool dream into a reality! Cash donations, pledges and stock transfers are among the ways you can participate in the campaign. You may also choose to spread out your gift by using our pledge program. Be assured that 100% of your gift is tax-deductible. For further information, contact the school office at 252-6441. As always, we remain deeply grateful for your continued support.

A Thanksgiving Wish to our Parish...

During this season of Thanksgiving, we lift our hearts in prayers of gratitude for all you have done for our school, our families, and our children. Thank you for your continued generosity and kindness. You and your loved ones will be remembered in our prayers.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Love, the St. Joseph of Cupertino School Community

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!



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
 Friday: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
 Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Mass Intentions For the Week

Nov. 28	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)
Nov. 30	8:30 AM	Judy Regan (+)
Dec. 01	8:30 AM	Rogelio Solleza (+)
Dec. 02	8:30 AM	Soul of Mrs. Gloria Solis (+)
Dec. 03	8:30 AM	John Franusich (+)
Dec. 04	9:00AM	George Bennett (+)
Dec. 05	8:30 AM	In Thanksgiving
	5:00 PM	Anne Bruce (+)
Dec. 06	8:00 AM	John & Margaret Mardesich (+)
	9:30 AM	Allegri Family (+)
	11:00 AM	Patrick Finney (+)
	5:00 PM	Mrs. Gloria Solis (+)



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

GREATNESS

The measure of greatness is not the number of servants you have, but the number of people you serve.
 —Anonymous



Stewardship at St. Joseph of Cupertino

“Beware,” Jesus warns in today’s Gospel, “that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life.” Let us heed His warning and follow the advice of St. Paul, conducting ourselves in a way pleasing to God, overflowing with love for one another.

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 DUES** either!!!!)

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.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: What feast day to we celebrate on December 6th?

NEW PARISH DIRECTORY!!! If you wish to have your picture taken and be in our upcoming parish directory, please sign up online or drop-in during the remaining photography days: Nov 23, 24, 27, 28, 29 (see the flyers in the vestibule for times) **FREE 8 X 10--- PERFECT FOR CHRISTMAS!!!**



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.

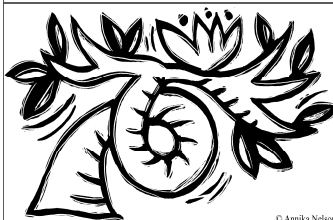
Young Adult Ministry

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.



**First Sunday of Advent
 November 29, 2009**

I will raise up for David a just shoot;
 he shall do what is right and just in the land.
 — Jeremiah 33:15

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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

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.

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!

 **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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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.