

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Rejoice in the Lord always

2009 Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve
Thursday, December 24
No morning mass
Masses: 4, 6, 8 & 10 P.M.
(The 4 P.M. mass will have a special focus on children.)

Christmas Day Friday, December 25 Masses: 8, 9:30, & 11 A.M. No mass at 5 P.M.

Feast of the Holy Family December 26-27 Regular weekend schedule

New Year's Day
(Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)
Friday, January 1, 2010
Mass at 10 A.M. only
(This day is *not* a holy day of obligation this year.)



Would you like to help set up our Church for the Christmas season? Please phone Totsie @ (408) 252-7653x61. We will be working in Church, Chapel etc. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 22,22 & 23 from

10:00am-4:00pm. Please do not show up at the Church without speaking with me as the dates and times could be changed. Thanks so much!

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!

CHRISTMAS ANGEL GIFT-GIVING TREE

Our angel gift-giving tree is full of names of children in our area who need your special care this Christmas. Please take an ornament with a child's name from the tree. On the back of the ornament you will find a sticker for your name and contact phone number. Please clearly write your name and number on the sticker, peel it off and put it on a piece of paper, which you will find in a basket by the tree. Take the ornament with the child's name with you and leave your name in the basket. This way we are assured to have the gifts returned on time so that none of the children are disappointed. Place your wrapped gift marked with the ornament with the child's name under the tree by Dec. 13.

FIRST RECONCILIATION will take place on TUESDAY, DEC. 15 at 7pm in the Church.

Christmas Alviso Outreach: Thank you very much to the Catechetical families and the staff of St. Joseph of Cupertino who have brought in their gifts for the Alviso families. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. Gifts will be delivered on Thursday, Dec. 17.

There are NO CATECHETICAL CLASSES on Dec. 20, Dec. 23, Dec. 27 and Dec. 30.



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 FOL-LOWING OFFERINGS:

Dec. 16,17,18,19 Simbang Gabi 7 p.m. mass. & reception

Jan. 3 Celebration of Epiphany ---movie 3 p.m.

Jan. 4 Bible Study (Paul's Life & Thessalonians---Deacon Ron Hansen---7 p.m. Art Room

Our **BIBLE STUDY** is now concluded on the gospel of Mark. Deacon Ron Hansen will resume bible study on Monday, January 6h at 7 p.m. in the Art Room of the school.

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) <u>ages 7&older</u>
<u>HELP SPREAD THE FAITH.</u> INVITE SOMEONE TO FIND
OUT ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH!

HELP US PRAY FOR YOUR NEEDS AND THE NEEDS OF OUR PARISH! <u>THURSDAYS</u> (<u>NOTE CHANGE</u>)--- 12 noon ----1 P.M. Community Center.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: What does "Advent" mean? How many weeks are there and what are the colors?

Anyone who has brought PICTURES of your loved ones for our November display, please pick them up in the parish office as SOON AS POSSIBLE.

BETTER PREPARED <u>NEXT</u> WEEK'S MASS: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 20, 2009

Read Micah 5:1-4;

Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1: 39-45

Question for Adults:

When has it been difficult for you to trust in God's plan for you, as Mary did?

Questions for Children:

When is it hard for you to obey a parent or teacher? What can help you obey with more trust?

ACTION

ATTEND EXTRA CHURCH SERVICES DURING ADVENT especially SIMBANG GABI December 16, 17, 18, 19

Prayer:

Come Lord Jesus, help us to develop more trust in you. Mary help us say "yes" to God as you did. Amen



SJC SCHOOL NEWS



PRESCHOOL CAPITAL CAM-PAIGN

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, pleages 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 pleage 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.

Support SJC School this Christmas by doing your shopping with SCRIP!

Christmas is a great time to use scrip and support our parish school. Don't forget to buy Scrip Gift Cards after mass to help make your holiday easier... We have everything from Restaurants to Book Stores, Gas Cards to Groceries!

For a full listing, pick up our scrip order form at the scrip table or download the order form online at: http://sjcschool.org/about-sjc/scrip.php

You can also place your order by calling the school office at 252-6441. *Thanks for your support!*

Christmas plants to be watered starting December 3 (perhaps checking on all twice weekly—watering once). Would you be able to give us a few hours of your time? Would like to have two persons to share this little job. Please phone Totsie Taylor @ (408) 252-7653x61 at your earliest convenience as I would like to get things into place early in December. Thanks so much.

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.

IN JESUS

In Jesus all broken lines unite. In Jesus, all scattered sounds are gathered in harmony.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27 Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17 Friday: Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25

Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25 Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80; Heb 10:5-10;

Lk 1:39-45

Mass Intentions For the Week

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Dec. 12	5:00 PM	Catharine Zankich (+)
Dec. 13	8:00 AM	Jay Butera (+)
	9:30 AM	Vaccaro Family (+)
	11:00 AM	Marcel Lobo (+)
	5:00 PM	Leonarda Mendoza (+)
Dec. 14	8:30 AM	Mrs. Gloria Solis (+)
Dec. 15	8:30 AM	Carmelo D'Aura (+)
Dec. 16	8:30 AM	Penn Glutting (+)
Dec. 17	8:30 AM	Alice King (+)
Dec. 18	8:30 AM	Walter Carpenter (+)
Dec. 19	8:30 AM	Holy Souls in Pergatory (+)
	5:00 PM	Donald & Faye Mullen (+)
Dec. 20	8:00 AM	Robert Steinberg (L)
	9:30 AM	Jose Saleme (+)
	11:00 AM	Sakti Widjojo (+)
	5:00 PM	Cecilia Quadros (+)



PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

STRENGTH AND COURAGE

Prayer infuses the weak with strength and the fainthearted with courage.

—Anonymous



Stewardship at St. Joseph of Cupertino

Today's Gospel provides a blueprint for good stewardship: "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food, should do likewise." How well do we follow this counsel?

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!



Christmas Poinsettia's For Our Church

Would you care to make a gift of a poinsettia in memory of a loved one or to honor someone special? If so, we will purchase and place a poinsettia in our sanctuary at Christmastime.

Special envelopes are located on the table in the vestibule of church, outside the chapel door or at the parish office. A list of names of persons honored will be published in our bulletin after Christmas.

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE INCREASED THEIR DONATIONS TO OUR PAR-ISH. We are most grateful that you recognize the im-

ISH. 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!

GRIEF SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO HAVE SUFFERED A LOSS OF LOVED ONE, JOB, ETC. NEXT MTG. December 13th FROM 3-4:30 P.M. IN THE PARISH OFFICE.



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.

DID YOU KNOW? 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.



Third Sunday of Advent December 13, 2009

With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation.

— Isaiah 12:3

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.

<u>PARISH WEBSITE!!---(stjoscup.org)</u> 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!

<u>PARISH OUTREACH</u> 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 FOLLOWING MINISTRIES NEED YOUR HELP!!! PLEASE ANSWER THE "CALL".

WON'T YOU HELP? 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 Dan if you can help; 252-7653 ext. 32

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.

<u>NEW MINISTRY!!!</u> We would like to start a ministry for those who need <u>help with meals</u> 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

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

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.