

The clergy and lay staff of St. Joseph of Cupertino express their gratitude for the good wishes and other kind gestures of support they received from parishioners at Christmas. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated!

## **YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!**

**The parish council currently has two two-year openings, effective in January 2010. Its mission is to advise the pastor on practical matters of parish life and to develop a greater sense of community within the parish. We welcome diversity on the council, reflecting the diversity of our community. Present members of the council include, among others, parishioners of Chinese, Filipino, and Indian descent.**

**Requirements for being a council member are only that you be a parishioner and have a desire to help build a stronger, more vibrant parish. We meet on the first Thursday of every month from 7 to 9 P.M. in the community center.**

**If interested, you may contact Fr. Greg at 252-7653 x24 or [pastor@stjoscup.org](mailto:pastor@stjoscup.org) or Janice LaMotte at 252-7653 x30 or [adulded@stjoscup.org](mailto:adulded@stjoscup.org) before January 7, 2010.**

“GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER” is the theme of the 2010 Annual Diocesan Appeal, which begins January 23-24. Please prayerfully consider pledging your support to your parish and our local church by contributing to the ADA.

**A HUGE THANK YOU TO THE ENVIRONMENT GROUP THAT WORKED SO VERY HARD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, PREPARING OUR CHURCH FOR THE ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASON. MANY, MANY HOURS GO INTO THE BEAUTIFUL SURROUNDINGS THAT YOU ENJOY FOR ALL THE WEEKS OF THIS SEASON. IF YOU KNOW ANYONE THAT IS PART OF THIS GROUP PLEASE THANK THEM FOR A JOB WELL DONE. I WISH YOU ALL A VERY HEALTHY AND HAPPY 2010. TOTSIE TAYLOR, ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR**

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**IDEAS FOR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION!!!**  
**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.

**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

Christmas Concert and Carol Sing-Along: January 9 at 7 p.m. in the Church. Come and enjoy the Christmas season with your SJC music ministers. Donation at the door to benefit the SJC music ministry is appreciated.

 **Catechetical classes resume Sunday, January 3rd and Wednesday, January 6.** 



## 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:

- Jan. 3 Celebration of Epiphany ---movie 3 p.m.
- Jan. 4, 18 Bible Study (Paul's Life & Thessalonians)
- Feb. 1, 15 Deacon Ron Hansen --- 7 p.m. Art Room
- Mar. 1, 15 at the school
- Jan. 9 Musical Concert by combined Church musicians  
7 p.m. Church
- Jan. 9 Consolation After the Holidays----Fr. Chris Bennett---10-12 noon Community Center

Our **BIBLE STUDY** RESUMES January 4<sup>th</sup> with the letters of St. Paul. Deacon Ron Hansen will dy on **Monday nights beginning January 6th at 7 p.m.** in the Art Room of the school.

**ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:** *What feast will we be celebrating next week?* On January 6<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the feast of the **EPIPHANY** which means "manifestation" or "showing", "revelation, or appearance and commemorates the light of Christ coming into the world for all people.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:** *How long is the Christmas season and when does it end?*

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

**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 NEXT WEEK'S MASS: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD January 10, 2009**

Read Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11;

Titus 2: 11-14;3:4-7; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

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

What does your baptism mean to you? How are you answering the "call" of your baptism to be involved in the life of the church?

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

Have your parents discuss your baptism with you?

#### **ACTION**

GET INVOLVED IN ONE OF OUR MANY PARISH MIN-  
ISTRIES!!!

#### **Prayer:**

Come Lord Jesus, make us more aware of our baptismal call to be of service to you and your church. Help us to know where we can best utilize our time and talent. Amen



## SJC SCHOOL NEWS

**Extremely generous donations of all amounts continue to come in for our**

### **PRESCHOOL CAPITAL CAMPAIGN!!!**

Our overall goal is \$200,000 and it is possible that we will reach three-fourths of that goal by the end of this calendar year, December 31, 2009. Your open-hearted goodness has truly been inspiring, and we are so grateful. This week we are happy to share with you that we have now exceeded the \$135,000 mark. Remember, all gifts given by December 31 will be tax-deductible for the 2009 tax year. Please help us to reach the \$150,000 mark. If we are able to reach the \$150,000 mark by the end of this month, we are confident that we will be able to reach the \$200,000 mark by the end of the school year, and we can proceed with plans for the additional meeting room/learning center that will be such a boon to our school and parish curricular and extracurricular programs. The Diocesan Building Committee agrees that we will save a lot of money by including this additional room in our renovation plans.

Cash gifts, pledges, credit card donations, and stock transfers are a few of the methods of giving offered. If you need to speak with one of us during Christmas vacation, please e-mail Mary Lyons at [stjosephcup@yahoo.com](mailto:stjosephcup@yahoo.com) or Kama Belloni at [development@sjc.org](mailto:development@sjc.org). We will get back to you right away.

### **PRESCHOOL APPLICATIONS**

### **TUITION/DAILY SCHEDULE**

**Our SJC JUNIOR JAGUARS PRESCHOOL will definitely be opening in August 2010.** Spread the word. We have everything in place, including staffing and curriculum. We are planning to open with 24 students, with the option to expand to 35 to accommodate our school/parish/related families.

### **PRESCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT**

We will have another Preschool Information Night in February. We are moving along smoothly and successfully. Most importantly, our SJC Preschool will be the best! We will have a beautiful facility, an outstanding staff, a nurturing environment, and a strong curriculum.

**Walk for Life \* West Coast 2010!** Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 23rd 2010. Join upwards of 30,000 pro-lifer's for the 6th Annual Walk for Life in San Francisco as we peacefully proclaim our message that abortion hurts women and we all deserve better than abortion. For more information visit our website at [www.walkforlife.com](http://www.walkforlife.com). To volunteer or to arrange buses contact us at (415) 586-1576 or email questions to [info@walkforlifewc.com](mailto:info@walkforlifewc.com).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44  
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52  
 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Lk 4:14-22a  
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16  
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30  
 Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29 or Ps 104; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

*Mass Intentions For the Week*

Jan. 02	5:00 PM	Daniel Custler (+)
Jan. 03	8:00 AM	Michelle Cianciarulo (+)
	9:30 AM	Mrs. Murphy (+)
	11:00 AM	Mark Morris (+)
	5:00 PM	Vincent J. Sherville (
Jan. 04	8:30 AM	Margaret Walker (+)
Jan. 05	8:30 AM	Catharine Diaz (L)
Jan 06	8:30 AM	Paul Lee (+)
Jan 07	8:30 AM	Joyce Brennan (+)
Jan. 08	8:30 AM	Holy Souls in Purgatory (+)
Jan. 09	8:30 AM	Anna Solleza (L)
	5:00 PM	Mary Lester (L)
Jan. 10	8:00 AM	Amalia Pierantozzi (+)
	9:30 AM	Thomas Fitzgibbon (+)
	11:00 AM	Irene & Phillip Tucker (L)
	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

**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.

**RISE UP IN SPLENDOR**

This great feast of the Epiphany of the Lord opens with these words: “Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you” (Isaiah 60:1). That reading goes on to describe a world covered with darkness. Even in that world, the prophet announces that the glory of the Lord will shine on Jerusalem. Many would agree that our world is covered with darkness—the darkness that war, terrorism, and famine bring. Today we announce that even in today’s world, the Lord can scatter that darkness, if only we would welcome Epiphany’s light. As we remember the visit of the magi to the manger, let us pray that one day our weary world will rise up in splendor—the splendor of peace and justice.

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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.**

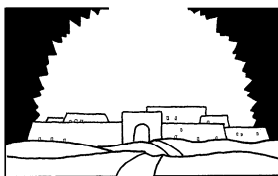
**GRIEF SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO HAVE SUFFERED A LOSS OF LOVED ONE, JOB, ETC. NEXT MTG. January 3rd FROM 3-4:30 P.M. IN THE PARISH OFFICE.**

The Diocesan Council of Filipino Catholics, Diocese of San Jose invites everyone to the Annual celebration of the feast of Santo Nino on January 16, 2010 at St. Joseph Cathedral/Basilica, 80 So. Market St. , San Jose . Bishop Patrick McGrath will preside at the Eucharistic celebration. Before the mass is the traditional "Sinulog" and "Karakol" processions at 11:30 A.M. . The fiesta will be preceded by a nine days novena to be held at different churches in the diocese.

**HELP US PRAY FOR YOUR NEEDS AND THE NEEDS OF OUR PARISH! THURSDAYS (NOTE CHANGE) --- 12 noon ---- 1 P.M. Community Center. (NO MEETINGS DECEMBER 24, 31)**

**GOOD DISPOSITION**

A good disposition is a virtue in itself, and it is lasting; the burden of the years cannot depress it, and love that is founded on it endures to the end.



**The Epiphany of the Lord January 3, 2010**  
 Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you.  
 — Isaiah 60:1

**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.

**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.

**LITTLE MINUTES**

Little drops of water,  
little grains of sand,  
make the mighty ocean  
and the pleasant land;  
so the little minutes,  
humble though they be,  
make the mighty ages  
of eternity.

—Julia A. Fletcher Carney

**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

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Business Administration – x23 ..... Monica Viruegas-Ferrante

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Liturgy – x32 ..... Dan Morris

Ministry to the Sick – 252-7653 ..... Marlene Penney

Organist – 996-9352 ..... Lothar Bandermann

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School – 252-6441 ..... Mary Lyons (www.sjeschool.org)

Wedding Coordinator – 255-1881 .....Totsie Taylor  
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Altar Server Coordinator.....Rev. Normandy Segovia

Infant Baptism.....Rev. Normandy Segovia

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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.