



WE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE all participants in the Annual Diocesan Appeal. *We are almost there!* Our parish is only \$3,842 away from our goal—and the point where we can begin to collect a rebate, which we need for our parish budget. There are only *three weeks* left in the campaign. If you are among the 1,272 parishioners who have not yet turned in their ADA pledge form, YOUR gift can make a difference. Turn it in this

week to avoid having to listen to Fr. Greg talk about the ADA at all the masses again!!



Sacrament Preparation: The Family Retreat will take place on Saturday, March 20 from 9:30am-12:00pm in the Parish Hall.

Eucharist/Confirmation Review for older children preparing for the sacraments will take place on Sunday, March 21 from 1-2:30pm in the Art Room.

Our Wednesday night Junior High Youth Ministry group is holding a **bake sale on March 21, 2010** after the 8:30, 9:00 and 11:00 am masses. The proceeds from this sale will go to the victims of the recent earthquake in Haiti. Please support us in our service project.



The feast of St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, is on March 19. Our Italian Social Club will be celebrating this feast day on March 16 with a St. Joseph's Table. This evening, with wonderful foods, will be open to everyone (parishioners, relatives and friends). The time is 6:30pm in our community center. Cost will be \$10.00/person and children over 5yrs. of age will be \$5.00 each. Every year our Italian Social Club celebrates this day but it has been two years since we have been able to accommodate everyone. We must have your reservations and money by March 12th as The Pasta Market will be catering part of this dinner. For additional information and reservations please phone Totsie Taylor @ (408) 252-7653x61 or send your reservation and money to the parish office (to Totsie's attention). The food at this table is fabulous and we look forward to you joining us. Ciao.

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

SJC SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY INVITES YOU to attend the 3rd Deanery Annual Social Justice Enrichment Series ON ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE.

In conjunction with the Diocese of San Jose "Green Initiative" and in solidarity with the social justice teachings of the Catholic Church, this series is intended to make us aware of the impact of our lifestyles on the environment and how we can make small but significant adjustments of our lifestyles to be just stewards of our environment. You are urged to attend these seven sessions that have been planned: four for the spring and three for the fall of 2010.

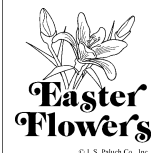
We encourage you to attend these seven sessions that have been planned: four for the spring and three for the fall of 2010. If you are interested to attending these sessions, information of schedules and topics are available in the vestibule. Please see **social justice ministry** sign.

Reminder: Our second session will be View and Discussion "Blue Gold"; Water Sustainability at St. Francis Cabrini on March 23rd at 7:30PM Speaker/ Moderator TBA

"If You Want to Cultivate Peace, Protect Creation. Respect for creation is of immense consequence, not least because "creation is the beginning and the foundation of all God's works", and its preservation has now become essential for the pacific coexistence of mankind." (*Message of His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI for the celebration of the World of Peace, 2010*)

YLI— A GIFT FOR WOMEN

You are cordially invited to a **Bingo Salad Luncheon** on Saturday April 24, 2010 from 11:00am—2:30pm at St. Joseph of Cupertino Church Hall. Fabulous salads, cash bingo prizes, great raffle prizes, and wonderful door prizes. **Donation \$15.00.** No tickets will be sold at the door. **Deadline** for tickets is **April 19th—no exceptions.** For tickets contact Mary Lou Caldwell at (408) 252-0213.



Easter Flowers from your garden. We appreciate donations of calla lilies and orchids from your gardens at this time every year to beautify our church for the Easter season. Containers will be provided (outside the sacristy entrance) for you to drop off your flowers either Holy Thursday or Good Friday. Please do not drop off any on Holy Saturday as we will have arranged the lilies on the previous two days. Thank you so very much.



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:

- March 15 **Bible Study with Deacon Ron**
6:30 p.m. Community Center
- March 16 **St. Joseph Table**(celebration for
St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus)
7 p.m. Community Center
ALL ARE WELCOME!

BIBLE STUDY---March 15th with the letters of St. Paul. Deacon Ron Hansen will conduct the study every other **Monday nights at 7 p.m.** in the **COMMUNITY CENTER .**

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC? Or do you still need to celebrate the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

(call Janice at 252-7653 ext. 30 for more info.)

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

ADULT CONFIRMATION: Are you over the age of 18 and never celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation? *Call Janice at the parish office as soon as possible. 252-7653 ext. 30.*

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

BETTER PREPARED NEXT WEEK'S MASS: THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 21, 2010

Read Isaiah 43:16-21,
Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11

Question for Adults:

Have you ever been too willing to “cast the first stone” when you disapproved of someone’s behavior? How can you resist these feelings?

Questions for Children:

When have you criticized or made fun of someone? What could help you act differently?

ACTION

**HELP YOUR CHURCH HELP OTHERS----
CONTRIBUTE TO THE ADA**

Prayer:

Jesus, teach us to be considerate of others. Help us to fast from rash judgments and gossip. Amen



SJC SCHOOL NEWS

Junior Jaguars

PRESCHOOL APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

Applications are now being accepted for our first Junior Jaguar preschool class! Applications are available in the school office or online at:
<http://sjcschool.org/admissions/preschool-application.php>

Preschool Applications for the 2010-11 school year are due in on **March 14th.**

St. Joseph of Cupertino School Observes Lent with Snackless Fridays

Students at SJC are observing the Lenten practices of fast and abstinence on Fridays in conjunction with an outreach project to help children in Haiti. Each Friday morning in Lent, we start the day with a special school-wide Lenten prayer service during which we dedicate the day to the people of Haiti through our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. The children are fasting by forgoing morning snacks—a simple act that helps us stand in solidarity with the children of Haiti who go hungry on a regular basis. We are also giving alms by donating the money we might have spent on our morning snacks to the Haitian Relief Fund of Catholic Relief Services. We also observe abstinence by only offering meatless hot lunches in our school lunch programs. Our theme for this Lenten Season is the scriptural passage in which Jesus says “I am the vine, you are the branches.” All of us all are all connected through God. Therefore, we are also focusing on doing “good deeds” every day as an additional way of giving ‘alms’ to those in our own lives.

SJC'S ANNUAL AUCTION

St. Joseph of Cupertino School's 25th annual auction, Under the Big Top, is Saturday, March 27th, at 5:00 in the Parish Hall. This is the school's major fundraiser, and we rely on the support of parents and parishioners to make it successful every year. Tickets are \$35 each, \$40 after March 22nd.

This fun-filled event includes:

Gourmet Dinner

Live and Silent Auctions, and

Exciting Raffle Prizes including a \$1,000 Grand Prize!

If you have any questions or need more information, please call Barbara Hill at (408) 252-9775.

Thank you so much to all of the volunteers that helped with the bulk mailing for Easter. We really appreciate your time and effort. We could not do this without all of you! Thanks again so much and Happy Easter to everyone!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16
 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30
 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
 Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53
 Sunday: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11
 Alternate readings (Year A):
 Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130; Rom 8:8-11;
 Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

Mar. 13 5:00 PM P Joseph & Celine Joseph (+)
 Mar. 14 8:00 AM Annie Chetcuti (+)
 9:30 AM Vera Rodrigues (+)
 11:00 AM Jose Saleme (+)
 5:00 PM Oei Sien (+)
 Mar. 15 8:30 AM Esperanza Aguilar (+)
 Mar. 16 8:30 AM
 Mar. 17 8:30 AM
 Mar. 18 8:30 AM
 Mar. 19 8:30 AM Abednego Acolatse (+)
 Mar. 20 8:30 AM
 5:00 PM Remedios Fedalizo (+)
 Mar. 21 8:00 AM Colleen O'Connell
 9:30 AM Rita Ma (+)
 11:00 AM Jose Gonzalez-Ciria (+)
 5:00 PM Aunty Tuien (+)

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!



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.

In March 2010, more than 130 million addresses across the nation will receive a 2010 Census form. The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every 10 years for the purpose of reapportioning the U.S. House of Representatives. Every person living in the United States must be counted. This includes people of all ages, races, ethnic groups, citizens and noncitizens. Additionally, census data directly affect how more than \$400 billion per year in federal funding is distributed to state, local and tribal governments. Please complete and mail back your form and encourage your family, friends and neighbors to do the same. For more information, visit 2010census.gov.

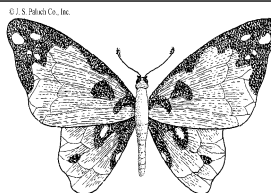
GRIEF SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO HAVE SUFFERED A LOSS OF LOVED ONE, JOB, ETC. NEXT MTG. APRIL 11TH, 2010. FROM 12:30-2 P.M. IN THE PARISH OFFICE.

WHAT DOES ADA STAND FOR? (answer) *It stands for the Annual Diocesan Appeal which is now in process. This helps our diocese to continue to support our seminarians, and many other programs necessary for the life of our Catholic faith. Also, all funds beyond our goal benefit our parish!!!*

QUESTION OF THE WEEK? What are the "Scrutinies"?
The next three weeks our church will be celebrating special rites called "Scrutinies" with the "elect". These are petitioning for the spirit of repentance, an understanding of sin and the experience of the true freedom of the children of God.



Flowers, Flowers, Flowers! Would you like to share in decorating our church for the Easter Season? Donations may be made in memory of a loved one or as a personal sign of love to be made to our **Easter Altar Flower Fund**. Donations will be used to purchase Easter lilies for our church. You may pick up an envelope in the vestibule of our church or by the chapel entrance or mark an envelope "Easter Flower Fund". You may list the names of those you wish remembered for publication in upcoming bulletins.



**Fourth Sunday of Lent
 March 14, 2010**
 Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.
 — 2 Corinthians 5:17



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.

Welcome New Parishioners!

Mr. & Mrs. Steve Gospe
 Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Larson
 Ms. Janelle Peregoy
 Ms. Kimberly Scianna & Mr. Tony Rigoni



Stewardship at St. Joseph of Cupertino

The stewardship message in the parable of the prodigal son is that it is never too late to become a good steward. Blessed is the elder brother who had been a good steward all along, but blessed, too, is the prodigal, who had to lose all he had in order to understand the value of what he had been given.

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!

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.

OUR PARISH WEBSITE HAS A NEW LOOK!!!

CHECK IT OUT! *Our bulletin is also posted on the website.* **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 **Sunday homilies?**

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**
- **Sacred Space.org**—Loyola Press (good for spirituality& prayer)
- **Busted Halo** (good for young adults)
- **USCCB. Org** (the U.S. bishops website)

LENTEN SUGGESTION: HELP US PRAY FOR YOUR NEEDS AND THE NEEDS OF OUR PARISH! THURSDAYS (NOTE CHANGE)--- 12 noon --- 1 P.M. Community Center.

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.

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! Information is also on the parish website under **ACTIVITIES.**

**St. Joseph of Cupertino
Staff Information**

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 Secretary: Free Draga Fri. Admin. Asst: Tracey Govola
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 Bingo Information – x37
 Business Administration – x23 Monica Viruegas-Ferrante
 Catechetical Ministry – x60 Tam Tran (catmin@stjoscup.org)
 Liturgy – x32 Dan Morris
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 Organist – 996-9352 Lothar Bandermann
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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.