

St. Joseph of Cupertino Parish
2010 Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve

Friday, 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

Saturday, December 25

Masses: 8, 9:30, & 11 A.M.

No mass at 5 P.M.

Feast of the Holy Family

Sunday, December 26

Regular Sunday schedule

New Year's Day

(Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)

Saturday, January 1, 2010

Mass at 10 A.M. only

(This day is *not* a holy day of obligation this year.)

THERE WILL BE NO 5 P.M. MASS ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2011—NEW YEAR'S DAY.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR ADVENT?

Our Deacon Ron will discuss "The Birth of the Messiah" This week will explore the reading of the letters of Paul, Acts, and discuss the gospel of Luke; **This will take place in the Community Center December 14^h at 7 p.m.**

THANKS AGAIN TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE 2010 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL. PLEASE REMEMBER TO MAKE ALL PAYMENTS BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2010 TO HELP THE PARISH RECEIVE THE MAXIMUM REBATE.



FIRST RECONCILIATION will take place on **TUESDAY, DEC. 14 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. 16. There are NO CATECHETICAL CLASSES on Dec. 19, Dec. 22, Dec. 26 and Dec. 29. Classes will resume on Jan. 2 and Jan. 5.



Would you care to make a gift of a poinsettia in memory of a loved one 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 in the parish office. A list of names of the persons honored will be published in our bulletin after Christmas..



**Simbang Gabi – An Advent Novena
Dec. 16 & 17 (7pm), 18 & 19 (5pm)
Special Mass followed by a reception**

Do you remember joyous "Simbang Gabi" from last Advent? The excitement happens again - Come share with us or experience it for the first time. **Everyone** is welcome to "Simbang Gabi" (evening mass), which is joyful, praiseful, thankful, and hopeful. We bring our families and friends to the Eucharist while joining **the entire community** in waiting for the coming of the lord.. We continue to celebrate by sharing the bounty of our food with each other, following Mass. Simbang Gabi is an expression of unity and diversity. On two nights, the celebrant is invited from another diocesan church. The choir, from different ministries at St. Joseph, will sing in English and Tagalog (the Filipino language). On Dec. 18 (Sat. 5pm mass), the choir will be composed of seminarians, a special blessing indeed. The lectors, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers, participants, mass and reception sponsors, and many more will gladly offer their shared, heartfelt participation in this wonderful tradition. **And so in this way, we fulfill the true spirit of Advent waiting and longing for our Saviour: a call to prepare as a community, and as a family of God united in worship and in prayer. YOUR PRESENCE is the most important part of this Advent preparation.**

Call Fr. Vince (408-252-7653, rectory), or Mabel (408-315-1306) for more information or if you wish to help.

"HELPING HANDS"

Up and running This ministry helps provide meals for those during a time of convalescence. We are in need of those with "Helping Hands" that would like to be a part of this worthwhile ministry. Jesus says in Matthew 25:35,40 "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me. . . I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."

If anyone from our church community has a need for "Helping Hands" or, if you would like to serve our Savior by serving others, please call Marlene Kalb at 741-1615 or Janice, our Pastoral Associate, at 252-7653 ext.30

If you or someone you know is in need of meals or shopping, please call Marlene.



On November 20, during the 5pm Mass, a Rite of Commissioning was held for the new altar servers of our parish. Also, senior crosses were given to 4 high school students during the Mass. After the Mass, pizza was served in their honor in the parish community center. Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus Council. We thank our altar servers for responding generously to God's invitation to serve His people, the Church.

SPECIAL HELP NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS. Help make our monthly liturgies and **our Christmas liturgy** with "focus 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 If you have a child who would like to be part of our masses for children, please call Dan.



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. 12** **Advent Movie Afternoon & Activity**
2:30-4:30 p.m. **Community Center**
- Dec. 14** **The Birth of the Messiah – Ron Hansen**
7 p.m. **Community Center**
- Dec. 16,17,** **Simbang Gabi---7 p.m. mass followed**
reception
- Dec. 18,19** **Simbang Gabi---5 p.m. mass followed**
by reception

(Check the flyers for these events or our parish brochure or call the parish office)

QUESTION LAST WEEK: What is the color or the third week of Advent? **ANSWER:** It is usually rose to signify that we are joyfully awaiting Christmas.

ALL ARE INVITED TO OUR INTERGENERATIONAL MOVIE AFTERNOON.

December 12th at 2:30 p.m. in the Community Center. Get ready for Christmas---we will begin with prayer, followed by a movie, and an activity! Of course, refreshments will be served!

BE BETTER PREPARED NEXT WEEK’S MASS: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 19, 2010

Read: Isaiah 7:10-14;
Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1: 18-24

Question for Adults:

Tell of a time when all you could do is “trust.”

Question for Children:

What could you do this week to make someone feel welcome as Joseph welcomed Mary?

ACTION

SPEND TIME PRAYING TO MARY AND JESUS THIS WEEK

Prayer

Dear Jesus, teach me to be kind and to think of others. Help me to welcome people in my church community..

Amen



SJC SCHOOL NEWS

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.

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



*Our community has continued to donate generously to our school's **L.I.F.E. Program** (**L.I.F.E.** stands for **“Legacies In Faith and Education”**). Our updated totals for all components of our LIFE Program (Development, Scholarship, Special Projects) now surpass \$35,000. And may we once again remind you that all gifts given by December 31 are tax deductible for this current tax year.*



Christmas plants need to be watered starting on December 31 (perhaps checking on all twice weekly-watering once). Would you be able to give us a few hours? We would like to have two persons to share this little job. Please phone Totsie at (408) 252-7653x61 at your earliest convenience as I would like to get things into place early in December. Thank you so much.

Please begin planning your Christmas mass attendance. We ask that only people accompanying children come to the 4p.m. mass on Christmas Eve. We don't want to turn people away.

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



Communion and Liberation Lay Movement **ARE YOU AN ADULT LOOKING TO DEEPEN YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND EXPERIENCE OF THE CHURCH?** Come to our **“School of Community”** **Wednesdays at 7:30-8:30pm in the SJC School Art Room.** We are currently working on the book *Is it Possible to Live this Way?* by Msgr. Luigi Giussani. For more information contact Yvonne Fernández at yvonnefernandez@yahoo.com or go to our website at **www.clonline.us**

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: Is 54:1-10; Lk 7:24-30
 Friday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17
 Saturday: Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25
 Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

Mass Intentions for the Week

Dec. 11	5:00 PM	George D. Cummings II (+)
Dec. 12	8:00 AM	Gertrude Farr (+)
	9:30 AM	Mary Lo Coco (+)
	11:00 AM	Charles Enders (+)
	5:00 PM	Wan Lan Lee (L)
Dec. 13	8:30 AM	Anna & Helen Biskupski (L)
Dec. 14	8:30 AM	Anna & Helen Biskupski (L)
Dec. 15	8:30 AM	Jay Butera (+)
Dec. 16	8:30 AM	Elly Widjojo (+)
Dec. 17	8:30 AM	Anna Biskupski (L)
Dec. 18	8:30 AM	Pauline Cerros (+)
	5:00 PM	Terese Ezoe (+)
Dec. 19	8:00 AM	John & Margaret Mardesich (+)
	9:30 AM	In Thanksgiving
	11:00 AM	Mary Doskas (+)
	5:00 PM	Harry Peter & Yung Su Anna Wang (+)



PLEASE PRAY FOR

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



Stewardship at St. Joseph of Cupertino

Each of us has his or her own role to play in the coming of the kingdom of God. John the Baptist was called to be the herald of the Messiah, preparing the way of the Lord. To what is the Lord calling me?

Stewardship Prayer

Rev. Gregory Kimm, 2009

God rich in kindness and generous in love,
 You call us to be your people, a church, a community of faith.

You have entrusted St. Joseph of Cupertino Parish to our care.
 Help us to be good stewards, always worthy of your trust.

As you are attentive to the needs of each of us,
 Enable us to be attentive to the needs of our parish,
 using the gifts you have given us not just for our own good,
 but for the good of all.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Brother, and in the Spirit, who makes us one.

Amen!

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.

GET READY FOR CHRISTMAS -CHECK OUT A VIDEO FROM OUR VIDEO LIBRARY; There are many excellent films that are both entertaining and informative. It is outside church between 10:30-11:00a.m. on Sunday mornings.

GRIEF SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO HAVE SUFFERED A LOSS OF LOVED ONE, JOB, ETC. NEXT MTG. JANUARY 9th, 2011 FROM 12:30-2 P.M. IN THE PARISH OFFICE.

DO YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW WANT TO KNOW ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC? OR COMPLETING INITIATION?

If you or someone you know are not baptized, or baptized in another Christian denomination, or if you are baptized Catholic but have not celebrated the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist, please contact Janice LaMotte at 252-7653 ext. 30. **The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: (RCIA) ages 7&older**

HELP SPREAD THE FAITH. INVITE SOMEONE TO FIND OUT ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH!

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.



The parish offices will be closed from noon on December 23, 2010 through January 01, 2011. The offices will re-open on Monday, January 2, 2011 at 9:00a.m. We wish all of you a wonderful holiday season.

HELP—HELP—HELP. Our ALTAR CARE MINISTRY needs substitutes for Monday morning light cleaning. You will be called on when one of our regulars cannot make their cleaning day. If you have two hours every so often, please give me a phone call. **WE NEED SUBSTITUTES BADLY.** Thank you very much. Let Totsie Taylor know if you can help at 408-252-7653 ext. 61.



**Third Sunday of Advent
 December 12, 2010**
 Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy.

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 **Sunday homilies**.

PRAYER LINE! (Prayerline@stjoscup.org)

OTHER WEBSITES:

Diocesan Website—www.dsj.org

AmericanCatholic.org—you’ll find information about the Catholic Faith, Saint of the Day, as well as a place for prayer requests!

Vatican—www.vatican.va in English, Italian, French, German, and Spanish

The Christophers website at www.christophers.org.

Loyola Press —www.loyolapress.com

Sacred Space—<http://sacredspace.ie>(good for spirituality & prayer)

Busted Halo —www.bustedhalo.com(good for young adults)

USCCB.org (the U.S. bishops website)

WARNING!!! Not all websites are created equal--be careful that they follow the true Catholic teaching!

(stay tuned--hope to have some homilies, etc. in Chinese)

CATHOLIC RADIO: 1260 AM (Immaculate Heart Radio)

“BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY” This ministry is for grieving families. Teams from the parish supply food for a small group of people in the family’s home or our community center after a funeral or memorial service. The food items generally include salads and desserts. *(If you would like to be part of this ministry, please call Marlene at 741-1615)*

OUR REGULAR THURSDAY PRAYER GROUP MEETS FROM 12-1p.m. in the Community Center. Come and pray whenever you are able for your needs and the needs of our parish and parishioners.

PARISH OUTREACH We welcome your donations of dry and canned foods for our Outreach 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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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.

WISH LIST: Have you seen our parish “wish list?” There are copies in the racks in the vestibule and outside the chapel. Please help if you are able.