

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

A Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, December 8, 2011

Vigil mass Wednesday, December 7 at 7 P.M.

Masses Thursday at 6:30 A.M. (chapel), 9 A.M., 7 P.M.

*Prepare the way of the Lord!*  
ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Tuesday, December 13 at 7 P.M.

2011 Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24

No morning mass or confessions

Masses: 5 (church and hall), 8 & 10 P.M.

The 5 P.M. mass in the church will have a special focus on children.

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25

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

No mass at 5 P.M.

New Year's Eve

(Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)

Saturday, December 31

Mass at 5 P.M.

New Year's Day

(Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)

Sunday, January 1, 2012

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

No mass at 5 P.M.

St. Joseph of Cupertino

Christmas Eve Mass with Focus on Children



The Christmas Eve mass in the church on **Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>** at **5:00pm** is a mass with focus on children. There are many ways for your child to participate in this mass. If your child is interested, please attend our practice meeting on **Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>** from 10am-11am in the Church. Need more information? Contact Theresa Ballin at 408-252-5846/ballin90@aol.com or Tam Tran at 252-7653x60/ttran@dsj.org

Candleholders: 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up

Gospel Nativity roles Kinder and up (Angels, Shepherds, and Sheep)

"SIMBANG GABI" PROCLAIMS ADVENT!

Advent - it's here, the season of joyful anticipation of Christmas! Together, let us prepare by attending special evening masses ("Simbang Gabi") on **Dec. 15 (Thurs.) & 16 (Fri.) at 7pm and on Dec. 17 (Sat.) & 18 (Sun.) (5pm mass) at St. Joseph of Cupertino, then continued at St. Simon 1860 Grant Rd. @ Foothill Xpwy Dec. 19 (Mon.) -23 (Fri.) 6:30pm at St. Simon in Los Altos (1860 GRANT RD@FOOTHILL XPWY)**. What a wonderful way to complete this 9-day novena! After each mass, we will extend this celebration of community with a potluck (or just come!) light supper. The diocese celebrates Simbang Gabi; in this spirit, a different diocesan priest will preside at the mass.

Catch the TRUE and REAL spirit of Christmas this way - put aside the shopping, the baking, the decorating for a few hours! Share this hidden jewel - INVITE OTHERS to this "other-worldly" experience and spread the Good News! Discover again what Christmas really means!

Don't miss the coming flyer on Simbang Gabi for interesting details. Fr. Vincent Pineda will be happy to invite you personally (call 408-252-7653, rectory; [FrVince@gmail.com](mailto:FrVince@gmail.com)) or Mabel (408-315-1306; [mabelhoffman@yahoo.com](mailto:mabelhoffman@yahoo.com)).

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE



The holidays are a great opportunity to recognize our blessings and extend our good fortune to others. The holiday season is a special time at Sacred Heart Community Service where the entire community comes together to serve those in need. This year, Sacred Heart will deliver Christmas food boxes and toys to the needy.

The Association of Government Accountants (Silicon Valley Chapter) is coordinating this holiday drive through St. Joseph of Cupertino Parish. A Christmas Giving Tree was put up for this purpose at the parish chapel. Each ornament on the tree represents an item that will either feed or give happiness to the less fortunate. Please pick up an ornament and help us ensure that individuals in need have a bountiful meal and numerous children experience a joyful holiday season. All gifts are to be delivered to the parish by December 17.



## 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. 3** Consolation of Grief Through Prayer and Music – Fr. Chris Bennett  
10-12 noon Community Center
- Dec. 4** Grief Support—12:30 – 2 p.m.  
Parish Office
- Dec. 4** Advent experience for all ages—2p.m. community Center. Prayer, movie, activity & refreshments.
- Dec. 9** Our Lady of Guadalupe 7 p.m.  
Church 6:30 p. m. Rosary
- Dec 15,16,17,18** Simbang Gabi mass at 7 p.m.

### SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY FAITH SHARING:

If you are interested in being part of an informal small group that reflects on the Sunday scripture readings and how they speak to us today, please call Janice at the parish office 252-7653 ext. 30.

**We plan to meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month at 12:30 p.m.**

### **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!**

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

From outer space, the United States must seem peculiarly aglow these nights: we have strung lights on every tree within reach. Sometimes, even tieltacks and earrings twinkle with “microlights.” Clearly, something is afoot: there is a deep-down yearning for the world to change. Yet, John the Baptist would probably be unplugging most of these lights if he had the chance. In today’s Gospel he turns people away from his baptism of repentance. “Give some evidence that you mean to reform!” he cries.

What meaning do our holiday lights convey for you? In the deep and dark countryside, a single candle glowing in a window can be seen for miles. It signals welcome and readiness; it is a beacon guiding strangers to the door, a token of a warm hearth, a loving embrace, a sign that those who have placed the candle are awake and waiting. This year, set the timers aside, and each night as you light the candles in your windows, pray: “May Christ find an eager welcome here. May this household be filled with the light of his word.” One candle at a time, our faith community can reclaim the meaning of the lights of Advent hope.



## SJC SCHOOL NEWS

### Did You Know?

#### Reaching Out to Others

St. Joseph of Cupertino School focused on reaching out to children in need across the world as they enjoyed the fun of Halloween celebrations. During the daytime on Halloween, the 7<sup>th</sup> graders and SJC Room Parents planned and ran a “Mission Carnival.” The Carnival had lots of great activities and enjoyable treats. All proceeds were donated to the Missions. Then the students participated in the Trick-or-Treating for UNICEF project on Halloween evening. The student body recently blessed and sent off donations of \$2,000 to Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur Missions (in honor of Sr. Peter Joseph and Sr. Vivian, SJC staff members), and \$900 to UNICEF.

#### Carnival Profits

Carnival 2011 was a huge success! Our final profit is \$53,500! We appreciate the support (and patience!) of all of our parishioners.

Thank you to the many families that joined us for the November Dining for Dollars fundraiser at Round Table. The school made \$106.14. We appreciate your continuous support!



The parish school’s Annual Development Drive starts this week. All registered parishioners will receive a packet in the next few days. L.I.F.E. is our school’s Development Program and it stands for “Legacies In Faith and Education.” Through our L.I.F.E. appeals, we support our Development (endowment-type) Fund, our Scholarship Funds, and our Special Project Funds; and during November we especially focus on our Development Fund (although we, of course, welcome donations to our Scholarship and Special Project Funds, as well).

Planning for our future is essential if we are to be good stewards of our resources, and if we are to ensure that Catholic education will be healthy and viable in our parish community for generations to come.

If you do not receive a copy or have any questions, contact the school office (408) 252-6441 or [development@sjcschool.org](mailto:development@sjcschool.org)

To date we have received **\$12,156** in contributions.



**FIRST RECONCILIATION** will take place on **TUESDAY, DEC. 6 at 7pm** in the Church. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

**Alviso Christmas Outreach** has begun. Please have your child bring in his/her gift to class by Dec. 11. Thank you for your continuous generosity.



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26  
 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14  
 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30  
 Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;  
 Lk 1:26-38  
 Friday: Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19  
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
 Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54;  
 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

## Mass Intentions for the Week

Dec. 03	5:00 PM	Hector Quijano (+)
Dec. 04	8:00 AM	George Bennett (+)
	9:30 AM	John & Margaret Mardesich (+)
	11:00 AM	Mary Ma (+)
	5:00 PM	Wan Lan Lee (L)
Dec. 05	8:30 AM	Francois Ma (+)
Dec. 06	8:30 AM	Celsa Soylo (+)
Dec. 07	8:30 AM	Anthony J. Pelosi (+)
	7:00 PM	Vincent Isip (L)
Dec. 08	6:30 AM	Dr. Raul Leal (+)
	9:00 AM	Edgardo Ulpindo (+)
	7:00 PM	Hector Quijano (+)
Dec. 09	8:30 AM	Edie Maples (L)
Dec. 10	8:30 AM	Mrs. Pei H. Chen
	5:00 PM	Anthony J. Pelosi (+)
Dec. 11	8:00 AM	Mary LoCoco (+)
	9:30 AM	Margaret D'Souza (+)
	11:00 AM	Charles & Frances Corey (+)
	5:00 PM	In Thanksgiving



### 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

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John the Baptist calls us to "Prepare the way of the Lord..." Have we really heard this call? How have we prepared?

#### 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!



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](mailto:primomartinez@yahoo.com).

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP "USUALLY" MEETS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH** Our next meeting is Sunday December 4th at 12:30 p.m. in the rectory office. All are welcome to attend at any time. There is no fee and it is run by a professional counselor. PLEASE INFORM OTHERS OF THIS IMPORTANT MINISTRY.

PLEASE JOIN US ON THURSDAYS FROM 12 – 1 P.M. IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER TO PRAY FOR YOUR NEEDS AND THE NEEDS OF OUR PARISH. *Many, many thanks to Ellen Haas who is so dedicated to leading this important ministry.*

### Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Dec. 9 Mark your calendar on **Friday, December 9!**

You are warmly invited to a special Mass to honor Our Blessed Mother as **Our Lady of Guadalupe**, Patroness of the Americas. This is the 24<sup>th</sup> year that we will celebrate this feast day here at St. Joseph of Cupertino Church.

**At 6:30 p.m., the rosary** will be recited in some of the many languages representative of our diverse cultural community.

**At 7:00 p.m., the Mass** will be celebrated by several priests, and the main presider will be our new Bishop Thomas Daly. The Mass will include music by mariachis, the dramatic reenactment of the story of Guadalupe by the St. Joseph's children, and a traditional dance honoring Our Lady, also by the children.

**Following the Mass, a fun-filled fiesta** will take place in the parish hall, with refreshments, more music, Mexican dancers, and pinatas.

Would you like to become involved in the planning and preparation? We need many people to help with set up, decoration, roses, food, serving, etc. If you'd like more information or would like to help, please contact Mariqueta Churchill at (408) 245-3504.

*What better way to prepare for Christmas than to come to this beautiful celebration!*

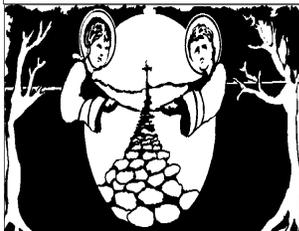
*May Our Lady comfort and enlighten your heart.*

*May she be present to you and guide all the members of your family.*

*May you grow closer to Our Lord Jesus Christ, through His most Blessed Mother.*

### QUESTION OF THEWEEK: What is a "Parochial Vicar"?

**"BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY"** This ministry is for grieving families. Teams from the parish supply **salads or desserts for a small group** of people in the family's home or our community center following a funeral. *(If you would like to be part of this ministry, please call Marlene at 741-1615)*



### Second Sunday of Advent December 4, 2011

Prepare the way of the Lord,  
 make straight his paths.

— Mark 1:3

**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](http://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](mailto:ppcteam@stjoscup.org) or call Mike Hoffman at (408) 255-4767.

**PARISH WEBSITE!!--([stjoscup.org](http://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](mailto:Prayerline@stjoscup.org))

**OTHER WEBSITES:**

**Diocesan Website—** [www.dsj.org](http://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](http://www.vatican.va) in English, Italian, French, German, and Spanish

**The Christophers** website at [www.christophers.org](http://www.christophers.org).

**Loyola Press —**[www.loyolapress.com](http://www.loyolapress.com)

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

**Busted Halo —**[www.bustedhalo.com](http://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)**

**HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT OUR WEBSITE RECENTLY? WE HAVE INTERESTING NEW LINKS! Our bulletin is also posted on the website. NEW!!! CHECK OUT RESOURCES FOR THE NEW ROMAN MISSAL TO COME !!!!**

**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 AND VISITORS.** Your presence helps enliven our community and we thank and praise our God for each and every one of you. **If you would like to register with our parish, registration forms are in the vestibule and outside the chapel, or online.**

**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.

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