

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 24th** 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 20th** 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: 3rd grade and up

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

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

"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) or Mabel (408-315-1306; mabelhoffman@yahoo.com).

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 the church, outside the chapel door or at the parish office. A list of names will be published in our parish bulletin after Christmas.



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 15, 16, Simbang Gabi mass at 7 p.m.
17, 18 Mass at 5 p.m.**

**Jan. 8 Epiphany celebration----
12:30 p.m. Community Center**

**Jan. 14 Consolation after the Holidays
Fr. Chris Bennett, 10-12 p.m.
Community Center**

QUESTION FROM LAST WEEK: What is a "Parochial Vicar"? ANSWER: A priest who assists the Pastor in the pastoral care of a parish.

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!



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IN ORDER TO BE BETTER PREPARED FOR NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS

December 18, 2011

Read Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11;

I Thessalonians 5:16-24; John I: 6-8, 19-28

Question for Adults?

What work of justice could you do this week to bring someone joy?

Question for Children:

What could you do for someone this week to make them happy?

ACTION

ATTEND OUR ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Prayer

Lord Jesus, help us to remember the reason for this season and to make a real effort to do something which will bring us closer to you. Amen



SJC SCHOOL NEWS



The parish school's Annual Development Drive starting during Thanksgiving week. All registered parishioners should have received a packet in the mail. 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

To date we have received **\$18,086** in contributions.

And may we once again remind you that all gifts given by December 31 are tax deductible for this current tax year.

CAMPBELL'S LABELS & GENERAL MILLS BOX TOPS

Please save Campbell's labels and General Mill's box tops during the holiday season and New Year. You may drop them off in the box in the church vestibule. Our parish school redeems them for educational materials.

ADVENT IS THE BEGINNING OF OUR LITURGICAL YEAR. Take time to reflect on what this special season means to you. Notice the colors, the readings, the music. Think of ways you can be more involved in helping spread Jesus' message to others by word and by actions.



Christmas Alviso Outreach:

Thank you very much to the Catechetical families who have brought in their gifts for the Alviso families. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Giftswill be delivered on Thursday, Dec. 15.

There are **NO CATECHETICAL CLASSES** on Dec. 18, Dec. 21, Dec. 25, Dec. 28, and Jan. 1. Classes will resume on Jan. 4 and Jan. 8.



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 4th Sunday of the month at 12:30 p.m.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of The Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
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:	Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Jn 5:33-36
Saturday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17
Sunday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89; 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

Mass Intentions for the Week

Dec. 10	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
Dec. 12	8:30 AM	Pei H. Chen
Dec. 13	8:30 AM	Geri Rubis Lonergan (+) & Rose Bianchi (+)
Dec. 14	8:30 AM	Robert & Teri Steinberg (L)
Dec. 15	8:30 AM	Hector Quijano (+)
Dec. 16	9:00 AM	Frank & Mary Ward (+)
Dec. 17	8:30 AM	Nicholas Steinberg (L)
	5:00 PM	Lew Viray (+)
Dec. 18	8:00 AM	Joe Ignatowicz (+)
	9:30 AM	Anna George (+)
	11:00 AM	Rose Hinders (+)
	5:00 PM	Jose Saleme (+)



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

All of the people in today's readings – the prophet Isaiah, the Virgin Mary, St. Paul, St. John the Baptist – seemed to understand clearly and rejoice in what God was calling them to be and to do. Do I?

Stewardship Prayer

Rev. Gregory Kimm, 2009

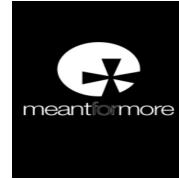
God rich in kindness and generous in love,
You call us to be your people, a church, a community of faith.

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.

THURSDAY PRAYER GROUP WILL NOT MEET AGAIN UNTIL JANUARY 5TH AT 12 NOON.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP "USUALLY" MEETS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

Our next meeting is Sunday January 8th, 2012. 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.

Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph Season of Hope 2011

"Season of Hope Cathedral Performance Series"
...A gift from the heart of San Jose!

For more info call: Julie Wind (408)283-8100 x2205

The 16th annual performance series located in the Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph offers nourishment for your spirit by presenting a soul-satisfying multicultural musical event for everyone to enjoy during the holiday season.

This event is a wonderful collaboration between various arts organizations and the San Jose Cathedral Foundation's Office of Social Ministry. By fostering the spirit of hope all through the year, the Cathedral provides food, shelter, medical care, and a job search program to those in need, regardless of race or creed, crossing all cultural boundaries. Come celebrate the **12 Days before Christmas!**

Performances are free and scheduled for December 12-23, at 7:30 p.m. One performance nightly from 7:30 to 8:30pm.

"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*)



Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2011

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.

— 1 Thessalonians 5:16

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**.

PRAAYER 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)

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 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 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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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.

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