

THANKS FROM BISHOP MCGRATH

Bishop Patrick J. McGrath is grateful to all parishioners of St. Joseph of Cupertino who participated in the recent special appeal for the diocese's newest parish, Our Lady of Refuge in San Jose. As he says in his letter of December 13 to Father Greg, "A parish—or diocese—has only the resources that our people are willing to share. We are truly blessed in your parishioners who . . . chose to share the gifts that God has generously given them." To date, the total contribution of St. Joseph of Cupertino to Our Lady of Refuge is \$50, 898.98.

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.

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.



There will be no Catechetical classes on Dec. 18, Dec. 21, Dec. 25, Dec. 28, and Jan. 1. The Catechetical office is closed from Dec. 19-Jan. 2.



HAVE A SAFE AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS!



The parish offices will be closed from Fri. Dec. 23rd, 2011 through Mon. Jan. 02, 2012. We wish all of you a blessed holiday season with your family and friends.

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 Poinsettias 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 Christmas-time. 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.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: What does the word "consubstantial" mean?

A WONDERFUL TRIBUTE TO OUR LADY!

A week ago our parish held the 24th celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe. It was such a beautiful mass presided by our auxiliary Bishop Tom Daly and the children enacted the story and also did ethnic dancing.

How wonderful to see so many young people in attendance and enjoying our parish family! All of this took place because of the dedication of very devoted people and was spear headed by **Mariqueta Churchill** for all 24 years!!! **MANY, MANY THANKS GO TO ALL!**



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 17,18, Simbang Gabi mass at 7 p.m.
Mass at 5 p.m.**
- Jan. 7 Christmas Concert – 7 p.m.
Church**
- Jan. 8 Epiphany celebration----
2 p.m. Community Center**
- Jan. 14 Consolation after the Holidays
Fr. Chris Bennett, 10-12 p.m.
Community Center**

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH INVITES YOU TO COME & SEE:

- Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith?
- Are you baptized in another Christian tradition or baptized Catholic, but without formal religious education?



Our RCIA sessions are held on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. in the Community Center. For more information, please call Janice LaMotte at 252-7653 ext. 30

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

IMPORTANT MESSAGE!

We are approaching the darkest, longest night of the year. For centuries, people in the Northern Hemisphere have kindled fires against the dying of the light, turning away the dark of the winter solstice, and leading the imagination to hope and new beginnings. It is thus easy to understand why these solstice celebrations of non-Christian Europe attracted the annual remembrance of the birth of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.

In time the solstice migrated away from December 25, but the Christmas feast remained in place. From this day, a whole season of celebration developed, stretching from Advent through the days of Christmas, and even beyond to the February 2 blessing of the candles, and beyond that to March 25, the Annunciation, nine months before the next Christmas. Centuries ago, this was New Year's Day, and many reasoned that it was the date of Adam and Eve's fall, and the date of the Crucifixion. The message is clear: don't let your Christmas be over too soon. Keep the lights blazing into January, and savor the meaning of the feast!



SJC SCHOOL NEWS



The St. Joseph of Cupertino School Community thanks you for the many blessings you have bestowed on us this year and joyfully wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Did You Know?

Reaching Out to Others

The students of St. Joseph of Cupertino School conducted their Advent Reach-Out Project in support of the newest Diocesan parish, Our Lady of Refuge. The children of SJC want to help the children of the Santee area so that they, too, can have their own parish church and educational center.



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 **\$20,529** in contributions.

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



Save the Date!

The St. Joseph of Cupertino
Preschool Information Night is
Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at 7p.m.
Come see the preschool and meet the staff.
See the insert in today's bulletin.
Contact the Preschool Director Jean Wilson at
(408) 252-9778 if you have any questions,
or go to the website: www.sjcschool.org/preschool

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25
Tuesday:	Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45
Thursday:	1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56
Friday:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66
Saturday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79
Sunday:	<u>Vigil:</u> Is 62:1-5; Ps 89; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] <u>Midnight:</u> Is 9:1-6; Ps 96; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 <u>Dawn:</u> Is 62:11-12; Ps 97; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

<i>Mass Intentions for the Week</i>		
Dec. 17	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 (+)
Dec. 19	8:30 AM	Elizabeth Kennedy (+)
Dec. 20	8:30 AM	Carol Hoolehan (+)
Dec. 21	8:30 AM	Massimo Vaccaro (+)
Dec. 22	8:30 AM	Emma Schlorch (+)
Dec. 23	8:30 AM	Edgardo Ulpindo (+)
Dec. 24	8:30 AM	NO MORNING MASS
	5:00 PM	Donna Brock (+) - CHURCH
	5:00 PM	Donna Brock (+) & Joe Restifo (+) - HALL
	8:00 PM	Harry Peter Wang & Yang Su Anna Wang (+)
	10:00 PM	Michael Saenz (L)
Dec. 25	8:00 AM	Jay Butera (+)
	9:30 AM	Harry Peter Wang & Yang Su Anna Wang (+)
	11:00 AM	Peggy Anne Martone (+)
	5:00 PM	NO MASS

	<p>PLEASE PRAY FOR All victims of war & terrorism, All serving our country in the military, PEACE, and our relatives and friends</p>
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	<p>Stewardship at St. Joseph of Cupertino</p>
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Stewardship at St. Joseph of Cupertino
In the first reading, God promises King David that his house and his kingdom will endure forever. It is through Mary's "Yes" – "I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say." – that the promise finds fulfillment. How have I fulfilled my promise to the Lord?

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!

	<p>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.</p>
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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.**

Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos
COMING RETREATS 2012

Jan 6-8 – *A Vision for You*
Dir. Sister Pat Galli, RSM and Ms. Mary Peterson
Non-silent Recovery retreat for women

Jan 13-15 – *Women with the Spirit – Women With a Voice* Dir: Fr. Kevin Ballard, S.J. and Mrs. Helen Bunje
Silent retreat for women

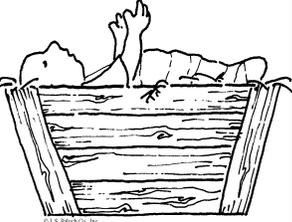
Jan 27-29 – *The Healing Touch – of Christ*
Dir. Fr. Joseph Specht, S.J.
Silent retreat for men

Feb 4 (Saturday) – *At Play in the Fields of the Lord* – Dir: Fr. Kevin Ballard, S.J.
Non-silent Day of Recollection for men and women (includes continental breakfast, lunch and afternoon Mass)

www.jrclosaltos.org
650-917-4000

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, at the religious education office, the school and also available online. Do not hesitate to call on us if you have ques-

"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)*

	<p>Fourth Sunday of Advent December 18, 2011 The child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. —Luke 1:35</p>
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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)

NEW!CHECK OUT RESOURCES FOR THE NEW ROMAN MISSAL!

You can learn the new responses!

Also check out “Catholicism Series.com”--interesting information about our Catholic faith.

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**

Parish Office: 252-7653 sjcparish@stjoscup.org
Secretary: Free Draga Fri. Admin. Asst: Tracey Govola
Bingo Information – x37

Business Administration – x23 Monica Viruegas-Ferrante

Catechetical Ministry – x60 Tam Tran (catmin@stjoscup.org)

Liturgy – x32 Dan Morris

Ministry to the Sick – 252-7653 Marlene Penney

Organist – 996-9352 Lothar Bandermann

Outreach..... Dick Sherman

Pastoral Associate – x30 Janice LaMotte
(adulded@stjoscup.org)

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

Wedding Coordinator – 255-1881Totsie Taylor
252-7653x61

Youth Ministry Coordinator --x38Primo Martinez
(Primo.Martinez@yahoo.com)

Young Adult Coordinator - x28Rev. Vincent Pineda
(frvincent@stjoscup.org)

Deacon.....Ron Hansen
(ronnebr@aol.com)

Altar Server Coordinator.....Rev. Vincent Pineda

Infant Baptism.....Rev. Vincent Pineda

Hospital Ministry - x26.....Rev. Don Morgan
(wmorgan@dsj.org)

Parish Advisory Council.....advisory@stjoscup.org

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.

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