

WELCOME TO ALL!

Did you know that our parish offers . . .

*A preschool
A process for becoming Catholic
St. Joseph's Table
Visitors to the sick and homebound
A weekly prayer group
A Chinese New Year celebration
Daily rosary
A men's group
Presentations on the Catholic faith
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Simbang Gabi
Grief support
A group for mothers
A celebration in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Free counseling
Movies for the whole family
A St. Patrick's Day Dinner
Bible study
Bingo*

and a lot more!

Come and see what is happening at St. Joseph of Cupertino!



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2011 Christmas Schedule

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.



The Catechetical office is closed and will reopen on January 3.

Classes will resume on January 4 for Junior High and January 8 for preschool and elementary grades.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK: What is the feast of the Epiphany?



The parish offices will be closed from Sun. Dec. 25th, 2011 through Mon. Jan. 02, 2012. We wish all of you a blessed holiday season with your family and friends.

FAITH IN ACTION: Can you name at least 5 ministries of our parish? Do you know about or Bereavement ministry? Funeral Ministry? Helping Hands? Outreach? RCIA?



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:

- 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
- Jan. 18, 25, Feb. 1, 8** Vatican II – Br. Bill Bolts, SM
7 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 session 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!

BE BETTER PREPARED NEXT WEEK’S MASS:

SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

Read Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7;
Luke 2:16-21.

Question for Adults?

Which of God’s blessings are you most thankful for right now??

Question for Children:

What does it mean to you to be a child of God?

ACTION

WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO THIS COMING YEAR TO DRAW CLOSER TO CHRIST LIKE MARY?

Prayer

Pray the “Hail Mary” often this week and ask Mary to help show you the way to her Son. Amen



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!



Thank you to the many generous donors that have contributed to the **L.I.F.E. Program** (**L.I.F.E.** stands for “**Legacies In Faith and Education**”).

Remember: All gifts given by December 31 are tax deductible for this current tax year.

We will give you an update on our progress upon the school’s return in January.



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

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.

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: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Mt 2:13-18
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
 Friday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3;
 Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Heb 11:8, 11-12,
 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]
 Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18
 Sunday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk
 2:16-21

Mass Intentions for the Week

Dec. 24	5:00 PM	Donna Brock (+) - C
	5:00 PM	Donna Brock & Joe Restifo (+) - H
	8:00 PM	Harry & Yung Su Anna Wang (+)
	10:00 PM	Michael Saenz (L)
Dec. 25	8:00 AM	Jay Butera (+)
	9:30 AM	Harry Peter Wang & Yung Su Anna Wang (+)
	11:00 AM	Peggy Anne Martone (+)
	5:00 PM	NO MASS
Dec. 26	8:30 AM	Hector Quijano (+)
Dec. 27	8:30 AM	George McHale (+)
Dec. 28	8:30 AM	Hugh & Catherine Crawford (+)
Dec. 29	8:30 AM	John L. Mardesich, Jr. (+)
Dec. 30	8:30 AM	Margaret Hursey (+)
Dec. 31	8:30 AM	Joseph & Benjamin, Jr. Morente (+)
	5:00 PM	Edgardo Ulpindo(+)
Jan. 01	8:00 AM	Mary LoCoco (+)
	9:30 AM	Hector Quijano (+)
	11:00 AM	Rose Hinders (+)
	5:00 PM	NO MASS



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.

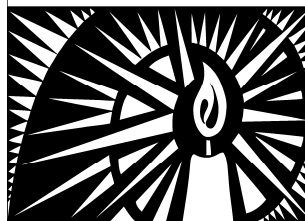
DID YOU KNOW? ATTENDANCE AT CHURCH does not automatically make you or your family REGISTERED members of St. Joseph of Cupertino parish. Registration forms are in the vestibule, outside the chapel, at the religious education office, the school and also available online. Do not hesitate to call on us if you have questions.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP “USUALLY” MEETS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH Our next meeting is Sunday January 8, 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.**

QUESTION FROM LAST WEEK: What does the word “consubstantial” mean? ANSWER: (“consubstantialem in the Latin text) asserting that the Son is of the “same substance with the Father –meaning He equally shares the Father’s divinity as a Person of the Holy Trinity. The description “homoousios” (“same substance”) was affirmed over “homoiousios” (like substance”).

VIDEO LIBRARY: There are many excellent films that are both entertaining and informative. It is outside church between 10:00-11:00a.m. on Sunday mornings.

“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)



**The Nativity of the Lord
December 25, 2011**
The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.
— John 1:5

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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

The shepherds who heard the joyous news from the angels on that first Christmas night and then hurried to find the infant Savior must surely have been changed by that experience. How has His coming changed my life?

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!

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)

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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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.