

## A NEW ADDITION TO OUR PARISH GROUNDS

A labyrinth has appeared at the entrance to our church, thanks to KEVIN TRAN, who took on the creation of the labyrinth as his Eagle Scout project. We are very grateful to Kevin and the team he assembled, including his parents, for their hard work and generosity.

The origins of the labyrinth are in ancient Greek mythology but much later, a labyrinth became a popular decoration for the floors of medieval cathedrals. Today some of the most famous labyrinths are in cathedrals in France, including the cathedrals in Chartres, Reims, and Amiens. In the middle ages, some Christians walked a labyrinth as a substitution for a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, just as modern-day Catholics continue to make the Way of the Cross in their own parish churches.

Our labyrinth is intended as a place for Christian prayer and prayerful reflection. Try using it to pray the rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, or the simple Jesus Prayer: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me." Another suggestion is to contemplate the daily readings for mass. Whatever you choose to do, you will find at the center of the labyrinth a Jerusalem cross—a large Greek cross surrounded by four smaller Greek crosses. This cross is a reminder of the labyrinth's connection to medieval pilgrimage but most important, a reminder that Christ is always the center of our lives.

***Faith in Action Rotating Shelter is Back in Action!***  
***On November 18, Faith in Action Silicon Valley Rotating Shelter announced that they have formed a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation to provide shelter and other supportive services to homeless men throughout Santa Clara County. The program will begin in March 2012, and will be open to 15 men at a time who may stay in the program for up to 90 days. The program is case-managed and goal oriented, and requires accountability of its guests. Faith in Action Silicon Valley Rotating Shelter is a collaborative among more than twenty churches, congregations, and local community organizations that offers a new beginning for the homeless. The goal is to provide a supportive shelter environment for the homeless with a focus on providing an opportunity to establish a stable, self-sufficient lifestyle and obtain permanent housing. Now, more than ever, there is a critical need in our community to assist the homeless. For the past 19 years, St. Joseph of Cupertino Church has participated as a host church, and we are happy that our parish continues to be committed, by acting as a host site for the month of July. We are now gearing up for the opening in March 2012, and welcome your assistance. There are opportunities to volunteer, and we have a wish list of items that can be donated. There is a need for monetary donations, since our new non-profit organization (no longer associated with West Valley Community Services), will depend solely on donations from our faith communities, community organizations and foundations, corporate sponsors, and individuals. We hope you will consider offering your services or support. We have a new website that will answer all your questions and direct you to ways you can help.***  
***[www.faihinactionsv.org](http://www.faihinactionsv.org)***  
***Mary Ellen Hennig (408) 255-6382 is our parish shelter coordinator.***



**Thank You!**

Once again, the parishioners of St. Joseph of Cupertino have stepped up in support of the Christmas Giving Tree. On December 19, food, clothing, toys and other donations were delivered by members of the Association of Government Accountants - Silicon Valley Chapter (AGA), on behalf of St. Joseph of Cupertino. The response of the parishioners was abundantly positive that it took a truck, SUV and car to haul the gifts to the community center. Sacred Heart Community Service is thankful for the parishioners' overwhelming generosity which helps ensure that people in need have a bountiful meal and numerous children experience a joyful holiday season. Moreover, both Sacred Heart and AGA appreciate the guidance and support provided by Father Greg in making this effort a success.

**QUESTION FROM LAST WEEK: ANSWER:** *The Epiphany comes from the Greek word meaning "manifestation" or showing forth. It commemorates the baptism of Jesus, the visit of the wise men, and the miracle of Cana. Jesus is manifested to the gentiles and Christ's light is for all the world.*

### FEATURED MINISTRY HOSPITALITY

This ministry serves coffee and refreshments on the first Sundays of the month. It takes only about an hour or two and is a much needed ministry to help the parish get to know each other. *If you would like to help or find out more information, call Janice at the parish office---252-7653 ext. 30.*

**REMEMBER WE ARE ALL CALLED TO BE A MINISTER OF HOSPITALITY TO OTHERS IN OUR CHURCH, OUR FAMILIES, AND IN THE WORLD!**

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK: What is "catechesis"?**



## 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. 8** Epiphany celebration----  
p.m. Community Center
- Jan. 14** Consolation after the Holidays  
Fr. Chris Bennett, 10-12 p.m.  
Community Center
- Jan. 15** Adult Confirmation Information  
Meeting – 12:30 p.m. Parish Office
- Jan. 18, 25,** Vatican II – Br. Bill Bolts, SM  
**Feb. 1, 8** 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 FOR NEXT WEEK'S MASS:

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD  
Read Isaiah 6 1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6;  
Matthew 2:1-12.

#### Question for Adults?

When have you found the presence of Christ in an unexpected place?

#### Question for Children:

Where and in whom will you look for Jesus this week?

#### ACTION

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

#### Prayer

Oh Lord ,thank you for being or light. Help us to be light to others as you requested. Amen



## SJC SCHOOL NEWS



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”).

To date we have received:

Development/Unrestricted	\$16,196
Scholarship Fund	\$ 6,298
Special Projects	\$ 9,555
(e.g. Preschool, Multi-purpose rm)	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$28,039</b>

We are so grateful for such a supportive parish community!

*Remember: 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.  
Contact the Preschool Director Jean Wilson at  
(408) 252-9778 if you have any questions,  
or go to the website: [www.sjcschool.org/preschool](http://www.sjcschool.org/preschool)

See the flyer in today's bulletin about the Preschool Information Night and about the Open House for Preschool through Grade 8 on January 31<sup>st</sup>.

**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.**

**DIocese of San Jose Celebrates Santo Nino**  
The 2012 annual celebration of the feast of Santo Nino (Holy Child) will be held on January 14, 2012, at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph. It starts at 11:30am with traditional, colorful "Sinulog" and "Karakol" processions preceding the mass, which will be presided by His Excellency, Patrick McGrath. A nine-day novena will be observed at different churches before the fiesta finale. The full schedule is in the Calendar of Events on DSJ.org. This event is sponsored by the Diocesan Council of Filipino Catholics (DCFC). Call Mabel Hoffman at 408-315-1306, [mabelhoffman@yahoo.com](mailto:mabelhoffman@yahoo.com).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11  
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28 or Mk 1:14-20 and Mk 1:21-28  
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39  
 Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45  
 Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12  
 Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17  
 Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

Jan. 07	5:00 PM	Edgardo Ulpindo (+)
Jan. 08	8:00 AM	Mary La Porta (+)
	9:30 AM	Charles & Frances Corey (+)
	11:00 AM	Mary Fabilli (+) & Albert Fabilli (L)
	5:00 PM	Lan Fang Chao Ju (+)
Jan. 09	8:30 AM	Mary Lester (L)
Jan. 10	8:30 AM	Charles Corey, Jr. (+)
Jan. 11	8:30 AM	Eddie Maples (L)
Jan. 12	8:30 AM	Hector Quijano (+)
Jan. 13	8:30 AM	Frank Ward (+)
Jan. 14	8:30 AM	Fabilli Family Deceased (+)
	5:00 PM	Antoinette Mariadassou (+)
Jan. 15	8:00 AM	Lew Viray (+)
	9:30 AM	Corazon Ayson-Jimenez (+)
	11:00 AM	Fabilli Family Deceased (+)
	5:00 PM	Lan Fang Chao Ju (+)



**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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The three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the infant Jesus brought Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh as part of their worship. What gifts do I bring to this celebration and to this week to offer to the to the newborn Savior?

**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).

**THURSDAY PRAYER GROUP MEETS EVERY THURSDAY AT 12 NOON IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER.**



**Upcoming parent meetings for sacramental preparation:**

*For Confirmation only children:* Tuesday, January 17 at 7:30pm in the parish community center.

*For Restored-order children:* Tuesday, January 24 at 7:30pm in the parish community center.

The **Virtus Safe Environment Program** will be held on Sunday, January 22, in the Parish Hall at 9:30am. Children (grades K through 6<sup>th</sup>) that are enrolled in the catechetical program are expected to attend with their parent. Their regular Sunday class session is canceled so that they can attend this safe environment session.

**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.**

**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.

**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 Epiphany of the Lord  
 January 8, 2012**

All kings shall pay him homage,  
 all nations shall serve him.

— Psalm 72:11

**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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 Secretary: Free Draga Fri. Admin. Asst: Tracey Govola  
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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.