

Prepare the way of the Lord!
ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE
Thursday, December 13 at 7 P.M.

Dear Parishioners,

One of the greatest treasures of our faith and Church is the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is a precious gift that many of us may have forgotten as statistics have shown and many of our recent Popes and Bishops have lamented.

Have you ever stopped and pondered why Jesus instituted this Sacrament in the Church? It is because Christ knew that we would sin. We all sin. If we are sincere in our hearts, we should know we are far from being perfect. Saint John writes, "If we say, we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us" (1Jn. 1:8). We struggle to love God above everything else. God does not always take first place in our lives. We fail in our love of our neighbor. We do not follow God's ways all the time; sometimes we want it our way.

Whenever we realize we have wandered off or sinned, the Church invites us to return to our Heavenly Father by repenting. We are invited to a life of conversion and interior renewal. We are called upon to be reconciled with God and one another. The call to conversion was very central in the preaching and mission of Christ. In fact, Christ began His mission with simple yet powerful words, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the Gospel" (Mk. 1:15).

Christ extends this call to men and women in every generation. It continues to be a central mission of the Church. The need to repent and believe in the Gospel are not just nice words; they are a summon and command. May we never be afraid to open our hearts to our Loving and Merciful God! Trusting that God is gracious and merciful, may we with confidence approach the throne of His mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

May this Advent season and the coming Christmas season truly be a time of grace, renewal and joyful celebration!

Fr. Athanasius

**ST. JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO
2012 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

**Advent Reconciliation
Thursday, December 13
7:00 P.M.**

**Christmas Eve
Monday, 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
Tuesday, December 25**
Masses: 8, 9:30, & 11 A.M.
No mass at 5 P.M.

**Feast of the Holy Family
December 29-30**
Regular weekend schedule

**New Year's Day
(Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)
Tuesday, January 1, 2013**
Mass at 10 A.M. only
This day is not a holy day of obligation this year.



FIRST RECONCILIATION will take place on TUESDAY, DEC. 11 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. 16. Thank you for your continuous generosity.



CRAB FEED

FRIDAY, Dec 14, 2012

St. Joseph's Parish Hall

Doors Open at 6 p.m. Dinner Served at 7 p.m.

Full, No host bar

Tickets \$35 ea. When purchased by Dec. 1st
\$45 ea. After that date and at the door if available
(Children up to 8th grade—\$20)

Pick up tickets at SJC school office (408) 252-6441
or call Dave Davis at (408) 489-2749

Tickets will also be sold after each Mass in November

OUTREACH THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Thank you for a very successful effort in 2012! The weather smiled, the recipients were grateful and the community created was amazing.

Our Parish, School, Girl Scout Service Unit 630, Catherine Chen, State Farm Insurance and Financial Services Provider and West Valley Community Services combined to provide baskets for 213 needy families in our community.

Besides the benefactors stated above, the program received donations from **Panera Bread, Cupertino; Safeway** on Bollinger Road; **Sprouts Markets and Trader Joes, Cupertino.** We had outstanding support from vendors: Imahara Produce and Bob Collins, Pasta Market Restaurants

Not to mention Fr. Greg, Fr. Athanasius, the SJC Catechism program families, Boy Scout Troop 476, Cub Scout Pack 476 and our fabulous SJC Parishioners.

Please accept sincere appreciation for **everyone** who helped in any way!

The 2012 Outreach Team

REMINDER: Please fulfill your 2012 Annual Diocesan Appeal pledge by December 31st. Any ADA contributions at this point will come right back to our parish!



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. 13 Parish Reconciliation**
- Dec. 15,16 Simbang Gabi 5 p.m. Mass followed by reception**
- Dec. 16 Grief Support 12:30 Parish Office**
- Dec. 18 Catholicism Series---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 (408) 252-7653 ext. 30

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



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK: What is the Sacrament of Reconciliation and when will it be celebrated at our parish?

BE BETTER PREPARED FOR NEXT WEEK'S MASS THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

December 16, 2012

Read: Zephaniah 3:14-18
Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18

Question for Adults?

To whom have your past acts of kindness brought joy?
What act of kindness will you do this week?

Question for Children:

What kind thing have you done for someone lately?
Whom could you make happy this week?

ACTION

**ATTEND OUR PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE – DECEMBER 13TH AT 7 P.M..
DO AN ACT OF KINDNESS---PROVIDE A GIFT FROM OUR GIVING TREE.**

Prayer

Oh gracious God, help us to be especially mindful of those in need during this time of year and help us reach out in kindness. Amen



SJC SCHOOL NEWS



ST. JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO SCHOOL'S ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT DRIVE NOW UNDERWAY
Each November, we conduct our Annual Development Drive to ensure that our parish school will be here to educate the children of our community for years to come. Because of your generosity, St. Joseph of Cupertino is among the healthiest and most innovative schools in the area. But even more importantly, we are committed to our identity as a Catholic school.

If you find yourself in a position to support our efforts, we would be most grateful. God Bless you!

If you have not received a copy of the mailing or have any questions, contact the school office (408) 252-6441 or development@sicschool.org

To date we have received **\$29,328** in contributions.

Gift Cards on Sale! THIS WEEKEND!

Gift cards make great Xmas gifts.

Gift cards will be sold after all masses (December 8th and 9th). Stock up on dining cards and gas cards in time for the Holidays.

- **Panera Bread** (\$10) or **Le Boulanger** (\$20) for rolls
- **Starbucks** (\$10/\$25), **Peet's** (\$20) for coffee after dessert
- **Arco** (\$50) and **Chevron** (\$50) for your travels
- **Target** (\$10/\$25), **Toys R Us** (\$20) for toys
- **iTunes** (\$15) and **Barnes & Noble** (\$10/\$25) for fun
- **Bath & Body Works** (\$10/\$25) for pampering Mom

And don't forget we have grocery stores too:

- **Safeway** (\$25/\$100), **SaveMart** (\$25/\$100), and **Whole Foods** (\$100).

Don't forget babysitters, coaches, and teachers too.
A portion of the sales will benefit the school.

Bring your checkbook.



The holidays are a great opportunity to recognize our blessings and share our good fortune with others. The holiday season is a special time at West Valley Community Services (West Valley) where volunteers come together to meet the needs in our community. This year, West Valley will distribute food boxes, toys and other gift items to the needy. The Association of Government Accountants (Silicon Valley Chapter) is coordinating this holiday gift drive through St. Joseph of Cupertino Parish. As announced earlier, a Christmas Giving Tree was put up for this purpose at the parish chapel. Ornaments representing items that will give happiness to the less fortunate have been chosen. If you have not done so or want to extend a little more help by picking another ornament, please visit the holiday giving tree. We thank everyone for contributing to the success of this holiday drive. Please be reminded that your gifts need to be delivered to the parish by **December 9, 2012**.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday:	Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday:	Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday:	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Thursday:	Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday:	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday:	Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

Mass Intentions for the Week

Dec. 08	5:00 PM	Edgardo Ulpindo (+)
Dec. 09	8:00 AM	Mary & John Lococo (+)
	9:30 AM	Frank Napolitan (+)
	11:00 AM	Mary Ma (+)
	5:00 PM	Charles & Frances Corey (+)
Dec. 10	8:30 AM	Sesane James (+)
Dec. 11	8:30 AM	John Michelis (+)
Dec. 12	8:30 AM	Eniel Solleza
Dec. 13	8:30 AM	Albert Saenz (+)
Dec. 14	8:30 AM	Fernando Pazos (+)
Dec. 15	8:30 AM	Nella Wildman (+)
	5:00 PM	Lew Viray (+)
Dec. 16	8:00 AM	Mary Lou Kuisle (+)
	9:30 AM	John & Margaret Mardesich (+)
	11:00 AM	Ny Paul Nguyen (+)
	5:00 PM	Jaime De La Flor (+)



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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Good stewards believe that God, who has begun this good work in them, will carry it through to completion. In words and deeds, they can sing with the psalmist, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!"

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.

PRAYER GROUP: MEETS THURSDAYS FROM 12:30-1:30 p.m. IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER. ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME AND PRAY FOR OUR PARISH AND ANY PERSONAL REQUESTS. Many, many thanks to ELLEN HAAS for leading the group each week.

GRIEF SUPPORT : These meetings are open to everyone on a drop in basis and led by a trained counselor. **NEXT MEETING; SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16TH AT 12:30 P.M. IN THE PARISH OFFICE. (BEGINNING IN JANUARY THE GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP WILL MEET THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH.)**

PHOTOS

For those who brought in pictures for the November display please come to the rectory office to pick them up.

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT: Come learn how something as simple as providing transportation from the airport or accompanying someone to a medical appointment can help a refugee feel welcome in our country. A representative of Catholic Charities will give a special presentation on refugee resettlement on Monday, December 10 at 7 P.M. in the community center. All are invited.

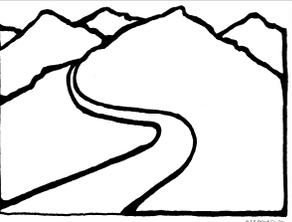
CELEBRATE SIMBANG GABI FOR ADVENT!!

Sat. Dec. 15th and Sun. Dec. 16th at the 5 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph of Cupertino.

Dec. 17th-23rd at Partner Churches (Flyer with full schedule is in the vestibule).

There will be a reception after the 5 p.m. Mass. Please bring a dish to share for the potluck if you can.
For more information contact Mabel Hoffman. (408) 315-1306 or mabelhoffman@yahoo.com

"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 (408) 741-1615)*



Second Sunday of Advent December 9, 2012
God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low.
— *Baruch 5:7*

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 online giving 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-

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)

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: (408) 252-7653 sjparish@stjoscup.org
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Bingo Information – x37

Business Administration – x23 Monica Viruegas-Ferrante

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Liturgy – x32 Dan Morris

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Pastoral Associate – x30Janice LaMotte
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School –(408) 252-6441 ... Mary Lyons (www.sjcschool.org)

Wedding Coordinator – (408)252-7653.....Janice LaMotte

Youth Ministry Coordinator --x38Primo Martinez
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Young Adult Coordinator - x28 Rev. Athanasius Kikoba
Deacon..... Ron Hansen
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Altar Server Coordinator..... Rev. Athanasius Kikoba

Infant Baptism..... Rev. Athanasius Kikoba

Hospital Ministry - x26.....Rev. Don Morgan
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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.