

CENTENNIAL MEMORY LANE

THE CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION AND THE CHINESE COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO

Rev. Gregory Kimm

When I first came to St. Joseph of Cupertino as a young deacon in 1986, I met a small number of Chinese parishioners. They were happy to learn that I was also Chinese and were very supportive as I made my final preparations for ordination to the priesthood. As I got to know these Chinese parishioners, however, I discovered that even the ones who had been in the parish for years did not know each other. I then took it upon myself to remedy this situation, in some cases literally leading some of the Chinese to other Chinese and introducing them.

After ordination to the priesthood in 1987, I was assigned to St. John Vianney Parish in east San Jose. I don't remember meeting a single Chinese family there. But in 1989 I was reassigned to St. Joseph of Cupertino, where I began to meet more and more Chinese. As a way of bringing the Chinese parishioners together, I decided to initiate a celebration of the Lunar New Year. The first celebration, took place in 1990—the Year of the Horse. It was a relatively small gathering, with a mass in the chapel on a Saturday afternoon, followed by an ancestral ceremony and a potluck reception in the AV room of the school (located where the preschool is today). All were welcome but the celebration was primarily for the Chinese community. The ceremony honoring our ancestors, which blended Christian faith with traditional Chinese customs, was something new for most of the participants. While for some it seemed to clash with what they had been taught previously by Catholic missionaries, most of those present seemed to appreciate it.

For the next few years, the Chinese New Year celebration continued to consist of a Saturday afternoon mass in the chapel and an ancestral ceremony and potluck reception in the AV room.

(Editorial note: Fr. Greg's piece will be continued.)



MARK YOUR CALEMDARS: for an exciting, first series of its kind on "AMERICAN CATHOLICS AND THE CHURCH". Come learn about Junipero Serra, Missionaries, the Diocese of San Jose and mother Diocese of San Francisco and much, much more. This once a month series begins Tuesday, September 17th at 7 p.m. in the Community Center. Our presenter is Bro. Bill Bolts SM who has his doctorate in History.



Our sincere congratulations to Jack and Janet Birkholz on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary! May they share many more happy years together!



The Catechetical office is now open. Registration packets are ready for the upcoming 2013-2014 school year. The Catechetical program welcomes all children between the ages of 3 up to the 8th grade. For more information or if you would like to add another child in the program, please contact the Catechetical Ministry office at 252-7653x60 or via email at catmin@stjoscup.org. Registration packets are available in the church vestibule, the rectory, and the Catechetical office.

FROM THE SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

The center of the Church's social teaching is the life, dignity and rights of every human person. Recognizing that the pursuit of social ministry is an essential part of what makes a parish Catholic, we commit ourselves to concrete works of charity, justice and peacemaking.

RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE HUMAN PERSON

- Flowing from our God-given dignity, each person has basic rights and responsibilities.
These include: the rights to freedom of conscience and religious liberty, to raise a family, to immigrate, to live free from unfair discrimination, and to have a share of earthly goods sufficient for oneself and one's family. People have a fundamental right to life and those things that make life truly human: food, clothing, housing, health care, education, security, social services, and employment.
Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities—to one another, to our families, and to the larger society—to respect the rights of others and work for the common good.

Strategies for Success
PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY
By Tom Ulrich



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:

- AUG. 25** INQUIRY FOR THOSE ADULTS INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC OR COMPLETING THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION- 12:30 p.m. Parish Office
- SEPT. 8** GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP- 12:30-2 p.m. Parish Office
- SEPT.** 13,14,15 SCHOOL CARNIVAL COME & HAVE FUN
- SEPT. 17** “AMERICAN CATHOLICS SERIES” begins. Bro. Bill Bolts, SM presenter 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday. Comm. Cntr.
- SEPT. 22** PARISH FEAST DAY MASS AND BBQ 11 a.m. Mass 12 p.m. BBQ

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 (408) 252-7653 ext. 30 **HELP SPREAD THE FAITH. INVITE SOMEONE TO FIND OUT ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH!**

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Christians share a love for the Byzantine liturgy because it is during the Eucharist that the Church is most true to its identity, expresses its integrity, and discovers its vocation. Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Christians celebrate essentially the identical liturgy, with only very slight variations. It is a fairly complex ritual weaving together three separate layers of prayers: a liturgy prayed in the sanctuary by priests, often hidden by a curtain or screen; a liturgy sung by the assembly and led by a deacon in front of a screen formed of painted icons; and a third layer of private prayer by the priest, who prays in support of the deacon and the faithful. It is an eyes-wide-open experience, gorgeous in visuals, and filled with the sound of God’s people singing prayer. The energy of the worship centers on the presence of Christ, largely through an awareness of heaven touching earth when the Church gathers to celebrate.

In the late twentieth century, Latin Rite Catholics were encouraged to embrace a style of worship that was “full, conscious, and active,” a value that has never been lost in the East. The liturgy has great impact in its beauty, in its poetry and contemplation, and by the actions of bowing, signing with the cross, and chanting that are required of the assembly. Contact with the Eastern Church reveals some key values that have been obscured in our own Church and are slowly being recovered.



SJC SCHOOL NEWS

ST. JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO PARISH SCHOOL BACK TO SCHOOL UPDATE

There are openings available in some grades for the 2013-2014 school year. SJC parishioners receive priority consideration in all acceptance and financial aid policies. Please call 252-6441 for more information about the openings available.

Also, visit our website at www.sjcschool.org for more information about the parish school.

St. Joseph of Cupertino Parish School (Preschool through 8th grade) re-opens for the 2013-2014 school year on **Wednesday, August 21st**.

Grades K-8 will be in session 8:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Please note a reception will be held for families in our Parish Hall during this time.

In addition, Kindergarten families will receive a brief orientation to our school on this first day (in the Kindergarten classroom).

The hours for the remainder of the first week of school (Thursday, August 22 and Friday, August 23) for Grades K – 8 will be 8:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

(Preschool: 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

Monday, September 2 is Labor Day Holiday.

Full day sessions (8:15 a.m. - 3p.m.) begin on

- Monday, August 26 for **Grades 1-8**

- Tuesday, September 3 for **Grade K**

(Preschool: 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. beginning Aug. 26)

Friday, August 30 is School Picture Day.

Monday, September 2 is Labor Day Holiday.



Safeway’s 10% Goes Back to Schools Program has started.

Starting **August 14**, St. Joseph of Cupertino School can earn 10% of your Safeway purchase amounts on thousands of participating products.

Just look for the School Bus Tags from **August 14th to September 10th**. Use your Safeway Club Card to buy participating items. eScrip customers contribute automatically; otherwise pick St. Joseph’s to get 10% at the end of the program.

Dining for Dollars

Join us for our first Dining for Dollars of the new school year! Join us for restaurant fundraiser at TGIFriday’s this **Wednesday, August 21st**. Come for lunch or dinner and our school will receive 15% of your bill. Bring the flyer with you in today’s bulletin.



Communion and Liberation Lay Movement. ARE YOU AN ADULT LOOKING TO DEEPEN YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND EXPERIENCE OF THE CHURCH? Come to our “School of Community” Wednesdays at 7:30-8:30pm in the SJC School Art Room.

We are currently working on the book *The Religious Sense* by Msgr. Luigi Giussani. For more information contact Yvonne Fernández at yvonnefernandez@yahoo.com or go to our website at www.clonline.us

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44;
Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Sunday: Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1-2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

Mass Intentions for the Week

Aug 17	5:00 PM	Mary Rose MacKerrow (+)
Aug 18	8:00 AM	John & Mary Lococo (+)
	9:30 AM	Juan Moya (+)
	11:00 AM	Charles Fels (+)
	5:00 PM	Mariamama Varghese (+)
Aug 19	8:30 AM	Berkeley Fellowship of Catholic University Students (L)
Aug 20	8:30 AM	Jackie Wise (+)
Aug 21	8:30 AM	Sandra Cully (+)
Aug 22	8:30 AM	Jennifer & Craig Kawashima (L)
Aug 23	8:30 AM	The Haas Children (L)
Aug 24	8:30 AM	Berkeley Fellowship of Catholic University Students (L)
	5:00 PM	Brad Lefte (+)
Aug 25	8:00 AM	Jack & Janet Birkholz (L)
	9:30 AM	Vincent Anthony LaPorta (+)
	11:00 AM	Peter Shin Ang Kang
	5:00 PM	A Special Intention



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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In today's second reading, St. Paul encourages us not to grow weary or lose heart, but to persevere in following Jesus. Our willingness to give of ourselves, even in the face of conflict, is one way to measure our stewardship as His disciples.

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: WILL BREAK until SEPTEMBER.. 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, SEPTEMBER 8TH AT 12:30 P.M. IN THE PARISH OFFICE.** (OUR GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP USUALLY MEETS THE SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH.)

Our Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend has improved our communication enormously – and it has helped us relate better with our children, too". Want to make your marriage and family better by improving your communication skills? Attend the next weekend! The next local Catholic Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is: November 8-10, 2013 (Mountain View). For more information or to register, please visit our website at: www.sanjosewwme.org or contact Thomas & Sandy Pavick, 408 262-4061 or Email: gr8marriages@sbcglobal.net.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: Who was St. Pius X?



Safeway and eScrip **Renew now.** If you participated last year, renew now so St. Joseph of Cupertino school can continue to earn contributions.

- Go to eScrip.com
- Click on "YES RENEW!"
- Enter either your phone number, email, or Club Card number

"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)*



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 18, 2013

[Jesus] endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God.
— Hebrews 12:2

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**

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Altar Server Coordinator..... Rev. Athanasius Kikoba

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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.