

Prepare the way of the Lord!
ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Wednesday, December 11 at 7 P.M.

St. Joseph of Cupertino Parish
2013 Christmas Schedule

Advent Reconciliation
Wednesday, December 11
7:00 P.M.

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

Feast of the Holy Family
December 28-29
Regular weekend mass schedule

New Year's Day
(Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)
Wednesday, January 1, 2014
Mass at 10 A.M. only
This day is not a holy day of obligation this year.

Survey for Pope Francis and the Bishops of the World

At the request of Pope Francis, Catholics around the world are being asked to give input in regard to issues affecting family life, including the church's ministry to divorced and remarried persons, contraception, and same-sex unions. This information will be used for the Synod of Bishops, which will take place in October 2014. If you would like to participate in the survey, please follow the link on the homepage of our parish website,



With holiday season quickly approaching, many people, possibly including yourself, will be out and about doing some shopping in the coming weeks. While you're out shopping, would you consider adding one more child/family to your "Good" list? The Christmas Giving Tree will be put up at the parish chapel on November 30 in support of the West Valley Community Services annual drive. Each ornament on the tree represents an item that will be useful and/or give happiness to the underprivileged children and family. Please stop by the Christmas Giving Tree to pick out an ornament and/or gift tag. Unwrapped gifts should be back to the parish **no later than Monday, December 9, 2013.**

NOTE ABOUT THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, DECEMBER 8: Because December 8 falls on the Second Sunday of Advent this year, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday, December 9 and is NOT a holy day of obligation. Mass will be at the usual time, 8:30

TO HELP WITH **TYPHOON RELIEF IN THE PHILIPPINES**, GO TO THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES WEBSITE AND CLICK ON THE LINK ON THIS PAGE:
<http://emergencies.crs.org/typhoon-haiyan-help-philippines-survive-and-recover/>
OR CALL CRS AT 1-877-435-7277



Advent deserves our special focus for our joyful preparation and anticipation, although Christmas is the culmination of the Season.

"Simbang Gabi" has been observed at SJC as an Advent parish celebration for the past 6 years. The origin is a beloved Catholic tradition in the Philippines. The mass includes special songs, offering rituals, and a simple fellowship gathering.

As in last year, Simbang Gabi is a wonderful collaboration of Saint Joseph of Cupertino Parish, St. Cyprian Parish, Resurrection Parish, Queen of Apostles, and St. Simon Parish, in the truest Christian spirit of community and unity! The novena masses are spread among the participating parishes to complete the 9-day novena. Many churches in the diocese celebrate Simbang Gabi, but our partnership with other churches is unique and specially uplifting.

St. Joseph of Cupertino will celebrate the first 2 nights, at the 5pm mass on Dec. 15, Sunday, and 7p Dec. 16, Monday. Be a part of this beautiful Advent pilgrimage!



Save the Date!

The St. Joseph of Cupertino
Preschool Information Night is
Wednesday, January 22, 2014 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.sicschool.org/preschool

Thank you!

Thank you to the parishioners that joined us for the Holder's Country Inn Dining for Dollars restaurant fundraiser.
The school made \$275!



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 OFFERING:

- DEC. 06 **OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**
7 p.m. Mass. Reception after
- DEC. 07 **Talk by Fr. Athanasius on**
Immaculate Conception of Mary
9:30-10 a.m.
- DEC. 14 **Consolation of Grief During the Holidays** 10-12 a.m.
Saturday, Dec. 14th Fr. Chris Bennett
- DEC. 15-17 **Simbang Gabi**

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: What is the term used to describe God taking on a human nature?

URGENT NEED!!! Altar Care is in great need of people who will assist in caring for the church on Mondays.. If you can help with this important ministry, please call the office at (408) 252-7653.

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



BE BETTER PREPARED FOR NEXT WEEK'S MASS

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT---
DECEMBER 8, 2013**

Read: Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-9;
Matthew 3:1-12

Question for Adults?

What do you need to change so that others can learn from watching you that Christ walks among?

Question for Children:

What could you do so that others will see in you what it means to follow Jesus?

ACTION

PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO OUR CHURCH RENOVATION AND BAPTISMAL FONT!

Prayer

Oh Lord, help me to be a wiser and more just person. Amen



SJC SCHOOL NEWS



ST. JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO SCHOOL'S ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT DRIVE OFF TO A GREAT START!

We “kicked off” our school’s Annual L.I.F.E. Development Drive, and we have already received over \$30,000 in donations! We are so grateful for your generosity, which inspires us each day. Because of your support, 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@sjcschool.org

ST. JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO SCHOOL CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

Did you know that in addition to participating in all parish-wide Centennial events, the parish school also celebrated our parish's 100th anniversary in several special ways: The school incorporated a Centennial Mass into our Carnival Weekend during the weekend of September 13-15. The Feast of St. Joseph of Cupertino on September 18 is always an important day around school, but this year we had an extra-special celebration. We started, of course, with prayer. Student puppeteers acted out the children's book, **The Little Friar Who Flew**, a book about the life of St. Joseph of Cupertino. Fr. Greg joined us to offer some historical information about the last 100 years of our parish. The students participated in a special “100” activity and shared Italian ice treats. We held a Paper Airplane Contest in honor of our “flying saint.” Monsignor Milani closed our service by extending a special blessing over all of us. The school honored the visitors from our sister city of Copertino, Italy with a special “Farewell Ceremony.” We greeted them in Italian, shared the puppet play, joined together in prayer, sang both the Italian National Anthem and God Bless America, and presented gifts. We dedicated our annual **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS** to both St. Francis of Assisi and St. Joseph of Cupertino, who also had a deep respect for animals and all of God's creation. The 5th grade led the prayer service, and Fr. Greg blessed all of the animals. We encourage students to wear Centennial tee-shirts to be worn on all Spirit Tee-Shirt Days. Each class wrote a letter to the children of 2063, sharing their thoughts about what life will be like 50 years in the future. These letters were included in the parish time capsule. We have been using the St. Joseph Flyer and the Sunday Bulletin “memory lane” articles with our students to teach them about the long and wonderful history of our parish (and of our city). We held our first Student-Council sponsored Spirit Day of the year in honor of our Parish Centennial and dubbed it “THROUGH THE DECADES” SPIRIT DAY. Students (and teachers) demonstrated great spirit and creativity as they dressed in the styles from the last 100 years. It was such fun. We are dedicating our Advent Reach-Out Project in honor of our patron saint. We will be reaching out to St. Francis Budaka Cheshire Home in Uganda that Father Athanasius has asked us to support.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
 Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1
 Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Mass Intentions for the Week

Nov. 30	5:00 PM	In Thanksgiving
Dec. 01	8:00 AM	George Bennett (+)
	9:30 AM	John, Margaret & Nick Mardesich (+)
	11:00 AM	Reiniel Solleza (L)
	5:00 PM	Bardet Family
Dec. 02	8:30 AM	David Malcolm (+)
Dec. 03	8:30 AM	David Malcolm (+)
Dec. 04	8:30 AM	David Malcolm (+)
Dec. 05	8:30 AM	David Malcolm (+)
Dec. 06	9:00 AM	In Thanksgiving
Dec. 07	8:30 AM	Betty Ann Morris (+)
	5:00 PM	Hari Widjaja (+)
Dec. 08	8:00 AM	Jecca Viray
	9:30 AM	Bill Blasser (+)
	11:00 AM	Charles Fels 9+
	5:00 PM	



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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Joseph's obedience to God was not a one-time thing. His attention to the angel's warning kept Jesus from being murdered by Herod and led to the fulfillment of the prophecy that the Messiah would be a Nazorean. Fidelity to God's will assures the best use of my talents, too! May I always accept that will.

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.



There will be liturgy with focus on children at the 9:30 a.m. mass on Sunday, Dec. 8.

NO CATECHETICAL CLASSES TODAY. Classes will resume on Sunday, Dec. 8.

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.

The U.S.State Dept. Trafficking in Persons Office (J/TIP) is leading the U.S. fight against slavery internationally. Through the annual TIP Report, the U.S. leverages its diplomatic leadership on human trafficking to encourage other countries to improve their anti-slavery efforts. But because it is an *office* and not a *bureau*, TIP Office leaders can be left out of important conversations. The State Department office that is most expert on slavery should at least have a seat at the table where important decisions are made, such as a country's ranking within the TIP Report. **This office speaks up for the most marginalized people on the planet—their voice needs to be as powerful as it can possibly be. Please support upgrading the TIP Office to a State Department Bureau by co-sponsoring H.R.2283/S.1249, the Human Trafficking Prioritization Act. This change will have zero fiscal impact but will contribute significantly to the U.S. fight against modern-day slavery. Contact your Congressman and Senators. 202- 224 3121.**

CONSOLATION OF GRIEF DURING THE HOLIDAYS-

Date :Saturday, December 14, 2013 10 am – noon
Place: St. Joseph of Cupertino Parish Activity Center
Presenter: Fr. Chris Bennett

Holidays can often accentuate the grief and sadness we experience when a loved one dies. Fr. Chris Bennett offers us stories from scripture and from his own life to support our holiday traditions and practices that bring healing during our periods of mourning. Visual images and music promise to offer hope and comfort to those who attend. Sponsored by Catholic Cemeteries and St. Joseph of Cupertino Parish. All are welcome.

“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)*



**First Sunday of Advent
 December 1, 2013**

“You . . . must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

— *Matthew 24:44*

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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Business Administration – x23 Monica Viruegas-Ferrante

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Liturgy – x32 Dan Morris

Ministry to the Sick – (408) 252-7653..... Diane Ikeda

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Outreach..... Dick Sherman

Pastoral Associate – x30 Janice LaMotte
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School –(408) 252-6441 ... Mary Lyons (www.sjcschool.org)

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

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Young Adult Coordinator - x28 Rev. Athanasius Kikoba
Deacon..... Ron Hansen
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Infant Baptism..... Rev. Athanasius Kikoba

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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.