

THE BAPTISMAL FONT: UPDATE #6

A month has gone by since the last update—and that month was a busy one. The first step to the altar (the one that went all the way around the sanctuary) was demolished and was replaced with a huge trench in preparation for the pouring of concrete. Then all construction came to a screeching halt as we wrestled with officials of the city of Cupertino over their insistence that the bottom part of our baptismal font—a pool that is just 5’ long, 3’ wide, and 1’ deep—be made accessible to disabled persons. Here at St. Joseph’s, as in most Catholic churches around the world, we baptize by pouring water over a person’s head, not by immersion; however, because once a year (at the Easter Vigil) we will invite able-bodied candidates for baptism to *kneel* in the pool as the priest pours water over their heads, the city said that we have to make a similar experience available to disabled candidates. City officials would not budge—even after the pastor personally went to city hall and spent 50 minutes arguing that disabled persons would be just as baptized simply by the pouring of water over their heads as those who got their bodies a little wetter. We finally got our permit—after promising to buy a \$4,000 wheelchair lift to lower a disabled person into the water in the middle of the Easter Vigil mass. Now the construction is full steam ahead. The date of completion is still unknown . .

St. Joseph of Cupertino Parish 2013 Christmas Schedule

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.

Gabriel Project Helping Pregnant Mothers in Need

Have you noticed the “Sign of Hope” outside our parish? Through this sign we wish to convey to pregnant mothers in crisis that in the conception of each and every child, the members of this parish see a brand new gift of God's perfect love. No pregnant mother of any age should feel alone or afraid because of the unexpected blessing of a child. Volunteers from parishes throughout our diocese are ready to stand beside any mother who needs help and to personally care for her throughout her pregnancy and beyond. **Need Help?** If someone you know is pregnant and needs emotional or material support, please call the Gabriel Project Helpline at (408) 214-2324 **Want to Volunteer?** If this speaks to your heart, you can volunteer to help by becoming a mentor to a pregnant mother in need or by becoming a parish ambassador to help get others involved. Please contact gabrielproject@dsj.org or call (408) 620-4120 and visit www.dsj.org/social-ministry/gabriel-project



There are NO CATECHETICAL CLASSES on Dec. 22, Dec. 25, Dec. 29, and Jan. 1. Classes will resume on Jan. 5 and Jan. 8. The Catechetical office is closed from Dec. 20-Jan. 4.

HAVE A SAFE AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS!



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, a lantern offering ritual, 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

Dec.22(Sun.) St. Simon 5:00PM 1840 Grant Rd. Los Altos

Dec.23(Mon.)St. Simon 6:30PM 1840 Grant Rd. Los Altos

Contact Mabel: 408-395 -1306, mabelhoffman@yahoo.com for SJC. **Please** call the other churches’ parish office for contact information.

THANKS AGAIN TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE 2013 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL. PLEASE REMEMBER TO MAKE ALL PAYMENTS BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2013 TO HELP THE PARISH RECEIVE THE MAXIMUM REBATE.



The parish office will be closed at noon on Monday, Dec. 23rd. The offices will re-open on Thursday, January, 2nd, 2014 at 9:00 AM. We wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season with their family and friends.



GROWING IN FAITH



**“ALIVE IN THE SPIRIT!”
CHECK OUT THE FOLLOWING OFFERING:**

**JAN. 5 FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY---CELEBRATION 1 P.M.
IN COMMUNITY CENTER**

**JAN. 21 AMERICAN CATHOLICS SERIES---BRO. BILL
BOLTS, SM 7 p.m. COMMUNITY CENTER**

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.

QUESTION FROM LAST WEEK: When does the Christmas season end? ANSWER: It ends with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on January 12, 2013

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



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MINISTRY OF THE WEEK HOSPITALITY FOLLOWING MASSES

This ministry serves refreshments following Mass. You can sign up for 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. or 11 a.m. Mass. It doesn't require a lot of time and is only once a month!!! **Help keep our fellowship alive by volunteering to serve.** Please call Janice at the parish office 408-252-7653 ext. 30

BE BETTER PREPARED FOR NEXT WEEK'S- MASS FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY-DECEMBER 29, 2013

Read: Sir. 3-2-6, 12-14; Col. 3:12-21; Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

Question for Adults?

What can you do this week to reinforce the importance of family?

Question for Children:

What good thing will you do this week to show your love for members of your family?

ACTION

PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO OUR CHURCH RENOVATION AND BAPTISMAL FONT! (The cost has increased due to unforeseen obstacles!!!)

Prayer

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph help us to be a more devoted and dedicated family exemplary of your family. Amen



SJC SCHOOL NEWS



**ST. JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO SCHOOL'S
ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT DRIVE:
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

We "kicked off" our school's Annual L.I.F.E. Development Drive in early November, and we have already received almost \$42,000 in donations! We are so grateful for your generosity, which inspires us each day. We strive every day to be the kind of community that makes you proud to call us your parish 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



*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!*



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.sjcschool.org/preschool

**CELEBRATE THE END OF OUR CENTENNIAL YEAR!
Give or purchase our CENTENNIAL BOOK (which includes a tape by our organist Lothar Bandermann) and/or CENTENNIAL WINE GLASSES. A great gift for those who were once parishioners here! These items are available following masses next weekend or at the parish office.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
Tuesday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Wednesday:	Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
Thursday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Friday:	1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Saturday:	1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Mass Intentions for the Week

Dec. 21	5:00 PM	In Thanksgiving
Dec. 22	8:00 AM	In Thanksgiving
	9:30 AM	Bill Egan (+)
	11:00 AM	Albert Saenz (+)
	5:00 PM	Wan Lan Agnes Lee (L)
Dec. 23	8:30 AM	Victoria & Baldomero, Sr. Munar (+)
Dec. 24	5:00 PM	Frank & Mary Ward (+) CHURCH Donna Brock (+) HALL
	8:00 PM	Joe Ignatowicz (+)
	10:00 PM	Michael Saenz (L)
Dec. 25	8:00 AM	John & Mary Lococo (+)
	9:30 AM	Zenaida Bailon (L)
	11:00 AM	Peggy Anne Martone & Tom Taylor (+) NO 5 PM MASS
Dec. 26	8:30 AM	Bereavement Group
Dec. 27	8:30 AM	Wilfredo, Linda & Adelina Munar (+)
Dec. 28	8:30 AM	Florentina, Bernardina & Eufrocina Munar (+)
	5:00 PM	Sehr Family (L)
Dec. 29	8:00 AM	Chuck Haas (L)
	9:30 AM	Joseph Mardesich, Jr. (+)
	11:00 AM	Jose Alamban (+)
	5:00 PM	Robert Dust (+)

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.

As we approach the holy season in which Jesus, Mary and Joseph were refugees, let us reflect on our Catholic Social Teaching on migration.

"Conversion of mind and heart lead to communion expressed through hospitality on the part of receiving communities and a sense of belonging and welcome on the part of those in the community where migrants are arriving. The New Testament often counsels that hospitality is a virtue necessary for all followers of Jesus." (Strangers No longer: A Journey of Hope, U.S. and Mexico Bishops, 2003)



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.



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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When he discovered that Mary was with child, Joseph resolved to end their engagement with as little disgrace as possible. But, obedient to the voice of God, he changed those plans and became instead the protector of the child Jesus and His mother, Mary. God grant that I may be as open to the leading of the Holy Spirit!

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!



Walk for Life West Coast 2014: Join fellow Catholics and Pro-Lifers from all over California and beyond as we stand up for the littlest among us at the 10th Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco on January 25, 2014. The pre-walk rally begins at 12:30PM in San Francisco's Civic Center Plaza, and the Walk for Life, down the city's Market Street, begins at 1:30. Last year's Walk drew 40,000+ people and eleven Catholic bishops and a personal message from then Pope Benedict XVI! For complete information about the Walk, visit www.walkforlifewc.com or email chuckhaas@yahoo.com. St. Joseph of Cupertino Social Justice Ministry will have a Bus to/from the Walk again this year. The cost is minimal, \$10 per person, \$25 for a family. Please email chuckhaas@yahoo.com to reserve your seat. Join us on **Saturday, January 25, 2014** Time: 11:00am – 4:30pm and lets Walk for Life.

"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)*

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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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.