

Thanks!

With help from 331 parishioners (21%), we are at 119% of our ADA goal and have potentially raised almost \$25,000 for our own parish. *All future ADA donations will stay right here at St. Joseph.* There are only three weeks left in the campaign. If you have not yet joined in, please consider doing so today.

Human Trafficking Information

The Internet and new technologies have also transformed the landscape of human trafficking. Traffickers use social media and other online tools to recruit victims and, in the case of sex trafficking, find and communicate with customers. The Internet, social media, and mobile devices also provide new avenues for outreach to victims and raising public awareness about this atrocious crime. --State of California, Office of the Attorney General

What does Catholic Social Teaching say? In the 2006 annual statement on migration, entitled “Migrations: A Sign of the Times,” Pope Benedict XVI deplored the “trafficking of human beings—especially women—which flourishes where opportunities to improve their standard of living or even to survive are limited.”

Prayer:

Loving God who embraces all of us with care and concern, watch over those who are being trafficked in forced labor or prostitution; bring them comfort as you brought comfort to St. Patrick who also was held as a slave.

Action:

The National Human Trafficking Hotline is 1-888-3737-888. Program this number into your phone. Tell others about human trafficking.

If you think or suspect that someone is a victim of human trafficking contact the National Hotline:888-3737-888 or text INFO or HELP to Be Free (233733)



POTTED EASTER LILIES

Would you like to share in decorating our altars for the Easter season? Donations may be made to our **EASTER FLOWER FUND**. Donations will be used to purchase potted Easter lilies for our church and parish hall. You may pick up an envelope in the vestibule, our church or by the chapel entrance or mark an envelope **EASTER FLOWER FUND**. You may list the names of those you wish to be remembered and we will publish them in upcoming bulletins.



This week, CRS Rice Bowl invites us to enter into solidarity with the people of the Philippines. We are encouraged to reflect on the Catholic social teaching principle, Option for the Poor, and reminded of Jesus' words: “Whatever you did for these least of mine, you did for me.” Let us pray this week for our brothers and sisters in the Philippines and all around the world, that we see the Face of Christ in the poor among us.

Sacramental Preparation: Forms have been sent home



for the Family Retreat on March 29 and Restored Order Celebration on May 3. Please return these forms by the due date specified on the letter to the Catechetical office. Thank you. Any questions, please call Tam in the Catechetical Ministry office, (408) 252-7653 x60.

Passport to Easter: Please register your child's passport if you picked one up after mass outside of church – www.stjoscup.org/passport.php. Occasionally visit the website for news and activities.

MINISTRY OF THE RCIA

Ministers to adults and children coming into the Catholic faith or completing initiation. Help needed in various ways such as team member, sponsor, as volunteer to help with getting materials ready, helping at sessions, and especially for the special ceremonies and events..For more information call Janice at the parish office.(408) 252-7653 ext. 30

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: How am I a disciple of Jesus? In what ways do I give my time, talent, and treasure to the Church of Jesus? There are so many ministries that are in need of help and that are not time consuming! If everyone spent one hour or contributed monetarily what possibilities there could be!



GROWING IN FAITH



(If you are interested in any of the offerings below, please contact Janice LaMotte in the parish office (408 252-7653 ext. 30)

“ALIVE IN THE SPIRIT!”

CHECK OUT THE FOLLOWING OFFERING:

MARCH 25 AMERICAN CATHOLICS CONTINUES
Bro. Bill Bolts, SM 7 p.m. Community Center

MARCH 30 MOVIE: THE BELLS OF ST. MARY'S
2 P.M. Deacon Ron will facilitate

MARCH 31 PRAYER FOR PEACE 7 P.M. in Church

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: When did Jesus give us the Holy Eucharist?

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

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 30, 2014

Read: 1Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-18

Question for Adults?

What are you doing in your life right now to move toward light rather than darkness?

Question for Children:

How can you let the light of your faith in Jesus shine for others to see?

ACTION

PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO OUR ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL. HELP TO MAKE THIS OUR BEST YEAR EVER-FOR THE DIOCESE AND OUR PARISH!

REMEMBER EVERY LITTLE BIT COUNTS. Let's have 100% participation!

Prayer

Oh loving God, bless us with the light of life so we may see what we need to do to carry your message to others.

Amen



SJC SCHOOL NEWS

St. Joseph of Cupertino School
Observes Lent with Snackless Fridays

The focus for our school this Lent is “Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving.”

During Lent we offer **prayers**, to reflect on what type of person we are called to be. We pray together in a special way every Monday morning during our school-wide Lenten prayer services.

During Lent we participate in **fasting**, to remove the things that get between us and God, and to remember those without enough to eat. We fast every Friday by giving up our morning recess snacks and eating meatless lunches.

During Lent we partake in **almsgiving**, to honor Jesus' call to serve those in need. We give to those in need through our Lenten reach out project, Catholic Relief Services Typhoon Haiyan Relief Project.

Do You Know?

Every year our Advanced Math students celebrate “Pi” day. The students learn interesting facts about the history and uses of pi and have contests to see which student can recite the most decimal places of pi by memory (pi is an irrational/infinite/never-ending number). The current school record for recitation stands at 26 decimal places! An announcement is made at 1:59pm on 3/14, and each Advanced Math student is treated to a slice of “pie” at the end of their class.

Please keep the Second Grade class in your prayers. They will be on a Family retreat next weekend focusing on Eucharist & Confirmation.

Additionally, please keep the Fourth Grade class in your prayers, they will be on a school day retreat focusing on Reconciliation and Forgiveness.

Cupertino Federated Women's Club
Art and Photography Contest

Congratulations to Bradley Kemp in Grade 1 who came in 2nd place in the 2014 Cupertino Memorial Art Contest.

PLEASE HELP MAKE OUR EASTER VIGIL RECEPTION WONDERFUL! We are celebrating the gift of those who are newly initiated and welcoming them into our faith community. We also are celebrating the new Baptismal font as well as the renovation of our church. If you can help in any way---set up, serving, clean up, please call Janice at the parish office (408) 252-7653 ext. 30.

LENTEN SUGGESTIONS: Read scripture each day. Do more reading about the faith. Go to websites for daily reflections. Get involved in a parish ministry or outreach.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4;
Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10;
Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;
Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17;
Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;
Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mar. 22	5:00 PM	Pan & Lin Family
Mar. 23	8:00 AM	Francesco Desimone (+)
	9:30 AM	Elisabetta Chirico (L)
	11:00 AM	William Egan (+)
	5:00 PM	Javier Gomez-Tagle (L)
Mar. 24	8:30 AM	Timmithy Reynolds (+)
Mar. 25	8:30 AM	Thanksgiving
Mar. 26	8:30 AM	Isaac Garcia (L)
Mar. 27	8:30 AM	Frances Garrahy (+)
Mar. 28	8:30 AM	In Thanksgiving
Mar. 29	8:30 AM	
	5:00 PM	Jane Ivison (L)
Mar. 30	8:00 AM	Pamela Kundracik (+)
	9:30 AM	Yvonne Fernandez (L) & Lois Splinter (+)
	11:00 AM	Anthony Seidl (+)
	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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When Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for a drink of water, He opened the door for a life-changing relationship with Him. Scripture says her testimony drew many others to Him as well. We, too, must be ready to respond whenever and wherever Jesus speaks to us and be prepared for it to change our lives! Are we?

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 primo-marneznez@yahoo.com.

A LENTEN RETREAT


"Reflections on the Lamentations of Jesus on the Cross (popularly known as the Seven Last Words)" is the spirit of this Lenten Recollection. The **retreat master is Fr. Noel Sanvicente**, JCD - Parochial Vicar at St. Simon Parish, Diocese of San Jose. Fr. Noel is an inspiring, eloquent, witty, reverential speaker. The retreat, in its 6th year, is offered by the St. Joseph of Cupertino FilAm Council, graciously accommodated this time by St. Simon Parish. Come and deepen your Lenten journey.

Saturday, March 29, 2014

Venue: St. Simon Parish, 1860 Grant Road, Los Altos, CA 94024

9:00 AM	Registration (no fee)
9:30 AM	First Conference
10:30 AM	Break (Light refreshments provided)
11:00 AM	Second Conference
12:00 PM	Holy Mass (not anticipated)
1:00 PM	Lunch (provided)
2:15-3:15 PM	Group reflection (optional); stay and share your Lent experience with old and new friends.

Please RSVP for space and food planning: Letty Quizon: lettyquizon@gmail.com, 408-455-4137; Letty Acosta: johnletacosta@yahoo.com, 408-930-5820; Mabel: mabelhoffman@yahoo.com

Let us not allow ourselves to be robbed of  hope. Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, #86.

"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)*



Third Sunday of Lent
March 23, 2014
While we were still sinners
Christ died for us.
— Romans 5:8

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**.

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Staff Information**

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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.