

WHAT ARE THE “LAST RITES”?

There is confusion today, even among some members of the clergy, about the preparation of a member of the faithful for eternal life. The “last rites” consist of a number of individual rites, all of which may be celebrated by a priest when a Catholic person’s time on earth is drawing to a close. However, which rites are actually celebrated depends on the wishes of the person and/or the person’s family and especially the person’s medical condition. The various rites may include:

- Confession (the sacrament of reconciliation)
- The apostolic pardon for the dying
- The anointing of the sick
- Holy communion, given as *viaticum*
- Additional prayers for the dying

Two of the rites mentioned above are not well known among Catholic people but are of great importance for those who are dying. Holy communion given to the dying is called by a special Latin name, *viaticum*, which means “food for the journey.” It is intended to strengthen the person as he or she makes the journey to heaven. Unfortunately, many Catholic people are deprived of *viaticum* because they are unconscious or unable to swallow by the time a priest is called. The apostolic pardon is a marvelous blessing which releases the dying person “from all punishments in this life and in the life to come.” In the simplest of terms, it enables a Catholic to avoid any “time” in purgatory and “go straight to heaven.” The benefit of receiving this pardon before death is obvious.

Please note that while the anointing of the sick is usually administered to dying Catholics, it is **not** the same as the last rites and is not by itself preparation for death. The anointing is primarily for people who are seriously ill, whether they are in danger of death or not. Therefore, **Catholics and their family members must be careful to request the last rites specifically at the proper time.** Without this specific request, it is possible that the priest will **not** perform the last rites and the dying person will not receive the benefits derived from them.

When is the right time to call the priest? As I indicated above, many Catholics and/or their family members wait too long before they think about requesting the last rites. These rites can be performed **days, weeks, or even months** before a person actually dies, even at the time when a person has received the diagnosis of a terminal illness. Even though it is often difficult for sick persons and their families to face the certainty of death, an earlier request for the last rites is preferable, as the sick persons may then be able to understand the rites, participate more fully in them, and take some comfort from their celebration.

Once the last rites have been performed, it is not necessary to call a priest again—unless, of course, the person recovers from his or her illness.

MINISTRY OF THE RCIA---please consider helping with this important ministry!

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

ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC? or COMPLETING INITIATION THROUGH THE SACRAMENTS OF CONFIRMATION & EUCHARIST?

**We offer year round RCIA sessions to help explore our Catholic faith tradition. 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!**

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 dignity of each human person and the pursuit of the common good are concerns which ought to shape all economic policies. At times, however, they seem to be a mere addendum imported from without to shape all political discourse lacking in perspectives or plans for true and integral development. How many words prove irksome to this system! It is irksome when the question of ethics is raised., when global solidarity is invoked, when the distribution of goods is mentioned, when reference is made to a God who demands a commitment to justice.” (from Pope Francis, in *The Joy of the Gospel*, #203)

The parish Social Justice Committee meets on the first Monday of the month. For information contact Sr. Rosemary Everett, snjm, at (408) 656-1311



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:**

JULY HELP THE HOMELESS SHELTER

JULY 13,20,27 “CATCHING FIRE, BECOMING FLAME” VIDEO PRESENTATION WITH ALBERT HAASE OFM. ---HELP DEEPEN YOUR SPIRITUALITY---FOLLOWING 9:30 A.M. MASS IN COMMUNITY CENTER

DO YOU ENJOY AIR CONDITIONING ON HOT SUMMER DAYS? Did you know it is a great expense to our church to have air conditioning? Our Sunday collections are in need of help to keep such operations going!!!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: What is meant by the ‘Real Presence’?

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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**BE BETTER PREPARED FOR NEXT WEEK’S MASS THE SIXTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME—
JULY 29, 2014**

Read: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Romans 8:26-27;
Matthew 13:24-43

Question for Adults?

What weakness can the power of the Spirit help you overcome?

Question for Children:

When will you need the help of the Holy Spirit this week?

ACTION

LISTEN TO THE SPIRIT CALLING YOU. THINK OF HOW YOU WILL DONATE YOUR TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE FOR THE GOOD OF THE CHURCH. (consider ways of volunteering and increase the amount given to the collection by \$2-\$5)---VERY NEEDED!

Prayer

Come Holy Spirit teach me how to use my time, talent, and treasure for your praise and honor. Amen



SJC SCHOOL NEWS

APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR STILL AVAILABLE

We still have a few openings available in our parish school, and we want to remind you that parishioners receive priority consideration in acceptance procedures and policies. Active parishioners receive the In-Parish/Discounted Tuition Rate and are eligible for financial aid if needed. At this time, we have a few openings in next year's Kindergarten class and a couple of openings in the middle grades (in addition, openings sometimes occur during the summer so it is always worthwhile to submit an application). We would love to invite parishioners' children into our student body. Please check out our website at www.sjcschool.org, call our school office at 408-252-6441, or contact our principal at mary.lyons@sjcschool.org.

ST. JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO PARISH SCHOOL BACK TO SCHOOL UPDATE

St. Joseph of Cupertino Parish School (Preschool through 8th grade) re-opens for the 2014-2015 school year on **Wednesday, August 20th**.

The hours for the remainder of the first week of school for Grades K - 8

(Thursday, August 21 and Friday, August 22) will be 8:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

(Preschool: 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

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

- Monday, August 25 for **Grades 1-8**

- Wednesday, August 27 for **Grade K**

(Preschool: 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. beginning Aug. 25)

Friday, August 29 is School Picture Day.

Monday, September 1 is Labor Day Holiday.



SPRING SCHOLARSHIP DRIVE

We reached our goal!

Many thanks to all who contributed to the ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP APPEAL of our L.I.F.E. (Legacies in Faith and Education) Program. Over \$42,000 has been contributed to our four scholarship funds. Your generosity will make it possible for many deserving families to provide their children with the high quality Catholic education that our parish school offers. Please know how grateful we are for your amazing support. You are always in our prayers.

The Students, Staff, and Families of SJC School

Donations Goals

•**The Dick Caldwell Fund:** \$16,164 \$16,000

•**The Nick Kelly Fund:** \$ 6,215 \$ 6,500

•**The Father Leo Rooney Fund:** \$11,925 \$12,000

•**The Donna Brock Fund:** \$ 8,585 \$ 7,500

TOTAL SCHOLARSHIP

DONATIONS: \$42,889 \$42,000

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 10:34 — 11:1
 Tuesday: Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24
 Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27
 Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab, 15-21; Mt 11:28-30
 Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8
 Saturday: Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21
 Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]

Mass Intentions for the Week

July 12	5:00 PM	Lew Viray (+)
July 13	8:00 AM	Francisco Abolong
	9:30 AM	Msgr. Tim O'Brien (+)
	11:00 AM	Albert Saenz (+)
	5:00 PM	Catharine & Chuck Haas (L)
July 14	8:30 AM	Edie Maples (L)
July 15	8:30 AM	Fr. Mark Catalana (+)
July 16	8:30 AM	Joseph Varghese (+)
July 17	8:30 AM	In Thanksgiving
July 18	8:30 AM	Zenaida Bailon (L)
July 19	8:30 AM	Margaret Briggs (+)
	5:00 PM	France Dee Ranches (L)
July 20	8:00 AM	Diolinda Rodrigues
	9:30 AM	Carmen Garcia
	11:00 AM	Albert Fabilli (+)
	5:00 PM	Tony Draga (+)



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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May our stewardship of time, talent and treasure show us to be among those who have heard the message of Christ and live it, yielding a hundred – or sixty – or thirty fold!

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.

Human Trafficking is the world's fastest growing criminal enterprise and is an estimated \$32 billion a year industry. If you think someone is a victim of trafficking, call 1-888-373-7888. For more information, visit <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking>

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You.

The St. Joseph of Cupertino Social Justice Ministry thanks the 75 helpers who made 768 sandwiches for the homeless in the month of June. Your time and generous donations to the Outreach collection made it possible to feed our brothers and sisters and show the love of Christ. One 19 year old homeless young man was given two sandwiches and was so grateful that strangers cared enough to make him a sandwich. Thank you.

"Homeless Jesus" by Sculptor Timothy P. Schmalz "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ... And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'



CATHOLIC CEMETERIES POSITION OPENING

The Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of San Jose seeks a full-time temporary* Field Worker to perform all types of operational, maintenance and construction activities at the cemetery; available to work 5 days/week Monday-Saturday 7:30 am – 4:30 pm. Training will be provided. *Possibly permanent. For more information on specific duties and position requirements: www.dsj.org (See Careers/Catholic Cemeteries); or call (650)428-3730.

"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**)



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 13, 2014

You have crowned the year with your bounty,
 and your paths overflow with a rich harvest.

— Psalm 65:12

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) 315-1463.

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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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.