

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

A Holy Day of Obligation

Monday, December 8, 2014

Mass at 6:30 A.M., 9 A.M. and 7 P.M.

St. Joseph of Cupertino Parish
2014 Christmas Schedule
Christmas Eve
Wednesday, 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
Thursday, December 25
Masses: 8, 9:30, & 11 A.M.
No mass at 5 P.M.
Feast of the Holy Family
December 27-28
Regular weekend mass schedule
New Year's Day
(Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)
Thursday, January 1, 2015
Mass at 10 A.M. only
This day is not a holy day of obligation this year.



REMEMBER DECEMBER 9TH

The holidays are a great opportunity to recognize our blessings and share our good fortune with others. The holiday season is a special time at West Valley Community Services (**West Valley**) and Sacred Heart Community Services (**Sacred Heart**) where volunteers come together to meet the needs in our community. This year, West Valley and Sacred Heart will distribute food boxes, toys and other gift items to the needy. The Association of Government Accountants (Silicon Valley Chapter) is coordinating this holiday gift drive through St. Joseph of Cupertino Parish. As announced earlier, a Christmas Giving Tree was put up for this purpose at the parish chapel. If you have not yet chosen a gift ornament or want to extend a little more help by picking out another ornament, please visit the Christmas Giving Tree. We thank everyone for contributing to the success of this holiday drive. Please be reminded that the deadline to return unwrapped gifts to your tree is **Tuesday, December 9, 2014.**

FR. TONY CHACKO

Father Antony (Tony) Chacko died on November 20. A native of India, Fr. Tony was a Missionary of Charity under the direction of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta and worked with street kids in Brazil before coming to the United States. He had a number of assignments in the Diocese of San Jose, including two years of service at St. Joseph of Cupertino (2004-2006). After leaving our diocese, he became a priest of the Diocese of Stockton. May he rest in peace!

QUESTION FROM LAST WEEK: What is a "THE JESSE TREE"? *ANSWER: The Jesse Tree is a symbol of Jesus' family tree and the way to trace Jesus ancestry.*



The 9:30am liturgy on Sunday, December 14, will have a focus on children.



The St. Joseph of Cupertino Kindergarten Information Night is Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 7p.m.



Preschool Information Night is Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at 7p.m.

If you have any questions, contact:

Principal Mary Lyons at (408) 252-6441 Principal.2014@sicschool.org; or

Preschool Director Jean Wilson at (408) 252-9778 JuniorJaguars.2014@sicschool.org; or

Development Director Mary Ann Kimm at (408) 252-6441 development@sicschool.org or

Go to the school website www.sicschool.org

St. Joseph of Cupertino
Christmas Eve Mass with Focus on Children



The Christmas Eve mass in the church on **Wednesday, December 24th at 5:00pm** is a mass with focus on Children. There are many ways for your child to participate in this mass. If your child would like to participate, please let us know. Need more information? Contact Tam Tran at 252-7653x60/ttran@dsj.org

Candleholders: 3rd grade and up
Gospel Nativity roles: Kinder up to 4th grade (Angels, Shepherds, and Sheep)



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 OFFERINGS:

- DECEMBER 07** **GRIEF SUPPORT** 12:30 – 2 p.m.
Parish Office
- DECEMBER 12** **FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE** 7 p.m. Mass followed by FIESTA
- DECEMBER 20** **SIMBANG GABI** 5 p.m. Mass followed by Reception
- DECEMBER 21** **SIMBANG GABI** 5 p.m. Mass followed by Reception
- JANUARY 11** **MOVIE AFTERNOON** 2 p.m.

Lothar Bandermann will be having Christmas recitals in the Church, from 12:30 P.M. - 1:30 P.M. **Dec. 11th & 18th.**

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 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 14, 2014**

Read: Isaiah 61:1-3, 10-11 ; I Thessalonians 5:16-28;
John 1:6-8, 19-28

Question for Adults?

What work of justice could you do this week to bring someone joy?

Question for Children:

Whom can you be more patient with?

ACTION

TAKE PART IN OUR PARISH GIVING TREE!!!

Prayer

My soul rejoices in God my savior. Amen *(repeat often this week)*



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 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

Gift Cards on Sale! Next WEEKEND!

Gift cards make great Christmas gifts.

Gift cards will be sold after all masses (December 13th and 14th). Stock up on dining cards and gas cards in time for the Holidays.

- Panera Bread (\$10) or Le Boulanger (\$25) for rolls
 - Starbucks (\$10/\$25), Peet’s (\$20) for coffee after dessert
 - Arco (\$50) and Chevron (\$50) for your travels
 - Target (\$10/\$25), Toys R Us (\$20) for toys
 - iTunes (\$15/\$25) and Barnes & Noble (\$10/\$25) for fun
 - Bath & Body Works (\$10/\$25) for pampering Mom
- And don't forget we have grocery stores too:
- Safeway (\$25/\$100), SaveMart (\$25/\$100), Sprouts (\$25/100), and Whole Foods (\$100).

Don't forget babysitters, coaches, and teachers. We have low denomination gift cards too. A portion of the sales will benefit the school.

Bring your checkbook.

Young Alumni Family Social

Tuesday, December 16, 4 – 6pm

SJC Parish Hall

If you graduated from SJC between 1999 and 2014,

we hope you can attend the Young Alumni Family Social.

This event is for the whole family (we would love to see parents, too!)

R.S.V.P. to development@sjcschool.org or call the office at (408) 252-6441

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday:	Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday:	Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday:	Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9, 10-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday:	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Saturday:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday:	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Mass Intentions for the Week

Dec. 06	5:00 PM	The Haas family (L)
Dec. 07	8:00 AM	John, Margaret & Nick Mardesich (+)
	9:30 AM	Yin-Ji Ju (+)
	11:00 AM	Francois & Mary Ma (+)
	5:00 PM	Hari Widjaja (+)
Dec. 08	6:30 AM	Ron Digrandi (+)
	9:00 AM	Eniel Solleza Bailon (L)
	7:00 PM	Si & Nita Johnsen (+)
Dec. 09	8:30 AM	Ron Digrandi (+)
Dec. 10	8:30 AM	Eniel Solleza Bailon (L)
Dec. 11	8:30 AM	Sarah & Robert Kremer (+)
Dec. 12	8:30 AM	Byron Johnston (+)
Dec. 13	8:30 AM	Frank Figone (+)
	5:00 PM	Lew Viray (+)
Dec. 14	8:00 AM	Bonifacio & Maria Balay
	9:30 AM	Bill Egan (+)
	11:00 AM	Albert Saenz (+)
	5:00 PM	Rosi & Javier Zornosa (+)



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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John the Baptist's call to repentance is echoed in the U.S. Bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship: "Christians must beg God for the grace of conversion; the grace to know who they are, to whom they belong, how they are to live – the grace to repent and change and grow, the grace to become good disciples and stewards." Have I prayed for that grace? How have I used that grace?

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 \$150 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>

Janet Birkholz expresses her sincere thanks for all the prayers, cards and thoughts received during the recovery of her recent injury.

YLI Maureen Institute #136 thanks all who participated in donating the lovely **Baby Items** this past month. Your kindness and generosity have always made the parishioners of St. Joseph of Cupertino very special. The baby cloth item will be delivered to the Annual Diocese of San Jose Layette Program. Layettes are distributed by Santa Clara Public Nurses to the first time mothers in need. Thank you so much and God bless you.

SJC ADVENT CELEBRATION: SIMBANG GABI (NIGHT MASS) 5 P.M., SAT., DEC. 20 AND SUN. DEC. 21, 2014

Does your mind, as do many others, skip over Advent, with the hectic busyness of pre-Christmas tasks? "Simbang Gabi" (night mass) is a beautiful Advent tradition, originating in the Philippines but observed by all, that captures the joyful, excited, spiritual waiting that marks Advent. Simbang Gabi is a novena dedicated to the expectant Blessed Mother, usually during the 9 days immediately preceding Christmas.

"Simbang Gabi" has been observed at SJC as an Advent parish event for the past 7 years. It is an inclusive Advent celebration that is embraced by our multi-ethnic parish. The mass is the focal event, with special, uplifting songs and a "parol" (star lantern) offering ritual. A simple fellowship gathering follows. ***Bring a dish to share or just come!***

Our "Simbang Gabi" is a wonderful and unique collaboration of several Catholic churches in the vicinity. The celebration is spread among these churches to complete the 9-day novena. Many follow the 9 days from church to church, as a personal Advent commitment, and as a true witness to the Christian spirit of community and unity!

WATCH FOR THE FLYER AND TELL ALL YOUR FRIENDS!

"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)*



Second Sunday of Advent December 7, 2014

Every valley shall be filled in,
 every mountain and
 hill shall be made low.

— Isaiah 40:4

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**.

**St. Joseph of Cupertino
Staff Information**

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Business Administration – x23 Monica Viruegas-Ferrante

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Outreach..... Dick Sherman

Pastoral Associate – x30Janice LaMotte
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Wedding Coordinator – (408)252-7653.....Janice LaMotte

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Infant Baptism..... Rev. Athanasius Kikoba

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Liturgy Committee.....liturgy@stjoscup.org

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.