

## A NOTE FROM FR. GREG

### 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.

### Annual Catholic Charities Appeal on May 16 – 17.

Your donations will be accepted in the second collection and go directly to freeing men, women and children in our community from the devastating grip of poverty.

“Catholic Charities are the very hands of Jesus in the world...” *Pope Francis*

*Thank you for helping our poor.*

Thank you for your support

### HOW TO HELP THE PEOPLE OF NEPAL

Make a donation to Catholic Relief Services online at  
**crs.org**

or send your donation to  
**Catholic Relief Services**  
**P.O. Box 17090**

**Baltimore, MD 21297-0303**

or call **877-435-7277** from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Eastern Time  
*Specify that you would like your donation to go to Nepal.*



**Memorial  
Day**

The parish offices will be closed on Monday, May 25th, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. The offices will re-open

on Tuesday, May 26th, at 9:00 AM.

Thank you to everyone who participated in **Operation Rice Bowl** during the season of Lent. With your participation, \$1417 was collected and will be sent to Catholic Relief Services.



**Registration packets** are ready for the upcoming school year, 2015-2016. The Catechetical program welcomes all children between the ages of 3 up to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. For more information or if you would like to add another child in the program, please contact the Catechetical Ministry office at 252-7653x60 or via email at [ttran@dsj.org](mailto:ttran@dsj.org). Registration packets are available in the church vestibule, the rectory, and Catechetical office.



### The Art Show is Coming...

A show displaying the artwork of the SJC students will take place in the Parish Hall on Thursday, May 28  
5pm - 8pm (preview) and  
Friday, May 29 8am - 8pm  
Parishioners are welcome!



## 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!”**

**Stay tuned for events such as talks, discussions, and movies!!!**

### MINISTRY---WE NEED YOUR HELP

**WE each are called by our Baptism to become actively involved in our Catholic Faith.**

**Be sure to look at our PARISH BOOK and pray about WHAT GOD IS CALLING YOU TO DO?**

### HOSPITALITY & SOCIAL EVENTS---

#### IMMEDIATE NEED

**We need people to help serve at our Sunday coffees and to help with various social events. If you are able to help in any way, please call Janice at the Parish Office. 408 252-7653 ext. 30**

**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**



### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Surprisingly, the church moved very slowly in claiming marriage as a focus of attention and care. Nearly everywhere in the Roman world, citizens agreed on how to celebrate marriage. Consent of the man and woman is what made a marriage valid in the eyes of the law, and although there was a traditional ceremony, it was home-based and optional. The ceremony was for showing the social status of the families involved (the procession ideally detoured through crowds), and for reminding the woman of her legal transfer from her father's control to her husband's. The "big moment" of the ceremony had nothing to do with vows, but with the bride's donning the yellow veil with red highlights that was the daily wear of married women. A wedding feast included soothsayers and animal sacrifice to the new household's gods. Christians found that distasteful, of course, but since marriage was a family matter, they could edit things out. The church was comfortable with this, and sometimes recommended that the couple seek the advice of the bishop. His permission was only required for the marriage of a cleric, or for a marriage Rome didn't recognize, such as between a free woman and a slave. There was no blessing, no liturgy, no priest. Christians followed the customs of the day, but they knew that custom and relationships were transformed from within themselves by the fact of their baptism. Outwardly, Christians married exactly as their pagan neighbors, but they certainly invested the usual gestures with a dynamic sense of Christ's presence.



## SJC SCHOOL NEWS

**ST. JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO**

**"JUNIOR JAGUARS" PRESCHOOL**

**2015-2016 APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE!**

**CHOOSE THE PROGRAM THAT BEST MEETS YOUR CHILD'S AND YOUR FAMILY'S NEEDS:**

- 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.: Preschool Session
- 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.: Preschool Session + Afternoon Enrichment Activities
- 7:30 a.m. To 6:00 p.m.: Preschool Session + Afternoon Enrichment Activities + Extended Care

Teacher/Student Instruction Ratio: 1:8

Maximum Class Size: 34 Students

Apply Now to Reserve a Space in Next Year's Class

Come see our beautiful, spacious facility and meet our outstanding teaching staff.

Tours Available: Call 408-252-9778 or 252-6441

## SPRING

## SCHOLARSHIP DRIVE SPRING

### SCHOLARSHIP DRIVE

Thank you to the many families who have supported the ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP APPEAL of our L.I.F.E. ("Legacies In Faith and Education") Program. Each day we are blessed with new donations from our parishioners.

In just less than three weeks, we have hit the 65% mark towards our goal. Your generosity inspires us. Here are our current totals:

	<u>Donations</u>	<u>Goals</u>
• <i>The Caldwell Fund:</i>	\$ 9,684	\$16,000
• <i>The Nick Kelly Fund:</i>	\$ 5,045	\$ 6,500
• <i>The Fr. Leo Rooney Fund:</i>	\$ 7,427	\$12,000
• <i>The Donna Brock Fund:</i>	\$ 5,310	\$ 7,500
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$27,466</b>	<b>\$42,000</b>

If you are able to help us, please check for the L.I.F.E. mailer sent to all parishioners. There are also additional packets and donation forms available in the back of the church. Please know that every dollar you donate is used for the Fund you designate.

Marriage is a journey!! A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you enrich your marriage and add some pazazz to your journey. Whether you've been married 1 year or 50, a Marriage Encounter Weekend may be just the thing you need to put a breath of fresh air into your relationship. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is: May 29-31 in Mountain View. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: [sanjosewwme.org](http://sanjosewwme.org) or contact Ken & Claranne at [applications@sanjosewwme.org](mailto:applications@sanjosewwme.org) or 408-782-1413.

**5 P.M. MASS ON SUNDAY IN NEED OF HELP: USHERS, LECTORS, MUSIC MINISTERS, AND COMMUNION MINISTERS ARE NEEDED. Remember, we are all called by our Baptism to use our gifts and talents for the community of faith! Contact Dan Morris at the parish office.**

### Mass Intentions for the Week

May 16	5:00 PM	Lew Viray (+)
May 17	8:00 AM	Jasper & Tilly Dust (+)
	9:30 AM	Laura Pickler (+)
	11:00 AM	Albert Fabilli (+)
	5:00 PM	Victoria & Clarita Munar (+)
May 18	8:30 AM	Cornelia Gadegbeku (+)
May 19	8:30 AM	Edgardo Ulpindo (+)
May 20	8:30 AM	Edgardo Ulpindo (+)
May 21	8:30 AM	Cheryl Peterson (+)
May 22	8:30 AM	J. B. Ladislas (+)
May 23	8:30 AM	Edgardo Ulpindo (+)
	5:00 PM	Jennifer & Jeff Amburn (L)
May 24	8:00 AM	Laura Corey (+)
	9:30 AM	Carl Rodrigues (+)
	11:00 AM	Hector & Josefina Quijano (+)
	5:00 PM	Pamela Kundracik (+)



#### 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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In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the apostles to spread His Word, to model Him. How do we model Jesus as his disciples?

#### 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](mailto: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>

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
- Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
- Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
- Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
- Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
- Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
- Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39  
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

**“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)*

#### IMPORTANT REMINDER ABOUT PARKING

Through an agreement with the property owner, parishioners may use the Apple/Comerica parking lot for weekend masses and evening events. **However, on weekdays, parishioner access to the lot is limited to daily mass and the dropping off and picking up of students.** Parishioners using the lot beyond these specified times MAY BE TOWED. Please be respectful of these limitations and help show that St. Joseph of Cupertino is a good neighbor. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Fr. Greg or our school principal, Mary Lyons.

**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](http://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](http://www.vatican.va) in English, Italian, French, German, and Spanish

**The Christophers** website at [www.christophers.org](http://www.christophers.org).

**Loyola Press —**[www.loyolapress.com](http://www.loyolapress.com)

**Sacred Space—**<http://sacredspace.ie>(good for spirituality & prayer)

**Busted Halo —**[www.bustedhalo.com](http://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** sjeparish@stjoscup.org  
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Bingo Information – x37

Business Administration – x23 ..... Monica Viruegas-Ferrante

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Deacon..... Ron Hansen  
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Altar Server Coordinator..... Rev. Athanasius Kikoba

Infant Baptism..... Rev. Athanasius Kikoba

Hospital Ministry - x26.....Rev. Don Morgan  
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Parish Advisory Council.....advisory@stjoscup.org

Finance Council.....finance@stjoscup.org

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 process 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.