

**For more information on the *Year of Mercy*,
including indulgences, holy doors, works of mercy,
and a special video with Bishop McGrath:
please go to www.dsj.org/mercy**

THANKS AGAIN TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE 2015 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL. PLEASE REMEMBER TO MAKE ALL PAYMENTS BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2015 TO HELP THE PARISH RECEIVE THE MAXIMUM REBATE.

INFO: Did you know we have a parishioner who takes donated goods to the homeless in San Jose? There is a person who is in charge who then distributes them to the various homeless people.



There are NO CATECHETICAL SESSIONS on Dec. 20, Dec. 23, Dec. 27, and Dec. 30. Sessions will resume on Jan. 3 and Jan. 6. The Catechetical office is closed from Dec. 20 – Jan. 2.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Please join St. Joseph of Cupertino parishioners in honoring Our Blessed Mother in the Chapel on Saturday January 2, 2016 starting with: Rosary at 8:00 a.m., Mass at 8:30 a.m. and talk by Fr. Athanasius (or substitute) immediately after Mass.



The parish offices will be closed from December 23, 2015 through January 1, 2016 for the Christmas holidays. The offices will re-open on Monday January 4, 2016 at 9:00 am. We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season with their families and friends.

MOM'S GROUP:

One of our Mom's groups focuses on getting together at a park for play time and having some faith sharing amongst the moms. For more information, call Carol Ruiz at (408) 777-2966.

St. Joseph of Cupertino Parish
2015 Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve
Thursday, December 24
No morning mass or confessions
Masses: 5 (church and hall), 7:30 & 10 P.M.
The 5 P.M. mass in the church will have a special focus on children.
Note time change to mass at 7:30.

Christmas Day
Friday, December 25
Masses: 8, 9:30, & 11 A.M.
No mass at 5 P.M.

Feast of the Holy Family
December 26-27
Regular weekend mass schedule

New Year's Day
(Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)
Friday, January 1, 2016
Mass at 10 A.M. only
This day is not a holy day of obligation this year.



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!



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!”

**DEC 20 CHOIR CONCERT 7PM
CHURCH**
**JAN 03 FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY
HOSPITALITY AFTER
SUNDAY MORNING MASSES**

QUESTION FROM LAST WEEK: WHAT ARE THE CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY? *ANSWER: The Corporal Works of Mercy are Feed the hungry, Give drink to the thirsty, Clothe the naked, Visit the imprisoned, Shelter the homeless, Visit the sick, and Bury the dead.*

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 FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
DECEMBER 27, 2015

Read: Sirach 3:2-6; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2: 41-52

QUESTION FOR ADULTS

What does your family do to honor and respect its older members?

QUESTION FOR CHILDREN

Why did Jesus leave the temple? How can Jesus be an example for you?

ACTION

**SHARE TIME TOGETHER AS A FAMILY
OTHER THAN TV OR COMPUTER.**

Prayer

Dear Holy Family, help our families to draw closer to you and to be examples to others.
Protect and guide family life. Amen.



SJC SCHOOL NEWS



ST. JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO SCHOOL “KICKS-OFF”
OUR ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT DRIVE

We “kicked off” our school’s Annual L.I.F.E. Development Drive, and we have received over \$25,000 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



Save the Date!

The St. Joseph of Cupertino
Preschool Information Night is
Wednesday, January 27, 2016 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](http://www.sjcschool.org/preschool)



SAVE THE DATE:
KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT
Wednesday, January 20th 7 - 8pm

SJC School extends a warm invitation to all families with young children to find out about our unique Kindergarten program at a special Information Night on Wednesday, January 20th at 7pm in the Kindergarten classroom.

Come meet our kindergarten teachers discuss our kindergarten curriculum, meet our principal, Mary Lyons, and talk with school board members about why St. Joseph’s School is a wonderful place for your child.

For more information or to RSVP call the school office at 252-6441 or send an email to development@sjcschool.org.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Dec. 19	5:00 PM	Nathan James Bailon (L)
Dec. 20	8:00 AM	Ronald Kelm (+)
	9:30 AM	Rosemary & William Hattori (+)
	11:00 AM	Albert Fabilli (+)
	5:00 PM	Albert Saenz (+)
Dec. 21	8:30 AM	Sara Quijano (L)
Dec. 22	8:30 AM	Maria Campbell (+)
Dec. 23	8:30 AM	Albert Saenz (+)
Dec. 24	5:00 PM	Frank & Mary Ward (+) (CHURCH)
	5:00 PM	Donna Brock (+) (HALL)
	7:30 PM	Zenaida Bailon (L)
	10:00PM	Michael Saenz (+)
Dec. 25	8:00 AM	Joe Ignatowicz (+)
	9:30AM	Jane Anderson (+)
	11:00AM	Peggy Anne Martone (+)
	5:00PM	NO MASS
Dec. 26	8:30 AM	Phyllis Wilson (L)
	5:00 PM	Phyllis Kleinman (+)
Dec. 27	8:00 AM	Jerry Niedermaier (+)
	9:30 AM	Raymond Paul Bailon (L)
	11:00 AM	Mary & Joseph Kim (L)
	5:00 PM	Eveleigh McCoy (+)



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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The Gospel today tells of the Virgin Mary, pregnant herself, hurrying off to help her cousin Elizabeth. The model of good stewardship, she who had given herself to bear the Savior gave her time and love to others as well.

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>

St. Joseph of Cupertino Social Justice Ministry Mission Statement

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 Christmas in the Jubilee Year of Mercy, let us recall those actions through which we minister to others and which Christ receives as gifts to himself.

Works of Mercy: The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy are actions we can perform that extend God's compassion and mercy to those in need.

Corporal Works of Mercy

feed the hungry
 give drink to the thirsty
 clothe the naked
 shelter the homeless
 visit the sick
 visit the imprisoned
 bury the dead

Spiritual Works of Mercy

The Spiritual Works of Mercy are acts of compassion, as listed below, by which we help our neighbors with their emotional and spiritual needs.

counsel the doubtful
 instruct the ignorant
 admonish sinners
 comfort the afflicted
 forgive offenses
 bear wrongs patiently
 pray for the living and the dead
 Your parish Social Justice Committee meets on the first Monday of the month from 7-8:30 pm in the Rectory staff room. For information contact Sister Rosemary Everett, snjm, at (408) 656 -1311 or everettsnjm@gmail.com

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Wednesday:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
Thursday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Friday:	<u>Vigil:</u> Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] <u>Night:</u> Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 <u>Dawn:</u> Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 <u>Day:</u> Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
Saturday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

"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) 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!

CATHOLIC RADIO: 1260 AM (Immaculate Heart Radio)

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.**

WAYS TO REPORT MISCONDUCT

Safe Environment *If you suspect abuse in your parish, school or in the Diocese of San Jose, please contact:*

Child Protective Services 408.299.2071 / Police 911

Office for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults

Anthony Gonzalez 408.983.0141 or email protection@dsj.org

Financial Mismanagement *If you suspect financial mismanagement or misconduct in your parish, school or in the Diocese of San Jose, please contact:*

Ethics Point: dsj.ethicspoint.com or the hotline telephone number 1-888-325-7863

The Finance Office

Teresa Conville, Director of Compliance & Parish Financial Services, 408.983.0241 or email at tconville@dsj.org

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**.

PRAYER REQUESTS? We have a prayer request form on our **website**. All requests are welcome & confidential.

**St. Joseph of Cupertino
 Staff Information**

Parish Office: (408) 252-7653 stjparish@stjoscup.org
 Secretary: Free Draga Fri. Admin. Asst: Tracey Govola
 Bingo Information – x37

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

Catechetical Ministry – x60.....Tam Tran (catmin@stjoscup.org)

Liturgy – x32.....Dan Morris

Ministry to the Sick – (408) 252-7653.....Diane Ikeda

Organist –(408) 996-9352.....Lothar Bandermann

Outreach.....Dick Sherman

Pastoral Associate – x30.....Janice LaMotte
 (adulted@stjoscup.org)

School –(408) 252-6441.....Mary Lyons (www.sjcschool.org)

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

Youth Ministry Coordinator --x38Primo Martinez
 (Primo.Martinez@yahoo.com)

Young Adult Coordinator - x28 Rev. Athanasius Kikoba

Deacon..... Ron Hansen
 (ronnebr@aol.com)

Altar Server Coordinator..... Rev. Athanasius Kikoba

Infant Baptism..... Rev. Athanasius Kikoba

Hospital Ministry - x26.....Rev. Don Morgan
 (wmorgan@dsj.org)

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 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.

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.