

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

A Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, December 8, 2016

Masses: Wednesday, December 7 at 7 P.M.;

Thursday, December 8 at 6:30 A.M., 9 A.M. and 7 P.M.

Prepare the way of the Lord! ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE Thursday, December 15 at 7 P.M.



Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Dec. 9th

Mark your calendar for **Friday,
December 9th!**

You are warmly invited to a special Mass to honor Our Blessed Mother as **Our Lady of Guadalupe**, Patroness of the Americas. This is the 29th year that we will celebrate this feast day here at St. Joseph of Cupertino Church.

At 6:30 p.m., the rosary will be recited in some of the many languages representative of our diverse cultural community.

At 7:00 p.m., the Mass will be concelebrated by several priests. The Mass will include music by Mariachi Azteca, the dramatic reenactment of the story of Guadalupe by the St. Joseph's children, and a traditional dance honoring Our Lady, also by the children.

Following the Mass, a fun-filled fiesta will take place in the parish hall, with traditional Mexican food, more music, Mexican dancers, and piñatas.

Would you like to become involved in the planning and preparation? We need many people to help with set up, decoration, roses, food, serving, etc.

The next **planning meetings** are on **Tuesday, November 15, and Friday, December 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Center.**

If you'd like more information or would like to help, please contact Mariqueta Churchill at (408) 245-3504.

What better way to prepare for Christmas than to come to this beautiful celebration!

May Our Lady comfort and enlighten your heart.

May she be present to you and guide all the members of your family.

May you grow closer to Our Lord Jesus Christ, through His most Blessed Mother.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Monday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary;
Thirty-fourth or Last Week in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: St. Cecilia

Wednesday: St. Clement I; St. Columban;
Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro

Thursday: St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions;
Thanksgiving Day

Friday: St. Catherine of Alexandria

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary



ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA SPIRITUAL EXERCISES WORKSHOP

Topic is: An **INTRODUCTION** to the Spiritual Exercises

Facilitator: Fr. Andrew Garcia S.J., holds a STL from Comillas in Spain, currently serves at Most Holy Trinity Parish

Date: Tuesday, Nov 29th / Time: 7pm to 9pm

Location: Most Holy Trinity Parish / Parish Hall
2040 Nassau Drive, San Jose, CA 95122

This workshop will help you learn Ignatian Exercises' tools in your prayer life and build a close relationship with Jesus. Fr. Andrew will teach Examination of Conscience and Discernment of Spirits. For people who plan to come to the workshop, **please bring your own Bible, a book of The Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius by George Ganss, S.J., and your notebook.** (The SpEx book by Ganss, can be order through Amazon or Margarita will be taking orders.)

RSVP/ dailyliferetreat@gmail.com or call Margarita 408-623-0838.



With holiday season quickly approaching, many people, possibly including yourself, will be out and about doing some shopping in the coming weeks. While you're out shopping, would you consider adding one more child/family to your "Good" list? The Christmas Giving Tree will be put up at the parish chapel on December 3 in support of the West Valley Community Services and Sacred Heart Community Services annual drive. Each ornament on the tree represents an item that will be useful and/or give happiness to the underprivileged children and family.

Please stop by the Christmas Giving Tree next week to pick out an ornament and/or gift tag. **Unwrapped** gifts should be back to the parish **no later than Tuesday, December 13**

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Please join St. Joseph of Cupertino Church parishioners in honoring Mary on the First Saturday Devotion in the Chapel (December 3rd) with Rosary at 8:00 AM, Mass at 8:30 AM, and talk with Fr. Athanasius (or substitute) starting at 9:00 AM.



Junior High resumes on Wednesday, Nov. 30. Catechetical sessions resume on Sunday, Dec. 4.



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!!!

MONTH OF NOVEMBER DISPLAY OF DESEASED LOVED ONES IN CHURCH

DEC. 08	FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION-CHECK MASS TIMES
DEC. 09	FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE 6:30P.M. ROSARY, 7P.M. MASS ENACTMENT FOLLOWED BY RECEPTION
DEC. 15	PARISH RECONCILIATION 7P.M.

CATHOLICISM 101- QUESTION OF THE WEEK: What gospel is mainly read for this liturgical year. Are we following A, B, or C readings?

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 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 4, 2016

Read: Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-13

QUESTION FOR ADULTS

What do you need to change so that others can learn from watching you that Christ walks among us?

QUESTION FOR CHILDREN

What could you do so that others will see in you what it means to follow Jesus?

ACTION

CREATE A SIMPLE, QUIET ENVIRONMENT AT HOME ONE NIGHT EACH WEEK OF ADVENT. UNPLUG DEVICES

Prayer

Dear Jesus, please give me peace and quiet this season so I may be better in touch with you. Amen



SJC SCHOOL NEWS

A Thanksgiving Wish to our Parish...

During this season of Thanksgiving, we lift our hearts in prayers of gratitude for all you have done for our school, our families, and our children. Thank you for your continued generosity and kindness. You and your loved ones will be remembered in our prayers.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Love, the St. Joseph of Cupertino School Community



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

Each November, we conduct our Annual Development Drive to ensure that our parish school will be here to educate the children of our community for years to come. Because of your generosity, 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 parish 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



Communion and Liberation Lay Movement. ARE YOU AN ADULT LOOKING TO DEEPEN YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND EXPERIENCE OF THE CHURCH? Come to our “School of Community” Thursdays at 8:00-9:00pm in the SJC School Art Room. We are currently working on the book *Why The Church?* by Msgr. Luigi Giussani. For more information contact Yvonne Fernández at yvonnefernandez@yahoo.com or go to our website at www.clonline.us

Please pray for our 2nd graders as they go through a reconciliation retreat next Saturday.

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Nov. 26	5:00 PM	Nathan James Bailon (L)
Nov. 27	8:00 AM	Patsy Luniewski (+)
	9:30 AM	Laura Pickler (+)
	11:00 AM	Norman Carter (+)
	5:00 PM	Louis Allamandola (+)
Nov. 28	8:30 AM	Olivia Gray (L)
Nov. 29	8:30 AM	James Conroy (+)
Nov. 30	8:30 AM	Erlinda, Dioslado & Genaro Estrada, Sr. (+)
Dec. 01	8:30 AM	Mabel O'Hara (+)
Dec. 02	9:00 AM	Edgardo Ulpindo (+)
Dec. 03	8:30 AM	Francisco B. Lugma (+)
	5:00 PM	Mary Cay Sherman (+)
Dec. 04	8:00 AM	John, Margaret & Nick Mardesich (+)
	9:30 AM	Fernando Pazos (+)
	11:00 AM	Francois & Mary Ma (+)
	5:00 PM	Mary Cay Sherman (+)



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

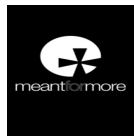
Stewardship at St. Joseph of Cupertino

The Son of Man will come at an hour you do not expect. Good stewards know that they are accountable to God for all they have and are, and they strive to live in readiness for His coming. Am I ready?

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. 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 pri-martinez@yahoo.com. or andysartori04@gmail.com

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Before the Second Vatican Council in the mid-1960s, Advent had a strong penitential tone, reminiscent of Lent. From as long ago as the fourth century, some Christians began a solemn fast on St. Martin's Day, November 11. This "Saint Martin's Lent" extended all the way to Christmas, and was widely followed in the dioceses of France and Germany, and in the Middle Ages in England. Fasting was required, and dancing and similar activities were banned for the duration. The fast had a social function, too, assuring that the winter food supplies would stretch into spring.

At the Second Vatican Council, some bishops argued that a revival of the long winter's fast would give the Church a chance to establish the message and themes of the Incarnation long before the holiday hubbub took hold. This proposal didn't pass, and Advent emerged as a four-week period of reflection, expectant waiting, and joyful preparation for the coming of the Lord. The season has two principal phases, with the first beginning this Sunday. The second phase commences on December 17, when the liturgy begins to unfold the story of the Savior's coming. Interestingly, the Eastern Church maintains a strongly penitential note in Advent, which is called "Winter Lent," "The Nativity Fast," or "Christmas Lent," and has laws forbidding people to absent themselves from liturgy from December 17 onward.

"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)*



First Sunday of Advent November 27, 2016

"You . . . must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."
— Matthew 24:44

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**

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Young Adult Coordinator - x28 Rev. Athanasius Kikoba

Deacon Ron Hansen

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Altar Server Coordinator Rev. Athanasius Kikoba

Infant Baptism Rev. Athanasius Kikoba

Hospital Ministry - x26Rev. Don Morgan

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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.

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.