

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

St. Joseph of Cupertino Parish  
2016 Christmas Schedule

Advent Reconciliation  
Thursday, December 15  
7:00 P.M.

Christmas Eve  
Saturday, 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 chil-  
dren.*

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

New Year's Eve  
(Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)  
Saturday, December 31, 2016  
Mass at 5 P.M.

New Year's Day  
(Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)  
Sunday, January 1, 2017  
Masses: 8, 9:30, & 11 A.M.  
*No mass at 5 P.M.*



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 and Sacred Heart Community Services where volunteers come together to meet the needs in our community. In keeping with the spirit of the holiday season, 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 holiday giving tree. We thank everyone for contributing to the success of this holiday drive. Please be reminded that your **unwrapped gifts** need to be delivered to the parish by **Tuesday, December 13, 2016.**



**Christmas Eve Mass with  
Focus on Children**

The Christmas Eve Mass in the church on Saturday, December 24 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 by December 18. Practice will take place on Friday morning, December 23. Need more information? Contact Tam Tran at 408-252-7563x60/ttran@dsj.org.

Candleholders: 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up  
Gospel Nativity roles: Kinder up to 4<sup>th</sup> grade

**SIMBANG GABI IS BACK**

DEC. 15 -22 , Thu-Thu, 8:30am regular daily mass (Sun., Dec. 18, 8am mass),  
Dec. 23, Fri. 6:30pm, followed by fellowship gathering  
“Simbang Gabi” is a beautiful Advent tradition, originated in the Philippines, that captures the joyful, excited, spiritual waiting that pervades Advent. Simbang Gabi is a novena dedicated to the expectant Blessed Mother, usually during the 9 days immediately preceding Christmas.  
“Simbang Gabi” was observed at SJC as an Advent parish event for 7 years. It has been an inclusive Advent celebration that is shared with, embraced, and excitedly anticipated by our wonderfully multi-ethnic parish. The mass is the focal event, with special, uplifting songs and a “parol” (star lantern) offering ritual on the last night.



## 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!!!

- DEC. 15** PARISH RECONCILIATION 7PM
- DEC. 15-22** SIMBANG GABI 8:30 AM MASS
- DEC. 18** SIMBANG GABI SUN. 8:00 AM MASS
- DEC. 23** SIMBANG GABI 6:30 PM MASS  
MASS FOLLOWED BY RECEPTION  
COMMUNITY CENTER
- JAN. 19** BIBLE STUDY ON THE BIBLICAL ROOTS OF THE EUCHARIST  
7PM COMMUNITY CENTER

### CATHOLICISM 101- QUESTION OF THE WEEK: What do we celebrate at Christmas?

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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**December 18, 2016**

Read: Isaiah 7:10-14; Rom1:1-7 ; Matthew 1:18  
-24

#### QUESTION FOR ADULTS

Whom do you find it difficult to welcome in your life? What can you do to overcome that?

#### QUESTION FOR CHILDREN

What could you do this week to make someone feel welcome, as Joseph welcomed Mary?

#### ACTION

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

#### Prayer

Dear Jesus, help me to be an example of you for the world. Amen



## SJC SCHOOL NEWS



We “kicked off” our school’s Annual L.I.F.E. Development Drive, and we have received over \$16,000 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](mailto:development@sjcschool.org)

### Accepting Applications Now!

It’s not too late to submit an application for Kindergarten. Applications for Preschool through Grade 8 are available on-line at

[www.sjcschool.org/admissions](http://www.sjcschool.org/admissions)

If you have any questions, contact: Principal Michael Lee at (408) 252-6441 [michael.lee@sjcschool.org](mailto:michael.lee@sjcschool.org).

Or go to the school website  
[www.sjcschool.org](http://www.sjcschool.org)



Family Catechesis Session next Sunday, December 18 in the Parish Hall following the 9:30am liturgy.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 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

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36

Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

## Mass Intentions for the Week

Dec. 10	5:00 PM	Eniel Solleza (L)
Dec. 11	8:00 AM	Bonifacio & Maria Balay (+)
	9:30 AM	Bill Egan (+)
	11:00 AM	Albert Fabilli (+)
	5:00 PM	Mary Cay Sherman (+)
Dec. 12	8:30 AM	Pat Dishman (+)
Dec. 13	8:30 AM	Mabel O'Hara (+)
Dec. 14	8:30 AM	Pat Dishman (+)
Dec. 15	8:30 AM	Pat Dishman (+)
Dec. 16	8:30 AM	Mike Biskupski (+)
Dec. 17	8:30 AM	Erlinda, Diosdado, & Genaro Estrada, Sr. (+)
	5:00 PM	Lew Viray (+)
Dec. 18	8:00 AM	Keith Ohlfs (+)
	9:30 AM	James Michael Scott (+)
	11:00 AM	Edgardo Ulpindo (+)
	5:00 PM	Darlene Granera (+)



### 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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Each of us has his or her own role to play in the coming of the kingdom of God. John the Baptist was called to be the herald of the Messiah, preparing the way of the Lord. To what is the Lord calling me in His service?

#### 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>

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When the ties of affection and authority that bound Europe's Catholics unraveled in the sixteenth century, many cultures lost time-honored customs of faith. Some customs proved to be especially difficult for the reformers to wrest away from the people, especially those celebrated in the home. This week in Sweden, a country where the Catholic Church was disestablished four hundred years ago, a Catholic martyr from Sicily is the most beloved figure. St. Lucia, Lucy, is celebrated on December 13. The long-story-short is that Lucy was a Christian whose father wanted to marry her off to a pagan fellow, and she rejected her father's authority. To make an example of her, her father had her killed. In the course of the brutal martyrdom, Lucy lost her beautiful eyes, but her vision was miraculously restored. The candles worn today by the eldest daughter of the family are tokens of the fire that refused to harm the saint. So this patroness of light and clear vision is revered on the shortest, darkest days of the Nordic winter. Before the reform of the Gregorian calendar in the sixteenth century, December 13 was the winter solstice.

Today, young girls appear in the morning wearing lighted candles on their crowned heads (battery-operated now after many mishaps), and serve sweet rolls and coffee to everyone in the house. For the Swedes, who are not churchgoers, the "Lucias" are the official heralds of the holiday season and a sign of everyone's yearning for more light in this world. Europe once abounded with customs like this; the survival of this custom in Scandinavia is a sign of God's grace, and how fertile the soil is to receive the true message of Advent.

**"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)*



### Third Sunday of Advent December 11, 2016

Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy.  
 — Isaiah 35:10a

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**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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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!**

**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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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 **web-site**. All requests are welcome & confidential.

**St. Joseph of Cupertino  
 Staff Information**

**Parish Office: (408) 252-7653**

Secretary: Free Draga

Fri. Asst. Kathy Liccardo

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

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

Outreach ..... Dick Sherman

Pastoral Associate – x30 ..... Janice LaMotte  
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Communications Committee ..... [communications@stjoscup.org](mailto: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, Michael Lee.