



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

St. Joseph of Cupertino Parish
2016 Christmas Schedule

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 children.*

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.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Please join St. Joseph of Cupertino Church parishioners in honoring Mary on the First Saturday Devotion in the Chapel (January 7th) with Rosary at 8:00 AM, Mass at 8:30 AM, and talk with Fr. Athanasius (or substitute) starting at 9:00 AM.



There are no catechetical sessions on December 21, December 25, December 28, and January 1. Sessions will resume on January 4 and January 8. The Catechetical Ministry office will be closed from December 21 - January 2.

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.

5 P.M. MASS 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!

(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. 18** SIMBANG GABI SUN. 8:00 AM MASS
- DEC. 19-22** SIMBANG GABI 8:30 AM MASS
- DEC. 23** SIMBANG GABI 6:30 PM MASS
MASS FOLLOWED BY RECEPTION COMMUNITY CENTER
- JAN. 08** CELEBRATION OF FEAST OF EPIPHANY AFTER MASS COMMUNITY CENTER
- JAN. 19** BIBLE STUDY ON THE BIBLICAL ROOTS OF THE EUCHARIST

CATHOLICISM 101- QUESTION FROM LAST WEEK:
What do we celebrate at Christmas? *ANSWER: We celebrate the Incarnation of Our Lord Jesus Christ. God took a human nature while remaining Divine. At Christmas the birth, life, and resurrection are all present.*

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 NATIVITY OF THE LORD
December 25, 2016

Read: Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6 ; John 1:1-18

QUESTIONS FOR ADULTS

What particularly spoke to you in the readings for Christmas? How can they be applied to your life right now?

QUESTION FOR CHILDREN

What is the true meaning of Christmas and how can you be an example to others of Jesus being the reason for the season?

ACTION

SAY SPECIAL PRAYERS THAT THE WORLD WILL EXPERIENCE THE DEEP PEACE THAT ONLY COMES FROM CHRIST. MENTION THINGS FOR WHICH YOU ARE THANKFUL.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for the gift of your Son. May we be more conscious of who Jesus truly is and be an example for others. Amen



We “kicked off” our school’s Annual L.I.F.E. Development Drive, and we have received over \$17,000 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

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

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

Or go to the school website www.sjcschool.org



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!

| READINGS FOR THE WEEK | |
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| Monday: | Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25 |
| Tuesday: | Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38 |
| Wednesday: | Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45 |
| Thursday: | 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56 |
| Friday: | Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66 |
| Saturday: | 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79 |
| Sunday: | <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 |

Mass Intentions for the Week

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| Dec. 17 | 5:00 PM | Lew Viray (+) |
| Dec. 18 | 8:00 AM | Keith Ohfs (+) |
| | 9:30 AM | James Michael Scott (+) |
| | 11:00 AM | Edgardo Ulpindo (+) |
| | 5:00 PM | Darlene Granera (+) |
| Dec. 19 | 8:30 AM | Soledad Farinas (+) |
| Dec. 20 | 8:30 AM | Olivia Gray (L) |
| Dec. 21 | 8:30 AM | Aurelia & Joel Munar (+) |
| Dec. 22 | 8:30 AM | Massimo Vaccaro (+) |
| Dec. 23 | 8:30 AM | Hector & Josefina Quijano (+) |
| Dec. 24 | 5:00 PM | Frank & Mary Ward (+) |
| | | Mary Cay Sherman (+) (CHURCH) |
| | 5:00 PM | Donna Brock (+) (HALL) |
| | 7:30 PM | Maria Lorenza Bailon (L) |
| | 10:00 PM | Michael Saenz (L) |
| Dec. 25 | 8:00 AM | Joe Ignatowicz (+) |
| | 9:30 AM | Jane Anderson (+) |
| | 11:00 AM | Tom Taylor & Peggy Anne Martone (+) |
| | 5:00 PM | NO MASS |



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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When he discovered that Mary was with child, Joseph resolved to end their engagement with as little disgrace as possible. But obedient to the voice of God, he changed those plans and became instead the protector of the child Jesus and His Mother. God grant that I may be as open to the leading of the Holy Spirit! I open my heart to that Spirit.

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>

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By now, the first Christmas carols are heard in the home, but usually not yet in church. What is a "carol" anyway? Originally, a carol was any kind of communal song sung at a festival such as a harvest. By the thirteenth century or so, carols were associated with household celebrations. "Carol" comes from the Old French *carula*, meaning a circular dance. Carols weren't for church, since the language of liturgy was Latin and the carols were in the common language. Their characteristic sound comes from medieval chord patterns, and they often have strong refrains for everyone to sing. Even in the churches of the Reformation, carols didn't make it into church services until the 1870s or so, since there was a preference for psalms. Anglicans resisted popular carols; most of our beloved carols came via the Methodists, an offshoot of the Church of England. The Catholic Church generally didn't admit carols to liturgy either, but we didn't make laws against them.

We are told that the beloved carol "Silent Night" comes from Catholic Austria and a harried parish music director. Joseph Mohr, the priest of St. Nicholas in Oberndorf, had written the words in 1816, but offered them to his music director, Franz Gruber, when the church's organ broke. Mohr asked him to write a melody that could be played on guitar as a prelude to Mass. Gruber finished the tune just hours before midnight Mass in 1818. The people were shocked to hear a guitar in church, but were charmed by the sweet lullaby. The church was swept away by a flood in the 1990s and the village later relocated, but the townspeople have set up the "Silent Night Memorial Chapel" at the site. Today the carol is in print in some three hundred languages. How wonderful that the pipe organ broke on that night!

"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)*



Fourth Sunday of Advent December 18, 2016

They shall name him Emmanuel,
which means "God is with us."

— Matthew 1:23

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

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Hospital Ministry - x26.....Rev. Don Morgan
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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, Michael Lee.