

WELCOME TO ALL!

Did you know that our parish offers . . .

*A preschool
A process for becoming Catholic
St. Joseph's Table
Visitors to the sick and homebound
A weekly prayer group
A Chinese New Year celebration
Daily rosary
A men's group
Presentations on the Catholic faith
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Simbang Gabi
Grief support
A group for mothers
A celebration in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Free counseling
Movies for the whole family
A St. Patrick's Day Dinner
Bible study
Bingo*

and a lot more!

Come and see what is happening at St. Joseph of Cupertino!



The parish offices will be closed from Dec. 26th –30th for the Christmas holidays. The offices will re-open on Tuesday, January 3rd, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. The parish staff wishes everyone happy holidays with their family and friends.

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.

ADULT CONFIRMATION: Are you an adult 18 or over who has not celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation? If you would like to celebrate this sacrament this Spring, you are invited to an informational meeting on Sunday, January 29th at 12:30 p.m. in the Parish Office.

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. starting at 9:00 am.

**歡迎參加
迎接新年**

We are continuing to prepare for our parish Chinese New Year celebration and would welcome the help of any parishioners willing to be part of the planning committee. Please come to a meeting on **Wednesday, January 11 at 7 P.M. in the staff room of the parish office.** For more information, please contact Fr. Greg at 252-7653 x24 or pastor@stjoscup.org.



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!!!

- JAN. 08** **GRIEF SUPPORT MEETS THE 2ND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 12:30PM-2PM PARISH OFFICE**
- JAN. 19** **BIBLE STUDY ON THE BIBLICAL ROOTS OF THE EUCHARIST 7-9PM COMMUNITY CENTER**
- JAN. 28** **CONSOLATION OF GRIEF THROUGH MUSIC FR. CHRIS BENNETT 10-12PM COMMUNITY CENTER**
- BOOK CLUB MEETS THE 4TH MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7PM PARISH OFFICE**
- PRAYER GROUP MEETS 1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 12-1PM COMMUNITY CENTER**

CATHOLICISM 101- QUESTION OF THE WEEK: When and What is the Feast of the Epiphany?

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 FEAST OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD January 1, 2016

Read: Numbers 6: 22-27; Galatians 4:4-7 ; Luke 2:16-21

QUESTION FOR ADULTS

How has God blessed and kept your family? What can you do as a family this week to show your gratitude for these blessings?

QUESTION FOR CHILDREN

When have you felt most blessed by God? What can you do to help someone in your family feel the same way??

ACTION

MAKE A RESOLUTION TO HELP YOUR FAITH GROW THIS YEAR BY REGULAR ATTENDANCE AT MASS, INVOLVEMENT IN PARISH MINISTRIES ETC.

Prayer

O Emmanuel, God with Us, lead me in this coming year to a closer relationship with you. Amen



SJC SCHOOL NEWS



ST. JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO SCHOOL'S ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT DRIVE OFF TO A GREAT START!

Thank you to the many generous donors who have contributed to the **L.I.F.E. Program** (**L.I.F.E.** stands for "**Legacies In Faith and Education**"). We have already received over \$27,000 in donations!

Remember: All gifts given by December 31 are tax deductible for this current tax year.

We will give you an update on our progress upon the school's return in January.



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!



There are no classes on December 25, December 28 and January 1. Sessions will resume on January 4 and January 8. The Catechetical office is closed from December 25 to January 2.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:36-40
 Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
 Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
 Sunday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Mass Intentions for the Week

Dec. 24	5:00 PM	Frank & Mary Ward (+) (CHURCH) Mary Cay Sherman (+)
	5:00 PM	Donna Brock (+) (HALL)
	7:30 PM	Maria Lorenza Bailon (L)
Dec. 25	10:00 PM	Michael Saenz (L)
	8:00 AM	Joe Ignatowicz (+)
	9:30 AM	Jane Anderson (+)
	11:00 AM	Tom Taylor (+) Peggy Anne Martone (+) NO MASS
Dec. 26	5:00 PM	Gloria Tanigue (L)
Dec. 27	8:30 AM	Wilfredo & Linda Munar(+)
Dec. 28	8:30 AM	Zenaida Bailon (L)
Dec. 29	8:30 AM	Joseph L. Mardesich, Jr. (+)
Dec. 30	8:30 AM	Edgardo Ulpindo (+)
Dec. 31	8:30 AM	Adelina & Francisco Munar (+)
	5:00 PM	Frank Ward (+)
Jan. 01	8:00 AM	Anna Gargano (+)
	9:30 AM	George Morris (+)
	11:00 AM	Frank Ward (+)
	5:00 PM	NO MASS



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

An old joke asks, "What time is Midnight Mass?" The answer is not really obvious, since Christmas is unique in having several distinct celebrations. The readings and prayers vary greatly from hour to hour. The Vigil Mass hinges on the family heritage of Jesus and his origins. The concept of "midnight" predates clock time, and really has to do with a celebration in the hours of darkness. Years ago, it was not possible to receive Communion without fasting for a full day, so the late hour of this Mass made it possible for the people to receive. The first Mass after sunrise, the Mass at Dawn, was once known as "The Shepherds' Mass," and later Masses set aside stories of Jesus' birth to focus on the key to the day's celebration: John the Evangelist's majestic theology of Christ's identity as the Word made flesh, dwelling among us. One feast, four separate Masses. Only monasteries manage the whole round. Parishioners typically take just one entry point into the mystery. Yet there is much to savor and celebrate in the coming of Christ into the world. Christmas is not a day, but a season. You still have two weeks to send those Christmas cards before you're officially late!



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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For unto us is born this day a Savior! In response to so great a love, only the gift of my whole self will do. You have given us Yourself, dear Lord; in love and thanksgiving, I commit myself afresh to You. Grant that I may know your will for me!

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!

Retrouvaille helps married couples heal and renew their marriages. The next weekend is Friday January 27th to Sunday, January 29th. There are 12 follow up sessions: Saturdays-Feb 4th, Feb. 11th, Feb. 25th, March 11th, March 25, and April 8th. Register at www.HelpOurMarriage.com or contact Alex and Rowena Radich at (510) 919-9675 or Antonio and Claudia Flores at (408) 605-4998.

"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)*



**The Nativity of the Lord
 December 25, 2016**

The light shines in the darkness,
 and the darkness has not overcome it.
 — John 1:5

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

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School –(408) 252-6441.....Michael Lee (www.sjcschool.org)

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

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

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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, Michael Lee