
St. Joseph of Cupertino

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Flyer



Parish Welcomes New Parochial Vicar / Kaiser Hospital Minister

By Carmencita Quiroga

Fr. Edsil was born on May 29, 1967 in Calbayog City, Philippines. He is the sixth child of eight in the family. His late father Ignacio T. Ortiz Sr. worked for the Philippine Government as an engineer. His mother Paz J. Nicart served as a high school public teacher for years.



Fr. Edsil belongs to a very religious clan in the Philippines, which produced quite a number of servants for the Church, such as nuns, priests, bishops and even a cardinal.

In 1983 Fr. Edsil graduated from college with a Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Arts. He joined the Graduate School Program at the Our Lady of the Angels Franciscan Seminary in Manila, Philippines and earned his Master's Degree in Pastoral Ministry in 1994. He continued his post-graduate studies at the University of San Jose-Recoletos and graduated with a Master's Degree in Psychology in 2004. And, he is pursuing his master's degree in spirituality at Santa Clara University.

Fr. Edsil was a solemnly professed member of the Order of Friars Minor in the Province of San Pedro Bautista, Philippines. He received his solemn profession of vows on May 25, 1991 and was ordained a Franciscan priest on December 8, 1998 at the Monastery of St. Clare, Philippines.

Over a decade ago, Fr. Edsil was prompted by God's call to become a diocesan priest in the Diocese of San Jose. Since then, he has been assigned to various parishes in the Diocese of San Jose. He worked at St. John Vianney Parish for a year; three years at St. Julie Billiart Parish; five years at St. Justin Parish and four years at Holy Family Parish.

Fr. Edsil has a natural gift of ministering the sick and the homebound. And he envisions a vibrant, affirming and joyful Parish Community, where people get a genuine sense of belongingness and unconditional acceptance.

Go Make a Difference

By Mary Jo Sullivan-Worley

"Go make a difference. We can make a difference. Go make a difference in the world!" These are words to a song by Steve Angrisano and Tom Tomaszek. They are based on the Gospel of Matthew that includes the Beatitudes and the Law of Love taught to us by Jesus.

From the earliest days, Christians were known for love, community, and service to the poor.

Modern Catholic social teaching has been articulated through a tradition of papal, conciliar, and episcopal documents. The key themes that are at the heart of our Catholic social tradition are the Life and Dignity of the Human Person, Call to Family, Community, and Participation, Rights and Responsibilities to One Another, the Option for the Poor and Vulnerable, Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers, Solidarity as One Human Family, and the Care for Creation.

Prior to Vatican II, my experience was charity, giving time, effort, and treasure to address immediate needs. Charity embodies the first part of the old Chinese Proverb, "If you give a man a fish he eats for a day." Since Vatican II, we are often called to do works of justice. The second part of the proverb teaches, "if you teach a man to fish, this occupation feeds him for a lifetime."

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Charity and Justice

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops teaches us **Works of Charity and Works of Justice are called the Two Feet of Social Action.** Both are necessary for society to move forward. Neither stands alone. Encyclicals and teachings of Pope Leo XIII *On the Condition of Labor* (1891), Pope John XXIII *Mother and Teacher* (1961) and *Peace on Earth* (1963), Pope Paul VI *On the Development of Peoples* (1967), St. John Paul II *On Human Work* (1981), *The Hundredth Year* (1991) and many others including the *Catholic Catechism* (1992), and Pope Francis *The Light of Faith* (2013) are some examples *reiterating* our commitment to charity and social justice.

Many of us give generously to charities, volunteer at soup kitchens, hospitals, and through various organizations to aid those in need. A generous volunteer returns home after a few hours serving, realizing the suffering of people, but not really having his or her daily life altered. Becoming involved in works of justice can be threatening. Changing careers or commitments to be able to teach job skill classes, creating local self-help projects to empower the marginalized to improve their own lives, analyzing and creating effective strategies to change zoning laws, helping to construct affordable housing in one's own community, all require changes to the lives of the volunteers. Both Feet of Social Action make a difference!

Do you want to learn more about opportunities to make a difference in our local area? Some are listed on the Diocesan website. Many are not. Do most of us know the St. Justin Community Ministry feeds the homeless 5 days a week, or the Sisters of the Presentation Learning and Loving Education Center teach 200 immigrant women and their preschool children English, life skills, and gives them nutritional breakfasts and lunches, in partnership with Loaves and Fishes, 5 days a week, 9 months a year, or the Ascent Employment Program at Queen of Apostles assists adults in finding employment? These are just a few examples of Catholic communities making a difference. How about us?

Parish Bestowed CREST Award by Cupertino

By Steve Hill

In May, the parish was honored with a CREST award from the City of Cupertino. The award ceremony was conducted on May 31 in the Cupertino Community Center. Fr. Greg accepted the award from Councilman Darcy Paul. Fr. Greg was accompanied by Pastoral Associate Janice LaMotte and parishioner Virgil Klein for the presentation of the award. Also in attendance were Trish Klein and Patrick and Susan Kwok.

A CREST award is given to individuals or organizations making major contributions to the quality of life in Cupertino. The award, which stands for Cupertino Recognizes Extra Steps Taken, honors outstanding community volunteers and organizations. Several parish individuals have received CREST awards in the past.

The City produced a video describing the scope of community outreach efforts by the parish. Narrative from the video is:

“St. Joseph of Cupertino Parish has a long history in the city, dating back more than 100 years. But just being in the community is not enough. They want to be part of the community.

For more than 40 years, parishioners have donated, assembled and distributed boxes of food to the Thanksgiving tables of needy families. In the past few years, more than 200 families are fed through the program annually.

Following Thanksgiving, parishioners try to brighten the Christmas holidays of many people dealing with financial hardship by contributing gifts, including household appliances, clothes and toys which they place under a ‘giving tree’ in the in the church.

Along with feeding those in need and making sure they have something under their Christmas trees, the church, in conjunction with other local houses of worship, is celebrating its 25th year as a participant in the rotating shelter program that houses homeless men.

But that's not all. The parish also stepped up and allowed West Valley Community Services, which provides mobile food and case management services, to park its 37-foot RV at night so the RV would not have to be left unattended on the street.”

In presenting the award, Councilman Paul added the parish has run a pantry with non-perishable foods for those in need since the 1970s.

In accepting the award, Fr. Greg remarked:

“The parish was founded in 1913, but the Catholic Community has actually had a church there at our present location since 1907. It has been a great blessing for us to have served the local community and to have been a part of Cupertino history for all of this time. Thank you very much for this honor.”

A video of the event is posted at this website (18:35 mark):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1bJzBKtGB9Y&feature=youtu.be>

Bronze Bell from Original Church on Display

By Steve Hill

In 2013, on our parish centennial, the bell from the original St. Joseph of Cupertino church was returned to the parish by the Chiala family that possessed it ever since the original church was replaced in 1953 by the present one.

The story of how the bell came into the hands of the Chiala family goes back to the 1953 construction of the present church. Mr. Vito Chiala assisted Msgr. Ryan in tearing down the old church in 1953. Msgr. Ryan had no plans to use the old bell in the new church (this is why we now have an electronic bell), so he allowed Mr. Chiala to take the bell, as well as

other parts of the old church, including the old sacristy. These remnants became parts of the Bell Hardware store owned by the Chiala family and located here in Cupertino. The Bell Hardware store was named after the old SJC church bell, which hung above the entrance to the store for all to see. When the Chiala family moved to Morgan Hill some years later, they took the old bell with them.

It took some negotiating (Msgr. Milani helped because he knew the family in Morgan Hill) but the Chialas decided to give the bell back to the parish before our big centennial celebration. Vito Chiala's sons and daughters, now residents of Morgan Hill, were in attendance on November 3, 2013 and helped return the bell to the parish in time for the celebration.

The bell is displayed outside of our church in a hut designed and built in 2016 by Hernando Gomez, Parish Maintenance Supervisor (pictured). The building emulates the architectural elements of the church. Hernando used recycled materials to minimize the cost of the hut.

The bell is mounted to its original yoke, which in turn is supported on large, wooden timbers. There is a rope wheel on one side. A rope attached to the wheel would be pulled to swing the bell. When swung far enough, the bell contacts the clapper to make the ringing sound.

The bronze bell (80% copper, 20% tin) was cast in 1907 by the Buckeye Bell Foundry, owned by the E.W. Vanduzen Company, Cincinnati. The Buckeye Bell Foundry was established in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1837, by George Coffin. That foundry name was maintained throughout more than a century of operation, in spite of various changes in proprietorship. By 1907, the foundry was owned by the E. W. Vanduzen Company. The foundry closed in 1950. 1907 was the year the first church was built on the present site of our parish.

Thank you to the Chiala family, Msgr. Milani, Fr. Greg and Hernando Gomez for making this bit of our parish history available to us.



SJC School Produced Another Successful Carnival

By Steve Hill

The parents and staff of our parish school planned and produced another successful carnival. The event required hundreds of hours of volunteer time by school families. Planning began early this year by a team of dedicated chairpersons. After the carnival, the leaders and chairpersons will document what went right and could be improved for next year's team.

The leadership team consisted of Rom Pereira, Shawn Poirier and Wen Yu. They oversaw 35 committees and activity functions. There were many moving parts! Mary Ann Kimm provided liaison between the carnival chairs, school administration and family service program.

Generous sponsors included local businesses, school families and Friends of SJC School. The men of the Holy Name Society devoted the weekend to staffing a barbeque pit and churning out tri-tip for sandwiches. Each school family put in a minimum of 9 hours of service – many exceeding that amount.

Net proceeds from the carnival support the mission of the school to provide an education for the whole child. This includes offering programs such as a fine arts program, advanced math courses, foreign language classes, clubs, sports and tutoring.

The Carnival was a three-day festival that featured:

- Food Trucks
- Live Music
- Video Games
- Zorb Ball
- Photo Booth
- Coffee Shop
- Silent Auction
- Rummage Sale
- Rides
- Games for kids of all ages
- Entertainment
- Arts and Crafts

Volunteer Job Openings

| Positions | People needed, by mass | | | | | Contact | Phone |
|-----------------------|------------------------|--------|--------|---------|--------|----------------|------------------|
| | Saturday | Sunday | | | | | |
| | 5:00pm | 8:00am | 9:30am | 11:00am | 5:00pm | | |
| Eucharistic Ministers | - | - | 4 | 4 | - | Dan Morris | 408-252-7653 x32 |
| Lectors | - | - | - | - | - | Dan Morris | 408-252-7653 x32 |
| Music Ministry | - | - | Yes | Yes | - | Dan Morris | 408-252-7653 x32 |
| Ushers | - | - | - | 2 | - | Dan Morris | 408-252-7653 x32 |
| Altar Care Min. | Yes | | | | | Dan Morris | 408-252-7653 x32 |
| Bereavement Min. | Yes | | | | | Marlene | 408 741-1615 |
| Communications Min. | Yes | | | | | Ed Johnson | 408-891-2738 |
| Hospitality Min. | Yes | | | | | Janice LaMotte | 408 252-7653 x30 |

| Parish Calendar | | | |
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| Dec. 14 | 7:00 pm | Church | Parish Reconciliation |
| Dec. 8 | 7:00 pm | Church | Our Lady of Guadalupe mass with reception |
| Dec. 13-20 | 8:30 am | Church | Simbang Gabi masses |
| Dec. 21 | 7:00 pm | Church | Simbang Gabi mass; reception following |
| Dec. 24 | 5:00 pm | Church | Mass with Emphasis on Children |
| Jan. 7 | 12:30 p.m. | Comm. Center | Feast of the Epiphany Celebration |
| Jan. | 10:00 a-12:00 p | Comm. Center | Advanced Care Directives |
| Feb. 14 | | | Ash Wednesday |
| Mondays | 6:30 p.m. | Hall | Bingo |
| Tuesdays | 2:00 – 3:00 pm | Comm. Center | Meditation with Sr. Dorothy |
| Wednesdays | 7:15 – 8:45 pm | Rectory | RCIA |
| Wednesdays | 9:00 am –12:15 pm | | Eucharistic adoration |
| 1 st Friday | 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm | Comm. Center | Prayer Group |
| 1 st Saturday | 9:00 am | Comm. Center | Talk by Fr. Athanasius on Mary |
| Saturdays | 6:30 p.m. | Hall | Bingo |
| Sundays | 10:30 – 11:00 am | Front of church | Video Lending Library |
| 1 st Sunday | Morning masses | Comm. Center | Hospitality after mass – coffee and donuts |
| 2 nd Sunday | 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm | Rectory | Grief Support |

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