

ST. JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO CHURCH

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." - Mt 18:15

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Parish Clergy

Pastor: Rev. Michael Syjueco (michael.syjueco@dsj.org)

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(gabriel.lee@dsj.org)

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Office hours: Tuesday: 8am - 11am Thursday & Friday: 1:00pm-4:00pm

Regular Mass Schedules:

Saturday: 8:30a.m. & 5:00p.m. (anticipated) Sunday: 9:30a.m, 11:00a.m. & 5;00pm

Mon.-Fri.: 8:30a.m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday: 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:15pm

Reconciliation:

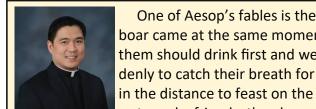
Tuesday 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm (cry room)
Saturday: 3:30pm to 5:00p.m.(Reconciliation

Room)

(Please be sure to check the parish website for



Please see the bulletin on pages 3-5 for information about the parish staff, sacraments, and other services we offer.



One of Aesop's fables is the story of the Lion and the Boar. On a summer day, a lion and a boar came at the same moment to a small well to drink. They fiercely disputed which of them should drink first and were soon engaged in mortal combat. When they stopped suddenly to catch their breath for a fiercer renewal of the fight, they saw some vultures waiting in the distance to feast on the one that should fall first. It dawned on them: "It is better for us to make friends, than become the food of these vultures." The truth is when people fight

among themselves, others would take advantage of the situation to serve their interest. It is hard to stand when members are divided. Remember the cliché: "United we stand, divided we fall"? It is in this context that in today's gospel, Jesus offers the 4-step approach to fraternal correction to teach us how to fix it when unity is broken. It's all about pursuing unity not division. When there is the slightest bitterness brewing, nip it in the bud so the sore does not fester. The goal of the 4-step approach to fraternal correction is all about redemption, resolution, and restoring a right relationship between people. It is not to cast blame on another nor chastise the other. It is to resolve the issue that is endangering unity. Even the last resort of fraternal correction that Jesus suggests to treat the non-repentant person as a Gentile or tax collector, meaning an outsider, has the same goal—to restore relationships. The dialogue is kept open, bridges are not cut off, and the unit continues to pray for the other that someday the person will come back and reconcile. This is how Jesus treated the Gentiles and the tax collectors. He worked with them with compassion with the desire to redeem them, resolve that which is not life giving, and restore their right relationship with God and others. Consider this, the longer the offense remains without any attempt to resolve it, the deeper the divide. The steps to fraternal correction apply to any unit, including within families. When there is a single bitterness escalating among the family members, eventually the whole family becomes divided. Nip it in the bud. Jesus showed us how to fix it when unity is broken. We only need to practice it with compassion.

We have two community building activities this September. Parish Feast Day is on Sunday, September 17, after the 11 am Sunday Mass. Various ethnic foods will be showcased, plus young adults will lead us in line dancing! Join the fun! Spaghetti Dinner, is on Friday, September 22, from 6pm—8pm in the Parish **Hall.** \$15.00 per person and a box of pasta donation. See posters for details.

For the Parish Adult Enrichment Program, we have the PARENTING WELL IN A DIGITAL WORLD. Gain knowledge on ways to keep your children safe, healthy and connected in today's constantly developing digital world. This is a free event. Register at https://BIT.LY/PARENTEDUSJC



Mass Intentions for the Week

Deceased (†) Living (L)

September 09	5:00 PM	Rosalind Acolatse
September 10	9:30 AM	Francisca Ambriz; Parishioners of St. Joseph of Cupertino Parish
	11:00 AM	Thinh Nguyen and Family
	5:00 PM	Dolores Escalona (+)
September 11	8:30 AM	Henry Chang
September 12	8:30 AM	Sr. James Gonzaga; Msgr. Gene O'Donell
September 13	8:30 AM	Scott Austin (+); Jim Schaaf (+)
September 14	8:30AM	Lino Raymond Bailon
September 15	8:30 AM	Purificacion Cabael (+); Eileen Jarvis (+)
September 16	8:30 AM	Patrick McAllister
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GROWING IN FAITH



(If you are interested in any of the offerings below, please contact Fr. Michael Syjueco in the parish office (408 252-7653 ext. 123 or 128)

Good news! The Bible Study is every 2nd Saturday of the month from 10:00 am—11:00 am at Fr. Greg Ng Kimm Community Center. Fr. Sebastian is currently a full time lecturer of Sacred Scriptures and Biblical Language at St. Patricks Seminary & University.

PARENTING WELL IN A DIGITAL WORLD. Know how to keep your children safe, healthy and connected in today's constantly developing digital world.
 Friday, September 22, 6:30pm-8:30pm. Register at http://BIT.LY/PARENTEDUCSJC

FATIMA PILGRIMAGE. Join us on Wednesday, September 13 for a Eucharistic Celebration at 6:30 p.m. followed by a Rosary procession. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the blessing of the sick will take place in the church after the Rosary procession.

marriage enrichment program. Draws married couples together as they get transformed into family missionary disciples. DATE NIGHTS on Friday, October 13 and December 1 at 6-8pm to get started. Watch out for details!

ACCESS TO "AMEN" APP---Opportunity for prayer Sign up via Formed or download the app free. (for questions or more information contact Fr. Michael Syjueco at michael.syjueco@dsj.org; or call 408 252-7653 ext. 123)

KIDS:Formed.Org. Lukas Story Teller: Padre Pio ADULTS: Formed.Org. The Early Christian Ep 5: Constantine and the End of the Persecution (Look for it at the "Movies / Men and Women of Faith")



SJC SCHOOL NEWS

St. Joseph of Cupertino Preschool
Inspires Leadership, Faith, Service,
and Academic Excellence

Enroll today in our TK or K-8 parish school: sicschool.org/applications

Call to schedule a tour: 408-252-6441

St. Joseph of Cupertino School is the educational gateway to your child's future. In the heart of Silicon Valley, our TK, K-8th grade Catholic school are focused on the care of the whole person. We go beyond caring for the educational growth of our students and strive to foster their moral, emotional, and spiritual growth. We take our responsibility for our community's well-being and safety very seriously. Earning the top academic schools in the Diocese of San Jose is one example of reaching our academic goals, and our religious studies, the classes in the Fine Arts, and robust club offerings round out your child's education. As a Catholic school, we are committed to faith, love, service, justice, learning, and growth. Check out our website sjcschool.org.

BALLROOM DANCING LESSONS

Ballroom dancing is a great way to build community and manage stress. The Parish has an opportunity to offer ballroom dancing lessons. We'd like to know the extent of interest Parishioners have in this. If you're interested, please take a quick survey at https://stjosephofcupertino2.flocknote.com/signup/134649

PARISH FEAST DAY!

Sunday, September 17, after the 11:00 am Mass, in the Parish Hall. A variety of ethnic dishes will be showcased. For entertainment and community building, young adults will lead the line dancing.

Come and join the fun!

CATHOLIC FAITH IS OUR GREATEST GIFT-----ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC, OR COMPLETING INITIATION? WHAT DO YOU SEEK?

If you are an adult or have an older child (age 7 and up) who has not been baptized, or an adult or child baptized in another faith and interested in the Catholic Church, or a Catholic who has not celebrated the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist, then the Order of Christian Initation process is for you! Questions? The OCIA process will begin soon. Please contact Fr. Gabriel Lee at gabriel.lee @dsj.org if you or someone you know is interested.

SJC Catechetical Ministry

SJC Catechetical Ministry Registrations for our Sunday School, PreK- 6th grade, and our Junior High Edge Ministry, 7th-8th grade, are now open! You may register your child(ren) through our parish website or after Mass with paper registrations at the booth outside of the church. In addition, Catechetical Ministry is asking for your help. To make this ministry year a success we need more young adults, parents, & grandparents to offer a couple of hours a week towards our elementary or Junior High youth. Please consider sharing your gifts and talents as a Catechist. For more information, please contact Primo Martinez, Director of Catechetical Ministry. Email: primo.martinez@dsj.org Office Phone: 408-252-7653 x141 or meet with him after mass outside the church. Classes begin October 1st.

MEANT4MORE: Youth Ministry is open to all students in high school. We meet every Sunday from 6-8pm at the Youth Ministry room at the school except during school break. Come join us and make new friends, learn your faith, play games, sing, go on trips and watch movies. For more information email primo.martinez@dsj.org

Love to Sing?

Do you enjoy listening to music? Singing at home? Or singing at Mass? Please consider joining our dynamic Music Ministry. We have 3 Sunday choirs: 9:30am Folk Choir, 11:30am Parish Choir and the 5pm Adult Choir. Please contact our Music Director Yvonne Casillas for more information.

Do you want to find out what is happening in the parish?
Register for Flocknote at
stjosephofcupertino2.flocknote.com
or Text SJCup to 84576

Stewardship at St. Joseph of Cupertino

Sunday Collection for the Week of 09-03-2023

Sunday Collection: \$ 5,036.00
Online Giving: \$ 3,421.00
Total Collection: \$ 8,457.00
Weekly Collection Goal: 10,922.00

Difference: (\$2,465.00); 23% short of the goal

Thank you to all who have been turning in their contributions. Let's continue to help the Parish. Contribution can be done either online, mail it to the Parish Office, or by dropping off in the drop box outside the rectory door.

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.

'Young Ladies' Grand Institute

A Catholic Women's Organization

St. Joseph's of Cupertino Young Ladies' Institute ("YLI") meets on the 3rd Thursday of

every month at 6:30 p.m. in the Fr. Gregory Ng Kimm Community Center. Come join us for a pre-social and recitation of the rosary beginning at 6:00 p.m. If you would like information on how to become a member, please contact <a href="mailto:

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 "Give" tab on the St. Joseph website home page (www.stjosephcupertino.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 parish office.

Bingo:

Bingo is open! We run Bingo game every
Saturday night. Bingo is a source of
significant funds for our school, along with other
donations to Outreach, scholarships and other
needed charities. Bingo takes place in the Parish
Hall. Warm-up games start at 6:30pm with the regular games at 7:15pm. Come join the fun and spread
the news! More information is also on our parish
website at stjosephcupertino.org. Go to
the "Events" Tab. We also need volunteers to help. Please contact Tom Lewis
at tlewisjr61@gmail.com

ONLINE RESOURCES

- Parish website: www.stjosephcupertino.org
 You will find the bulletin, a calendar of events in cluding funerals, and links to other resources as well
 as Sunday homilies.
- 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

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

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—Director of Compliance & Parish Financial Services, 408.983.0241 or email at julio.bermude@dsj.org

St. Joseph of Cupertino—Staff Information

Parish Office: (408) 252-7653 Email- info@st
Pastor—x124
Business Administrator—x123 (micha

Parish Administrative Assistant - x121

Catechetical Ministry – x141

Catechetical Ministry Administrative Assistant - x141

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)/ Order of Christian Initiation for Children (OCIC) – x128

School Principal – (408) 252-6441

Youth Ministry/ Young Adult Ministry - x138

Music- x161

Outreach

Altar Server Coordinator-x 128

Infant Baptism- x128

Hospital Ministry x 126 (only for patients at Kaiser Hospital, Santa Clara from 7:00am to 6:00pm. Patients at other locations please call 408-639 5422) / Funeral x 126

Ministry to the Sick-x124

Finance Council

Communications Ministry

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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

If I tell the wicked, "O wicked one, you shall surely die," and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way,

the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death. (Ez 33:8)

Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

Second Reading:

Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law. (Rom 13:10)

Gospel:

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone.If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." (Mt 18:15)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Our personal relationship with Christ is important, yes — but thank God, that is not all there is to being a Christian. We depend upon the support, the encouragement, and even the correction of the rest of the Body of Christ.

Observances for the week of September 10, 2023

Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Grandparents' Day

Monday: Patriot Day

Tuesday: The Most Holy Name of MaryWednesday: St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and

Doctor of the Church

Thursday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

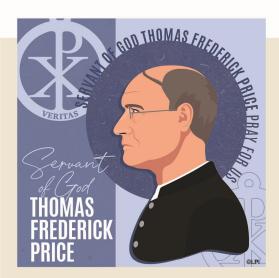
Friday: Our Lady of Sorrows

Saturday: Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop,

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Next Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Catechetical Sunday



Saint of the week

Servant of God Thomas Frederick Price survived severe illness and a shipwreck as a young man before becoming a priest. He cofounded the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America, better known as Maryknoll, and led the institution's first mission to China.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, You so inspired Father Thomas Frederick Price with love for You and zeal for the Gospel that he dedicated his life to serve You and Your Church, first in North Carolina, his home state, and then in the foreign missions. Grant that by his example we may grow in holiness and into a deeper union with Our Lord Jesus Christ. Help us to be authentic witnesses of the Gospel and proclaim the Holy Name of Jesus throughout the Diocese of Raleigh and to all the people and in all the places we are sent to love and serve. If it be according to Your will, glorify Your servant, Father Thomas Frederick Price, by granting the favor I (we) now request through his prayerful intercession (mention your request here) I (we) make this prayer confidently through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

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Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of September 10, 2023

Sunday:

Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

Monday:

Col 1:24-2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday:

Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday:

Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday:

Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Friday:

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/ Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Saturday:

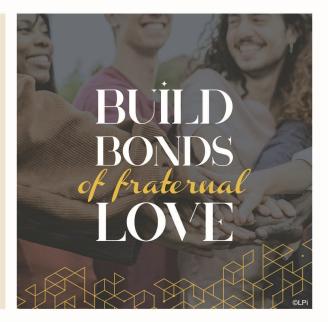
1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday:

Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35



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Gospel MeditationEncourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

What are you supposed to do about the bad behavior of the people around you? You know who I'm talking about. That family member, friend, coworker, or acquaintance who is quite immoral. On this front there are two lively options in our culture: bash the person to others (probably online) or pretend everything's fine. The former damages the person. The latter ignores reality. What to do?

Jesus' strategy in the Gospel of Matthew is as wise as it is difficult: go directly to the person, and then gradually expand the circle of intervention. Simple, often effective, and hard. But what we often miss is the context of the Lord's strategy, "If your brother sins against you..." Notice the italicized words. Is the person in a Christian familial bond with you? And was the action in question against you? If so, proceed with the plan. Fine. But how often we fret over the sins of those who either aren't our spiritual siblings or have done nothing directly to us. This is not an invitation to ignore injustice in the world. Rather, we should build bonds of fraternal love, and carefully discern when and how others' sins are indeed our concern. Sometimes they are. Other times — frequently, perhaps — they simply are not.

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— Father John Muir

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Liturgical Life

CATHOLIC

Love and Truth

I think even the most devout, the most pious Catholic reading this could summon to mind, if asked, one or even two examples of Catholic teaching for which they have desperately looked for a loophole.

Don't worry, I won't make you share with the group. But bring it to your mind now: the doctrine you once resented, or perhaps still do. The commandment you don't fully understand, the one you bristle against. The rule you find the hardest to follow. The belief you hate explaining to your friends.

If it disappeared from scripture or dropped out of the catechism, would your life really be easier? Would you be happier?

I am thinking of mine. For a long time, I searched high and low for a way around this particular teaching. I read books and Scripture and tradition, I prayed and reflected and tried to argue with myself. For a time, I gave up complying with it entirely. I threw it to the wind, with a shoulder shrug and a self-satisfied assurance to myself that God, being a loving father, does not want his child to be unhappy.

But reader: I was miserable. I was so, so miserable, and I stayed that way until I finally accepted that God is, indeed, a loving father, and desires nothing less than the unhappiness of his children. And so, to ward it off, he has given us the truth, and asked us to share it amongst ourselves like a cherished heirloom, a priceless inheritance.

To share truth, you must show love. To show love, you must share truth. One demands the other. Because this is what Christ does for us, and this is the mission of the Church in this world. Loosening and binding. Bearing witness. Giving testimony. Speaking truth, and in speaking truth, showing love.

"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." — Psalm 95

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

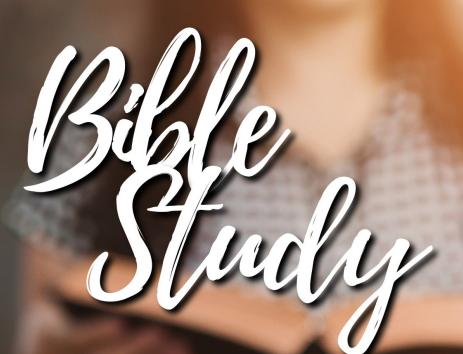
After a civil divorce, is a Catholic obligated to pursue an annulment?

Answer:

Many Catholics are not exactly sure what an annulment does. An annulment does not deny that a marriage took place, nor does it deny that there once was love. It does not mean that people say anything untrue, such as they never loved each other or that everything in their marriage was wrong. An annulment does not negate children, nor make them illegitimate. An annulment addresses the spiritual aspect of marriage. In effect, an annulment says that at the time of the wedding, there was either something present or something absent that prevented the sacrament from taking place. It is a spiritual determination that, if granted in the affirmative, allows a person to marry in the Church.

Annulments have no legal standing and are unable to be used in a civil court. Therefore, a Catholic has no moral obligation to pursue an annulment. However, when the tragedy of divorce occurs, and there is no hope for reconciliation, annulments may help bring some spiritual closure to a person's life. Some people have found the process to be healing and others have found it to be difficult. Speak to your priest or a member of the Diocesan Tribunal staff to decide what is best for you.

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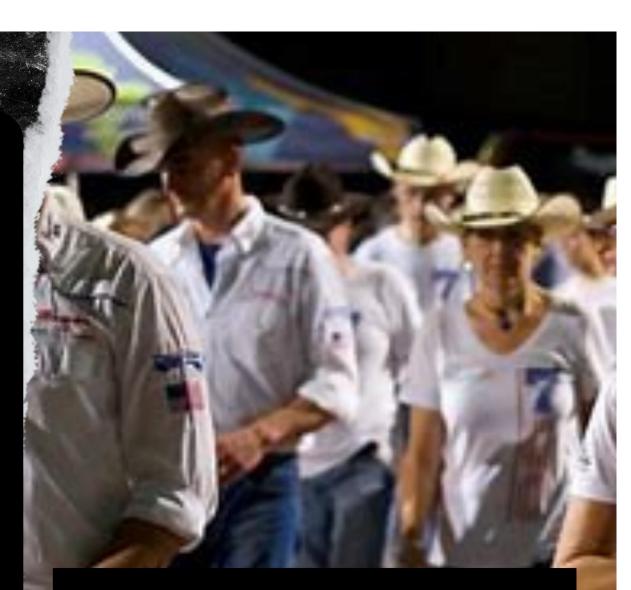
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After the 11:00 am Sunday Mass



LINE DANCING WITH YOUNG ADULTS

17 SEPTEMBER 2023 AFTER THE 11:00 AM MASS PARISH HALL



FREE Parent Education Class!

Parenting Well INADIGITAL WORLD

SIGN UP HERE! HTTPS://BIT.LY/PARENTEDUSJC



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2023 6:30PM-8:30PM ST. JOSPEH CUPERTINO

In today's constantly developing digital world, parents need to be aware of ways to help children be safe, healthy and connected. This workshop will discuss the latest research on the benefits and challenges that parents and students face in this 24/7 technology driven culture. Parents will leave this workshop with:

- An understanding of the importance of parental engagement and relationship
- Tips and tools to teach safety, time management, and how to become ethical producers and consumers of digital media
- Ideas for balancing family life, school work and technology
- Strategies for avoiding power struggles and teaching students how to navigate the dangers and benefits of social media and build a healthy digital reputation
- Guidelines on when to block and when to monitor balancing protection with privacy
- A list of excellent support resources and further reading



Valerie Plummer uses her experience as a parent, individual and family life coach, and Love and Logic® facilitator to empower individuals and families to build healthy relationships. She incorporates a combination of effective life skills, self-awareness through assessments, and knowledge of how emotions affect thinking and actions. She is passionate about helping both adults and children discover and develop their full potential and find success and contentment in all areas of life. After earning a BA in Psychology from San Jose State University with a minor in Child Development, Valerie earned a Master's degree in Education from Stanford University and a Certificate in Transformational Coaching from Western Seminary. She is also certified as a Professional Certified Coach through the International Coach Federation. .



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