

### ST. JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO CHURCH

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO



Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22

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### **Parish Clergy**

Pastor: Rev. Michael Syjueco

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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 changes during the week.)



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



Forgiveness is one, if not, the most difficult skill to have. We never have to forgive someone for something that does not matter. We never have to forgive people for helping us. We never have to forgive anyone for making us feel good. The only time we need to forgive is when we have been hurt. And that is difficult! While it is so difficult to forgive, it does not mean that it is something impossible to do. To help us out, Jesus taught us what forgiveness is and what it is not. First, forgiveness is not about keeping score. Forgiveness has no limit.

The reason is because forgivness is a decision. It is an act of will. If you wait until you feel like forgiving, you will never get there. Emotions do not heal by themselves. They heal once your will gives you permission to do so. Unless you decide to forgive, your emotions remain hurt. Third, forgiveness is not a one-time thing. You make that decision to forgive each time you remember what the person did to you. The fourth thing about forgiveness is forgiveness is not about forgetting what the person did to you. That's impossible. You will always remember the incident. But, you can make a decision to forgive each time you remember it. Fifth, forgiveness does not mean you can now trust the person who hurt you. Forgiveness is not something a person can earn, it is granted. But trust is something one needs to earn. These are two different things. Six, forgiveness is a reminder that we are all humans. We all make mistakes. We all are not perfect. We are all wounded by original sin, and we all have inclination to sin. Thus, we all need forgiveness. Seven, we forgive because we were loved first by God. Jesus died on the cross to forgive the transgressors of humanity. To forgive, therefore, is to show our gratitude to God for His mercy that endures forever. Finally, because it's so difficult to forgive, we just cannot do it on our own. To err is human, but to forgive is divine. Hence forgiveness comes from the grace of God. To understand what forgiveness is and is not is important. But let us not kid ourselves that we can do it without God's grace. Our understanding about forgiveness helps us to work with His grace to forgive.

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
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Deceased (†) Living (L)

September 16	5:00 PM	Russel Filips (+)		
September 17	9:30 AM	Fr. Athanasius Kikoba		
	11:00 AM	Sr. Kristine Japitana; Thinh Nguyen and Family; Fe Glover		r
	5:00 PM	Donene and Larry Harrison; Parishioners of St. Joseph of Cuper-		f Cuper-
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September 18	8:30 AM	Maura Saenz (+)		
September 19	8:30 AM	Corazon Glover		
September 20	8:30 AM	Scott Austin (+); Ya-Nan Chao;	Sr. Kristine Japitana	
September 21	8:30AM	Janet Kempis		
September 22	8:30 AM	No Mass Intentions		
September 23	8:30 AM	Lino Raymond Bailon; Maria G	aipo (+)	



### **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)

BIBLE STUDY with FR. CARNAZZO SEBASTIAN, Ph.D 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

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT PROGRAM. Draws married couples together as they get transformed into family missionary disciples. DATE NIGHTS 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: St. Joseph ADULTS: Formed.Org. The Early Christian Ep 6: St. Augustine: A Light in the Darkness (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!**

See you all in our Parish Feast Day, on Sunday, September 17, after the 11am Mass. A variety of ethnic food will be showcased! There will also be fun entertainment with young adults doing the line dancing and teaching guests how to do it!

### 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 09-10-2023**

Sunday Collection: \$ 4,747.00
Online Giving: \$ 4,685.00
Total Collection: \$ 9,432.00
Weekly Collection Goal: 10,922.00

Difference: (\$ 1,490.00); 14% short of the goal Second Collection (Catholic Education): \$ 1,881.00

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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 including 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 Emai

Pastor—x124 Business Administrator—x123

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

Bingo Information

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### **Weekly** Prayer

### **Sunday's Readings**

### First Reading:

Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. (Sir 28:2)

#### Psalm:

The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion. (Ps 103)

### **Second Reading:**

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself.

For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. (Rom 14:7-8)

### Gospel:

"Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." (Mt 18:21-22)

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### Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Take some time to reflect on the enormity of what Christ offers us in salvation. Can we find the strength to offer just a fraction of that to our brothers and sisters?

### Observances for the week of September 17, 2023

**Sunday:** 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Catechetical Sunday

**Tuesday:** St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

Wednesday: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul

Chong Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs

Thursday: St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Saturday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Next Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Priesthood Sunday



### Saint of the week

Juan Bautista and Jacinto de los Ángeles were men from the Zapotec tribe in Mexico and lay Catholic catechists. They were brutally murdered with clubs and machetes by a local mob in retaliation for disrupting a ritual where people were worshiping idols to celebrate the harvest.

### **Prayer**

Lord, may we strive to be as brave as Juan Bautista and Jacinto de los Ángeles during times of persecution for our beliefs. As we yearn for strong spiritual friendships like theirs and to follow Jesus like them, may we never waver in our faith and stand strong as Catholics our whole lives long. Blessed Juan Bautista and Jacinto de los Ángeles, indigenous martyrs of Mexico, pray for us. Amen.

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### Worship & Meditation

### Readings for the week of September 17, 2023

### 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

### Monday:

1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Lk 7:1-10

### Tuesday:

1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17

#### Wednesday:

1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35

### Thursday:

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

#### Friday:

1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/ Lk 8:1-3

#### Saturday:

1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15

#### **Next Sunday:**

Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a



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### **Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture**

When I was in second grade, my prized possession was a metal Star Wars-themed lunch box. After school one day, another student ripped it from my hands. I helplessly watched in horror as my classmate threw it to the ground and violently stomped it into an unrecognizable heap of junk. I came home covered in tears of shame and rage. After a few months, I never thought about it again ... until I was almost thirty years old and on a retreat to prepare for ordination to the priesthood.

That childhood memory — and the attendant outrage — came back afresh. My spiritual director helped me in the process of acknowledging that I was angry because that kid owed me my lunch box. Then she helped me, through the grace of Jesus, to forgive the debt. Almost immediately I felt a new peace. I was amazed that I hadn't forgotten what I had lost, even from years before. Aren't we human beings simply amazing at remembering what people owe us?

We see this week in Jesus' parable a servant who is forgiven much but then commands another servant: "Pay back what you owe!" He can't forget or let go of how he was wronged. He remembers — and he becomes a monster because of it. If only he had remembered not only the debts owed to him, but also his greater debt owed to — and forgiven by — his master. It's natural for us to remember what others owe us. But when we contextualize those offenses in Jesus' mercy toward us and them, we're free to be merciful like the Master and less like a monster who never forgets.

— Father John Muir

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### **Liturgical** Life

## CATHOLIC

### The Hateful Things We Hug Tight

At the end of "Lord of the Rings: Return of the King," Gollum fights with Frodo for possession of the One Ring. He wins the fight, but in doing so topples over the edge of the mountain ledge, falling into the cavernous fires of Mount Doom. As he falls, we see him smile, and clutch the ring to his chest. He is happy. He has won what he spent his life pursuing.

It is only in the last millisecond before his face slips below the lava that we see his eyes widen in terror as he realizes the truth: the thing he clutches to his heart is the thing that killed him. In choosing the ring, he chooses death.

Sin, and the fallen nature of this world, makes us addicted to something that kills us.

Like any addiction, it is a vicious cycle. The less we forgive, the more hardhearted we become ... and the less we seek forgiveness ourselves.

What breaks the cycle? Reconciliation with God — or, Confession, as we call it. In fact, it does more than break the cycle. It turns it backward. Not only does it detoxify our souls of sin, it weakens our addiction to sin's effects — anger, vengeance, unforgiveness. The confession of evil works is the first beginning of good works, said St. Augustine.

Ultimately, I view our whole human life as a struggle on the ledge of a mountaintop. It is certain that we will choose sin — we always do. We will tumble over the side, toward ruin. But let us be Frodo, and not Gollum. Let us cling to the rock of the sacraments and accept the hand that would drag us away from the flames.

"Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight." — Sirach 27:30

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

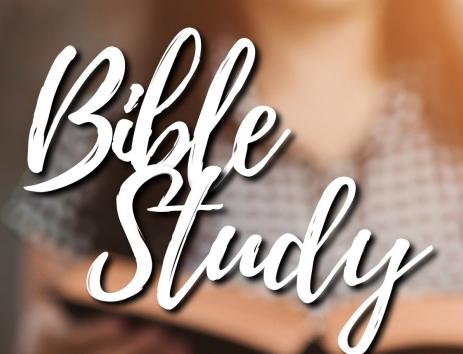
Are Catholics allowed to visit psychics? Why or why not?

### **Answer:**

It's part of human nature to experience some sense of unease and fear about the future. This can lead some people to seek out the services of psychics or consult horoscopes or turn to other occult practices or resources (e.g. Ouija boards or tarot cards). The Catechism of the Catholic Church is very clear that Catholics should avoid such practices: "Consulting horoscopes, astrology, palm reading, interpretation of omens and lots, the phenomena of clairvoyance, and recourse to mediums all conceal a desire for power over time, history, and, in the last analysis, other human beings, as well as a wish to conciliate hidden powers. They contradict the honor, respect, and loving fear that we owe to God alone" (no. 2116).

Despite the uncertainties we might feel, we are called to have faith and trust in God, confident of God's desire for what is best for us. This means that we are called to surrender, to pray and to reflect on how we can best move into the future in hope, knowing that God is with us.

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**FREE Parent Education Class!** 

# Parenting Well INADIGITAL WORLD

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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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