



ST. JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO CHURCH

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2023

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Lord, Lord, open the door for us!” But he said in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.’” - Mt 25:11-12

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Parish Clergy

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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.



I find it interesting that Jesus uses the character of virgins in the parable in today's Gospel. He could have used any other characters, but he chose virgins. A virgin has an empty womb. We can look at an empty womb as a symbol of availability, a space to be filled, if you will. With that image, today's parable allows us to reflect on the extent to which we create a space in our hearts for Jesus so we can make ourselves available to His disposal. This can be a challenge to many of us for we are used to being in control of our lives, our bodies, our destiny. Most of the time we do not want others to tell us what we should do. But, most of the time what we want or desire in our lives, our bodies or our destiny are not exactly the best. We think it's the best, but many times we realize it is not. Only God knows what is perfect for us. We cannot, however, be able to discern God's will in our life if our hearts are full of cares of the world. Emptying ourselves for the Lord is key, for God cannot fit in an occupied heart. What might be those that are keeping your heart occupied? Ask for God's grace that you might have the strength and courage to create a space for Him.

The Thanksgiving Mass is on Thursday, November 23rd, at 9:30 am. You may bring food and wine that you wished to be blessed for your Thanksgiving meal with your family.

The next ballroom dancing lesson is on Thursday, November 16th, in the Parish Hall from 7:30 pm through 8:30 pm. Come and dance your stress away! It's free.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Deceased (†) Living (L)

Nov. 11	5:00 PM	Noli Escalona; Caesar Carpio Llaguno (+); Mark Anthony Cesar Llaguno (+); Parishioners of St. Joseph of Cupertino
Nov. 12	9:30 AM	Joseph Buong Tran (+)
	11:00 AM	Fr. Mendie Nguyen
	5:00 PM	Karyna Joseph (+)
Nov. 13	8:30 AM	Stanislaw Firka (+); Sonia Lee (+)
Nov. 14	8:30 AM	No Mass Intentions
Nov. 15	8:30 AM	Scot Austin (+)
Nov. 16	8:30AM	No Mass Intentions
Nov. 17	8:30 AM	No Mass Intentions
Nov. 18	8:30 AM	No Mass Intentions



GROWING IN FAITH



(If you are interested in any of the offerings below, please contact Fr. Michael Syjuco 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 back 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. Patrick's Seminary & University. The next session is on **December 9th**.

DATE NIGHT SERIES—MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT PROGRAM.

This series draw couples together as they get transformed into family missionary disciples. The **second date night** is moved to **Friday, December 8th** in the Parish Hall, 6:00 pm —8:00 pm. Register at <https://stjosephofcupertino2.flocknote.com/signup/141655> or visit stjosephcupertino.org.

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

FORMED.org

<https://FORMED.org>. Click “Parishes”; Click Sign up. Fill in required information. For Name of Parish, please type “St. Joseph of Cupertino Church”

KIDS:Formed.Org. Time with Jesus: Introduction
(look for it under “Movies” then “Kids”)

ADULTS: Formed.Org.

Bread of Life, The Eucharist in Galilee Episode 4: The Multiplication *(Look for it at the “What’s Trending?”)*

Jesus and the Eucharist Session 6: Bread for Journey *(Look for it under “What’s Trending”)*

Into Life: Love Changes Everything *(Look for it under “Respect for Life Month”)*

Be Not Afraid Family Hour Episode 1: The Parents Mission: Passing on the Faith *(“Parenting”)*

November 12, 2023



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:

sjcschool.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.

BLANKETS BADLY NEEDED

There is a dire need for blankets at Grace Solutions Homeless Shelter. The director has said that clients are asking for blankets, now that the nights are cold, but there are no more to give away. If you have used, clean blankets (any size), or comforters or sleeping bags, they would be most welcome!

Please contact Mary Ellen Hennig for pick-up or drop-off (408) 255-6382 (home landline) then-nig@att.net

(There are no collection boxes for blankets in the church.) Many thanks! May God bless you!

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**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 Initiation 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 still open! You may register your child(ren) through our parish website.

For more information, please contact Primo Martinez, Director of Catechetical Ministry.
Email: primo.martinez@dsj.org Office Phone: 408-252-7653 x141. Classes has begun.



Stewardship at St. Joseph of Cupertino

Sunday Collection for the Week of 11-05-2023

Sunday Collection: \$ 6,173.00
Online Giving: \$ 6,319.00
Total Collection: \$ 12,493.00
Weekly Collection Goal: 21,908.00
Difference: (\$ 9,415.00); 43% short of the goal
All Saints Collections: \$ 410.00
All Souls Collections: \$ 860.00
Second Collections: \$ 1,546.00

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.

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 Di-
rector 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



'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 Com-
munity Center. Come join us for a pre-social and recitation
of the rosary beginning at 6:00 p.m. If you would like infor-
mation on how to become a member, please contact
maureeninstitute136@gmail.com.

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.bermudes@dsj.org

St. Joseph of Cupertino—Staff Information

Parish Office: (408) 252-7653

Pastor—x124
Business Administrator / Building and Maintenance— 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

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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Resplendent and unfading is wisdom,
and she is readily perceived by those who love her,
and found by those who seek her. (Wis 6:12)

Psalm:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. (Ps 63)

Second Reading:

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose,
so too will God, through Jesus,
bring with him those who have fallen asleep.
(1 Thes 4:14)

Gospel:

"Therefore, stay awake,
for you know neither the day nor the hour." (Mt 25:13)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

God knows that, sooner or later, we all face a night that is long and dark. He has given each of us exactly what we need to make it through. If we keep Him with us, the light will not go out.

Observances for the week of November 12, 2023

- Sunday:** 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
Wednesday: St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Thursday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin
Friday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
Saturday: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin
Next Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

Saint Rose-Philippine Duchesne was a French Roman Catholic religious sister and missionary who served France during the French Revolution before immigrating to the USA. She established the First Sacred Heart convent in North America and dedicated her life in service to the poor.

Prayer

Lord, You alone are the Center in which I find rest. Give me Your arm to support me, Your shoulders to carry me, Your breast to lean upon, Your Cross to uphold me, Your Body to nourish me. In You, Lord, I sleep and rest in peace.

Amen.

-Saint Rose-Philippine Duchesne

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of November 12, 2023

Sunday:

Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/
1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

Monday:

Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/
Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday:

Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/
Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday:

Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday:

Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135,
175/Lk 17:20-25

Friday:

Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday:

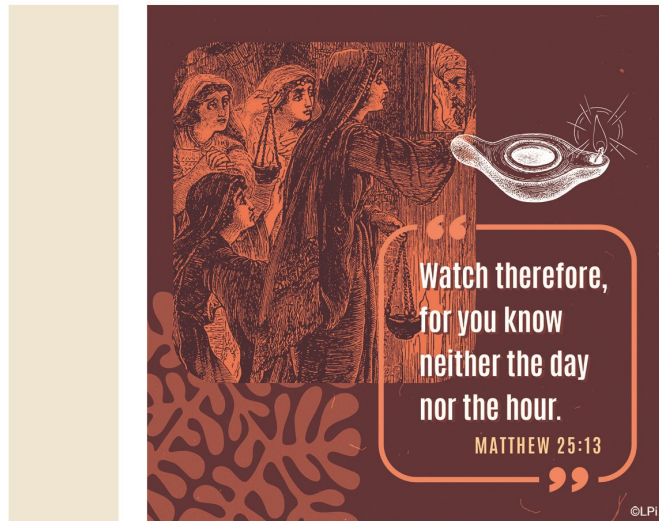
Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37,
42-43/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday:

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3,
4-5 (see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or
25:14-15, 19-21



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Lately I've been enjoying the deep meaning of Eastern icons. I love how they express a tapestry of meaning in a way that can surpass the written or spoken word. Today's parable of the ten virgins from Jesus is a good example. Try googling "wise and foolish virgins icon" and you'll see an image of how our Christ meets our heart's deepest needs if we attend to him with the proper attitude.

I'm serious. Take a moment to google and look at it. See how it depicts the risen Jesus behind a closed door with the five wise virgins with lighted lamps. He gazes with them toward the five foolish and lamp-less virgins, symbolizing the outward looking of divine love for the lost. Moreover, the wedding feast is no ordinary one. It takes place in a walled city and garden, indicating it's a new Jerusalem and a return to Eden. The table isn't typical, either. It's a Eucharistic feast. Now we see that the door in Jesus' parable is the way into the church, where Christ is the new light burning amidst the dark midnight of this world.

The richness continues. We notice, too, that the foolish virgins look *exactly* the same as the wise ones in their clothes, hair, and expressions. The only difference is they departed to buy oil and now they are sadly excluded. We often act like consumers in the marketplace to fulfill our need for love and mercy. We'll always end up disappointed if we shop around. Jesus sums up the moral of the story this way: **"Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."** Watch, remain, don't spiritually shop. It is always better to quietly remain close to the Eucharistic community of the Church, even if we feel like our oil has run out. This week let's consider placing the icon of the wise and foolish virgins on our phone lock screen or computer desktop to help us remember to stay close to him, especially when life feels dark. — *Father John Muir*

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Seeking Wisdom

I think if any of us were asked the question, “Do you love wisdom? Do you seek wisdom?” we would, at first, be a little taken aback. And then we would answer quickly “Of course!” with absolutely no doubt in our minds.

But a different way of asking the question is this: “Are you making wise choices?” That’s a question that would put a fair few of us on the back foot.

The virgins who went out to meet the bridegroom were all the same. They had the exact same intentions. They had the exact same stamina, or lack of it. They had the exact same knowledge of the night being dark and lamps being necessary.

What made five foolish, and five wise?

It was their choices. Only their choices set them apart.

We may rely upon the wisdom of another — the parent who reminds us to go to confession, the friend who demurs when we start speaking gossip, the priest who preaches boldly from the pulpit against an injustice we lack the courage to denounce ourselves. But even if we feel safeguarded by their good influence, their wisdom won’t save us.

We may possess a little wisdom ourselves — we may know well that a dark night is hard to navigate, and that we need the assistance of a lamp. We may go to Mass once in a while, read the Bible when we have time and serve others when it’s convenient.

But a lamp needs oil to burn in the darkness, just as wisdom requires action to be brought forth into the world.

We may love God just as much as we should — our flesh may pine, our soul may thirst. But a parched field never brought rain on itself just by being dry.

We must make the choice.

“Thus will I bless you while I live; lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name.” — Psalm 63:4

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Where does the money go that is collected each week at Church?

Answer:

This is a good question! Every parish has financial obligations, including the basic operation of the buildings, salaries, maintenance, and improvements. In addition, there are schools to support, programs to run, charities to be funded, and operational expenses like hosts and wine for Mass, music books, vestments, and so on. In some cases, cemeteries and other buildings need attention. Finally, there is the diocesan assessment that each parish pays to help run the diocese and the support services provided to each parish.

Most parishes manage to get by with the collection, a few fundraisers and endowments. But contrary to popular opinion, cash flow is also a problem, and many parishes operate in the red. The Finance Committee is responsible for assisting the pastor in fiscal management, and good stewardship is the basis for successful programs.

“The bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, ‘Lord, Lord, open the door for us!’ But he said in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.’”

- Mt 25:10b-12

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

Wisdom is presented as a virtue seeking to be found. How might you search for wisdom this week?

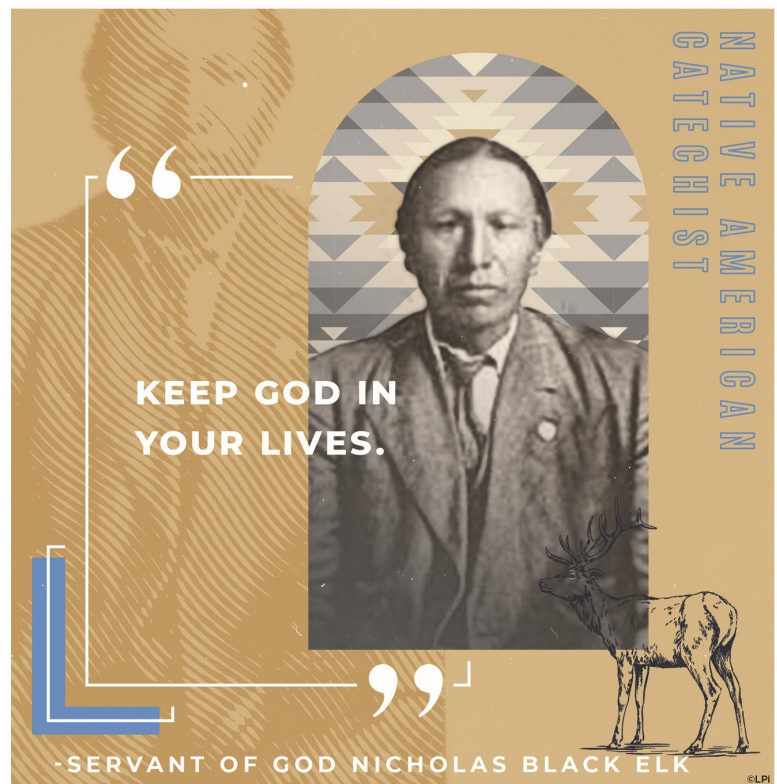
Second Reading

Paul encourages the Thessalonians to be comforted in the belief that believers will be raised from the dead and live eternally with the Lord Jesus. What family members, friends, or co-workers need to hear these words of comfort?

Gospel Reading

In the parable of the ten virgins, Jesus is teaching about the importance of being prepared for his Second Coming. In what ways is this directive from Jesus a challenge for you?

We need volunteers for office work, finance, marketing and communication, grounds upkeep, IT, social events and hospitality, lectors, extraordinary ministers of holy communion, ushers, greeters, altar servers. If you are interested please contact Fr. Michael Syjueco at michael.syjueco@dsj.org. Please share your time, and talents in the work of God for evangelization.



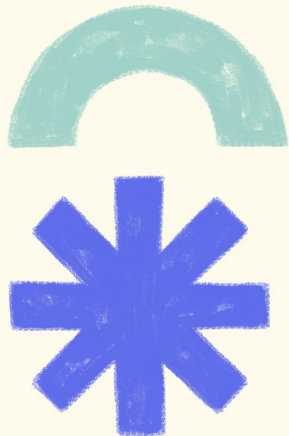


FREE BALLROOM DANCING LESSONS

4TH SESSION
THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 16
7:30 - 8:30 PM
PARISH HALL



STJ. JOSEPH OF
CUPERTINO CHURCH



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Bible Study

Every 2nd Saturday of the Month

**WITH
FR. SEBASTIAN A.
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10.00 am | Saturday, December 09



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Date Night Series

FREE FOR ALL COUPLES!

**SPEND AN EVENING TOGETHER
RIGHT HERE AT ST. JOSEPH OF
CUPERTINO PARISH FOR A DATE
NIGHT AND SOCIAL INTERACTION**

**DON'T MISS OUT! 2ND DATE NIGHT ON
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
PARISH HALL**

FOOD & BEVERAGES WILL BE PROVIDED FOR FREE
CHILD CARE SERVICES MAY BE REQUESTED.

TO ATTEND PLEASE REGISTER AT:
[HTTPS://STJOSEPHOFCUPERTINO2.FLOCKNOTE.COM/
SIGNUP/141655](https://stjosephofcupertino2.flocknote.com/signup/141655)

TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE PROGRAM
SCAN THE QR CODE



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December 2, 2023

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