

Parish Calendar
Sept. 14 - Sept. 21, 2014

Sunday	No Continental Breakfast after the 9am This weekend the special collection is for the Middle East Appeal
Monday	Next Grief Group Meeting is 9/22 at 7 pm in the Rectory .
Tuesday	The next Ladies Guild meeting will be 10/14 at 1 pm in the Fr. Jim Community Center meeting rooms. NEW MEMBERS WELCOME
Wednesday	Faith Sharing Group meeting today at 7 pm in the rectory.
Thursday	Adoration & Benediction following Mass until 6:30 pm.
Friday	
Saturday	NA meeting in Community Center meeting rooms
Sunday	No Continental Breakfast after 9 am Mass

4th Annual Catholic Young Adult Pure Fire Retreat

Reconnect: Come As You Are **When:** Oct 3-5, Fri evening-Sunday afternoon. **Where:** Vallombrosa Center in Menlo Park. **Why:** All young adults in their 20's and 30's are invited to this retreat focused on reconnecting with God. **Information at:** bit.ly/purefire 2014 **Facebook:** Young Adult Catholics of San Jose and Santa Clara County. **Questions:** purefire@dsj.org.

GRATEFUL GARMENT PROJECT

When a victim of sexual assault enters a SART (Sexual Assault Response Team) facility for an examination, they are often required to surrender their clothing for forensic evidence. This can leave victims with nothing to wear home but a paper hospital gown. T.G.G.P. provides **NEW** clothing, grooming items and snacks to victims of sexual assault of all ages. Queen of Apostles is hosting a clothing drive to assist TGGP. Outside of church there are baskets for your donations of **NEW** clothing, grooming items and snacks. Don't feel like shopping? Financial contributions allow purchases of clothing in bulk at wholesale prices; this makes each dollar go farther. Please make your tax deductible donation payable to: The Grateful Garment Project. On the table outside you will find brochures about TGGP and a list of what items of clothing are needed. Donations will be accepted at all services on the weekends of **9/13-9/14, 9/20-9/21, and 9/27-9/28/14**. Please be generous in helping TGGP return dignity to victims of sexual assault!!!

Santa Clara County 2013



Alateen is a safe place for young people (12 through 20) who are affected by the drinking or drug abuse of a family member or friend. There are no dues or fees. The "Heart to Heart Freedom" Alateen group meets every Thursday evening here at Queen of Apostles School at 7:45 p.m. in room 7. Please call Jay or Venice at 408-406-7081 for more information.

MASS INTENTIONS
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Sunday	7:30am	Suzanne Marvin †
	9:00am	Frank Fratto Sr. †
	11:00am	John Credi (living)
	5:00 pm	John Elwood (living)
Monday	6:30 am	No Intention
	9:30 am	Katherine Massquoi (living)
Tuesday	6:30 am	No Intention
	9:30 am	Monique Nguyen (living)
Wednesday	6:30 am	No Intention
	9:30 am	Rachelle Orlando †
Thursday	6:30 am	No Intention
	9:30 am	Nguyen Vu Family (living)
Friday	6:30 am	No Intention
	9:30 am	No Intention
Saturday	8:00 am	No intention
	5:00 pm	Theresa Kim Chi (living)
Sunday	7:30 am	For Our Parishioners
	9:00 am	No Intention
	11:00 am	Tony & Alice Himan † & Maitoza Family
	5:00 pm	Supa Hongsatharij (living)

SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

The religious environment in Nazareth was based on worship in the home especially on the Sabbath. Great teachers of the law did not come to Nazareth. The faith was deeply rooted in people's hearts. What could comfort them in their life of hardship, if not their faith in God?

Jesus was raised to pray in the morning and pray at night. Their prayer was: "Hear, O Israel, the Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and with all your might."

Even in that poor village, the people of Nazareth knew they belonged to a people loved by God. They did not have a temple for the temple was in Jerusalem. Most people looked toward Jerusalem when they prayed; but Jesus looked up toward heaven. He felt His God was not in Jerusalem, but in heaven and belonged to everyone. How do you pray? Is Jesus at the heart of your prayer?



Ascent Employment Program's 5th Annual OKTOBERFEST

Benefitting the Ascent Employment Program. **When:** Saturday, October 18, 2014, following the 5:00 pm Mass. **Where:** Queen of Apostles Community Center. Featuring traditional German cuisine catered by HARRY'S HOFBRAU. Plan now for an evening of good food and lots of fun!! Tickets are on sale starting now after all Masses.

Exaltation of the Cross

My Brothers and Sisters,

On this feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, nothing more clearly demonstrates that God's ways are not our ways as does the cross, the cruelest instrument of execution that existed in the Roman world. For that very reason it was illegal for Roman citizens condemned to die to be crucified. It is why for the same crime, Paul, a Roman citizen himself, was beheaded rather than crucified like Peter.

The very name of this feast shows why Christianity is a stumbling block to the Jews and the Greeks of ancient days. We are celebrating the instrument our Father chose to win us for salvation, back into His loving arms. This makes no sense to any rational person but because we are a people of faith we accept His Divine Plan.

I recently asked a Protestant minister friend of mine why in her church they have the cross rather than the crucifix. She told me that the crucifix represents to her faith the death of Jesus hanging there while the empty cross signifies the redemption that has already occurred as a result of His death. In either case, we both venerate the Cross, the very symbol of our Christianity.

But so what? Perhaps we need to think of this symbol when we are experiencing some dreadful loss or pain that God has allowed into our lives, especially when our first instinct is to be angry at Him for letting it happen, like the death of our child or losing a loved one. At such times it is very hard for us to understand any Divine purpose. After all, even Jesus asked for the cup of the Cross to be taken away from Him just before he was arrested. So it is natural for us to feel a similar disconnect to the Divine Love in which we believe.

Blessed Mother Teresa acknowledged that throughout her saintly life she did not feel the presence of God even though her faith told her He was there. So she just plodded along taking care of the lowest of the lowliest because she knew her Creator loved them as much as He loved her.

Like Mother Teresa, let us embrace the crosses that come into our lives as opportunities to grow closer to our Heavenly Father in the sure knowledge that the trials of this life are only temporary. Our faith tells us that everlasting bliss awaits us when we are through here.

God bless.

Deacon Brian

SCHOOL DAYS

Students completed ITBS testing this week and are happy to resume a "normal" schedule again.

The student body gathers for prayer each Wednesday at 8:10, either in the courtyard or in church. Parishioners are always welcome to join us.

The magazine drive has ended but you may renew or order throughout the year. Just go online to: gaschoolstore.com. Our school's ID # is 2585107.

There are still a few openings in the lower grades. If you are considering making a change or would simply like to learn more about Queen of Apostles School, please call the school office (408 252-3659 or the Development Office (408 896-7065).



Family Faith Formation
408-255-9950

Office is staffed on Tues. and Thurs. 8 -3 and on weekends by appt. Please call before stopping by.

FAITH FORMATION:

THANK YOU to all who stepped up to teach and aide in our Faith Formation program. You are truly a blessing to this parish, and our children will all be richer for it.

It's not too late! There is still time to enroll your student(s) in our Faith Formation classes. Pickup registration forms in the rectory office, or on our website www.qofa.org under Faith Formation. Classes begin September 21st. ENROLLMENT CLOSES ON OCT. 1st.

Emmaus Faith Sharing Group will not meet for two weeks. Contact Bob Ulicki for more information at RLUlicki@aol.com.

Attention all Middle School and High School Students:

Save the date!! On Sept. 19th we're going to kick off our ministries by joining youth from all over the diocese at St. Leo's for a special presentation by Paul J. Kim! Paul is an international speaker, vocalist and beat boxer with a passion for Jesus. We've been blessed to have him as the keynote at both the Diocesan Youth Retreat and the Middle School Rally in the past few years and I guarantee, you do not want to miss this FREE event entitled "Meant to Live for More". We'll be carpooling from Q of A and reservations are required. For details contact Kristie Manning at 408.255.9950 or email kmanning@dsj.org

The Thanksgiving food drive is fast approaching. We will be collecting non perishable food items to fill the bags. Please start thinking about contributing to this very worthwhile project that we have been having for several years. We will keep you posted.

Grief Group

The grief support group. We have resumed our regular meetings. The next meeting is 9/22 Please call Shirley 408-241-1209 if you have any questions or need to talk.

Office for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults

Diocese of San Jose - Anthony Gonzalez Phone: 408-983-0113

Fax:408-983-0147

Emergency line: 408-983-0141

YOUTH MINISTRY

Register for high school Confirmation with Queen of Apostles Youth Ministry! All forms and details can be found at www.qofa.org under "Youth Ministry" tab. Our kick-off will be a trip to Six Flags Discovery Kingdom in Vallejo, CA on Saturday, September 20th. Contact Klarissa for more information! **Contact: youth@qofa.org | 213-6509**

ASCENT EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Monday 10 am -2pm thru Thursday 9:00 am-2:00 pm

408-257-8302 FAX Number 408-257-4600

Web Site: www.ascent-jobs.org


PO Box 9604, San Jose CA 95157

PLEASE READ: The Diocese of San Jose has partnered with **EthicsPoint** to provide a confidential method to hear suggestions, concerns or reports of financial misconduct. **EthicsPoint** accepts reports of financial misconduct through its website or its Hotline: 1-888-325 -7863. Please direct any questions that you may have about **EthicsPoint** or reporting concerns to Teresa Conville, Diocesan Compliance and Parish Financial Services Director at 408-983-0241 or tconville@dsj.org.



The Queen of Apostles R.C.I.A. program is a weekly religious formation for adults who wish to join the Catholic Church. The R.C.I.A. program is also for baptized Catholics from another faith who want to be initiated into the Catholic Church. The

R.C.I.A. will meet weekly again in September, on Sundays from 10:15 am until noon in the Rectory Conference Room. If you are interested, please call Kathy Fanger at 408-242-3543 or e-mail rcia@qofa.org.



Queen of Apostles Church

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408-253-7560 Hours: 9-5 Mon. - Friday
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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday
(Vigil Mass): 5:00 p.m.
Sundays: 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.,
5:00 p.m.
Weekdays: 6:30 and 9:30 a.m.
Saturdays: 8:00 a.m.
Holy Days: (Vigil Mass) 5:00 p.m.,
6:30, 9:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m.
Marian Devotions: After the 8:00 a.m. Mass on
Saturday

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Seminar required. Please contact Rectory for information.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays - 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

Contact Rectory at least SIX MONTHS prior to any proposed wedding date.

INQUIRY SESSION ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

Contact number: RCIA@qofa.org or 408-252-4103