



# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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## SUNDAY MASSES

Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, and 10:30 a.m.  
& 12:30 p.m.

## HOLY DAYS

Vigil Mass: 7:00 p.m.

Holy Day: 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

## WEEKDAY MASS:

Monday through Friday: 8:00 a.m.

## CONFESSION:

Saturdays: 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Thursday before  
the first Friday of the month, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

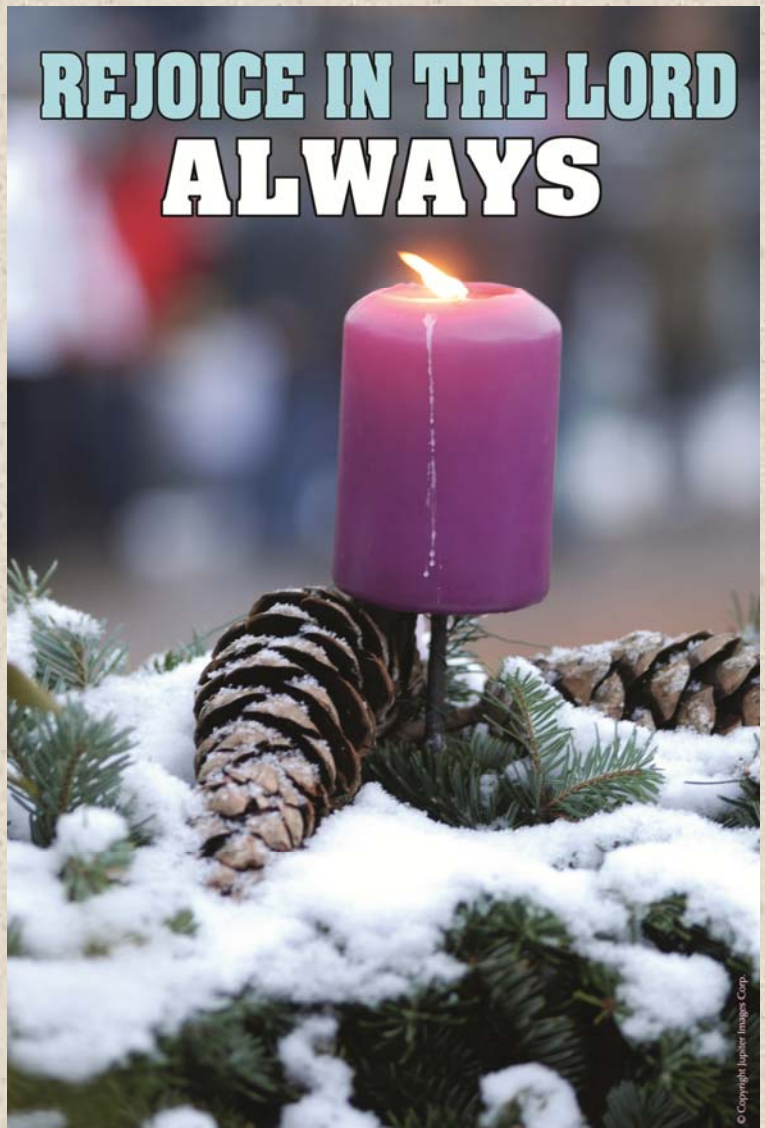
## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

**DEVOTION** after 8 a.m. Mass every Tuesday

**BAPTISM:** Fourth Sunday of the month at 2 p.m.

**MARRIAGE:** An appointment with priest/deacon  
a minimum of six months in advance is required.

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:** In the event of a  
serious illness, please call the rectory.



## Third Sunday of Advent

December 16, 2012

St. Joseph Parish is a community of believers who uphold the teachings of the Gospel and the traditions of the Roman Catholic Church, foster the formation and enrichment of parishioners in spirituality, worship and education, providing a welcoming environment to all. We live Christian lives by praying together, caring for our diverse community, encouraging and sharing of ourselves in service to others.



**From the Pastor's desk:**

In the Gospel today different groups of people ask John the Baptist, "What should we do?" I am not John the Baptist but people have asked me a similar question: "Father, is there any way I can help? Just tell me what you need. I

would be glad to help any way I can."

I appreciate such generosity. At times our parish has very specific needs, but this Sunday I want to be like John: I want to say something that will apply to each of you. So what should we do? My main request is this.

Our basic work here on earth is to build families. That is the great spiritual commission that we all have. Take a step. Take a step knowing that our parish is a family of families. You do have something to give. Last month we had a Stewardship appeal. I thank each of you for your wonderful response. We are on the right track with our financial Stewardship.

This month as we prepare for the coming of Jesus, let us thank God for the time, abilities and resources that he placed in our hands. These are also our treasures. And ask him what way you can use them right here at St. Joseph's.

So much is happening in these last ten days before Christmas - music, liturgies, help for the needy and plans for the New Year. I am not asking you to add one more thing to your packed schedule, but to reflect on your priorities - ask God where you can best use the precious gifts he has given you.

You will notice that when the people asked John, "What should we do?", he didn't give exotic advice. He mentioned ordinary things: Share what you have, tell the truth, be consistent - live by the same rules that you expect others to follow. These are very ordinary words of advice. This is my prayer for each of us here at St. Joseph's.



**From Deacon Don's desk:**

We see a change in the vestments from violet to **rose** color. It's **Gaudete** (Rejoice!!) Sunday. Taken from the second reading in Phil 4:4-5 when we are in joyful expectation for the Lord's birth and Second Coming.

Venerable Bishop Fulton Sheen said many years ago: "The message of Bethlehem is 'I want to introduce you to Jesus.' Christmas is not something that has happened; it is something that is happening." Jesus says, "My mother Mary gave Me a human nature like your own in all things except sin. I have shown you how one can overcome the worst of human situations and live in **joy**. **What does it profit me if I am born in Bethlehem and am not reborn in your hearts?** You will find that all who have given themselves to Me are at peace. They are full of joy, they are **merry**." That's why we who belong to Him greet one another with "Merry Christmas."

Governor Lincoln Chafee of Rhode Island declared the Christmas tree a "holiday tree." I ask: Which holiday, Governor? The same question goes to New York City mayor Bloomberg who did the same thing four years ago. "Which holiday is it?" Who are these folks who find a baby in a manger so annoying it ruins their day? President Grant in 1870 made Christmas a federal holiday. I hope he did not turn over in his grave!

**Our Prayer:** Father God, Your Eternal Word took flesh on earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of Your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces His glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for His coming. Amen.

**An Advent Prayer**

Lord, I love you. I am so grateful that you came to us as a baby so long ago, and I can't wait for you to come again as Lord. But right now, I ask you to come into my heart and fill me with your love. Come, and let my family know your presence. Come, and pour out blessings on your church. Come, and give us all a deeper yearning for you. Come, Lord, and be our Prince of Peace!



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**Year of Faith -** This Year opens the door of faith by inviting us to renew our friendship with Christ and rediscover the Church's teachings, and Advent opens the door of a new liturgical year. With these spiritual "doors" opening, consider what the physical

doors in our lives look like: our parish church, our home or apartment, even my room. What do people see, outside, before the door opens? Do branches, flowers, a seasonal wreath - adorned perhaps with ribbons or fabric in appropriate (liturgical?) colors - offer a wordless welcome that heralds a warm personal greeting? Christmas decorations, outdoors and inside, are already customary. Why not plan something similar for Advent, Lent, Easter, even Ordinary Time? Situate the family crèche in an honored setting just inside the door, so it can be the first thing that visitors see. Replace it during Lent with a treasured crucifix, then a Resurrection icon or Christ candle, an image of Our Lady during May, and so forth.

**Rectory Office will be closed Dec. 24 and 25.** May God bless each of you with a joyous Christmas season!

**Retirement Fund for Religious Collection -** Thank you for donating over \$3,000. A sister from Pennsylvania writes, "In our prayers, all the sisters remember in a special way the faithful of the dioceses who support this collection. We realize that their sacrifices and generosity have made this assistance possible. May God reward them."

**Regional Vocation Director:** Rev. Ed Beniof, Holy Trinity Parish, San Pedro, 310-548-6535. Vocation information may be found at: [www.lavocations.org](http://www.lavocations.org).

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519**

**Early Childhood:** Registration forms for ages 3, 4, & K are in the back of the church to the right of the doors as you walk in. Call Shannon 598-0519 for more info. We want your family and little ones to know you are welcome and important members of our community. Join us!

**Sunday Nursery:** Available during 9:00 & 10:30 Masses.

**Religious Education Congress February 21 (Youth Day), February 22-24** at the Anaheim Convention Center

In this Year of Faith, the Congress theme "Enter the Mystery," bids us to look with "new eyes" and discover God's creative presence woven into the fabric of our rich faith story: our beliefs, our rituals and our great spiritual traditions.

If you have never before attended Congress, you are assured of a wonderful experience. All welcome! Congress offers 280 workshops covering topics from spirituality and personal development to biblical studies, theology and catechesis, as well as morning praise, evening liturgies and a variety of noontime and evening concerts. Come and be renewed! Don't miss out! Register now. You may access the book on line and register by visiting [www.RECongress.org](http://www.RECongress.org). To obtain a registration book, contact our religious ed office, 562-598-0519 or call the congress information line, 213-637-7348.

**Join Us for a Marriage Enrichment Program** for couples married 0-5 years, Fridays, Jan. 25, Feb. 22, Mar. 22, Apr. 26, May 31, and June 28 at St. Basil Church, 3611 Wilshire Blvd, L.A., 7-10 p.m. To register contact Candy Metoyer, Office of Family Life, 213-637-7250 or [cmetoyer@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:cmetoyer@la-archdiocese.org)

**"Jesus is Lord"** Standing on the word of God, let us learn together. St. Joseph Bible Study has resumed classes: **Tuesdays 9 a.m. and Thursdays 7 p.m.**

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13 To register, call Rita Smith, 714-761-4376.



**Bereavement Ministry for Children**

Children love Christmas! For children whose mom or dad has died, Christmas can be difficult. There's plenty you can do to help make the holidays a little easier for young families who have lost a loved one. With tape, ribbon,

and wrapping paper in hand, go to their house and wrap gifts. Put up their Christmas lights, or help decorate their tree. If you take your children Christmas shopping, take their children, too. Whatever the children will miss because mom or dad isn't there, fill the void. In every parish there are children living with profound loss - be a joyful presence in their lives and bring to them the spirit of Christmas.

**Hands of Mercy Bake Sale** - The Year II Confirmation Candidates would like to thank you for your loving support. Through your generosity we raised over \$970! Thank you and have a blessed Christmas.

**Adult Confirmation** - There are two adult Confirmation classes starting in January. If you would like to be confirmed, please call our Religious Education office, 598-0519, for information on how to register.



**Give the Christmas GIFT you can enjoy all year long - a Marriage Encounter Weekend!**

Your love as husband and wife is a gift to one another, as well as a gift from God. Receive the tools to make the most of this precious gift. Nurture your sacrament by deepening your communication, strengthening your relationship, and rekindling the romance. Attend a weekend as part of your **New Year's Resolution!** Weekends in the L. A. area for 2013 are **March 1-2, June 28-30, and Nov. 8-10.** Visit [www.ilovemyspouse.net](http://www.ilovemyspouse.net) for more details or contact Sarah and Jacob Flores, 562-923-7335 or Vinny and Tanya Calingasan, 424-777-9963.

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

**Paul Trafas**  
**Alma Justice**



**Sacred Heart Leadership Retreat** - The Sacred Heart Sisters personally invite young women in their junior year in High School or older to enter into the Heart of God to discover His personal love for you, **Dec. 27-30** at Sacred Heart Retreat Camp, Big Bear Lake. The retreat will include communal and private prayer, Eucharist and Reconciliation. Donation: \$75. For information, 909-866-5696 or [www.sacredheartretreatcamp.com](http://www.sacredheartretreatcamp.com) - Events page.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18  
 Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17  
 Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25  
 Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25  
 Thursday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38  
 Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45  
 Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56  
 Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45



## St. Joseph's Heartbeat God ♥ all

### We always welcome new members.

**Dec. 16** - Decorating at 4 p.m. today. Need help by all.

**Dec. 17** - Christmas Luncheon will be served at noon.

Please bring gift for Precious Life.

Annual dues for 2013 will be collected at the January and February meetings.

**Jan. 7 & 21** - Social/game gathering

**Feb. 4** - Social/game gathering

**Social/game gatherings 11:30 am to 2:30 pm.**

Call Betty 596-8287 or Mary Lou 431-4385 for group info.

### St. Joseph Elementary Class of 1965 Reunion

Are you a 1965 graduate or a friend, family member, team mate, teacher, coach of a 1965 graduate? **Pass the word!** We are planning a reunion of the Class of 1965 and friends on June 22. Details to follow! Interested in attending/planning, please contact Pete St. Amour, 623-979-4495 pstamour@cox.net or Diane Cannon Robetcky, 951-302-8702 di.robetcky@verizon.net.

**Catholic Charities** is seeking a Regional Director to manage all aspects of the programs in the San Pedro/Long Beach region. Qualifications: Master's degree in social work or related field, experience as a Director, etc. For more information, please email hrjobs@ccharities.org

**St. Hedwig's Annual Christmas Dinner**, Christmas day, 1:00 p.m., 11482 Los Alamitos Blvd. **Reservations required by Dec. 22**, 598-7060. No charge. Do you know someone who will be alone?

### Fingerprinting Schedule

San Pedro Region fingerprinting schedule for volunteers with our parish children, please call for an appointment:

**Jan. 16** - St. Joseph, Long Beach, 562-598-0519

**Jan. 26** - St. Philip Neri, Lynwood, 310-632-7179

**Jan. 30** - St. Paul of the Cross, La Mirada, 562-921-4911

### Did You Know? Tips for choosing safe toys for kids -

Toys are supposed to be fun and are an important part of any child's development. Each year, scores of kids are treated in emergency departments for toy-related injuries. Here are some general guidelines to keep in mind: Toys made of fabric should be labeled as flame resistant or flame retardant. Stuffed toys should be washable. Painted toys should be covered with lead-free paint. Art materials should say nontoxic. Crayons and paints should say ASTM D-4236 on the package, which means that they've been evaluated by the American Society for Testing and Materials. For more information, please visit: [www.kidshealth.org](http://www.kidshealth.org). For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry, 213-637-7650.

"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." 1 John 3:18. And so we did this weekend, to brighten and bless the Christmas holidays for Long Beach families in need!



- 66 community supported families in need
  - 16 individually adopted families in need
  - 300+ Christmas presents for children
  - 75+ gift cards for the teens
  - \$7,500+ in groceries
  - 150+ volunteers
  - 9 school classrooms
  - 15+ Religious Education students & family members
- May you know the peace of Christ this blessed Christmas season! Please call Tim Clark 431-4385. Skip-a-Meal donations support our program.

**Are You Prepared for 2013 Tax Law Changes?** The current estate tax laws will expire at the end of 2012. Unless Congress intervenes before that time, you will see significant changes. Here is a preview:

Gift and Estate tax exemptions drop dramatically: The gift and estate tax exemption decreases from \$5.12 million to \$1 million in 2013. This exemption is the amount you can pass to your beneficiaries without being taxed. The gift and estate tax rate applied to amounts transferred in excess of the \$1M exemption will increase from 35% to 55%. The annual gift tax exclusion - the amount you can give to anyone gift tax-free each year - is projected to be at \$14,000 (\$28,000 for married couples).

Capital gains and income taxes increase: Capital gains taxes will increase from 15 to 20 percent and the top income tax rate will be raised from 35 percent in 2012 to 39.6 percent in 2013.

Portability ends: For 2012, if one spouse died without using up his or her federal estate tax exemption, the unused portion could be transferred to the surviving spouse. This is called a portability provision. In 2013, however, portability between spouses ends.

If a new tax bill is approved before Dec. 31, you will need to be ready for the last-minute changes. Either way, you may want to talk to your estate lawyer and tax advisor.

**Please remember in your prayers** the men and women of the Armed Forces who are currently serving our country, especially those of our parish families, including:

**Glen Warren**  
**Joseph Comfort**  
**Scott Williams**  
**Timothy Ring**  
**Obinna Ugochukwu**  
**Timmy Allison**  
**Jason Kaufmann**  
**John Landry**

**Nick Compton**  
**Irene Avila**  
**Justin Ray**  
**Adam Mariano**  
**David Waidelich**  
**Michael Marchante**  
**Nicky Kaufmann**  
**Jessica Landry**

We would like to have a framed picture to display in the back of the church. Please include a number so we can contact you. To add a name to the list, please call the rectory, 594-4657.

# Mass Intentions



- SATURDAY, December 15**  
 5:00 p.m. - † Botelho and Salvate families
- SUNDAY, December 16**  
 7:30 a.m. - † Don Pednault  
 9:00 a.m. - † Charles Thrash & daughter Paulette  
 10:30 a.m. - † John Anselmo  
 12:30 p.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners
- MONDAY, December 17**  
 8:00 a.m. - † Dr. Forster
- TUESDAY, December 18**  
 8:00 a.m. - † Henry Wiegand
- WEDNESDAY, December 19**  
 8:00 a.m. - † Halina Kamocka
- THURSDAY, December 20**  
 8:00 a.m. - † Elizabeth Lauren Cameron
- FRIDAY, December 21**  
 8:00 a.m. - † Paul Vadasz
- SATURDAY, December 22**  
 5:00 p.m. - † Robert Maney
- SUNDAY, December 23**  
 7:30 a.m. - Dang family  
 9:00 a.m. - † Charles Thrash & daughter Paulette  
 10:30 a.m. - † John Fortier  
 12:30 p.m. - † Domingo Dizon

**Centering Prayer meets in the Parish Center chapel every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.**



**PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .** Eugene Dryer, Mary Mariano, Betty Chappell, Patricia Morand, Michelle Smith, Merinda Bradshaw, Hugo & Mickey Jorda, Dave Gallagher, Fr. Frank Ferrante, Milton & Joyce Frugoli, William Cervola, Tatum Gumps, Gerry & Celeste Kohnen, Joe Snider, Stephen Hutchings, Daylinda Ompoc Cuizon, Fernando Montoya, Mike Dresnick, Kathy June, Betty Klemin, John, Spencer, & Helen Baca, Sheri Weber, Jarome Bartolon, Bob Flynn, Tim Ginnett, Lois Kearney, Gary Skrehot, Mirna Pilarczyk, J. Christopher Clise, Janette Linares, Carol Manion, Martha Rushing, Clara Lee Radtke, Mark Wynne, Chester Lizak, Barbara Gormly, Frances Esposito, Madelyne McCarthy, Gary Lyman, Alfredo Tan, Pauline Diaz, Josephine Rosello, Robert Burt, Kimberley Wilkinson, Kim Agee, Luis Arroyo, Aaron Richardt, Rosemary Stolinski, Ginny Foglia, Nell Virgil, Sheila Corry, Marvey Watkins-King, Gregg Davis, Ed Madrid, Carol Chick, Gilbert Nevarraz, Jr., Yolanda Zito, Eva Arias, Dora Dominguez, Alice Delgado, Monica Cervola, Dennis Richards, Carrie Colodel, Larry Shaw, Kennedy & Dawn Willey, Marlene Smith Rothshell, Tom Korman, Kenneth Fong, baby Maddi Arnold, Adrienne Reitz, David Dresnick, Jeanie San Jose, Noel Madrid, Jeremy Bonas, Heather Dean, Larry Lyons, Chuck Almada, Alma & Leon Justice & Doug Houck.

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

LITURGY COMMITTEE	Dcn. Shane Cuda	<b>594-4657</b>
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION	Gene Ensich	<b>421-0147</b>
LECTORS	Bill Smith	<b>431-2495</b>
USHERS	Marty Vezzetti	<b>425-0621</b>
ALTAR SERVERS	Dcn. Shane Cuda	<b>594-4657</b>
DIRECTOR of MUSIC	Vivian Doughty	<b>422-5430</b>
ALTAR CARE		<b>594-4657</b>
CHURCH SACRISTANS	Lily & Joe Dang (sister & brother)	<b>493-2198</b>

## ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL 562-596-6115

PRINCIPAL	Margaret Alvarez
ADMISTRATIVE COUNSEL	Carole Dellavalle, Jaclyn Padgett & Erin Wright
SECRETARY	Julie Gianessi
PTO PRESIDENT	Javier Munoz

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 562-598-0519

DIRECTOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	Nancy Longo	
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MIDDLE SCHOOL	Nancy Longo	<b>598-0519</b>
CONFIRMATION	Melissa Beach	<b>598-0519</b>
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LITURGY/CHILDREN	Nancy Longo	<b>598-0519</b>
RCIC (Children)	Nancy Longo	<b>598-0519</b>
SUNDAY NURSERY	Shannon Carpenter	<b>430-6840</b>
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY FOR CHILDREN	Mimi Bloeser	<b>818-4249</b>

## ADULT MINISTRY

RCIA	Peter Baine	<b>598-4130</b>
BIBLE STUDY	Rita Smith	<b>714-761-4376</b>
BAPTISM PREPARATION	Olga Cuda	<b>594-4657</b>
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY	Dave Desmond	<b>429-3316</b>
CENTERING PRAYER	Fr. Will	<b>594-4657</b>
SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES	Dcn. Don & Tina Gath	<b>598-5202</b>

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE SICK

Ann Crowley	<b>594-7575</b>
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## YOUTH MINISTRY

Shelley Padilla	<b>598-0519</b>
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## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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MOVEMENT FOR A BETTER WORLD	Tim Clark	<b>431-4385</b>
SENIOR GROUP	Betty Maligie	<b>596-8287</b>
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	Ron Steiner	<b>431-7703</b>
ENGAGED ENCOUNTER	Tom & Diane Krause www.ceeofla.org/schedule.htm	<b>310-316-3477</b>
NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING	Greg & Beth Gath	<b>377-5877</b>
SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN	Monica Munoz & Julie Gray	<b>598-0519</b>
PROJECT ACHIEVE	Tina Gath	<b>598-5202</b>
	Olga Cuda	<b>594-4657</b>
PRECIOUS LIFE SHELTER	Greg Shea	<b>221-8673</b>
CUB SCOUTS	Moses Bass	<b>420-1877</b>
BOY SCOUTS	Tom Lane	<b>496-4223</b>

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 to the rectory or to [bulletin@stjosephlb.org](mailto:bulletin@stjosephlb.org)