



# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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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.

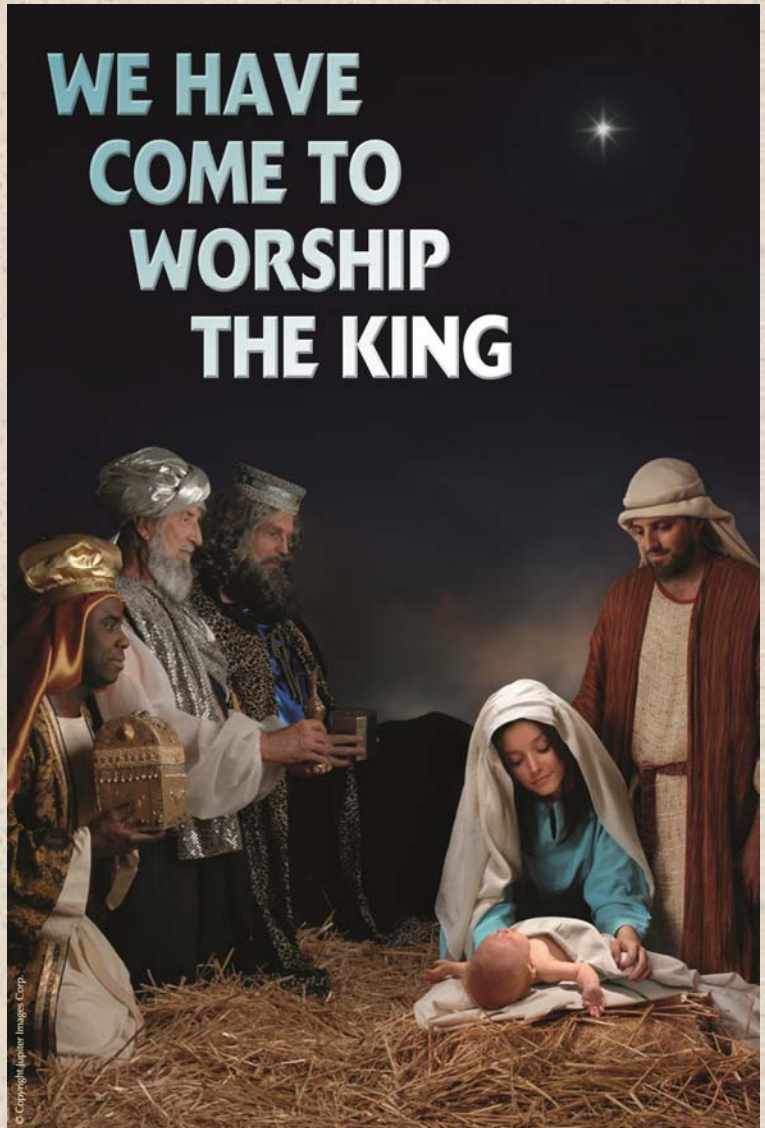
## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

**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.



The Epiphany of the Lord

January 6, 2013

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:

St. Matthew's Gospel this Sunday was written for a primarily Jewish audience. The fact that Jesus had come as the saviour of the whole world, and not just for one race and culture would have been a difficult truth to believe. It was an issue that sharply divided the early Church.

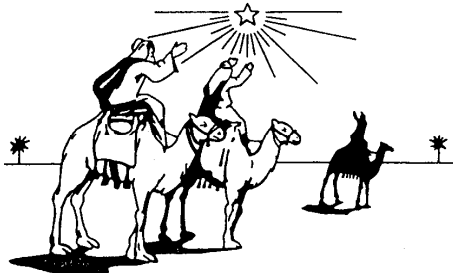
We don't know exactly where the wise men came from. They are called magi or astrologers, and were probably priests of another religion from in or around Persia, what is now Iran.

They were astrologers who believed that they could foretell events by looking at the movements of the stars and this was a practice that was banned in the Old Testament scriptures. Yet they were the first non-Jews that recognized Jesus for who he was. They even brought gifts that appropriately symbolized his future ministry:

They brought gold, for the one who would be acclaimed King of kings and Lord of lords. They brought frankincense, the sign of a priest offering up the prayers of the people for whom Christ eternally intercedes. And lastly they brought myrrh, a spice used for embalming, which is a vivid reminder that his mission would be accomplished through his life-giving death.

Through the story of the magi, what Matthew seems to be saying is that God intended all races and all cultures to seek and to find Jesus. It wasn't easy for Matthew's readers to accept the fresh vision of the Gospel, the vision of being open to all peoples equally.

My hope and prayer for each of us is that we may grow in our ability to love one another as Christ loves us, setting aside those surface differences, and accepting everyone that we meet as our equals in Christ.



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
Monday:	1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



### From Deacon Don's desk:

We know that time is a prized commodity; we don't want to "waste time." I propose that we do honor the Creator of time. Take time to just **be**. Let God do the talking. Even if it is for only one minute. A few minutes after Mass is a time to sit still. God took the initiative by the birth of His only begotten Son; that tells us how much He loves us. God doesn't send us "presents" but becomes present to us.

The ball is in our court now. We need to reflect that love. As the moon reflects the sun's rays, so we too need to reflect the Son's love for all.

Did you know that January 5 is the feast day of St. John Neuman, the promoter of parochial schools who authored two German catechisms and was our first American Bishop to be canonized? Many studies show that there are over two million enrolled in Catholic schools, and that it saves the U.S. taxpayers about 20 billion (yes with a B) dollars, based on an average of \$8,700 per student in public schools...this is from a 2009 report. It may be higher now.

**A Blessing for Homes at Epiphany:** We pray at the manger scene: Lord God of heaven and earth, You revealed Your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this home and all who inhabit it. Bless us with health, goodness of heart, and gentleness. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect Your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen  
OUR PRAYER: Lord Jesus, help us to be alert and on guard for Your second coming. Let us be prepared every day to come to meet You in eternity. Amen

The **Diaconate Formation Office** will be hosting an information meeting for all men who are interested in finding out more about becoming a permanent deacon in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Members of the Archdiocesan Diaconate Formation Office will be present to explain the role of the deacon in the Church, to explain the diaconate formation program, and to answer any questions that participants might have. Men must be between the ages of 30 and 60 years to enter the formation program. It is important for men who are married to attend with their wives. The next information meeting will be held on Sunday **January 20**, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., at St. John Chrysostom Parish Church in Inglewood (530 East Florence Ave., Inglewood, CA 90301). For further information or to register, please contact Mrs. Claudia A. Ortiz in the Diaconate Formation Office at (213) 637-7383 or at: <mailto:CAOrtiz@la-archdiocese.org>.

**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.

**Santo Niño Grand Celebration** - Holy Mass, grand procession and luncheon, **January 19, 10:00 a.m.** Bishop Oscar Solis, celebrant, Ss. Peter and Paul Church, 1015 Lagoon Ave., Wilmington, 310-834-5215.

**Welcoming Inactive & Returning Catholics  
Renew your Catholic Faith**

Have you been away from the Church? Are you thinking about coming back? Do you know someone who wants to come home to the Catholic Church?

St. Bartholomew has a 6-week program for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the Church. No matter how long you've been away - for whatever reason - we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the church. Join us for conversation and an update of basic Church teachings, Wednesdays 6:30 to 8 pm, January 9 - February 13.

Jan 9: Welcome / Overview of Series

Jan. 16: Sharing Stories of Faith

Jan 23: The Church Today

Jan 30: Explanation of the Mass

Feb. 6: The Creed: What Catholics Believe

Feb. 13: Explanation of the Sacrament of Reconciliation  
St. Bartholomew Church, 5100 E. Broadway, Long Beach, 90803. All sessions held in the Jubilee Room. For reservations or information call Kathleen Flood (562) 434-3163.



YEAR OF FAITH 2013

**Year of Faith** - The joy of love, the answer to the drama of suffering and pain, the power to forgive offenses, life's victory over death's emptiness: all this finds fulfillment in the mystery of Christ's incarnation, in Jesus becoming human and sharing our human weakness in order to transform it by the power of his resurrection (see Benedict XVI, Door of Faith, 13).

This Year of Faith has opened wide the "door of faith." The liturgical "door" that opens every calendar year is the solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Her Son is the Prince of Peace, thus her feast fittingly coincides with the World Day of Prayer for Peace, whose theme this year is "Blessed are the peacemakers." Peace, writes the pope, grows from deep within each human soul as God's gift. It flowers whenever we work to build peace in the world, as individuals and as members of the human family. As January unfolds, the Sunday Gospels proclaim Jesus' "manifestations" as Savior of the world: on Epiphany, to the Gentile nations, in the persons of the magi; on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, to the people of Israel listening to John the Baptist at the Jordan; at Cana's wedding feast, to the smaller circle of disciples, as Jesus changes water into wine; finally, in his hometown synagogue, as Jesus inaugurates his public ministry by proclaiming his mission of bringing glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, sight to the blind, freedom to the oppressed.

**Give the GIFT you can enjoy all year long - a Marriage Encounter Week-**

**end!** 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.

**"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.

**Adult Confirmation** - There are two adult Confirmation classes starting in January. Mondays starting **Jan. 14** in Lomita, and Sundays starting **Jan. 20** in Norwalk. If you would like to be confirmed, please call our Religious Education office, 598-0519, for information on how to register.



## St. Joseph's Heartbeat God ♥ all

We always welcome new members.

Happy New Year to all!!

**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.

**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](mailto:hrjobs@ccharities.org)

**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:

<b>Glen Warren</b>	<b>Nick Compton</b>
<b>Joseph Comfort</b>	<b>Irene Avila</b>
<b>Scott Williams</b>	<b>Justin Ray</b>
<b>Timothy Ring</b>	<b>Adam Mariano</b>
<b>Obinna Ugochukwu</b>	<b>David Waidelich</b>
<b>Timmy Allison</b>	<b>Michael Marchante</b>
<b>Jason Kaufmann</b>	<b>Nicky Kaufmann</b>
<b>John Landry</b>	<b>Jessica Landry</b>

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.

### 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? Teaching kids to be safe around unfamiliar animals**

- We've all had the experience of someone else's dog approaching us. Uncertainty about the dog's intent can be frightening, especially to young children. The ASPCA website provides parents with advice on teaching their children to read a dog's body language and to identify signs that it wants to be left alone. The website also helps parents teach their children how to protect themselves from an overexcited pet by demonstrating the basics of dog bite prevention such as rolling into a ball, protecting hands and face and calling for help, rather than running or screaming if chased by a dog. For more information, check out Dog Bite Prevention and Safety [www.aspc.org/site/PageServer?pagename=pets\\_dogbiteprevention](http://www.aspc.org/site/PageServer?pagename=pets_dogbiteprevention). For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry, 213-637-7650.

Holiday greetings to all! Here is a calendar of upcoming activities. Would you like to help? Please call Tim Clark 431-4385. Skip-a-Meal donations support our program.



**Jan. 23** - Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the PAC.

**Feb. 9 - 10:** Homeless hygiene kit drive.

**Mar. 2 - 10:** Children's book drive

**Mar. 23** - Easter food and gift distribution

Lord, help us to move beyond the commandments of "shall not" to fill us with your commandment of love. Open our eyes to your love, so we may see the true riches in serving others.

### **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](mailto:pstamour@cox.net) or Diane Cannon Robetcky, 951-302-8702 [di.robetcky@verizon.net](mailto:di.robetcky@verizon.net).

**St. Joseph High School Jester Jubilee Auction and Casino Night, Feb. 2, 5-10 p.m., \$50/person.** For more information, please call 562-925-5073, ext. 151.

**Tax Letter for 2012** - If you would like a letter stating your contributions to St. Joseph Church for 2012, please call the rectory office, 594-4657, and leave your name, phone number and email address.

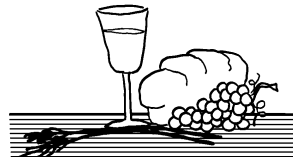
**Are You Prepared for 2013 Tax Law Changes?** The current estate tax laws will expire at the end of 2012. Unless Congress intervenes before that time, you will see significant changes. Here is a preview:

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.

# Mass Intentions



**SATURDAY, January 5**

5:00 p.m. - † Dick Greco

**SUNDAY, January 6**

7:30 a.m. - † Terry Tibor

9:00 a.m. - † Kellee Murchison-Bennett

10:30 a.m. - † Dolores Devine

12:30 p.m. - † Sgt. Michael J. Tetreault

**MONDAY, January 7**

8:00 a.m. - † Lawrence Jones

**TUESDAY, January 8**

8:00 a.m. - Rita Smith, Thanksgiving

**WEDNESDAY, January 9**

8:00 a.m. - † Don Pedneault

**THURSDAY, January 10**

8:00 a.m. - Fr. Ed Broom and all priests

**FRIDAY, January 11**

8:00 a.m. - Fr. Larry Darnell and all priests

**SATURDAY, January 12**

5:00 p.m. - † Botelho and Salvate families

**SUNDAY, January 13**

7:30 a.m. - Doug Houck

9:00 a.m. - † Bob Bentley

10:30 a.m. - † Patrick Devine

12:30 p.m. - † Bruce Haunfelder

**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, Day-linda 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, Carol Chick, Gilbert Nevarraz, Jr., Yolanda Zito, Eva Arias, Dora Dominguez, Alice Delgado, Monica Cervola, Dennis Richards, Carrie Collodel, 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, 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	
ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE SCHOOL	Nancy Longo	<b>598-0519</b>
CONFIRMATION	Melissa Beach	<b>598-0519</b>
EARLY CHILDHOOD	Shannon Carpenter	<b>598-0519</b>
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**

PASTORAL COUNCIL	Margee Infante	<b>537-8210</b>
FINANCE COUNCIL	Randall Ely	<b>430-0142</b>
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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	<b>310-316-3477</b> www.ceeofla.org/schedule.htm
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>

**BULLETIN NOTICES DEADLINE - MONDAY 1:00 PM**  
PLEASE SUBMIT NOTICES, WITH YOUR NAME & PHONE, to the rectory or to [bulletin@stjosephlb.org](mailto:bulletin@stjosephlb.org)