



# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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## RECTORY

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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.

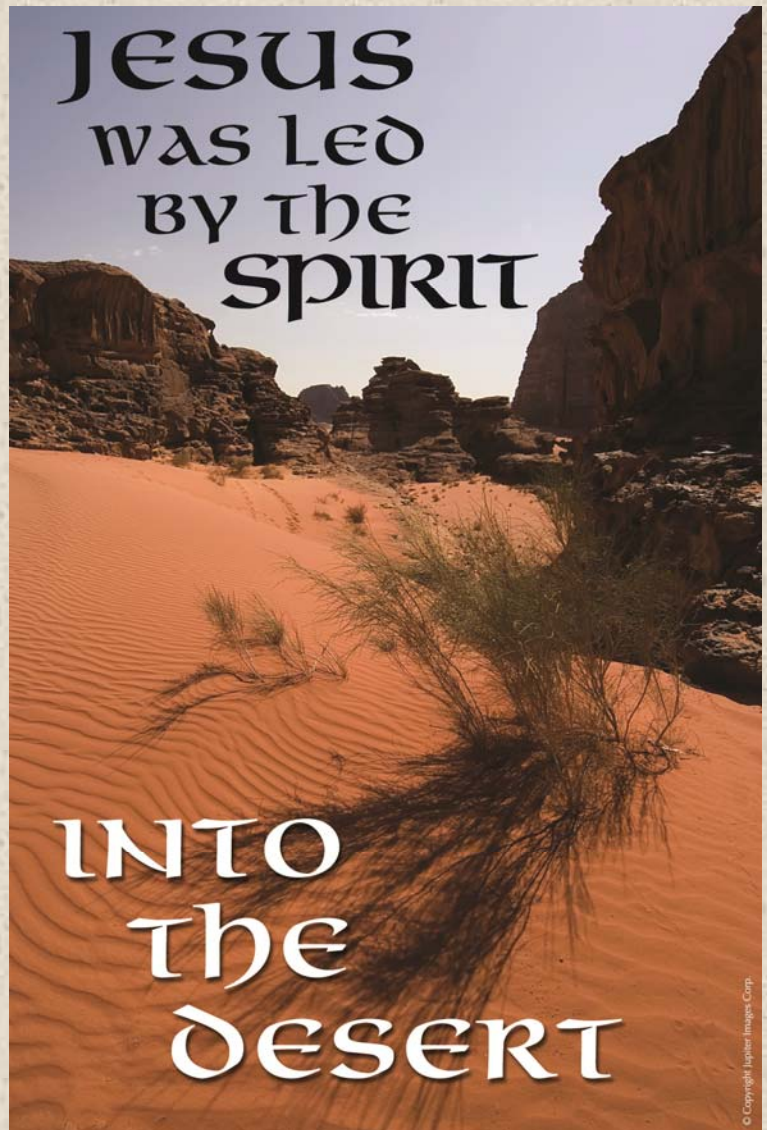
## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

**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.



First Sunday of Lent

February 17, 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:**

Today's gospel about the temptation of Jesus tries to share with us how to avoid tragedy in our lives and helps us to understand clearly how Jesus' temptation in the desert has meaning for us today in our lives. The story tells us as concretely as possible how real and deep the struggle was within Jesus.

He was challenged to make a decision about how he would live his life and do the work that he felt God had sent him to do. He was tempted to seek out ways that were beyond the uncertainties and limitations that belong to ordinary human beings like us. He overcame this temptation. He chose to accept fully his humanity, to accept the way that God would show him how to proceed as a man actually living and being within this world.

The gospel story is telling us that, like Jesus, we also have to overcome temptation and realize that the only way of salvation that God gives us is to live and work within our human condition and with all of its limitations. If we understand this, then we will be able to appreciate that the temptation of Jesus wasn't something strange and extraordinary that only had to do with Jesus but that it also has real meaning for us.

**Fast and Abstinence** - Abstinence from meat on all Fridays of Lent. Fasting on Good Friday for all who are 18 to 59 years. One full meatless meal, two others to maintain strength but together should not equal a full meal. Liquids may be taken between meals. If health or ability to work are affected, fasting does not oblige.

**Stations of the Cross and Soup Nights**

Fridays of Lent, soup will be served in the hall 5-7 p.m. (There will **not** be soup Feb. 22 due to Religious Ed Congress.) Stations of the Cross will begin at 7 p.m. in the church.



**Year of Faith** - Today the world has special need of people whose minds and hearts have been enlightened by the word of the Lord and who can offer a credible witness that opens the hearts and minds of many others to desire God and true life, life without end (see Benedict XVI, Door of Faith, 15).

The Lenten journey of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving leads the catechumens to the life-giving waters of baptism and the rest of us to the renewal of our baptismal vows. Indeed, Jesus calls Peter to "catch" others so they can have life in all its fullness. Luke doesn't say "fish" for people, as Matthew and Mark do, but "catch," using a special Greek word that means "catch alive," that is, rescue from the wild for a new and better life. We who have been "caught alive" to enjoy "life in all its fullness" are sent to rescue our brothers and sisters, fellow sinners, from danger and lead them to fullness of life with Jesus.



**From Deacon Don's desk:**

If you reflect on last week's three readings, there is a connection, namely "**callings**." In our baptisms we're **called** to be "Priest, Prophet and King." It's not only a calling for Isaiah, St. Paul or St. Peter, it is addressed to you and me. We are to be that Christ that people need. We need to pray for our seminarians seeking that day of ordination. Pray for more vocations. Let's not wait for Vocation Sunday, to pray for that "calling." Begin now, during Lent. It's a time for strengthening our prayer life. Remember "R.E.P.'s" that is **Reflect, Eucharist and Prayer**. Do it like "repetitions" until it becomes a habit. Lent is not just about self denial but establishing a **relationship** with our God.

May I suggest two prayers as you approach to receive the Body and Blood of Christ: "Let not the partaking of Thy Body and Blood, oh Lord Jesus Christ, which I though unworthy presume to receive, turn to my judgment and condemnation, but through Your goodness may it become a safe-guard and an effective remedy of body and soul. Amen." "What has passed our lips as food, Oh Lord may we possess in purity of heart. That which is given to us in time be our healing for all eternity. Amen."

**OUR PRAYER:** Heavenly Father, show us how to love those we are tempted to judge. Show us how to follow in Your Son's footsteps in our Lenten journey and throughout our lives. Strengthen our trust in Your love for us. Graciously hear our prayer. Amen



Yes, I would like to sponsor our seminarian, Luis Estrada, by praying for the well-being of our school and religious education program as he runs the LA Marathon.  
I Promise to Pray: Rosary [ ] Angelus [ ] Mass [ ] Prayer to St. Joseph [ ] Scripture Readings [ ] \_\_\_\_\_ [ ]

The rectory office will be closed on Monday, Feb. 18.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13  
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46  
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15  
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32  
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12  
Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19  
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48  
Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

**Regional Vocation Director:** Rev. Francis Ilano  
St. Athanasius Church, Long Beach, 562-423-7986. Vocation information may be found at: [www.lavocations.org](http://www.lavocations.org).

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519**

**Early Childhood:** No class today. Please pray for our president to follow the tenets of the Constitution and for all leaders to make good decisions for their citizens and all those around the world. Next week: no class. Religious Education Congress in Anaheim is here! Go to [www.recongress.org](http://www.recongress.org) for info. Hope to see you there!

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITY -** Understanding the Triduum on Thursday, **March 21**, 7-8:30pm.

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

**Lent: Revisiting the Treasure of Vatican II During this Year of Faith and Living It** - Parish Lenten Retreat **March 9, 9:00 a.m. - noon**, by Fr. Jack Stoeger.

This morning of presentation and reflection will enable us to pause in the midst of our busy lives and be renewed, rested and enlightened. Our celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Second Vatican Council calls us to revisit Whose we ARE and who we are called to be for ourselves and for others.



**An Adult Appreciation of the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ** - Monday, **Feb. 25**, 6:45 to 9 pm at St. Bartholomew's Social Hall. Fr. John Cusick leads us into a deeper appreciation of the meaning and power of The Passion. Explore the Gospel of Luke (Chapters 22 - 23) and prepare for Palm Sunday and the Sacred Triduum. There is no charge for this workshop, but a "free will" collection will be taken. Reservations are required by calling (562) 433-2294 or emailing: [stbarts\\_aff@verizon.net](mailto:stbarts_aff@verizon.net).

**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.

**Did You Know? Adding Up Our Parish & School Child Protection Efforts** - The US Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People contains practical and pastoral steps that address allegations of sexual abuse, prevent future abuse, and help abuse victims through the healing process. Over the past decade, more than 200,000 adults and more than 1 million children have undergone abuse awareness and prevention sessions in archdiocesan parishes and schools. More than 5,000 VIRTUS® sessions have been conducted, making access to this important training easily available. The archdiocese continues to be one of the largest private organizations in California to fingerprint employees and volunteers, 121,000 to date.

**Stewardship Corner**

**Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!**

To the right is our Income/Expense Report for the Second Quarter of the fiscal year. I am happy to report that because of your commitment to our parish, we are beginning to see a turn around in our financial status. If you remember, we had a deficit of over \$12,000 for the first quarter of this fiscal year. This quarter we have a surplus of over \$25,000, which has eliminated the \$12,000 deficit and we now have a net surplus of \$13,000. As we continue to operate in the black we can begin to move forward and plan to address some of the much-needed upkeep of the parish, such as painting of the church and repair of the roofs. Once again thank you so much for your continuing support in helping us to maintain our parish community where we share our faith and where we can continue to serve you and your families.

Wishing you all an abundance of blessings, Fr. Jim

<b>Second Quarter</b>	
10/01/12 – 12/31/12	
Income:	\$245,771
Expenses/Reserves:	\$220,021
Surplus	\$25,750

**You can use this Offertory Commitment Form to change or establish your weekly pledge amount. Please bring the completed form to the Rectory Office or place it in the collection basket.**

**Offertory Commitment - Commitment of Treasure**

*"Give to the Most High as he has given to you, generously, according to your means, for the Lord is one who always repays, and He will give back to you sevenfold."* Sirach 35:9-10

**I understand that St. Joseph Church is asking all parishioners to review the amount that they give to the parish offertory and to determine whether that amount is enough, too much, or not enough. My/Our new average commitment per week for the next 12 months is:**

\$150  \$125  \$100  \$75  \$50  \$40  \$35  \$30  \$25  \$20  \$15  Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Apartment number (if any):** \_\_\_\_\_ **City/State/Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_



## St. Joseph's Heartbeat God ♥ all

**We always welcome new members.**

**Feb. 18** - Social/game gathering

**Mar. 4 & 18** - Social/game gathering

**Pala Casino Monday, March 11** - Bus is full, waiting list available. Bus departs church parking lot 9 a.m.; returns at approx. 6:30 p.m. Must bring valid picture I.D. More info? Call Rosie 425-4162 or Barbara 430-5324.

**April. 1 & 15** - Social/game gathering

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

Call Judy 421-6863 or Mary Lou 431-4385 for group info.

### St. Joseph Parish Fair - April 19, 20 & 21

We need volunteers and we mean you!

Sponsorships available for as little as \$100, pick up a form at the church exits. Questions?

Email Kraig & Kim Jondle at [sjparishfair@gmail.com](mailto:sjparishfair@gmail.com).

**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.

### How Can Couples Experiencing Infertility Remain

“Fruitful”? Interested couples include those experiencing sub-fertility, infertility, secondary infertility, miscarriage, as well as those interested in foster care and/or adoption. Our crosses may be different, but we can support each other in our struggle to be open to life in God’s time. **Feb. 21**, 7-8:30 p.m., St. Therese in Alhambra and then every 2nd Thursday of the month. Please call or email Alison Contreras for more info: [alisonleanore@gmail.com](mailto:alisonleanore@gmail.com) or 713.702.7232.

**T-Ball Sign-ups** - Sign-up your son/daughter for a fun-filled season of T-Ball! Registration forms are at the church doors and the school office. All children pre-K to 1st grade are welcome. Cost: \$70/player. Please turn registration forms into the school office by **Feb. 22**. The season runs March 2 - May 18. Games and practices are at St. Joseph’s on Saturdays at 9:00 am and Wednesdays at 5:30 pm. Volunteers needed for coaches, team moms, or snack shack helpers. For more information call Dylan Wright at (714) 894-4183 or see <http://stjosephball.googlepages.com>.

Three pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Movement for a Better World: one stop shopping! Preparations for our Easter food and gift distribution are buzzing. Service Opportunities: Drivers for Easter, please call Amy McKenna, 427-5917. Assistant to our family adoption program coordinators. Grocery comparison pricers/shoppers. Mar. 2 – 10: Children’s Book Drive, new or gently used. Mar. 23: Easter food and gift distribution. Skip-a-Meal donations support our program. Questions? Tim Clark 431-4385.



*You are being enriched in every way for all generosity, which through us produces thanksgiving to God. 2 Cor 9:11.*

**Gambler’s Delight** - The Knights of Columbus invite all parish members, 21 years or older, to 5 hours of FUN at the Pala Resort and Casino, **Mar. 20**, Wednesday. Cost \$15/person. Casino will return \$5 on arrival. For more information, please call Manny Vieyra, 425-8811.

**Catholic Charities** is seeking volunteers to bring food and a friendly visit to homebound seniors once a month and to help those elderly who have no other resources. Must have valid driver’s license and be available to pick up food and deliver to the senior’s homes. Must complete application and background check.

Please contact Joan Dilig, 562-591-1351, Monday-Friday, 9:30-noon or 1:30-5:00 if you are interested.

**Companion Hospice Care** in Downey is recruiting volunteers to be a needed friend to someone during the last part of their journey, relieve tired caregivers for short periods, or help with errands in your area. Become a member of a team whose goal is to promote quality of life and comfort measures. Receive 16 hours of training on four Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., **Mar. 9 - 30**. Help is also needed in the office. To learn more, call Rita, 562-944-2711 or email [ritar@companionhospice.com](mailto:ritar@companionhospice.com)

### Affair of the Heart “Where Hope Happens...”

Dinner Dance Gala and Casino Night in support of the **Precious Life Shelter**. Enjoy complimentary champagne, commemorative photograph, hosted bar, silent and live auctions, dinner, speakers, casino games, dancing, and more. Event will take place at the Eagles Nest in Cypress on **March 2** at 6 p.m. Admission is \$75 per person or \$140 per couple. For more information or tickets, call 562-431-5025.

### Fingerprinting Schedule

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

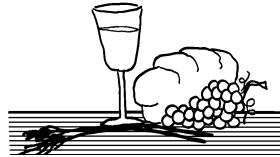
**Mar. 8** - St. Raymond, Downey, 562-923-4509

**Mar. 9** - St. Joseph, Hawthorne, 310-679-1139

**Mar. 16** - Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Los Nietos, 562-692-3758

**Catholic Co-ed Softball Players wanted!** Games are held Sunday afternoons from March thru June in Torrance and Long Beach. If interested, please contact Fred Lawler, 657-464-9314 or [fredlaqler@hotmail.com](mailto:fredlaqler@hotmail.com).

# Mass Intentions



**SATURDAY, February 16**

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

**SUNDAY, February 17**

7:30 a.m. - † Bernadette Borbon

9:00 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

10:30 a.m. - † Michael and Irene Lynch

12:30 p.m. - † Paul Vadasz

**MONDAY, February 18**

8:00 a.m. - † Alma Justice

**TUESDAY, February 19**

8:00 a.m. - † Timothy O'Donnell

**WEDNESDAY, February 20**

8:00 a.m. - † Mary Frances Young

**THURSDAY, February 21**

8:00 a.m. - † Martha Aimone

**FRIDAY, February 22**

8:00 a.m. - † Gayle Sokomoto

**SATURDAY, February 23**

5:00 p.m. - † Anastashia Manabat

**SUNDAY, February 24**

7:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

9:00 a.m. - Dang family

10:30 a.m. - † Steve Pumphrey

12:30 p.m. - † Tess Wiater

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, Mickey Jorda, Dave Gallagher, Fr. Frank Ferrante, Milton & Joyce Frugoli, William Cervola, Tatum Gumps, Gerry & Celeste Kohonen, Joe Snider, Daylinda Ompoc Cuizon, Fernando Montoya, Mike Dresnick, Kathy June, Betty Klemin, John, Spencer, & Helen Baca, Sheri Weber, Jarome Bartolon, 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, 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, Karen Weiss, Don and Nancy Miller, Dr. Messenger, Helen E. Tyler & Colton Dorich.

**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>
WEBSITE COORDINATOR	rely5@verizon.net Mike Santy msanty@verizon.net www.stjosephlb.org	<b>799-0660</b>
MOVEMENT FOR A BETTER WORLD	Tim Clark	<b>431-4385</b>
SENIOR GROUP	Judy Pedneault	<b>421-6863</b>
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	Ron Steiner	<b>431-7703</b>
ENGAGED ENCOUNTER	Tom & Diane Krause	<b>310-316-3477</b>
NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING	www.ceeofla.org/schedule.htm	
SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN	Greg & Beth Gath	<b>377-5877</b>
PROJECT ACHIEVE	Monica Munoz & Julie Gray	<b>598-0519</b>
PRECIOUS LIFE SHELTER	Tina Gath	<b>598-5202</b>
CUB SCOUTS	Olga Cuda	<b>594-4657</b>
BOY SCOUTS	Greg Shea	<b>221-8673</b>
	Moses Bass	<b>420-1877</b>
	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)