



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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Office Hours

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.

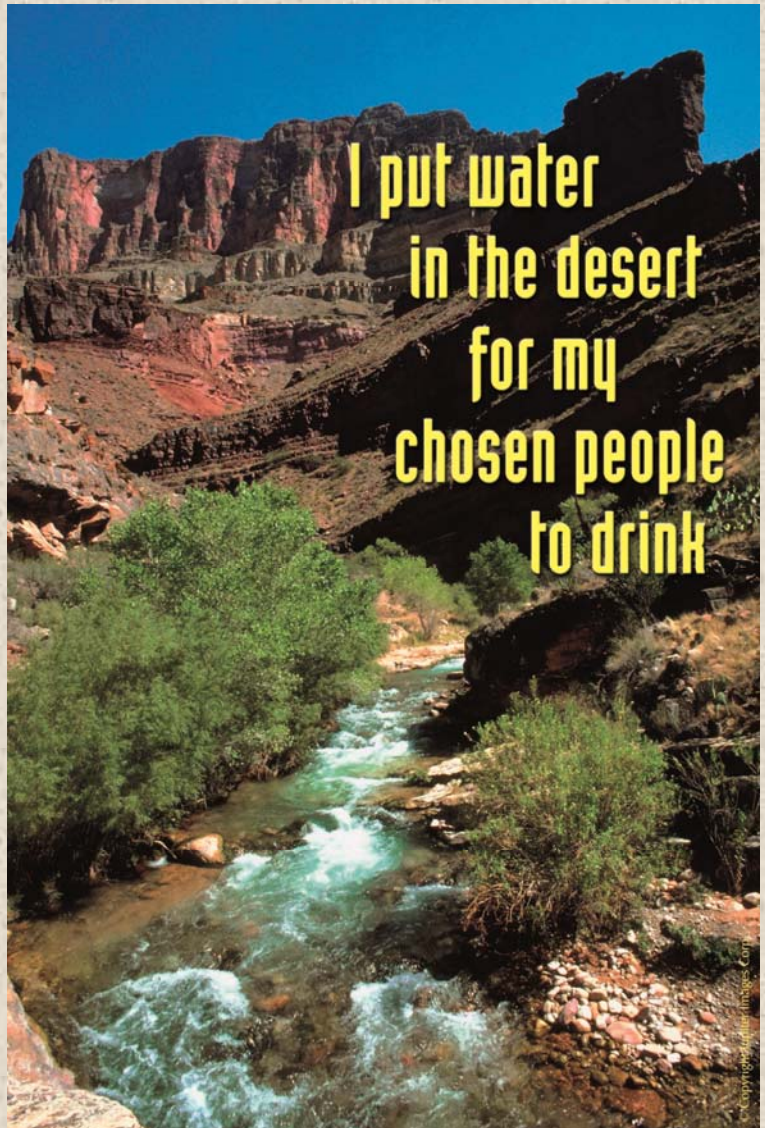
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

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.



Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 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:

The season of Spring promises us a change in temperatures, new leaves and colorful flowers, more time outdoors, and even people in a better mood. Just the thought of Spring brings a smile to our faces. It is with hope that we welcome the new season because it gives us a new perspective on life, and it promises us better months ahead.

A new perspective and a new future is also what Jesus offers us. In a world where we are quick to condemn others, the gospel tells us to forgive; and in a world where the marginalized are often disregarded, Christ asks us to embrace them. In a society where at times people seek vengeance, we are told to call for justice. In a culture where falsehoods seem to get people ahead, Christ calls us to proclaim the truth. In a culture where hate is acceptable, we are invited to love. And in a world where sin is seen as appealing, Jesus offers us grace.

A universe that reflects Jesus' vision is the reign of God that already exists here in our midst. And we are reminded that he brought his vision into the world by his life, death, and resurrection; a vision he shared with his disciples, whom he then invited to help continue to make it a reality. To be a Christian means to share in that vision, to participate in that mission and continue to carry it out.

Our lives, as disciples of Jesus, must reflect the Reign of God. It is something that should begin in our own hearts. Lent invites us to look honestly and lovingly into ourselves, and to recognize all the goodness and all the sinfulness that is there.

In our hearts we can see how we relate to God, to others, and to ourselves. How we see with our hearts will shape how we relate to others and, in turn, it will shape the world around us. None of us have a perfect heart. But Jesus who is the greatest expression of God's love sees beyond that, and He offers us forgiveness and invites us to start anew.

Stations of the Cross and Soup Nights

Fridays of Lent, soup will be served in the hall, 5-7 p.m. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord!

Stations of the Cross will begin at 7 p.m. in the church.

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.

Together in Mission

Parish Goal: \$54,990

Pledged: 31,978

Paid: 26,770

Out of our 1288 parish families, 127 have participated.



From Deacon Don's desk:

I had to look up the word "prodigal" especially when Fr. Rolheiser called God "prodigal." In dictionary terms it is "given or giving in abundance." God forgives abundantly. God goes to extremes to find and save that which is lost. This was witnessed by parables of The Lost Sheep, The Lost Coin, and now The Prodigal Son. Fr. Rolheiser stresses that we Catholics need to be more inclusive. He was asked to define "practicing Catholic." He started by saying 'only Jesus and Mary are fully practicing Catholics.' Everyone else without exception falls short. We are more "Cafeteria Catholics." We all live the Gospel but somewhat selectively. All of us are in need of God's forgiveness. God embraces both missteps of immaturity as well as bitterness and resentment in our maturity. We need to remind ourselves of what it means to live under an abundant, prodigal and "Catholic" God. God's forgiveness is infinitely greater than any mistake we can make.

Fr. Stoeger's Saturday retreat "All Are Welcome" reinforced Fr. Rolheiser's prodigal God. The Church is mother to us all. He revisited Vatican II. It was one of the fastest three hours I've spent. He reminded us of the 'Year of Faith' challenging us to renew our encounter with Jesus. He challenged us to read the opening statement of the book on Vatican II. In prayer, we should learn to listen. "It is like an elevator; going down to the basement of your heart." Try to connect with God. Listen; be like a sponge soaking up the Word of God.

ACT of LOVE: O my God, I love You above all things with my whole heart and soul, because You are all good and worthy of love. I love my neighbor as myself for love of You. I forgive all who have injured me, and ask pardon of all whom I have injured. Amen

This Tuesday we have the opportunity for RECONCILIATION, Penance Service, Tuesday the 19th at 7 PM.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11
Alternate readings (Year A):
Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;
Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62];
Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42


Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40 (procession);
Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24;
Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]

Regional Vocation Director: Rev. Francis Ilano
St. Athanasius Church, Long Beach, 562-423-7986. Vocation information may be found at: www.lavocations.org.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519
ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITY -
 Understanding the Triduum, Thursday, **March 21,**
 7-8:30pm.
Sunday Nursery: Available during 9:00 & 10:30 Masses.

**Parish Lenten
 Reconciliation Liturgy
 March 19, 7 p.m.**



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	Nick Compton
Joseph Comfort	Irene Avila
Scott Williams	Justin Ray
Timothy Ring	Adam Mariano
Obinna Ugochukwu	David Waidelich
Timmy Allison	Michael Marchante
Jason Kaufmann	Nicky Kaufmann
John Landry	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.



Year of Faith - March, in this Year of Faith, leads us by Lent's journey of conversion to the Paschal Triduum: Holy Thursday's foot washing and Mass of the Lord's Supper, Good Friday's celebration of Jesus' life-giving passion, the Vigil and Easter morning's joy at Jesus' glorious resurrection. In some parishes, especially those with catechumens, the March Gospels challenge us to join the Samaritan woman and the man blind from birth in deepening our understanding of Jesus as more than a prophet, indeed the Savior of the world. The Gospels invite us to let the Lord "prune" us of sin that we may bear fruit while there is time; to return as prodigals to our Father's house and ease the welcome home for fellow sinners; to embrace as our own the pardon Jesus so graciously offered the woman caught in adultery. These Gospels bid us open our hearts to God's gentle but powerful grace slowly purifying and transforming our thoughts and relationships, our mentality and conduct. But if at Easter we find ourselves disappointed at the incompleteness of our transformation, Lent's yearly recurrence reminds us: conversion, like the journey of faith, is indeed a journey that lasts a lifetime.

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.



The youth ministry crew would like to thank all the parishioners who so generously donated to our "Change for Youth" fundraiser last weekend. We collected \$820.50! Thank you, thank you, thank you!
High School: Join us Friday, March 22, at 7 p.m. at St. Bart's parish hall to hear our guest who will share his faith journey after having been involved in a drunk driving accident in college that took someone's life. Hear his story...see God's grace...be part of this special evening.

You are invited to join Fr. Jose Parathanal of Holy Family Church, South Pasadena for Pilgrimages to:
 Our Lady of Guadalupe-Mexico: May 20 - 25, 2013
 Footsteps of St. Paul-Turkey & Greece: Oct 3 - 15, 2013
 Contact Bernadette at bcorp1114@hotmail.com or call (323-344-1548 or 323-547-6618).

Single Catholic women ages 18-40 are invited to a prayerful and reflective **Religious Vocation Discernment Weekend** Retreat with the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, **April 12-14**, Los Altos Hills, CA. For reservations and more information contact Sister Lisa Laguna, D.C., 650/949-8890, 213-210-9903, or email SrLisaDC@aol.com
www.DaughtersOfCharity.com

Fingerprinting Schedule

San Pedro Region fingerprinting schedule for volunteers with our parish children, please call for an appointment:
Apr. 3 - St. Dominic Savio, Bellflower, 562-620-7796
Apr. 6 - Holy Family, Artesia, 562-860-5973 ext 443
Apr. 10 - Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Los Nietos, 562-692-3758

Did You Know? Release of the Files???????????????
 Complying with a retired federal judge's order to edit priest personnel files intended for public release, attorneys for the Los Angeles Archdiocese are making the specified edits according to the judge's order. The judge's order was the result of a process that plaintiff attorneys and the Archdiocese agreed would be accepted by all parties involved. It is important to note that the judge's order specified the edits in part due to what he said were demonstrable positive changes the Archdiocese had already implemented to its policies and procedures in reporting abuse to authorities and in training personnel and children in abuse prevention techniques. Much of the information in the files is decades old and has already been the subject of in-depth coverage in the press and was disclosed by the Archdiocese in the 2004 Report to the People of God.



St. Joseph's Heartbeat God ♥ all

We always welcome new members.

Mar. 18 - Social/game gathering

April 1 & 15 - Social/game gathering

April 24 - Trip to Space Shuttle Endeavor Exhibit at California Science Center. Bus leaves St. Joseph at 9 am. Will see "Blue Planet" on 7-story IMAX. Includes lunch at Capital Grill, Beverly Hills. \$67 per person includes driver's gratuity. Sign up at 3/18 meeting or call Gerry Seckington, 420-3220 or Mary Lou Clark, 431-4385. **Open to everyone.**

May 6 & 20 - Social/game gathering

June 3 & 17 - 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.

Attention: All St. Joseph Seniors including "Baby Boomers" are invited. Are you a senior citizen? Age doesn't prevent one from having your share of fun. Jazz up your life with some new and entertaining activities tailor-made for senior citizens. Come join us. (\$5 membership) Your ideas and input are important. Complete our survey. (Ph: Judy at 421-6862 or Barbara at 430-5324).

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

Craft/Boutique Vendors Wanted: Are you a craft/boutique vendor? Do you know of anyone who wants to sell their goods/wares at this year's Parish Fair? If yes, please contact Sheila Vail at sheilavail@verizon.net
Parish Fair is **April 19-21**.

Sunday fair hours extended to 8 pm. Bands will be: The Elm St. Band Friday, The Hip Replacements Sat., and Sun. The Magnatones (blues). All schedules and forms can be found at www.stjosephlb.org/fair. All ticket sales begin after Mass April 6 & 7.

Parish Baseball - The 2013 Catholic Baseball and T-Ball Leagues are here! The CBL is comprised of Catholic Parishes from Long Beach, Lakewood, and Bellflower. There are leagues for players from grades K through 7, and we still have a few openings at each level. Season runs from mid-March thru end of May. Please call Paul Smith at (562) 481-8549 for info, or email pnginlb@charter.net

The Theater Departments of St. John Bosco and Saint Joseph High Schools will be presenting the southern California high school premiere of the musical "IN THE HEIGHTS." Performances run **March 15-17 and March 21-24**. Tickets available on the St. John Bosco website www.bosco.org. Come and support the arts in Catholic schools.

Our sincerest gratitude for the parish's outstanding ministry to social justice by donating over 500 books in this year's Children's Book Drive. Thank you!!



Mar. 23: Easter food & gift distribution, 8:30 a.m. in hall. Preparations for our Easter food and gift distribution are buzzing. **Service Opportunities:** Drivers for Easter, please call Amy McKenna, 427-5917. Family food boxing Mar. 22. Assistant to our family adoption program coordinators. Support of special needs identified from our Easter food and gift distribution. Can you help? Tim Clark 431-4385. Skip-a-Meal donations support our program.

"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." 1 John 3:18

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.

Rancho San Antonio - The Knights of Columbus will be selling opportunity drawing tickets **Mar. 16 & 17** in support of the boys. Donation \$2. First prize \$5,000. Your chances of winning are good - drawing on May 5.

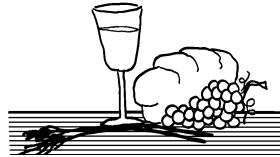
"Walk in No Shoes" Fun 10K walk/run, 5K walk/run and 1K (barefoot) benefitting the Sudan Relief Fund. Our Sudanese brothers and sisters in Christ are being ruthlessly tortured and killed because of their faith. You CAN make a real difference. Help the Sudan Relief Fund bring water, food, shelter, clothing, medical attention and education to the suffering people of Sudan.

The walk will start at 8:00 a.m., Sunday, **April 7**, at Woodley Park/Lake Balboa in Van Nuys. Entry fees: 10K walk - \$45; 5K - \$35; 1K "walk in NO shoes" - \$25; and children under 13 (any event) - \$5. Entry fees will increase March 15.

Invite everyone you know to come walk/run - and give hope to Sudan! For more information or to register, visit www.walkinno shoes.com.

Fashion Day at the Derby, Parish Hall at St. Bartholomew, benefitting Harbor Area Half-Way House for Women, **April 21**, 2:00 PM Champagne & Shopping, 3:00 Luncheon & Fashion Show, \$40 Per Person includes Lunch, Wine, Champagne, an Opportunity Ticket, shopping and Fun! Jewelry, Scarves, Handbags, Accessories, Gifts, and more! Silent Auction! Amazing Fashions from Local Merchants! Models from the St. Bart Parish Family! And a Few Surprises! Menu: Cream of Broccoli Soup, Pepper Steak Salad with Blue Cheese Crumbles, Lemon Tart with Fresh Berries. For Info: Contact Christy Di Leo 562-597-6193 or Pam Luckey 562-307-4367. RSVP to Judy Houston 562-434-5011.

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, March 16

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

SUNDAY, March 17

7:30 a.m. - † Joe Sullivan

9:00 a.m. - † Bob Maney

10:30 a.m. - † Eleanor (Tess) Wiater

12:30 p.m. - † Alma Justice

MONDAY, March 18

8:00 a.m. - † Jan Bolleger

TUESDAY, March 19

8:00 a.m. - † Michael Rocer Laurita

WEDNESDAY, March 20

8:00 a.m. - † Peggy Montello

THURSDAY, March 21

8:00 a.m. - L. Kainan

FRIDAY, March 22

8:00 a.m. - † Francisco Valenzuela

SATURDAY, March 23

5:00 p.m. - † Margaret Stahl

SUNDAY, March 24

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

9:00 a.m. - † Daniel Barden

10:30 a.m. - † Patrick and Rosaleen Branigan

12:30 p.m. - † Frances Carner

Meditation in the Parish Center chapel every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Information: Marie Gemma 310-490-4012



PLEASE PRAY FOR . . . Eugene Dryer, Mary Mariano, Patricia Morand, Michelle Smith, Merinda Bradshaw, Mickey Jorda, Dave Gallagher, Fr. Frank Ferrante, Milton & Joyce Frugoli, William Cervola, Tatum Gumps, Gerry & Celeste Kohnen, Joe Snider, Daylinda Ompoc Cui-zon, 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 Wil-kinson, 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, Ken-neth 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 & Val Raspudic.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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

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	598-0519
CONFIRMATION	Melissa Beach	598-0519
EARLY CHILDHOOD	Shannon Carpenter	598-0519
LITURGY/CHILDREN	Nancy Longo	598-0519
RCIC (Children)	Nancy Longo	598-0519
SUNDAY NURSERY	Shannon Carpenter	430-6840
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY FOR CHILDREN	Mimi Bloeser	818-4249

ADULT MINISTRY

RCIA	Peter Baine	598-4130
BIBLE STUDY	Rita Smith	714-761-4376
BAPTISM PREPARATION	Olga Cuda	594-4657
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY	Dave Desmond	429-3316
MEDITATION	Marie Gemma Fr. Will	310-490-4012

SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES	Dcn. Don & Tina Gath	598-5202
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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE SICK

Ann Crowley **594-7575**

YOUTH MINISTRY

Shelley Padilla **598-0519**

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

PASTORAL COUNCIL	Margee Infante	537-8210
FINANCE COUNCIL	Randall Ely rely5@verizon.net	430-0142
WEBSITE COORDINATOR	Mike Santy msanty@verizon.net www.stjosephlb.org	799-0660

Website address: MOVEMENT FOR A BETTER WORLD	Tim Clark	431-4385
SENIOR GROUP	Judy Pedneault	421-6863
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	Ron Steiner	431-7703
ENGAGED ENCOUNTER	Tom & Diane Krause www.ceeofla.org/schedule.htm	310-316-3477

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING	Greg & Beth Gath	377-5877
SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN	Monica Munoz & Julie Gray	598-0519
PROJECT ACHIEVE	Tina Gath	598-5202
	Olga Cuda	594-4657
PRECIOUS LIFE SHELTER	Greg Shea	221-8673
CUB SCOUTS	Moses Bass	420-1877
BOY SCOUTS	Tom Lane	496-4223

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