



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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RECTORY

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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.

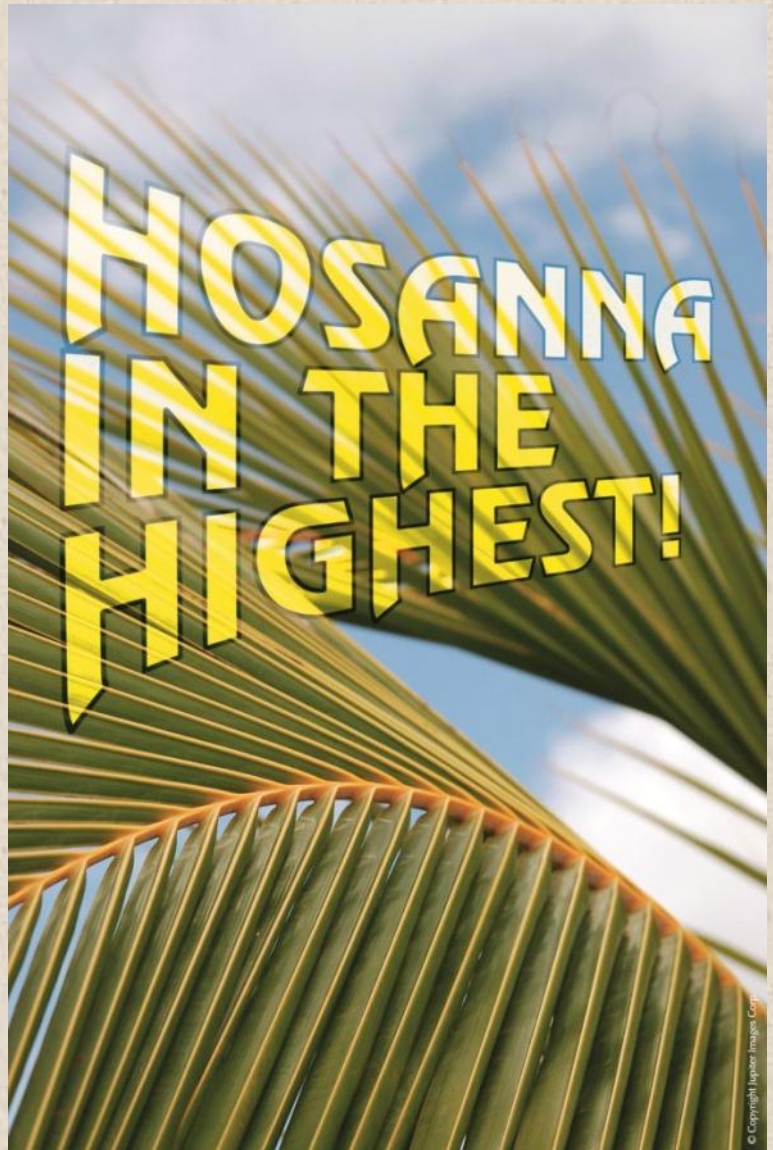
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday before
the first Friday of the month, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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.



**Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord**

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:

Sometimes we meet people and we form an opinion about them in a few minutes. But then what happens is that our opinion changes very fast when we get closer to the person and get to know them better. Often, either our first impression or the later judgment is wrong. The same thing happens during Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem.

The first impression the people have is that of the entrance of a king, of someone important. The people acclaim him as coming in the name of the Lord. But, if we looked a little deeper, then we would wonder what kind of king would enter a city riding a donkey, obviously not one who wants to show his power and strength.

Back in those days, kings and emperors usually entered with a great entourage and were followed by their war trophies, prisoners, and slaves. Jesus has not been in a war and he doesn't have any prisoners. He has no entourage but his fishermen friends and some women. And he does not come in to claim his power but to die. And yet, he is the truth.

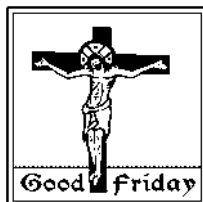
The same people who cheered him in his entrance turn against him two days later. Their first impression was the correct one: Jesus does come in the name of the Lord. But he doesn't come as a triumphant king, but as the King of truth, who comes to reign in peace and service.

People didn't know how to read the signs: the donkey, humility, and a strange entourage. Their later judgment turned out to be wrong. Three days later, those same people ask for the death of Jesus in exchange for the freedom of the criminal Barabbas. We often are mistaken in our first impressions.

My hope and prayer is that we look deeply within our hearts, to study the signs, to discern, and to recognize the truth of God's kingdom in ourselves and in other people.

Pope Francis I

Please keep our new pope in your prayers as he begins his new life as leader of the people of the church.



Stations of the Cross and Soup Night

On Good Friday, 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 Good Friday. 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.



From Deacon Don's desk:

This is Holy Week. Fr. Mark Link, S.J. gives us a point to ponder: "A teacher told Ernest Hemingway, 'Forget writing, you're not that good!'" A debate coach told Bl. Bishop Fulton Sheen, "You are the worst speaker I ever heard." Hemingway and Blessed Sheen were tough-minded. They overcame the negativism of others. But how many young people--or people in general--are like that? How many of these people have had their dreams dashed to pieces by the negativism of others? How different was the Lord's servant: Jesus Christ? He was gentle and sensitive in his dealings with people. He didn't break off the bent reed. He didn't snuff out the flickering candle. He was encouraging and supportive. What way can we be supportive of others in our daily dealings with people? How consistently do we turn to Jesus for light and guidance? A woman was watching the distribution of used clothing to street people. She wondered how it would be to walk in another's clothes or another's shoes. Then it occurred to her: "that's what Christianity is all about - it's about walking in another's shoes, the shoes of Jesus." It's doing what Jesus would do.

ACT OF HOPE: O Good Jesus, in You alone I place all my hope. You are my salvation and my strength, the Source of all good. Through Your Passion and Death I hope to obtain the pardon of my sins, grace of perseverance and a happy eternity. Amen

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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]

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17;
Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34;
Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14;
Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18;
1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 17, 25;
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42

Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a];
Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or
Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22; b) Gn 22:1-18
[1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11;
c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;
d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;
e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 - 4:4;
Ps 19:8-11;
g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or
Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;
h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;
Lk 24:1-12

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9
or Lk 24:1-12 or (at an afternoon
or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519
Sunday Nursery: Available during 9:00 & 10:30 Masses.

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



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

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.

HOLY WEEK LITURGIES
 Thursday, Friday & Saturday, 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
HOLY THURSDAY, March 28, 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper (Only Mass today) Adoration until 11 p.m.
GOOD FRIDAY, March 29
 1:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death
 7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
 (No Mass on Good Friday)
EASTER LITURGIES
HOLY SATURDAY, March 30, 7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil
 (No confessions or 5 pm Mass on Holy Saturday)
EASTER SUNDAY MASSES, March 31
 7:30, 9:00, and 10:30 a.m., and 12:30 p.m.

Easter Mailing - if you did not receive the above information and an Easter envelope in the mail, then you are probably not registered here at St. Joseph. If you would like to be registered, please come by or call the rectory office, 594-4657, for a registration form.

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.

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).

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? How is compliance with child prevention efforts verified? While background checks and fingerprinting of all those who work with children in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles are important, they are used in conjunction with abuse awareness and prevention training programs to help ensure that we create the safest possible parish and school environments for our children. An archdiocesan background-tracking information system, Volunteer and Personnel Information Network (VPIN), tracks assignment histories and compliance by employees and volunteers of fingerprinting, background checks and mandatory VIRTUS sexual abuse prevention training. VPIN allows parishes and schools to adapt features of the system to fit their local needs and it assists the archdiocese to complete its audit reports.



**St. Joseph's Heartbeat
God ♥ all**

We always welcome new members.

- 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
Buy DISCOUNTED Fair scrip, brunch and ride tickets before and after school or after Masses beginning April 6/7. UNLIMITED ride bracelets Sunday only 12 - 8pm.
Fair hours: Friday 4-11, Sat 11-11, Sun 11- 8. One band each night.

Together in Mission	
Parish Goal:	\$54,990
Pledged:	35,975
Paid:	29,188
Out of our 1288 parish families, 153 have participated.	

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for Healing after Abortion - Rachel's Vineyard retreat is for men and women struggling with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion. The retreat is designed to help participants work through repressed grief and anger in a safe, nonjudgmental setting and come to acceptance, healing, and hope for the future. Developed in the Roman Catholic Tradition, it utilizes spiritual exercises and rituals to help grieve the loss of unborn children and to accept God's forgiveness. All inquiries and registrations are confidential. April 5-7, Duarte, \$215. per person. For registration or more information please call 866-272-2435 or visit www.rachelsvineyard.org

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.

"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 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

MONDAY, March 25

8:00 a.m. - Ann-Marie Devine & Matt Tasto

TUESDAY, March 26

8:00 a.m. - † Erin K. Dworzan

WEDNESDAY, March 27

8:00 a.m. - Dang family

THURSDAY, March 28

8:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer

7:00 p.m. - Liturgy of the Lord's Supper

FRIDAY, March 29

8:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer

SATURDAY, March 30

8:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer

7:30 p.m. - Easter Vigil Service

EASTER SUNDAY, March 31

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

9:00 a.m. - † Edward and Mary Dondero

10:30 a.m. - † Cyril and Bernadette Bastable

12:30 p.m. - † Frances Carner



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 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 & 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 Connor	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
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YOUTH MINISTRY

Shelley Padilla	598-0519
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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

PASTORAL COUNCIL	Margee Infante	537-8210
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WEBSITE COORDINATOR	rely5@verizon.net Mike Santy msanty@verizon.net	799-0660
Website address:	www.stjosephlb.org	

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	310-316-3477
	www.ceeofla.org/schedule.htm	

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

BULLETIN NOTICES DEADLINE - MONDAY 1:00 PM
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to the rectory or to bulletin@stjosephlb.org