



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.

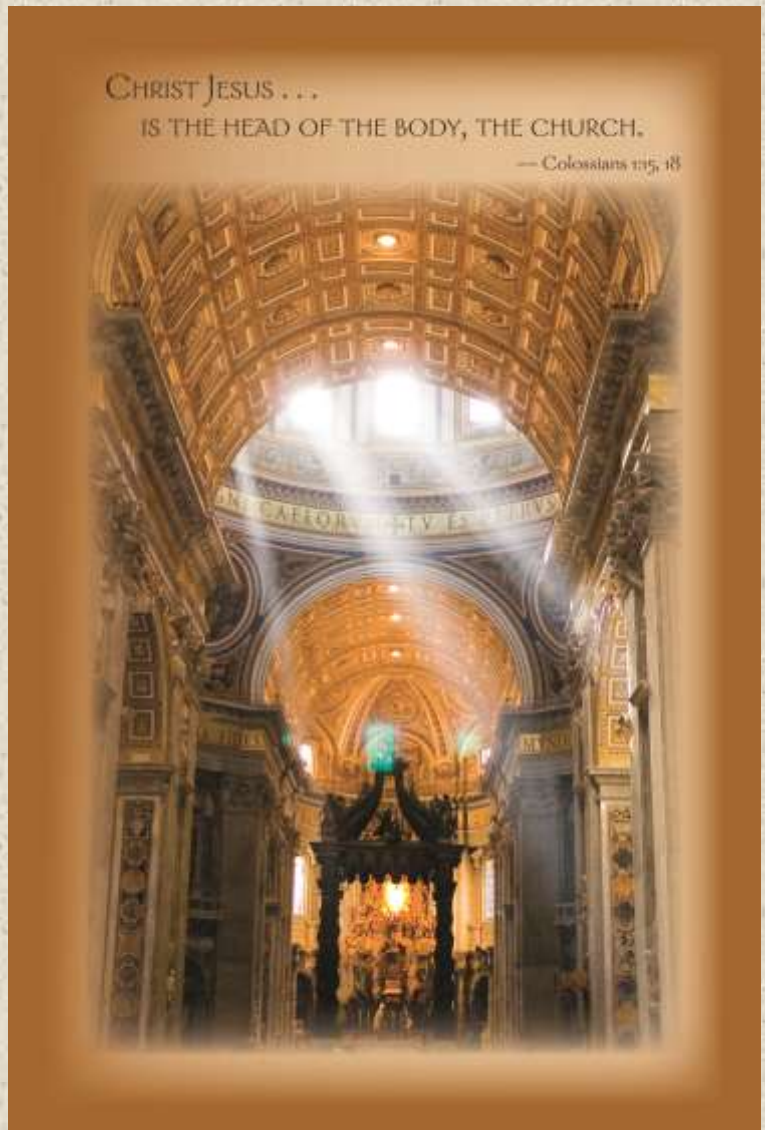
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

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.



CHRIST JESUS . . .

IS THE HEAD OF THE BODY, THE CHURCH.

— Colossians 1:15, 18

**Fifteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
July 14, 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:

Some of the Jews of Jesus' time understood "neighbor" in a very limited sense. For them, your neighbor is the one who shares the same religious persuasion as yourself. The average Jew would not regard the Samaritan as a neighbor. Samaritans are outsiders. The circle of neighborly love doesn't include them.

Jesus came into a world of "we" and "them," "we" being the circle of those recognized as neighbors, and "them" being the rest of the world regarded as hostile strangers and enemies of the people.

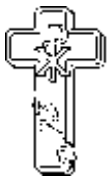
The new thing in Jesus' teaching of neighborly love is his insistence that all humanity is one big neighborhood. He breaks down the walls of division and the borders of prejudice and suspicion that humans put up between "us" and "them."

To bring home this point he tells the story of the Good Samaritan. This man is regarded as Enemy Number One by the Jewish establishment simply because he is Samaritan. Yet this Samaritan is the one who finally proves himself to be neighbor to the Jewish man in need. So to the question of "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus' answer is: anyone and everyone without exception.

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

Mary (Jacque) Sterbentz
William Reed



Together In Mission - We are getting there!

Thank you to all who have made a pledge. We are now only about \$5,000 short of our goal of \$52,990. If you haven't made a pledge yet, any little bit will help. The more who pitch in, the sooner we'll get there. The parishes and schools who benefit from this campaign will be most appreciative. You may pick up a pledge envelope in the church or at the rectory. We have met our goal every year, and we hope to meet it again this year as well.



Year of Faith - In summertime, according to the Gershwin classic, the living's supposed to be easy, but not the journey of faith! Luke's July Gospels present Jesus' challenging expectations for faithful disciples: travel light; bless others with

peace and healing; let your lives proclaim, even before your words do, that God's kingdom is at hand. Don't ask, "Who is my neighbor?" Instead, make yourself a "good Samaritan," a neighbor to anyone in need. Serve others selflessly like Martha, but, like Mary, balance loving service of Christ in others with quiet listening at the Master's feet. With childlike simplicity, make the Lord's Prayer your own. Persevere in asking, seeking, knocking at the door, the door opened wide in this Year of Faith to bestow our heavenly Father's first and best gift, the Holy Spirit.



From Deacon Don's desk:

Next to the Prodigal Son gospel, this is one of the most familiar scripture passages. The Good Samaritan brings to my memory a homily that Fr. Ford gave many years ago. The haunting words he posed to us after proclaiming the Gospel were prefaced with these: A. What's yours is mine. B. What's mine is mine. C. What's mine is yours. At one time or another we recognize ourselves in each one of these situations (not at the same time). In the gospel two questions are posed to Jesus by a legal expert, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus asks, "What is written in the law?" After reciting the passage he asks Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus answers with a story, then asks in response, "Which of the three was neighbor to the victim?" Of course he answers, "The one who treated him with mercy." We are called to visit A. and B. and C. above. Where do we fit? Who do we find it easy to pass by? Why? Were you a "good neighbor to a stranger?" Why?

Love is not fulfilling oneself through the use of another. Love is giving oneself to another, for the good of the other and receiving the other as a gift. Blessed Pope John Paul II
PAPAL INTENTIONS (July):

That the World Youth Day in Brazil may encourage all young Christians to become disciples and missionaries of the Gospel.

That throughout Asia doors may be open to messengers of the Gospel.

St. Joseph Office/Rectory summer hours:
Monday-Friday 9am-3pm and Saturday 9-12noon.

LIVING GOD'S COMMANDS

The first reading forms part of Moses' farewell discourse, a call to the people to return to God. It is not a legalistic summons; rather, it is an appeal to heart and soul. It outlines a command that is not impossible to follow, or too difficult to undertake, or too expensive. Look into your hearts, says Moses; there you will find what to do.

Paul sees Jesus Christ as the image of God, the agent of creation and preservation. We sense, in his words, things profound: "dominions or principalities or powers." But in the midst of that, Paul keeps his attention on Jesus Christ, head of the church. It is in Christ that we find fullness and reconciliation—in the blood of the cross.

Luke's Gospel illustrates the double commandment of love with the story of the Good Samaritan. The story is a radical one, for it comes to focus on the question of who my "neighbor" is. That neighbor is not identified with any group, but rather by the scope of our compassion.

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

New registration forms for next year are available at the exits of our church and on our website!

Sunday Nursery: Closed for the summer. Available during 9:00 & 10:30 Masses beginning September 1.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Are you grieving: the loss of a loved one, a painful divorce or separation, a recent job loss/layoff, or an economic related stress? You do not have to carry this “emotional burden” alone, there is caring help available! A parish Grief Support Group, sponsored by your St. Joseph Bereavement Ministry, will begin on Monday, **September 9**, at 7:00 pm in the PAC chapel and will run for nine weeks. Practical, emotional, spiritual and social support will be offered to all parishioners free of charge. (Note: There will be a small charge for associated materials.) To register or for further information please call: Deacon Tom or Pat Halliwell at 799-0921.

What is RCIA? Every year thousands of adults choose to join the 1.2 billion Catholics in the world today. They embark on a journey of conversion through RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiations of Adults. Started in 1972 by Pope Paul VI, the process has four stages, beginning with a period of Inquiry. This step is the personal reflection of one's own life and their journey into a life of Catholic Christian Faith. The Catechumenate phase, for those who elect to proceed, concentrates on the spiritual formation of the individual. It allows them to explore the Catholic Church and decide how they can grow as part of the Catholic community. The Election phase, which begins on the first Sunday of Lent, prepares individuals to receive the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion) at the Easter Vigil. The final stage, Mystagogy, continues until the Feast of Pentecost, and leads the neophytes (new Catholics) into a deeper understanding of the sacred mysteries of the Catholic liturgy. The RCIA process leads not only to a change of status with respect to the Church, but also a change of status with respect to God. For those who embark on this journey it is truly life-changing. More information: contact Den Shane Cuda at sfcuda@yahoo.com or 562-594-4657.

Separated, Divorced & Widowed Ministry - Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels: Saturday, **July 27**, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm, Mass, Tour of the Cathedral, Lunch & Workshop: “Getting Even God’s Way! What Would Jesus Do? What You Can Feel, You Can Heal” Presented by Fr. Patrick Hill: The workshop is aimed at refocusing our own energy in a more positive and effective strategy for dealing with the demons in our lives. Cost \$20.00; RSVP by July 22. For more information contact: Julie Auzenne (213) 637-7249 or jmonnell@la-archdiocese.org for registration form.

**Women’s Silent Retreat at Sacred Heart Retreat House
September 6 - 8
Theme - “Year of Faith”**

“It should be obvious that no one is justified in God’s sight by the law, for the just man shall live by faith.”

This retreat is for any woman of the parish who would like a quiet weekend of peace, tranquility and spirituality; a time to rest and be refreshed in Jesus. But don’t delay, make your reservation today.

Call Madeline Majick, 596-9219, Marie Newton, 429-7939, or Tina Gath, 598-5202, to reserve a room.

The Los Angeles Catholic Prayer Breakfast at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. Event details: Youth Rally with Matthew Kelly, Cathedral Plaza, Monday, September 16, 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. Free admission with ticket. Request free tickets at nora.trueblood@allenlund.com

Los Angeles Catholic Prayer Breakfast, Tuesday, September 17, 6:30 - 9:00 a.m., rosary, Mass, breakfast & Matthew Kelly, speaker, 9:00 book signing.

Long Beach ALIVE! A young adult ministry serving couples & singles ages 18-39 yrs. old. We invite all young adults to our upcoming events in this "Year of Faith":

July - Theology on Tap - Summer Speaker Series
Invite a friend, relative, or spouse!

Reflections on Catholic Social Justice - “Pope Benedict XVI has taught that love for widows, orphans, prisoners, and the sick and needy of every kind, is as essential to the Church as the ministry of the sacraments and preaching the Gospel (Deus Caritas Est, no 22). This preferential option for the poor and vulnerable includes all who are marginalized in our nation and beyond - unborn children, persons with disabilities, the elderly, terminally ill and victims of injustice and oppression.” Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, 51.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday: Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37; or 19:8-11; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37
- Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-8; Mt 10:34 - 11:1
- Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24
- Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27
- Thursday: Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9; 24-27; Mt 11:28-30
- Friday: Ex 11:10 - 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8
- Saturday: Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15; Mt 12:14-21
- Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42



**St. Joseph's Heartbeat
God ♥ all**

We always welcome new members.

July 15 - Social/game gathering

Aug. 5 - Social/game gathering

Aug. 15 - San Diego day trip - a guided historical tour with culinary delights. Also visit to Seaport Village brewery. Sample San Diego's best margaritas. Sign up to reserve seat, call Gerry, 562-420-3220. Final payment due July 15, non-refundable \$75 per person includes driver gratuity. Departs 8:45 am and returns around 6:30 pm.

Aug. 19 - NO SOCIAL/GAME GATHERING - Hall unavailable due to maintenance.

Sept. 9 & 23 - (2nd and 4th Mondays due to Labor Day Holiday) 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. Linus' 50th Anniversary Celebration - Sept. 22

Looking for all St. Linus School alumni to join us for our Mass of Thanksgiving, 2:00 p.m. at St. Linus Church, 13915 Shoemaker Ave., Norwalk. Reception following Mass. RSVP by Sept. 15, schooloffice@linusions.org or 562-921-0336.

Contact your State Assembly Member - Archbishop Gomez asks Catholics to contact Assembly members and urge them to vote "No" on Senate Bill 131. This legislation puts the social services and educational work of the Church at risk and unjustly discriminates against Catholic schools and other private employers. The Bishops of the California Catholic Conference believe it is urgent for Catholics to act now. For background on SB 131 and to find contact information for your Assembly member, visit the Archdiocese's Resources for Faithful Citizenship page at www.la-archdiocese.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:

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| 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.

"And whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me." MT 18:5



July 20-21: Feed-a-Baby food drive benefits Catholic Charities & New Life Beginnings.

Aug. 10-11: Food From the Heart family food drive.

Can you help? Call Tim Clark, 431-4385. Blue Skip-a-Meal envelope donations support our program.

Project Achieve - Like to cook? Want to serve? We need your help! Project Achieve is a homeless shelter in Long Beach administered by Catholic Charities. Twice per month we prepare and serve dinner to the residents. Pay It Forward and be part of our team. All talents appreciated. Please contact Olga Cuda, 594-4657.

Don't Take a Vacation from Mass

When you go on vacation, do you take a vacation from Mass? Do you make the days of summer lazy by staying at home on Sunday? Mass is the way a Catholic fulfills the commandment to keep the Sabbath a holy day.

To find a church or Mass time anywhere in the country, call 410-676-6000 or visit www.parishesonline.com.

Pilgrimage to: **Footsteps of St. Paul-Turkey & Greece, Oct 3 -15.** You are invited to join Fr. Joseph Parathanal of Holy Family Church, South Pasadena. 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:

July 26 - St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Los Angeles, 323-585-4485

July 31 - Maria Regina, Gardena, 310-323-0030

Did You Know? The Archdiocesan Office of Victim Assistance Ministry periodically offers a support program for adult survivors of childhood abuse or neglect: A Faith-Based Response to Adult Survivors of Childhood Abuse and Neglect. This recovery program uses a psycho-educational model. The model is "educational" in that it teaches how the trauma of childhood abuse and neglect typically impacts individuals. It is "psycho-educational" in that it provides tools for participants to safely examine and regulate their feelings, thought patterns and behavior. The entire program is presented in the context of prayer for God's healing and is not a psychotherapy group. The program follows a ten week format and is available in both English and Spanish. The dates, time and location of the next groups will be determined by interest. If you are interested please call Victims Assistance Coordinator, Suzanne Healy at 213-637-7650.


Mass Intentions



- SATURDAY, July 13**
 5:00 p.m. - † Carmen Santos
- SUNDAY, July 14**
 7:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners
 9:00 a.m. - † Haydee Koppenheffer
 10:30 a.m. - † Thomas and Elizabeth Goonan
 12:30 p.m. - † Asiscio Castaneda
- MONDAY, July 15**
 8:00 a.m. - † Evelyn Wahl
- TUESDAY, July 16**
 8:00 a.m. - Lily Dang
- WEDNESDAY, July 17**
 8:00 a.m. - The Mitus Family
- THURSDAY, July 18**
 8:00 a.m. - Marlene Sargeant
- FRIDAY, July 19**
 8:00 a.m. - Marlene Sargeant
- SATURDAY, July 20**
 5:00 p.m. - † John De Ruyter
- SUNDAY, July 21**
 7:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners
 9:00 a.m. - † Harold & Mary Ann Ramstean
 10:30 a.m. - † Patrick & Rosaleen Branigan
 12:30 p.m. - † Connie Bruno

**Meditation in the
 Parish Center chapel
 every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
 ALL ARE WELCOME!**

"Be still and know that I am God"



PLEASE PRAY FOR . . . Eugene Dryer, Mary Mariano, Patricia Morand, Michelle Smith, Merinda Bradshaw, Dave Gallagher, Fr. Frank Ferrante, Milton & Joyce Frugoli, William Cervola, Tatum Gumps, Gerry & Celeste Kohnen, Joe Snider, Daylinda Ompoc Cuizon, Fernando Montoya, Mike Dresnick, Kathy June, Betty Klemin, John, Spencer, & Helen Baca, 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, 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, Tom Korman, Kenneth Fong, baby Maddi Arnold, Adrienne Reitz, David Dresnick, Jeanie San Jose, Noel Madrid, Jeremy Bonas, Larry Lyons, Chuck Almada, Leon Justice, Doug Houck, Karen Weiss, Don & Nancy Miller, Dr. Messenger, Helen E. Tyler, Colton Dorich, Val Raspudic, Heather Dean, Mary Beers, Ron Hill, Kris Bednarz, Marlene Sargeant, Donald Wilkinson, Charlotte Morrison, Karen Muccino, Adelaide Rocha, Karen Weiss & Marian O'Donnell.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

LITURGY COMMITTEE	Dcn. Shane Cuda	594-4657
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION	Gene Ensich	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	Rectorry	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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 562-598-0519

DIRECTOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	Nancy Longo	
ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE SCHOOL	Nancy Longo	598-0519
YOUTH MINISTRY/ CONFIRMATION	Marc Leon & Lydia Tovar	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	Shane Cuda sfcuda@yahoo.com	594-4657
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
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

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