



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.

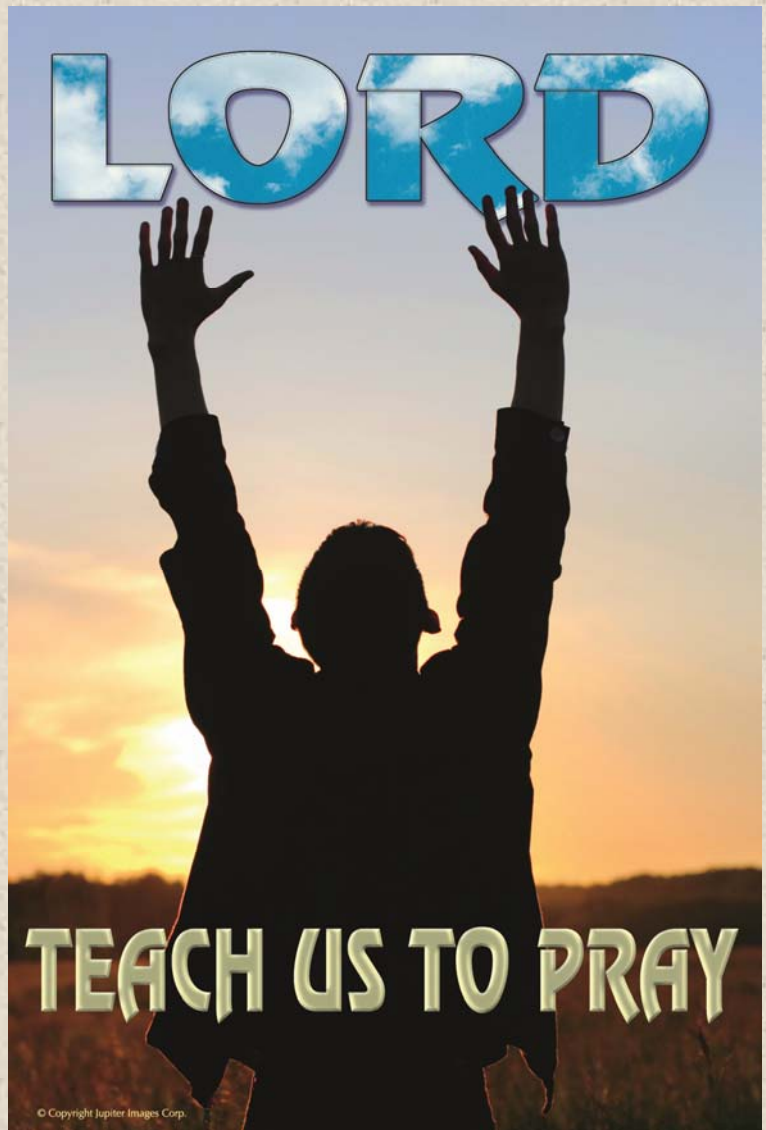
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

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.



Seventeenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
July 28, 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:

Faith in Christ is a way of life. Many times we only turn to prayer when the chips are down. We think of picking up the rosary when nothing else seems to work.

Faith is not about a cure for everything. Faith is about being transformed totally in Christ and being confident and sure that we can move forward through all the complexities of our life, both in the good times and the bad, as well as in our illnesses, our worries, and our sorrows.

Praying constantly is something we are taught from an early age. Persevering in prayer might be a gift, but it is certainly a discipline as well that we constantly need to practice.

We need to remind ourselves often that God never abandons his people and God's mercy is abundant. This is the heart of our faith and so we trust in the power of prayer.

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.

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

The church hall will be closed from August 12-25.



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.

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



From Deacon Don's desk:

A priest was disturbed by the snoring of a grandfather in the front pew. He stopped and asked the little boy next to him to wake up his grandpa. The little boy answered, "Father, **you** wake him up, you put him to sleep."

Before the baseball season gets too far along, I have to offer you a quote by Ernie Banks, Cubs infielder 1954-1971: "Awards mean a lot, but they don't say it all. The people in baseball mean more to me than statistics." The 1979 Pittsburgh Pirates were made up of young players and a lot of older "castoffs," but they made the song "We Are Family" famous. It's like our Catholic Church and especially St. Joseph Church; we are family and each of us have certain gifts or strengths. Like baseball: some are pitchers, some catchers or infielders, still others pinch-hitters and still others relief pitchers. Each of has a role. I'll leave it to you decide which "position" you play. Remember **all** are equal in God's eyes. It takes a team effort to bring the Gospel to life. That's why we are called to be that "Christ" to those we meet each day. Remember even the best hitters are successful only three out of ten times.

Now that I have your attention: Luke 10:41 "Martha complained to Jesus because Mary visited with Him while she worked..." There's a story of a young monk who had questions about his order's motto: "Pray and Work." So one day the abbot invited him to row across the lake with him. The abbot rowed first, but with one oar. As a result the boat went around in circles, and they made no progress. The young monk said, "Abbot, unless you row with **both** oars you won't get anywhere." The abbot replied, "You're so right, my son! The right oar is prayer; the left is work. Unless you use them together, you just go in circles."

"The average number of times that people say "no" to temptation is about once, weakly." ...Anonymous

"Each Christian needs half an hour of prayer each day, except when we are busy, then we need an hour." ...St Francis De Sales.

What balance do we try to keep between work and prayer?
OUR PRAYER: Heavenly Father, inspire us to meditate on Your holy words each day. Let them confer on us consolation for our past life, strength for our present life, and hope for our future life with You in heaven. Amen

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-3, 6-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13
Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23 or Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-11; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8, 11; Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519

Registration forms are at the exits of the church and on our parish website!

Save the date for next year's Vacation Bible Camp at St. Cornelius – July 7-11, 2014!

We are looking for 4th, 5th, and 7th grade catechists! If you are feeling that tug on your heart to share your faith with our children, this is your chance!!! It is a great opportunity to grow in your own faith! Free training! Fun Team! And the perks are Heavenly!

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

What is RCIA? Every year thousands of adults choose to join the 1.2 billion Catholics in the world. 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 life and journey into a life of Catholic Christian Faith. The Catechumenate phase, for those who elect to proceed, concentrates on spiritual formation. It allows them to explore the 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. This process leads 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 Dcn Shane Cuda at sfcuda@yahoo.com or 562-594-4657.

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.

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.

Hello St. Joseph parishioners: It is our passion and commitment to lead teens to Christ through youth ministry. We have been called and qualified by God to serve in this wonderful community as co-coordinators of Youth Ministry and Confirmation. Please know that we will do our very best to build upon the solid foundation that has already been established. We will provide an environment that is conducive to experiencing God through fellowship, faith, friendship and fun! — Marc Leon and Lydia Tovar

Confirmation News and Dates:

Registration - currently on going.

Parent Orientation - **Sept. 22 and 29**

Confirmation starts - **Oct. 6**

Youth Ministry - Congratulations to Matthew Shea, Colin Murphy, and Julia Jaynes for your commitment to developing leadership skills through Catholic Leadership Institute. We are proud of you!

**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, 596-6219, Marie Newton, 429-7939, or Tina Gath, 598-5202, to reserve a room.

Reflections on Catholic Social Justice - Preferential Option for the Poor and Vulnerable - "All members of society and society as a whole have a special obligation to poor and vulnerable persons. God's covenant includes a special concern for these persons. . . . The Christian faithful are also obliged to promote social justice and, mindful of the precept of the Lord, to assist the poor from their own resources." Pope Leo XIII, *Rerum Novarum*, 1891

Jesus said, "When you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." Luke 14: 13-14

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.



St. Joseph's Heartbeat God ♥ all

We always welcome new members.

Aug. 5 - Social/game gathering - brown bag lunch, ice cream social, invite your friends.

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.

San Diego day trip, Aug. 15 - a guided historical tour with culinary delights and a visit to Seaport Village brewery. Sample San Diego's best margaritas. Sign up to reserve seat, call Gerry, 562-420-3220. Departs 8:45 am and returns around 6:30 pm.

Have you ever thought about becoming a Sister?

Single Catholic women ages 18 - 40 are invited to a Religious Vocation Discernment Retreat with the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul **September 13-15** in Los Altos Hills, California (Bay Area). If you would like to know more about attending this prayerful and reflective discernment retreat, contact Sister Lisa Laguna, D.C. at 650/949-8890, 213-210-9903, or email us at SrLisaDC@aol.com. You can also friend us on Facebook at: Daughters of Charity Vocations U.S., follow us at Twitter.com/DofCharity or read about us on www.DaughtersOfCharity.com.

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@linuslions.org or 562-921-0336.

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.

August 10-11 - Food from the Heart family food drive. Please bring non-perishable family food items to church. Donations will benefit Catholic Charities of Long Beach.



Would you like to learn more about this and many other opportunities to help us serve the less fortunate of our local community? Please call Tim Clark, 431-4385. Blue Skip-a-Meal envelope donations support our program. *"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."* Mt 25:40

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.

A NIGHT AT THE RACES - The St. Mary Medical Center Guild will be holding their 12th annual Night at the Races on Saturday, **August 10** at the Los Alamitos Race Track. One hundred percent of the proceeds from this event will go toward the Guild's pledge to the Medical Center for the **WOMEN'S BREAST CANCER CENTER**. The cost of the event is \$75 per person which includes a full service buffet dinner and a no host bar. It will be held in the Finishline Room overlooking the finish line with private betting windows. We hope you will consider joining us. Please contact the Gift Shop at 562-491-9230 or Rose Lozano at 562-596-9191 for information or tickets.

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

Aug. 2 - St. Rose of Lima, Maywood, 323-560-2381

Aug. 3 - St. Dominic Savio, Bellflower, 562-920-7796

Aug. 7 - Holy Trinity, San Pedro, 310-548-6535 x324

Did You Know? Helpful tips to help children and the elderly bear the heat - Did you know that elderly people, infants and children, and people with chronic medical conditions are more prone to heat stress? Keep in mind that air-conditioning is the number one protective factor against heat-related illness and death. During conditions of extreme heat, spend time in locations with air-conditioning such as shopping malls, public libraries, or public health sponsored heat-relief shelters in your area. Get informed. Listen to local news and weather channels or contact your local public health department during extreme heat conditions for health and safety updates. Drink cool, nonalcoholic beverages, and increase your fluid intake, regardless of your activity level. For more information visit: http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/extremeheat/heat_guide.asp

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, July 27

5:00 p.m. - † John Ostrich

SUNDAY, July 28

7:30 a.m. - † Kerry Echoldt-Dusserre

9:00 a.m. - Alyssabeth Reyes

10:30 a.m. - † Frank Devine

12:30 p.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

MONDAY, July 29

8:00 a.m. - Jill Moody

TUESDAY, July 30

8:00 a.m. - † Betty Sullivan

WEDNESDAY, July 31

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

THURSDAY, August 1

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

FRIDAY, August 2

8:00 a.m. - † Marie Bielman

SATURDAY, August 3

5:00 p.m. - † John Christie, Jr.

SUNDAY, August 4

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Vincenzo Antolini and all priests

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

10:30 a.m. - † Dolores Devine

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, 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

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE SICK

Ann Crowley	594-7575
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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

PASTORAL COUNCIL	Margee Infante	537-8210
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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