



# 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.

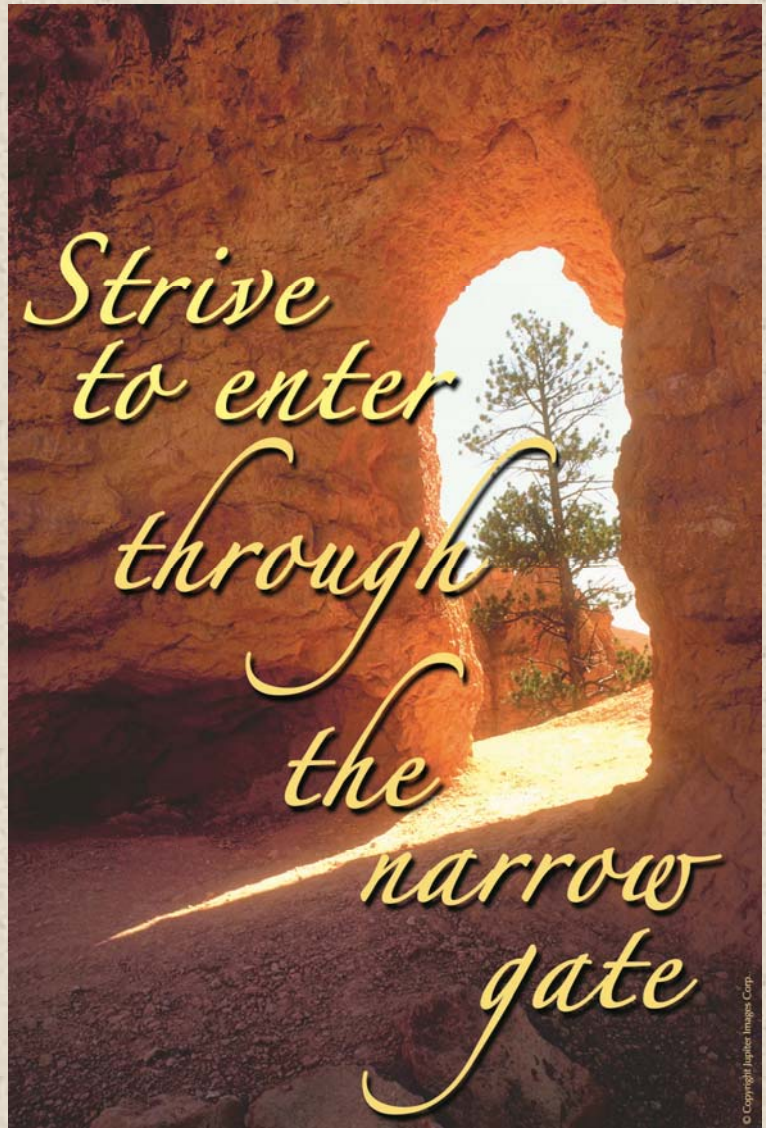
## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

**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.



Twenty-first Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
August 25, 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:

There is a question that has always nagged believers: Will there be many or few people saved? During certain periods this problem became so acute that it has caused some people terrible anxiety.

This Sunday's Gospel informs us that Jesus himself was once asked this question. "Jesus passed through towns and villages, teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, 'Lord, will only a few people be saved?'"

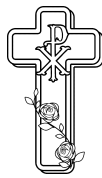
The question, as we see, focuses on the number -- How many will be saved? Will it be many or few? In answering the question, Jesus shifts the focus from "how many" to "how" to be saved, that is, by entering "through the narrow gate."

The way, Jesus tells us, is narrow. We have to make the decision to enter through the narrow gate at the beginning, when one starts off on it, but it then becomes a spacious boulevard, because hope, joy and peace of heart are found in it.

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

**Chester Lizak**  
**Bert Anderson**



**Year of Faith** - In mid-August, we celebrate the Assumption of Mary, Blessed John Paul II's "Star of the New Evangelization." The Preface for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary extols Mary as the "image of the Church's coming to perfec-

tion." Thankfully, she is also a "sure hope and comfort to your pilgrim people," for August's Gospels certainly challenge pilgrims on our journey of faith. How different from Mary's selfless service is the self-absorption of Luke's "rich fool." Though his fortune is the fruit of honest hard work, the "fool" mistakenly defines himself and his life's worth only in terms of his possessions. But Jesus' disciples should have a different, deeper perspective on life, remembering that one day their Master will suddenly return. Being vigilant for that unknown moment will make us diligent in serving Christ as he comes to us daily in the needs of neighbor and stranger, whom we must treat reverently as fellow servants of God. Bearing witness like this, in Jesus' image, is playing with fire. We may have to experience the burning anguish of choosing what is right rather than what is easy, even to the point of redefining our most personal relationships. This being so, how pointless to wonder, "Who will be saved?" Better to ask, "Will I complete my faith journey faithfully?"

**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).

### St. Joseph School News

We are so grateful to the St. Joseph Catholic School PTO for organizing and executing a wildly successful "Back to School Maintenance Project." Last Saturday, roughly 40 school parents joined together to paint the trim and doors of the classroom buildings. They also re-planked and painted benches, washed windows and removed old furniture. Thank you - the campus looks fantastic! We want to also thank all of the parents that donated funding that not only completely covered the cost of the project, but will provide partial funding to be used toward replacing the rain gutters on the Father Martin Hall.

**Blessing of the Alpha-K Program** - On Tuesday, September 3, St. Joseph Catholic School will be greeting 318 students as they arrive on campus for their first day of school. Thirty-two of those students will be entering into our new Alpha-K program. In order to give thanks for the gift of this program, Father Jim will be blessing the freshly re-modeled Alpha-K classroom. Everyone is invited to join us for the blessing and the Open House that will take place immediately following the 9:00 am Mass on September 1.

Mrs. Alvarez, Principal

### What is a CURSILLO?

CURSILLO (Spanish for 'short-course') is an intensive three-day experience of living Christianity. CURSILLO is a Catholic movement which began in Spain in 1939 following the Spanish Civil War, as a means to restore Christian values to their country. The movement came to the US in 1957, and spread rapidly to every major city/diocese in the country. While everyone experiences something different by the retreat weekend, most participants define the experience as life-changing.

The purpose of Cursillo is to:

Enable people to live what is fundamental to being a Christian, and to live it together.

Help people discover and fulfill their personal vocations.

Promote the creation of core groups of Christians who leaven their environments with the Gospel.

Restore pride in being a Catholic Christian.

The next Men's Cursillo weekend is October 3-6. The next Women's Cursillo weekend is October 24-27.

Please contact Deacon Shane at [sfcuda@yahoo.com](mailto:sfcuda@yahoo.com) for more information.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1-2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30  
Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22  
Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mt 23:23-26  
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32  
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab, 17; Mk 6:17-29  
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13  
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30  
Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519**

**Religious Education Registration Sunday! August 25** after all Masses! Register for Early Childhood (Sunday School for 3 - 5 year olds) through Confirmation! Includes all Sacrament Preparation for Children! Come ask questions! Meet the Team!!!

We **still need** a 4th Grade, 5th Grade and 7th Grade Catechist and Aides in the 6th grade class!!! This is your OPPORTUNITY to share your love of God with the young people of St. Joseph! What a blessing for everyone!!! We will train you! We have a great community to work with! There are lots of benefits!

**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.

**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.

**The 42nd Annual SCRC Catholic Renewal Convention, Aug. 30-Sept. 1**, Anaheim Convention Center. Over 40 Speakers! Spiritually enriching for all ages! For info, contact [spirit@scrc.org](mailto:spirit@scrc.org) or 818-771-1361. Online info and registration: [www.scrc.org](http://www.scrc.org)

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

*"The invitation to meditate is a simple one. We meditate simply to prepare ourselves to receive that fullness and life and light for which we were created."*



**From Deacon Don's desk:**

I must confess, once I receive the final blessing and the recessional song is sung, I depart and go about my regular day. Some will stay in Church for a spell. We greet each other then depart. Those that stay for a spell may be internalizing the readings, even the miracle of the Eucharist, maybe even realize that they have received "blessings" and wish to offer these "blessings" for those in their family, close friends who face troubling times, or offer these blessings of gratitude for others who have touched our hearts. I suggest that our priests need these, your "gifts" received in this Holy Sacrament of the Mass as well. Stop and visit while the Body of Christ is still with you...and .. think of the Gospel proclaimed. I found a quote by Archbishop Oscar Romero (The Voice for the Voiceless) that struck me to the core: "A gospel that doesn't unsettle, a word of God that doesn't get under anyone's skin, a word of God that doesn't touch the real sin of the society in which it is being proclaimed, **what gospel is that?**" Archbishop Romero was killed 3/24/1980 while saying Mass.

Fr. Leonard, SJ said, "Sometimes Jesus uses the metaphor of a blazing fire. Fire sometimes is a necessary good to clear undergrowth that prevents new growth. Maybe this Gospel is to clear away old growth to allow fresh thinking. He quotes, "We've learned to make a living, but not a life; we've added years to life not life to years. We've been to the moon and back but have trouble crossing the street to meet our neighbor. We've cleaned our air but polluted our soul. We have higher incomes but lower morale. What are the essentials of life? As Jesus puts it; 'what is our treasure and where is our heart?' "

OUR PRAYER: Father God, make us realize that the Eucharist is the memorial of Christ's action that freed us of our sins. Help us to participate more devoutly in every Eucharist and obtain the grace to avoid sin. Amen.

**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](mailto:SrLisaDC@aol.com). You can also friend us on Facebook at: Daughters of Charity Vocations U.S., follow us at [Twitter.com/DofCharity](https://twitter.com/DofCharity) or read about us on [www.DaughtersOfCharity.com](http://www.DaughtersOfCharity.com).

**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](mailto: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

**Sept. 9 & 23** - (2nd and 4th Mondays due to Labor Day Holiday) Social/game gathering

**Oct. 7 and 21** - Social/game gathering

**Oct 23** - Day trip to Pala Casino. See below for details.

**Nov 4** - Social/game gathering. Sign up for Thanksgiving Luncheon. \$12 per person due at sign up.

**Nov. 18** - Thanksgiving Luncheon.

**Dec. 2** - Social/game gathering. Sign up for Christmas Luncheon. \$12 per person due at sign up.

**Dec. 11 - 13** - Christmas Party at Laughlin. See below.

**Dec. 16** - Christmas Luncheon. Gifts - Precious Life Shelter.

**Membership dues** - \$10 due on **Jan. 6** social/game gathering. To pay, please see Rosie Pili, Membership Chairman.

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

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

### Trips - Trips - More Trips

**Oct. 23** - Day trip to Pala Casino. \$17 per person. Final payment due at the Oct. 7 social/game gathering. Sign up at Sept. 9 social/game gathering.

**Dec. 11-13** - Christmas Party in Laughlin. \$10 deposit per person due now. \$112 person for double room. \$132 per person for single room. Final payment due at Oct. 7 social/game gathering.

**Jan. 8** - Lion King at Pantages and lunch at Capital Grille. Deposit of \$10 due now. \$120 per person for trip. Final payment due at social/game gathering on Oct. 21.

**June 26** - The Jersey Boys at Segerstrom Center for the Arts in Costa Mesa with dinner @ Bucca de Beppo. \$100 per person. \$5 deposit due now.

More trips to come. For information/reservations, contact Gerry Seckington 420-3220 or Mary Lou Clark 431-4385.

**Welcome Back to School Pasta Night** on Friday, **September 6**, 6-9 pm in the hall. This is an 8th Grade fundraiser. Hope you can all make it!

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**  
**Joseph Comfort**  
**Scott Williams**  
**Timothy Ring**  
**Obinna Ugochukwu**  
**Timmy Allison**  
**Jason Kaufmann**  
**John Landry**

**Nick Compton**  
**Irene Avila**  
**Justin Ray**  
**Adam Mariano**  
**David Waidelich**  
**Michael Marchante**  
**Nicky Kaufmann**  
**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.

*"Love your neighbor as yourself."* Luke 10:27

### **Sept. 7 to 15 Homeless Hygiene Kit Drive**

- Shopping needs information will be on the cross at the back of the church.

### **Sept. 25 – (\*Date Change\*) Committee**

**Meeting** - 7:00 p.m. in the PAC. Come share ideas and help us plan our 27<sup>th</sup> year of ministry to families in need in our local community.

**Apprentice Food Purchasing Coordinator** - Help to coordinate five, faithful St. Joseph servants of God to price-compare and purchase food, three times per year for 85 local families in need.

For this or other fulfilling opportunities, big and small, to serve the less fortunate, please call Tim Clark, 431-4385.

Blue Skip-a-Meal envelope donations support our program.



### **Precious Life Shelter Annual Charity Golf Tournament, Sept. 18**

- It's only once a year! Come golf at the Navy Golf Course in Cypress. **New...** Women's Flight, Hole in One **European Vacation** including golf at St. Andrews, and **Celebrity Golfers...** "Stormin' Norman" Nixon, Ed Ratleff, and Rudy Tomjanovich, Jr.! To sign up please call Precious Life Shelter 431-5025 or Michelle Gath 498-6701.

**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.

**Lay Mission-Helpers**, founded in 1955 to train, send and support Catholic laity, singles, married couples and families, in overseas missions, serve in a professional capacity such as education and healthcare, sharing their skills and witnessing their faith. Over 700 lay missionaries have served in 36 countries. Warren & Deanna Bowers, who served in Cameroon, will be speaking on behalf of LMH this weekend.

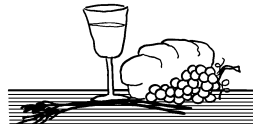
### **Fingerprinting Schedule**

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

**Sept. 18 - St. Lucy, Long Beach, 562-997-0511**

**Did You Know? Amidst the intense activity of back to school season keep your children safe** - Fall means back to school for children and back to work for those who have been on vacation. Amidst the hustle and bustle of this season, let us all keep sight of the importance of keeping our children and young people safe from danger. Safeguard the Children Committees have been established in parishes throughout the Los Angeles Archdiocese. These committees help ensure that all children and youth experience safe environments in all parish activities and events. For more information, call the Archdiocese's Safeguard the Children Program Office, (213) 637-7227.

## Mass Intentions



### SATURDAY, August 24

5:00 p.m. - † Barbara McBride

### SUNDAY, August 25

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

9:00 a.m. - † Jose & Amador Cardenas & Cesar Oseguera

10:30 a.m. - † Haydee Koppenheffer

12:30 p.m. - † Al Maligie

### MONDAY, August 26

8:00 a.m. - Doug Houck

### TUESDAY, August 27

8:00 a.m. - Kerry Halley

### WEDNESDAY, August 28

8:00 a.m. - Dr. Cyril McNulty

### THURSDAY, August 29

8:00 a.m. - George & Joyce Murchison, special intention

### FRIDAY, August 30

8:00 a.m. - Father Larry Darnell & all priests

### SATURDAY, August 31

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

### SUNDAY, September 1

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

9:00 a.m. - Father Edward Broom & all priests

10:30 a.m. - Father Vicenzio Antolini & all priests

12:30 p.m. - † Trevor Roach

### St. Joseph Office/Rectory summer hours:

Monday-Friday 9am-3pm and Saturday 9-12noon.

**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, Betty Klemm, John, Spencer, & Helen Baca, Jarome Bartolon, Tim Ginnett, Gary Skrehot, Mirna Pilarczyk, J. Christopher Clise, Janette Linares, Martha Rushing, Clara Lee Radtke, Mark Wynne, 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 Raspuvic, Heather Dean, Mary Beers, Kris Bednarz, Marlene Sargeant, Donald Wilkinson, Charlotte Morrison, Karen Muccino, Adelaide Rocha, Marian O'Donnell, Mary Jane McCormick, Elise Peltzer, Pat Corry & Christine Shinar.

## 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	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

## 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

## EUCCHARISTIC 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 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](mailto:bulletin@stjosephlb.org)