



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.

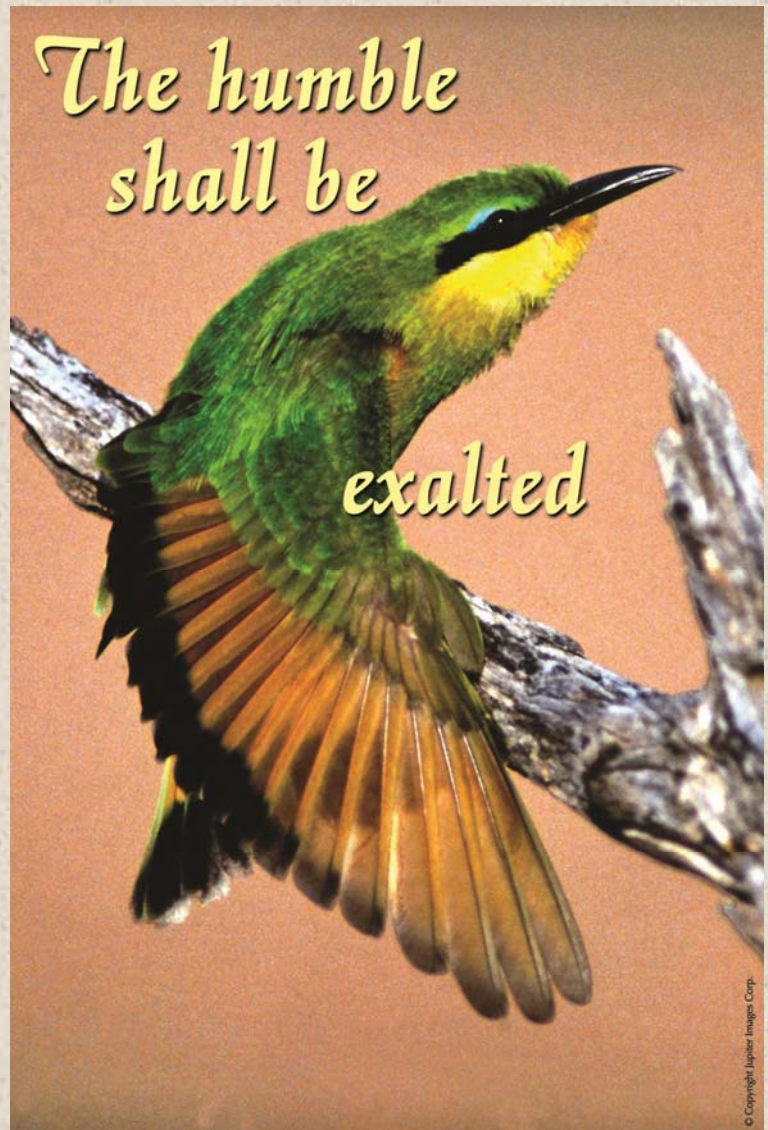
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

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-second Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 1, 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:

For people who aren't Christians, one of the hardest things to understand about our faith is why we consider pride to be a sin. In our modern culture people generally use the word "pride" in a positive sense.

For example, it's a good thing to take pride in one's work. It means to strive for excellence. We encourage young people to take pride in who they are and what they do. That kind of pride up to a certain point can actually be a form of humility because whatever goodness can be found in our work is not about us, but it is something we have received as a gift. Pride in one's country, one's family, or one's work is a form of gratitude and humility. This kind of pride is a positive thing.

However, in the Bible the word pride has a different meaning. It is a way of making ourselves out to be like God, we become the center of the Universe and our will and desires revolve around us. This type of pride, also called arrogance, is the opposite of humility. This is the arrogance found in the gospel today. The arrogance found in taking the places of honor at the table.

In our society, where achieving goals and having high achievement is important, humility isn't very popular. And yet, humility is one of the most important of the Christian virtues, but also one of the most misunderstood.

Humility isn't something weak and negative. That's not humility. Humility is something strong and powerful. Humility is accepting the truth. It is simply recognizing reality as it actually is. And the reality is, that we are completely dependent on a God who freely gives to us out of His goodness.

Humility tells us that what makes us worthy to God, is a completely free gift and it is given to us because God wants to give it to us. We are worthy because we are made in the image and likeness of God. We simply accept the place at the banquet that God invites us to as a wonderful gift.

In the end, humility shouldn't be defined in terms of worthlessness and lowliness, but rather in the terms of being made worthy by God's love for us. May we continue to strive to become more humble which helps us to serve others simply because we are able to see the worth and value in each person a worth and value that has been given to them by God.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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
 Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30
 Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37
 Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44
 Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11
 Friday: Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 5:33-39
 Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5
 Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-6, 12-17; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

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

Rest In Peace
 Died in Christ:
Christine Shinar
Ruben Romero





Year of Faith - The parish's "Year of Programs" revs up just as the Church's "Year of Faith" winds down. But faith, as Pope Benedict has reminded us, is a journey that lasts a lifetime. September's first two Sunday Gospels bid us embrace humility, the non-

negotiable prerequisite for communion with God in prayer and with our neighbor in self-sacrificing service (Catechism, 2559, 2631), and to let nothing deter us from following Jesus. Mid-September's "Lost and Found Sunday" asks: Is Jesus' picture of God mine--that is, a shepherd risking all to save one lost sheep, a woman scouring the house to find one lost coin, a father forgetting past wrongs to welcome home a lost son? If so, has this Year of Faith made me "look" any more like that God? On September's final Sundays, Amos, Israel's "Prophet of Justice," joins Jesus in warning us about the dangers of wealth. Are we "children of light" as eager to serve others as "children of the world" are to serve themselves? Nor is it sufficient simply to "do no harm." In Jesus' parable, the wealthy man did nothing hurtful to Lazarus; his sin was doing nothing at all!

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

Don't forget to register for Religious Education! Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle School and Confirmation! Please register by 9/8 so we can have all the materials in place for your children! Thank you!

We still need a 7th Grade Catechist on Tuesday nights from 7-8pm. This is a great opportunity to share your faith with our young church and grow in yours too!!!

Sunday Nursery: Available during 9:00 & 10:30 Masses.

**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.

Is the Holy Spirit calling you to the Catholic faith?

Have you been thinking about becoming Catholic? Are you missing some of your Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, 1st Communion or Confirmation)? The RCIA Process (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is just getting underway at St. Joseph's, so there is still time to get on board. All are welcome. Meetings are held each Tuesday night in the PAC and begin at 7:00PM. For more information, please contact Dcn. Shane at sfcuda@yahoo.com, or Olga Cuda in the parish office.

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 for more information.



From Deacon Don's desk:

The month of August had important feasts that point to Our Blessed Mother, Mary. Mary is a woman of **faith** confident that God has a better plan. She's a woman of **action**, seeing the need of her cousin Elizabeth who was 6 months pregnant and Mary also pregnant put aside her needs and fears. She had **trust** which takes persistence, persistence in prayer which leads me to a very powerful prayer for those in need:

The Memorare - Remember, o most gracious virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly to you, o virgin of virgins, my mother; to you I come, before you I stand sinful and sorrowful; o mother of the word incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer me. Amen

OUR PRAYER: (For our teachers and students as they prepare for a new school year): Lord Jesus, gentle and humble of heart, You declared that whoever receives a child in Your name receives You, and You promised Your kingdom to those who are like little children. Protect, encourage and bless our teachers and administrators as they prepare to bring our children more spiritually into the world that will test their faith. Guide our teachers with Your love and compassion. Amen

Mount Orchestra Concerto Competition, Sept. 28, 8:30am - 9:00pm. Open to high school students grades 9-12, pianists, instrumentalists, and singers. Grand Prize: \$500. Application is due no later than noon on September 13. Please direct questions to Therese Fassnacht at tfassnacht@msmc.la.edu

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.

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**

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:

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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.

"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 27th 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.

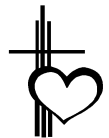
For this or other fulfilling opportunities, big and small, to serve the less fortunate, please call Tim Clark, 431-4385. Blue Skip-a-Meal envelope donations support our program.

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.

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



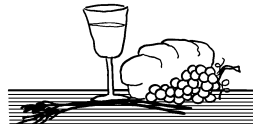
"We do not know how to pray, but the Spirit himself prays within us." Romans 8:26

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? Bullying is a form of abuse - Did you know that bullying is a form of abuse, and therefore is forbidden in our Catholic schools? Bullying typically consists of direct behaviors, such as teasing, taunting, threatening, hitting, shoving and stealing. But it might also be indirect, such as spreading rumors that cause victims to be socially isolated through intentional exclusion. Cyberbullying, which involves the use of the Internet or mobile phones to send inappropriate messages and images to or about others, is also behavior that is not tolerated in our Catholic schools. If you suspect bullying of a child at school, please contact the school principal with your concerns.

Mass Intentions



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 Vincenzo Antolini & all priests

12:30 p.m. - † Trevor Roach

MONDAY, September 2

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

TUESDAY, September 3

8:00 a.m. - Don & Nancy Miller, special intention

WEDNESDAY, September 4

8:00 a.m. - Marian O'Donnell, special intention

THURSDAY, September 5

8:00 a.m. - † Christine Shinar

FRIDAY, September 6

8:00 a.m. - Lay Ministers of St. Joseph Parish

SATURDAY, September 7

5:00 p.m. - † Bunny Eckholdt

SUNDAY, September 8

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

9:00 a.m. - Mass for Immigration Reform

10:30 a.m. - † Thomas Goonan

12:30 p.m. - † Jerry Van Deudekom

New St. Joseph Office/Rectory hours:

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm (Closed noon - 1:00 for lunch)

Saturday 9-12noon

Closed on Sunday.

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 Kohonen, 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 & Dr. Cyril McNulty.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

LITURGY COMMITTEE	Dcn. Shane Cuda	594-4657
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION	Gene Ensch	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
ADMINISTRATIVE 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

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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