



# 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.

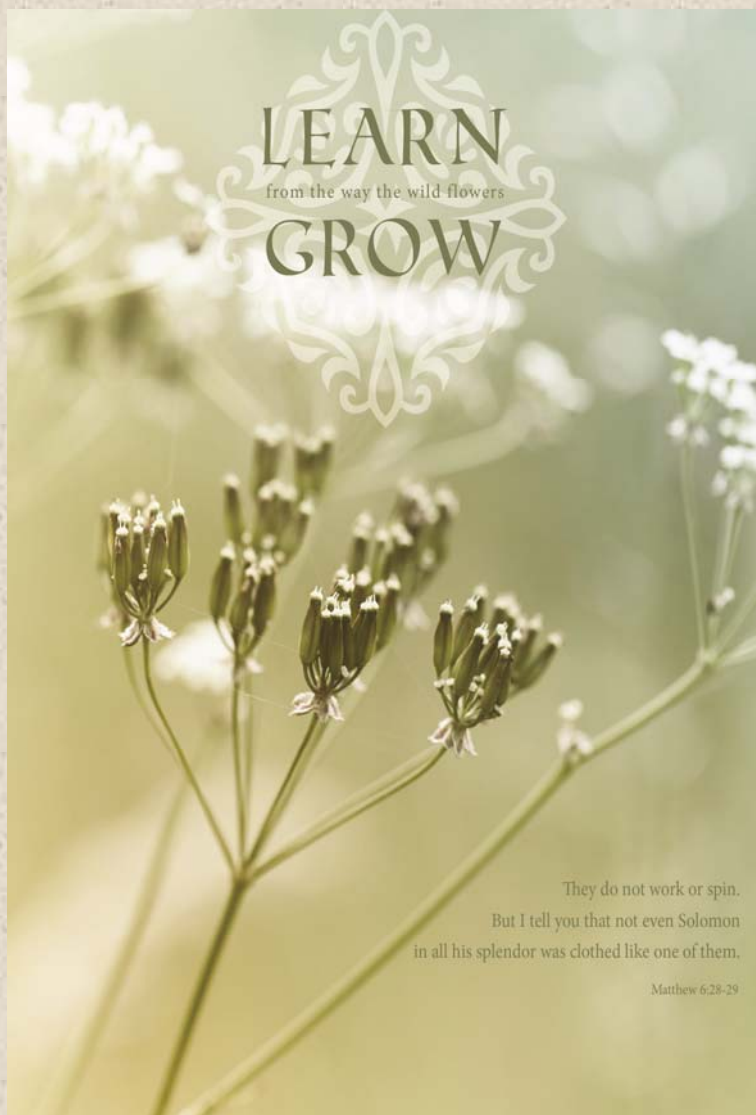
## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

**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.



They do not work or spin.  
But I tell you that not even Solomon  
in all his splendor was clothed like one of them.  
Matthew 6:28-29

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**March 2, 2014**

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:

This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and we begin the Season of Lent. Jesus' continuous call to conversion is especially heard during Lent. In our spiritual life, sin can make us think that life away from God and God's people will be a better life. And yet when we let sin guide our coming and our going, we find ourselves at a place that is not home.

When we're far away from home, our heart aches. And we long to go back where we are always welcomed, supported, and loved. Sin might lead us away from our home in God, yet it can never remove us beyond God's reach and love.

In the same way a father and mother can see into the heart of his or her child, and see the goodness that is there, God sees us in the same way in spite of our sins and faults. During Lent it is important for us to learn that these coming forty days invite us to get on the road that leads us back to our home, a home that leads us to our God.



Ash

Wednesday

March 5 - Ash Wednesday Masses are at 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

There will also be a prayer service with ashes at 12:30 p.m.

**Fast and Abstinence** - Abstinence from meat on all Fridays of Lent and Ash Wednesday.

Fasting on Ash Wednesday and 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.

**St. Joseph Feast Day Celebration Mass Mar. 19, 5:30 p.m.** followed by a dinner in the hall. Please call the rectory office to R.S.V.P., 594-4657.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	Is 49:14-15; Ps 62:2-3, 6-9; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34
Monday:	1 Pt 1:3-9; Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9, 10c; Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday:	1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98:1-4; Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday:	Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

**Pro Life Corner** - The U.S. House of Representatives has passed the Unborn Child Protection Act which aims to protect children from abortion after 20 weeks, fetal age. Senator Lindsey Graham and colleagues have introduced the same bill in the U.S. Senate. We will keep praying.  
Priests for Life



"When we walk onto the field, we are expected to be perfect, and as the season progresses we are expected to improve!" Ed Runge, MLB umpire. The baseball season is almost upon us **but** more importantly the season of Lent.

How time flies: Three years ago this month we were preparing for the new translation of the Roman Missal. It seemed like a "throw-back" to ages past, but in fact it was to call us to a **greater humility**. We no longer "acknowledge our failures" but "acknowledge our sins." It is **not** indulging in "old-fashioned Catholic guilt." It is aligning us more closely with the original Latin. And more importantly **not to think badly** of ourselves but to think **rightly** about ourselves. It is intended to help us realize how grateful we should be. Though we have sinned and have faults, we have to remember that we have a God of mercy who died for us. That is our gift of salvation. **Everything is a gift** because God is gracious and merciful. The intent is to put us into a "**right relationship** with God." He is our Creator and we owe Him adoration.

**OUR PRAYER:** God of goodness, help us to remember that our greatest friend is Jesus, Your Son. Let our relationship with Him support and encourage a right relationship with all our friends and keep us faithful to one another. Amen

**Lent is Coming** - Now is the time to think about doing a little extra to grow in your spirituality. Join Deacon Don and Tina at their home on Wednesday mornings and be a part of a Small Christian Community this Lent. We begin at 6:30 a.m. and are finished in time to attend 8:00 a.m. Mass. Call Deacon Don for more details: 562-598-5202 or 562-498-6701. Hope you will join us.

### Lenten Retreat

This year the Verbum Dei Missionary sisters will facilitate our parish Lenten retreat. The retreat will take place in the church on three Wednesday evenings, March 26, April 2 and April 9 from 630PM – 800PM. **All are welcome.**

**March 26** - Introduction to the spirituality of the Beatitudes and their relevance to the twenty-first century.

Blessed are the Poor in Spirit.

Blessed are those who Mourn.

Blessed are the Meek.

**April 2** - Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.

Blessed are the Merciful.

Blessed are the Pure of Heart.

**April 9** - Blessed are the Peacemakers.

Blessed are those persecuted for justice's sake.

Conclusion: God's kingdom as the horizon for Holy Week.

**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).

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519**

Early Childhood at 9:00am, Elementary at 10:30am.

**Early Childhood:** Regular class today. Two weeks to RE Congress: there's still time to sign up! Go to [www.recongress.org](http://www.recongress.org) for more info. Family Easter Baskets items collected next week for Movement for a Better World. Next week: regular class and Daylight Savings begins: remember to "Spring Forward!"

**Sacrament Preparation:** Parent Reminder – our last workshop for the year is on Monday, March 10 – in the parish Hall. **Year 1 from 6-7pm. Year 2 from 7-8pm.**

**The Parent/Child 1st Eucharist Retreat** for all Year 2 sacrament preparation children is on Sunday, March 30 from 1:45-5pm.

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

**Adult Faith Formation:**

**Attention All Adults:** We continue our Holy Grounds CAFÉ in the PAC dining room. We open up Scripture and the Catechism and share our faith as parents, adults and children of God in a relaxed "coffee house" atmosphere. Bring your Bible if you have one. I have extra if you need one! Flyers are at the exits of the church! From 10:30-11:40am Sunday mornings.



**St. Joseph Book Club** will be reading *Tattoos on the Heart* by Fr. Greg Boyle. Books will be on sale at the PAC during business hours – 9:00-3:30 – Monday – Thursday and Sundays from 9-12:00 noon.

**Lenten Retreat** for Men & Women, Thursday, **March 6, 6pm - 9pm.** Supper at 6pm, St. Cornelius Large Hall. **RSVP by March 4** at [st.c.aff@gmail.com](mailto:st.c.aff@gmail.com) or 562-496-3224.

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

**Ronald Nutman**  
**Louis Bailey**

**Grief Support Group**

A grief support group is forming beginning **March 19**, at 12:30 in the PAC. The session runs for nine weeks and there is a \$10 charge for the book. If you are interested in attending, please contact Mimi Bloeser, 562-818-4249.

**"Jesus is Lord"**

Standing on the word of God, let us learn together.

St. Joseph Bible Study has resumed classes: **Tuesdays at 9 a.m. and/or Thursdays at 7 p.m.**

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."  
Philippians 4:13

To register, please call Rita Smith, 562-533-1243.

**Youth Ministry**

**Middle School:** Middle School Retreat is coming up! It will be the weekend of **March 30-April 1**. Orientation on Monday **March 10** at St. Bartholomew 4545 E. 4th Street, Long Beach. At 7pm.

**High School:** Youth Day is coming around. If you liked the retreat you will like this! Youth Day is at the Anaheim Convention Center **March 13**. Come join us! If you are interested, please contact youth ministry; tickets are limited!

**Confirmation:** Please pray for our Confirmation I teens who are on retreat this weekend; they will return for the 12:30 Mass and their Rite of Welcome!

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

"Pray always.....if necessary use words."  
Pope Francis

**Seminarian Sends Greetings to  
St. Joseph Parishioners**

Hello Friends, My continuing journey to the priesthood:

I hope this finds you well. It is amazing how fast time goes by. It is hard to believe, but it has already been eight months since I finished my internship assignment at St. Joseph. Nonetheless, I still have many wonderful memories quite vividly in my mind. I remember them with great joy, as they were very inspiring and reaffirming in my vocation to the priesthood. The journey is not over yet, but certainly we are much closer than when I started my priestly formation a few year ago. God willing, I will get ordained as a deacon in November of this year and as a priest in May of next year. As I'm going through the last stages of my formation and getting ready for my ordination, I would like to ask you to keep me in your prayers, so that I may be always open to accepting and embracing with joy God's will in my life.

Likewise, I will keep you in my daily prayers as I pray with my brother seminarians during the Liturgy of the Hours and attending the Holy Eucharist. Furthermore, I will also pray for you when I go jogging, as I am preparing myself to run the L.A. Marathon on March 9. This form of active prayer I started practicing while I was at St. Joseph last year. Now it has become a part of my regular prayer life. This type of prayer consists of offering the time and effort for someone. In this case, it is for you who have been a part of my journey to the priesthood. I have found this very rewarding as I get to do two things at the same time, praying and exercising. Please let me know if there is a specific intention that you would like me to pray for. Certainly, praying is a powerful spiritual instrument, as we can see before our eyes how it is transforming our minds and hearts. Together with Jesus Christ we will end up victorious in this wonderful journey.

Sincerely, Luis Estrada



## St. Joseph's Heartbeat God ♥ all

**Mar. 3** - Social/game gathering

**Mar. 17 - Happy St. Patrick's Day - Senior Retreat**

presented by Fr. Al Scott, **9:30 - 10:00 am** Coffee Social, **10:00 - 11:00 am** Morning Presentation, **11:00 am - noon** Mass, **12:00 - 1:00 pm** Luncheon, **1:00 - 2:00 pm** Afternoon Question Session. Everyone welcome! \$12 for luncheon. Sign up today. Call Mary Lou Clark (562) 431-4385.

**Apr. 7 & 21** - Social/game gathering/Business meeting

**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

**March 28** - Day trip to Viejas Indian Casino. Leave 8 am & return around 5:30 pm. Enjoy a fun-filled day gaming & shopping. \$5 coupon off for lunch. Slots of fun. Only \$15 per person. For information & reservations contact: Gerry Seckington, (562) 420-3220 or Mary Lou Clark, (562) 431-4385. Everyone welcome.

**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, final payment due in April.

**July 15** - Escorted tour of Coronado Island with a Harbor Cruise plus lunch at Anthony's Fish Grotto on the water. Browse Hotel Del Coronado. Day trip, \$85 per person. Depart at 7:45 a.m., return around 5:30 p.m. Sign up now.

**Sept.** - Trip to Sam's Town in Las Vegas. More info coming.

**October 23** - Apple season in Oak Glen with Tour of the Graber Olive House. Free apple pie. Lunch provided with pie a la mode for dessert. Must choose entre upon sign-up: Meat loaf, ham or chicken. Depart 8:30 a.m., return around 6 p.m. \$60 per person. Sign up now.

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

### Catholic Co-ed Softball Players Wanted!

The Greater South Bay/Long Beach/West Orange County Catholic Co-ed Slo-Pitch Spring Adult (Ages 18+) Softball League seeks players for their exciting 2014 season! Games are on Sunday afternoons from March thru June in Torrance. Singles and couples welcome; female players especially needed! If interested, please contact: Fred Lawler, 714-369-9516 or [fredlawler@hotmail.com](mailto:fredlawler@hotmail.com).

**SAVE THE DATE:** The Parish Fair will be **May 2-4**.

Rides, games, food, live bands, craft faire – do we need to go on?! Save the date. If you're interested in helping to plan/organize the Fair, please contact [sjparishfair@gmail.com](mailto:sjparishfair@gmail.com)

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

**Mar. 1 - 2:** Feed-a-Baby Drive – collecting non-perishable baby food and products for Catholic Charities and New Life Beginnings of Long Beach.

**Mar. 29 - 30:** Children's Book Drive – collecting new or gently used reading books for our Easter Food and Gift Distribution to 66 local families in need.

Would you like to share in the fulfillment of our ministry?

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



**You are invited** to join Fr. Joseph Parathanal of Holy Family Church, South Pasadena, Pilgrimages to:

**May 2014**-Grand European Marian Pilgrimage-Medjugorje, Portugal, France, Spain & Italy.

**Sept. 2014**-St. Thomas, Mother Teresa, St. Alphonsa-Grand Tour to India

Contact Bernadette at [bcorp1114@hotmail.com](mailto:bcorp1114@hotmail.com) or call (323-344-1548 or 323-547-6618).

### Italy and the Canonization of Popes John Paul II

**and John XXIII with Fr. Carl Bell** - Join Father Carl Bell for this "once in a lifetime opportunity." Come and see our new Holy Father Pope Francis on this historic occasion, where our beloved popes will be canonized. This 13 day pilgrimage throughout Italy and at Rome for the canonization will be **April 18-30, 2014**. For more information and reservations, please contact Ronald Haller at [ronaldhallertravel@gmail.com](mailto:ronaldhallertravel@gmail.com) or (714)746-4199 or Claudia Venegas at [claudiatravelholyland@gmail.com](mailto:claudiatravelholyland@gmail.com) or (714)414-2038.

### Fingerprinting Schedule

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

**March 5** - St. John Fisher, Rancho PV, 310-377-4573

**March 8** - St. Linus, Norwalk, 562-921-6649

**March 12** - St. Aloysius Gonzaga, L.A., 323-585-4485

**March 22** - St. Emydius, Lynwood, 310-637-7095 x 10

### Did You Know? A good photo could save a child's

**life** - One of the most important tools for law enforcement to use in the case of a missing child is an updated (every six months), good school-portrait quality, head-and-shoulders color photograph of the child in which the face is clearly seen. The background should be plain or solid so it does not distract from the subject. When possible, the photograph should be in a digitized form, and available on a compact disk (CD), as opposed to just a hard copy. This minimizes the time necessary to scan, resize, and make color corrections before disseminating it to law enforcement. The photograph should have space for accurate, narrative description useful to identify the child such as name, nickname, height, weight, sex, age, eye color, identifying marks, glasses, and braces. For more information, call Victims Assistance Ministry: (213) 637-7650.

## Mass Intentions



### SATURDAY, March 1

5:00 p.m. - † Madalyne Ursano

### SUNDAY, March 2

7:30 a.m. - † Ray Bielman

9:00 a.m. - † Don Miller

10:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

12:30 p.m. - † Ray Bielman

### MONDAY, March 3

8:00 a.m. - † Ray Bielman

### TUESDAY, March 4

8:00 a.m. - Rita Smith, Thanksgiving

### WEDNESDAY, March 5

8:00 a.m. - † James Halley, Sr.

7:00 p.m. - † Celia Delgado

### THURSDAY, March 6

8:00 a.m. - † Dolores Devine

### FRIDAY, March 7

8:00 a.m. - † Eddie Munda

### SATURDAY, March 8

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

### SUNDAY, March 9

7:30 a.m. - † Ray Bielman

9:00 a.m. - † Mary Schute

10:30 a.m. - † Don Miller

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

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:

<b>Glen Warren</b>	<b>Nick Compton</b>
<b>Joseph Comfort</b>	<b>Irene Avila</b>
<b>Scott Williams</b>	<b>Justin Ray</b>
<b>Timothy Ring</b>	<b>Adam Mariano</b>
<b>Obinna Ugochukwu</b>	<b>David Waidelich</b>
<b>Timmy Allison</b>	<b>Michael Marchante</b>
<b>Jason Kaufmann</b>	<b>Nicky Kaufmann</b>
<b>John Landry</b>	<b>Jessica Landry</b>
<b>Dillon Schad</b>	<b>Kyle Shea</b>

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.

**Please pray for** Brooke Manning, 17 year old former student of our school. She is in need of a heart transplant.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .** Eugene Dryer, Fernando Montoya, Tim Ginnett, Kim Agee, Marlene Sargeant, Mary Jane McCormick, Elise Peltzer, Pat & Sheila Corry, Dr. Cyril McNulty, Shelley O'Neil, Vinny Petronio, Autumn Majors, Gary Hillebrecht, Gene Adam, Carlito Siagon, Nelson Molina, Adam Duntze, Karen Muccino, Charles Schad, Claudia Reasoner, Olga Kocevar, Brooke Manning. Joanne Rossello, Ray Willey, Robert Taylor, baby Enzo Esparza, Mary Clair Preasant, Phil Gray, George Frank, Karen Grice, Ged Hay, Bayless Conley, Keith Johnson, Jeff Perry, Eileen Bentley, Linda Vaughn & Steve Ferris.

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

LITURGY COMMITTEE	Dcn. Shane Cuda	<b>594-4657</b>
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION	Gene Ensich	<b>421-0147</b>
LECTORS	Bill Smith	<b>431-2495</b>
USHERS	Marty Vezzetti	<b>425-0621</b>
ALTAR SERVERS	Dcn. Shane Cuda	<b>594-4657</b>
DIRECTOR of MUSIC	Vivian Doughty	<b>422-5430</b>
ALTAR CARE	Rectory	<b>594-4657</b>
CHURCH SACRISTANS	Lily & Joe Dang (sister & brother)	<b>493-2198</b>

## ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

**562-596-6115**

PRINCIPAL	Margaret Alvarez
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL	Sonia Yurak
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNSEL	Katie Mais, Erin Wright & Sonia Yurak
OFFICE MANAGER	Julie Gianessi

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**562-598-0519**

DIRECTOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	Nancy Longo	
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MIDDLE SCHOOL	Nancy Longo	<b>598-0519</b>
YOUTH MINISTRY/ CONFIRMATION	Marc Leon & Lydia Tovar	<b>598-0519</b>
EARLY CHILDHOOD	Shannon Carpenter	<b>598-0519</b>
LITURGY/CHILDREN	Nancy Longo	<b>598-0519</b>
RCIC (Children)	Nancy Longo	<b>598-0519</b>
SUNDAY NURSERY	Shannon Carpenter	<b>430-6840</b>
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY FOR CHILDREN	Mimi Bloeser	<b>818-4249</b>

## ADULT MINISTRY

RCIA	Shane Cuda	<b>594-4657</b>
	sfcuda@yahoo.com	
BIBLE STUDY	Rita Smith	<b>714-761-4376</b>
BAPTISM PREPARATION	Olga Cuda	<b>594-4657</b>
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY	Dave Desmond	<b>429-3316</b>
MEDITATION	Marie Mitchell	<b>310-490-4012</b>
SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES	Dcn. Don & Tina Gath	<b>598-5202</b>

## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

PASTORAL COUNCIL	Margee Infante	<b>537-8210</b>
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	www.stjosephlb.org	
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MOVEMENT FOR A BETTER WORLD	Tim Clark	<b>431-4385</b>
SENIOR GROUP	Judy Pedneault	<b>421-6863</b>
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	Ron Steiner	<b>431-7703</b>
ENGAGED ENCOUNTER	Tom & Diane Krause	<b>310-316-3477</b>
	www.ceeofla.org/schedule.htm	
NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING	Greg & Beth Gath	<b>377-5877</b>
SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN	Monica Munoz & Julie Gray	<b>598-0519</b>
PROJECT ACHIEVE	Tina Gath	<b>598-5202</b>
	Olga Cuda	<b>594-4657</b>
PRECIOUS LIFE SHELTER	Michelle Gath	<b>498-6701</b>
CUB SCOUTS	Moses Bass	<b>420-1877</b>
BOY SCOUTS	Tom Lane	<b>496-4223</b>

**BULLETIN NOTICES DEADLINE - MONDAY 1:00 PM**  
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