



# 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.

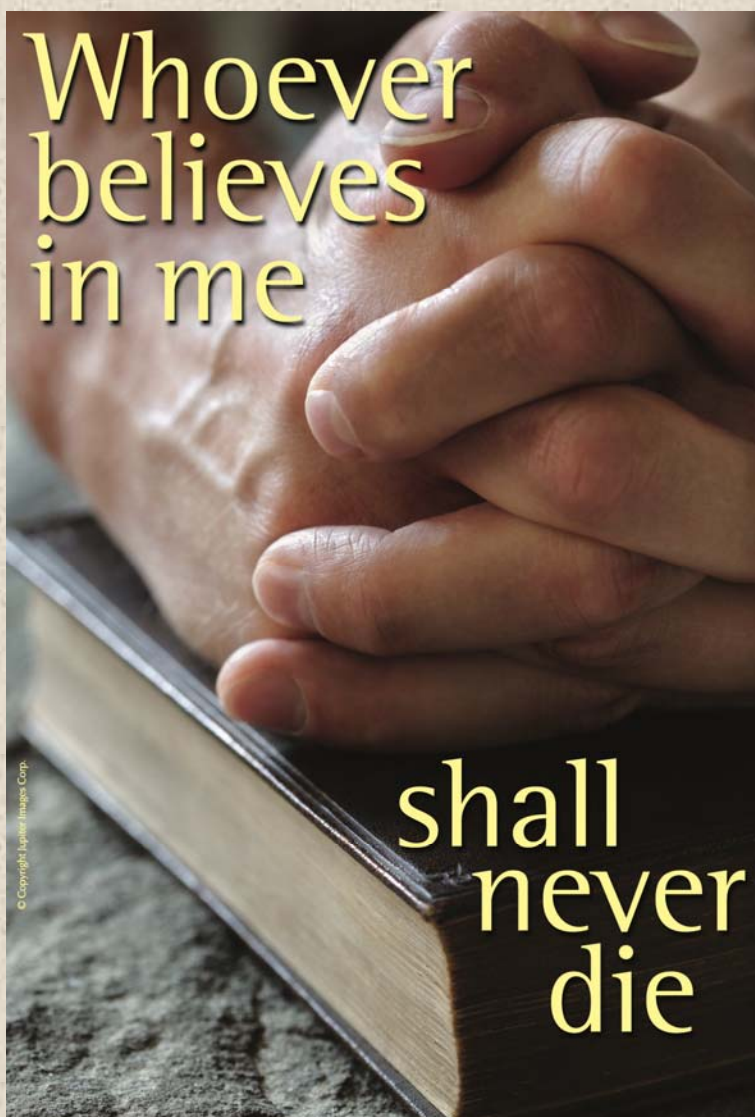
## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

**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.



**Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
**April 6, 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:

In John's gospel this weekend, Martha makes the great profession of faith that Peter makes in the other three gospels. "You are the Messiah, the Son of God."

Sometimes we can feel about the Lord just like Martha did when Jesus took so long to arrive in Bethany when Lazarus was sick. Thanks for coming Lord, but you're a little late. I know you're with me Lord, but where were you when I needed you?

But Jesus reassures us as he reassured Martha. "Look, no matter when I seem to get there, I've been with you all the time, and I can pull life out of anything. I can do that with your sins. I can do that with your tragedies. I can restore you to life."

This is the lesson of Lazarus' rising. Believing that Jesus brought Lazarus back to life makes all the difference to us. Why? Because we haven't lost hope. We can always put our faith in the Lord. We can respond to those situations in our life that aren't good and know that Jesus can pull life out of it. It is a powerful belief. So, as we approach Easter, let's embrace the spirit of this Gospel and truly live this belief.



**So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.** 2 Corinthians 5:17

### Men and Women of St. Joseph Parish

Resolve now to do something that will forever change your life!

Give yourself the gift of a *Cursillo* and become the person you've always wanted to be...the New Creation in Christ that St. Paul talks about.

A *Cursillo* is a retreat unlike anything you've ever experienced...a three-day experience of living Christianity. *Cursillo* retreats run from Thursday evening thru Sunday evening.

The next Men's *Cursillo* retreat begins Apr.10. The next Women's retreat begins on May 8. For more information, contact Dcn. Shane at [sfcuda@yahoo.com](mailto:sfcuda@yahoo.com), or call the rectory office at 562-594-4657.

### Lenten & Easter Schedule

**Stations of the Cross** - all Fridays of Lent, 7:00 p.m.

**Lenten Retreat** - Apr. 9, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

**Reconciliation Service** - Tuesday, April 8, 7:00 p.m.

**Morning Prayer** - April 17, 18, and 19, 8:00 a.m.

**Liturgy of the Lord's Supper** - April 17, 7:00 p.m.

**Liturgy of the Lord's Passion & Death** - Apr 18, 1:30pm

**Easter Vigil** - Saturday, April 19, 7:30 p.m.

**Easter Sunday Masses** - 7:30, 9 & 10:30 am, 12:30 pm



Reflecting on the journey of our Confirmandi reminded me of a homily I heard last month on the word **commitment**. What are the symbols of commitment?

A signature is one: John Hancock and the Continental Congress put their names on the Declaration of Independence. Native Americans showed commitment to a treaty by "passing the peace pipe." Another is raising our right hand or placing it over our heart when we "Pledge Allegiance." The founding fathers mutually pledged to each other "their lives, fortunes and sacred honor."

St. Paul said, "I am convinced that neither death, nor life nor angels nor principalities, present things, nor future things, nor height, depth nor any creature can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 3:34-39 And in a few weeks you will see Jesus confront Peter and ask him three times, "Peter, do you love Me?" You know his response **but** do you remember what Jesus replied? "Tend and feed my sheep." Jn 21:16-17 This is our commitment, to serve those in need.

**OUR PRAYER:** Heavenly Father, may You choose this time to open wide the windows of heaven and pour out Your greatest blessings upon the Confirmation candidates and their families who long to be at the table with You and share in the banquet of life. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen

**PS: Chrism Mass:** Hopefully we will have a large contingent to go the Cathedral on Monday. If you need a ride, contact Tina or Deacon Don, 598-5202. Our plan is to leave St. Joseph about 3PM.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]
Monday:	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday:	Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday:	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday:	Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday:	Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday:	Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday:	Mt 21:1-11 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]

### Lenten Reconciliation Services

April 7, Monday, St. Bartholomew Church

April 8, Tuesday, St. Joseph Church

April 9, Wednesday, St. Cornelius Church

**Pro Life Corner** - Priests for Life has entered a lawsuit in the Court of Appeals of the Supreme Court in order to protect religious freedom. Please pray for success.

Priests for Life, Feb. 2014

**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. Thank you for bringing your items for Family Easter Baskets last week. Remember to sign up for an item to bring Palm Sunday (April 13th), bring in your 12 filled eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt and wear your Sunday School shirt, too. Parish Fair in 4 weeks—sign up for your shift at the Fair now. Next week: regular class and Easter Celebration!

**Confirmation:** This year Confirmation will be celebrated on **April 6** at 3:00 p.m. Please keep our Confirmation candidates and families in your prayers!

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

**"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.

**Position Available: Sunday Nursery Caretaker!** We are looking for a person, at least 18 years old, Virtus trained (we'll provide the training) and fingerprinted (we also provide the fingerprinting through the Archdiocese), who is available on Sunday mornings during the 9 AM and 10:30 AM Masses to watch our parish's littlest ones. Hours are 8:45-11:45, every Sunday. Holidays off if desired, or if you'd like more hours, you may work the holidays. Please contact Shannon Carpenter at 562.598.0519 for inquiries, more information, or to apply. Thank you!

Want to learn the secret to living your marriage sacrament freely, totally, faithfully and fruitfully? Come learn **Natural Family Planning**; it's highly effective and can do wonders for your relationship. A new class series starts **April 26**. To learn more, visit [www.live-the-love.org](http://www.live-the-love.org) or contact Greg and Beth Gath at [bethandgreg@verizon.net](mailto:bethandgreg@verizon.net) or 562-377-5877.

**Together in Mission** - Thank you to everyone who has made a pledge to the Together in Mission campaign this year. **Our goal for this year is \$67,850.23.** So far, we have pledges amounting to \$50,430.

**Catholic Relief Services Collection** - Thank you for your support. Through your generosity, families will be reunited, valuable life skills will be taught to those seeking a better life, and many will have vital humanitarian needs met. Please visit [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) (search "Catholic Relief Services Collection") to learn how your donations make a difference and **help Jesus in disguise.**

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



God is love and He lives in our hearts.  
We need only to respond to His infinite love.

***"Meditation is the mysterious interior solitude in which the soul is absorbed in the immense & fruitful silence of God." Thomas Merton***

**Lenten Retreat**

This year the Verbum Dei Missionary sisters will facilitate our parish Lenten retreat. The retreat will take place in the church on **April 9** from 630 – 800PM. **All are welcome.**

**April 9** - Blessed are the Peacemakers, Blessed are those persecuted for justice's sake.

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

The **Chrism Mass** will be celebrated at the Cathedral **April 14**, 7 p.m. This is our annual celebration, with the gathered local church, of the priesthood of Jesus—the anointed-by—the Spirit. His priesthood is shared by the Baptized and the ordained, and is exercised in the sacraments, especially those most closely associated with the Eucharist, the Sacraments of Initiation, of Orders, and the Sacrament of the Sick.

**Lenten Faith and Fatherhood**

Come out and join other St. Joseph fathers for some faith and fellowship. Sundays – April 13 from 4:00 – 5:00 PM **Ecco's Pizza**, 2123 N Bellflower Blvd.

Contact: Jim Crofut, [jamescrofut@gmail.com](mailto:jamescrofut@gmail.com) 234-1432.

**Parish Fair News**

- \*The Fair is May 2-4
- \* Discounted ride/food tickets to be sold after Masses on April 12/13, 26/27 also before and after school beginning April 14.
- \* Parish makes more money if you buy ride tickets **BEFORE** Fair starts than during the Fair.
- \*Please consider sponsoring as a family, business or remembering a loved one. Forms at each exit of church.
- \*We need parishioners to volunteer. Parents with kids at St. Joseph School have to volunteer, we need volunteers who don't have children in school. There is a job for everyone, young and experienced.
- \*Day care will be provided for children of volunteers during their shift.
- \*\$6 Yummy Pancake breakfast Sunday, May 4 in Fr. Martin Hall
- \*Come enjoy the live bands Friday evening from 5-10pm, Saturday 1-10 pm. Sunday is Children's Lip Sync at 1 pm, the L.B. Millikan Jazz Band on stage from 3-5 pm, and Chris Berry's band The Ghostriders from 5:45 to 7:45.



## St. Joseph's Heartbeat God ♥ all

**Apr. 7 & 21** - Social/game gathering/Business meeting  
**May 5 & 19** - Social/game gathering  
**June 2 & 16** - Social/game gathering  
**July 7 & 21** - Social/game gathering  
**Aug. 4 & 18** - Social/game gathering  
**Sept. 8 (2nd Monday due to Labor Day) & Sept. 22 (4th Monday)** - Social/game gathering  
**Oct. 6 & 20** - Social/game gathering  
**Nov. 3** - Social/game gathering  
**Nov. 17** - Thanksgiving Luncheon  
**Dec. 1** - Social/game gathering  
**Dec. 15** - Christmas Luncheon  
**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

**June 26** - The Jersey Boys at Segerstrom Center for the Arts in Costa Mesa with dinner @ Bucca de Beppo. \$100 per person. **Final payment due** April 7 social/game gathering.  
**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. Sign up now. \$85/person. Bus boarding at 7:30, depart at 7:45, return around 5:30.  
**Sept.** - Trip to Sam's Town in Las Vegas. Package includes: 3 days/2 nights at Sam's Town. \$130/person double occ. or \$168/person single. Boarding 7:45, depart 8:00, return Sept. 30 about 6:00 Sign up now.  
**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.

**Social Justice in the Catholic Church** workshop on how to start a successful "Social Justice" Ministry. **April 12**, 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Padre Serra Church, 5205 Upland Rd, Camarillo. No cost and lunch provided.  
 Register online at: [www.padreserra.org/parishioners](http://www.padreserra.org/parishioners).

The **Ignatian Volunteer Corps** is looking for a few good people! There are schools and other local non-profit agencies serving the poor and marginalized in the San Pedro Region that will benefit from your knowledge, skills and compassion. This Jesuit affiliated ministry invites you to assist those in need, work for a more just society and grow deeper in your Christian faith. For more information, contact Anne Hansen at [ahansen@ivcusa.org](mailto:ahansen@ivcusa.org) or call 310-338-2358.

**April 12: Easter Food and Gift Distribution** 8:30 a.m. in the parish hall. Can you deliver to a family in need? Please call Amy McKenna 427-5917.

**Skip-a-Meal Donations:** These are the financial support for our ministry. A shortfall in donations this year has impacted our ability to serve compared to recent years. For fulfilling opportunities to serve, call Tim Clark 431-4385.

*"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Mt 25:40*



**Save the Date** – Monday, **June 16**, for the 31st Annual St. Anthony High School Monsignor Gualderon Golf Classic. The tournament will take place at El Dorado Park Golf Course and all proceeds will benefit St. Anthony HS Athletics. Online registration at [www.LongBeachSaints.org](http://www.LongBeachSaints.org) has begun and space is limited. For more information or to inquire about sponsorship opportunities or donations, please contact Renee Salvador at (562)435-4496 ext.1241 or [www.renee.salvador@longbeachsaints.org](mailto:www.renee.salvador@longbeachsaints.org). Thank you and we look forward to seeing you on the course!

Enjoy gardening or just love spring time. Join **Italian Catholic federation** at their **April 6** meeting to listen to and question a Master Gardener and then plant your own seeds and watch them grow. For the kids we will be coloring eggs Italian Style. Come to St. Cornelius' small hall at 1:30. If you have any questions please contact Stephanie Hardy 562-544-2222.

**Spring Plant Sale** - 7th grade fundraiser. All funds go towards 8th grade graduation breakfast. All plants are high quality, direct from a local grower. Individual plants and flats will be on sale after Masses on **April 6**. Make checks payable to St. Joseph School. Thank you for your support!

### Fingerprinting Schedule

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

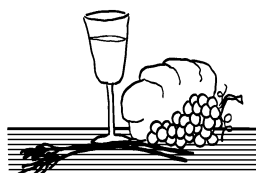
**April 12** - St. Anthony, El Segundo, 310-322-4392  
**April 16** - Sagrado Corazon, Cudahy, 323-562-3356  
**April 23** - St. Dominic Savio, Bellflower, 532-920-7796  
**April 30** - San Miguel, Los Angeles, 323-567-6892

### **Did You Know? April is Child Abuse Prevention**

**Month** - It is appropriate that Child Abuse Prevention Month is during the Easter season. There is no better time to celebrate the protection of our most valuable gift from God – our children. For information on how you can become more informed and involved in keeping our children safe, and to learn more about the 2014 pamphlet, "Working together to prevent child sexual abuse," please call the Archdiocese's Safeguard the Children Program, (213) 637-7227.



## Mass Intentions



### SATURDAY, April 5

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

### SUNDAY, April 6

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

9:00 a.m. - † Alex Carrera

10:30 a.m. - Autistic children in Long Beach

12:30 p.m. - † Frank Devine

### MONDAY, April 7

8:00 a.m. - † George Komfine

### TUESDAY, April 8

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

### WEDNESDAY, April 9

8:00 a.m. - † Maureen William

### THURSDAY, April 10

8:00 a.m. - † Maureen William

### FRIDAY, April 11

8:00 a.m. - Marian O'Donnell

### SATURDAY, April 12

5:00 p.m. - † Charles Brench

### SUNDAY, April 13

7:30 a.m. - † Luis Hidalgo, Jr.

9:00 a.m. - † Nancy Grgas

10:30 a.m. - † Raquel Sifuentes

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 . . .** 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, 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, Eileen Bentley, Linda Vaughn, Steve Ferris, Tamara Smith, Alexis Persyko, Evelyn Priddy, Edward Merk, Marian O'Donnell, Louie Rubio, Teresa Stewart, & Eloisa Mariano.

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

LITURGY COMMITTEE	Dcn. Shane Cuda	<b>594-4657</b>
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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	
ELEMENTARY,		
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>
Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick		<b>594-4657</b>

## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

PASTORAL COUNCIL	Margee Infante	<b>537-8210</b>
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	www.stjosephlb.org	
Website address:		
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**  
PLEASE SUBMIT NOTICES, WITH YOUR NAME & PHONE, to the rectory or to [bulletin@stjosephlb.org](mailto:bulletin@stjosephlb.org)