



# 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.

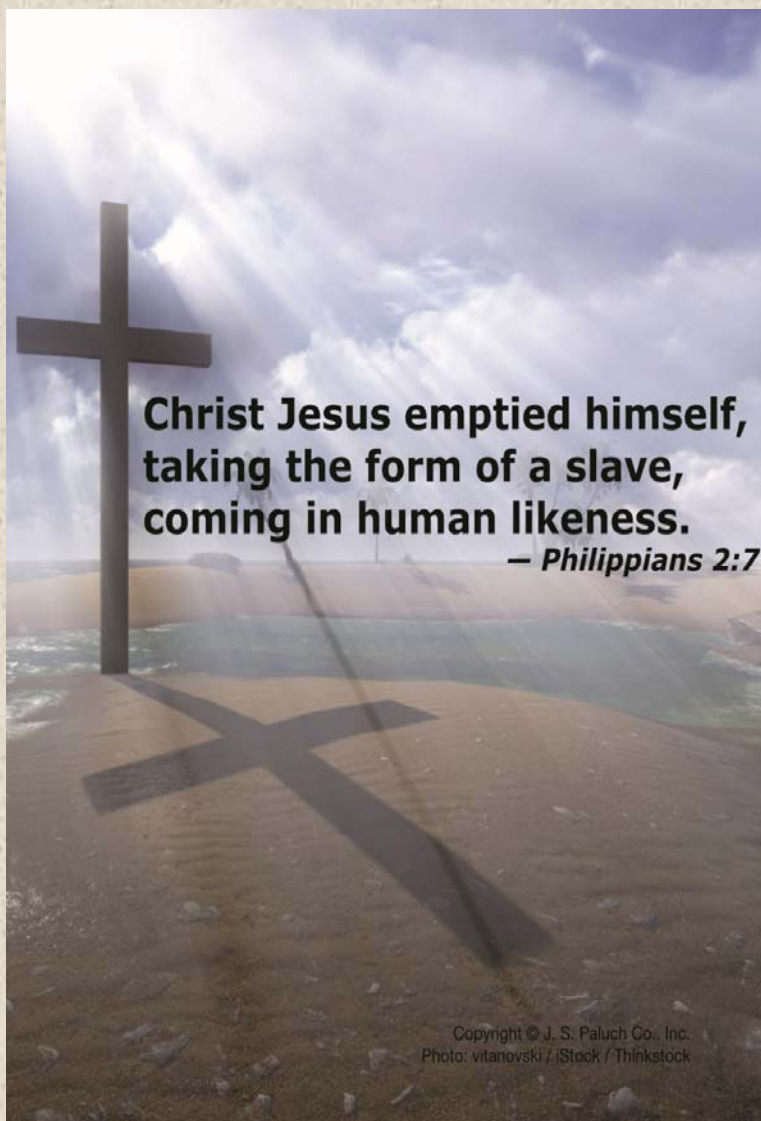
## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

**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.



**Christ Jesus emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
coming in human likeness.**

**— Philippians 2:7**

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**The Exaltation of the  
Holy Cross  
September 14, 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:

Divine love is selfless. The God who created the universe chose to become a human being. The source of all life chose to share our death. We are all called to share in the life of Christ.

Not just in heaven with all the happiness and glory, we are also called to share in his suffering.

If one thing is clear in the Gospels, it is that to follow Jesus is to take up our cross. By that I mean that we make a decision and a commitment to love to the extent that it invites suffering into our lives, and to especially love those who cannot in anyway repay us.

Mother Teresa is a wonderful example of making this kind of commitment. She showed us that when we are able to love so much that it invites suffering into our lives, then we need to be grounded in prayer and the Eucharist.

Mother Teresa said she could not survive one day without the Mass. She needed to be fed by the Eucharist so that she could in turn feed others. And she spoke of prayer as emptying herself of her self, so that she could become full of God. And at the end of her life, we saw in her face a woman who was full of God.

Today is the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, when we stand up for our conviction that seems absolutely absurd to this world. What we are truly saying is, not death but ultimately life is found on the cross. My hope and prayer for each of us is that we come to know fully, that the deepest joy in life is not found in what we have. The deepest joy in life is found only in what we give away.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

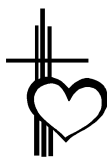
Sunday:	Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Monday:	1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17 or Ps 31:2-6, 15-16, 20; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Tuesday:	1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday:	1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22; Lk 7:31-35
Thursday:	1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50
Friday:	1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday:	1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15
Sunday:	Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

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

***"The nearer the heart comes to simplicity, the more capable it is of loving freely..."***

-Paulo Coelho

Newcomers please call Marie Mitchell (310) 490-4012 for directions to the PAC Center.



### From Deacon Don's desk:

Before leaving last Sunday's readings, one of Ezekiel's sobering quotes: "If you warn the wicked man, trying to turn him from his way, and he refuses to turn from his way, he shall die for his guilt, **but** you shall save yourself." If nothing else moves us, maybe we could let these words take root in our hearts and shape our reaction to evil. If simple love does not move us to take a stand against the killing of the unborn then maybe Ezekiel's words will spur us on.

The Psalmist says: "If today you hear His voice **harden not your hearts.**"

Last Monday was the celebration of **Mary's birth**, nine months from the Immaculate Conception. Pope Benedict XVI said, "It is typical in the Church to celebrate a saint's death-day instead of the saint's birthday, for the Church always argued that it was premature to celebrate a birthday because the rest of the life of the person born on that day was subject to ambiguity. The birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary is 'space' from which God was able to gain access into humanity. Today God welcomes on earth the holy throne which He had prepared for Himself."

Today we celebrate the **Exaltation of the Holy Cross**. The Cross and Resurrection abides and draws everything toward life." (CCC1085) "For You placed the salvation of our race on the wood of the Cross, so that life might again spring forth and the evil one, who conquered on a tree, may likewise on a tree **be conquered**, through Christ our Lord." taken from our Preface.

OUR PRAYER: O God, You willed that Your Son should undergo the Cross to save the human race, grant that we, who have known His mystery on earth, may merit the grace of His redemption in heaven.

### "Jesus is Lord" BIBLE STUDY has started again!

Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. and Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

Topic: Book of John – this semester

Come and learn through the powerful and relevant teachings by Fr. Jim Nisbet as he leads us on a journey through this fascinating book. (Great fellowship, too!)

Information: Rita Smith 562- 533-1243

**Interested in becoming Catholic, completing your sacraments, or just learning more about the Catholic Faith?** Have you been thinking about becoming Catholic? Are you missing any of your Sacraments (Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation)? Do you have burning questions about the Catholic faith? Please contact Olga Cuda in the parish office, 594-4657.

**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**

**It's time to register for 1st Communion! For Confirmation! For Religious Education – grades 1 – 8! Registration forms for Religious Education** are available on the Website, [www.stjosephlb.org/religious-education](http://www.stjosephlb.org/religious-education) at the entrances to the

church, at the rectory and the PAC. Classes begin **September 28!** Confirmation Parent Orientation is **October 5.** Middle School begins Tuesday, **October 7.** It would be great if you could register by September 8 – to make sure we have enough resources!

**Early Childhood:** For ages 3, 4 and Kindergarten. Sign up NOW for the 2014-2015 school year! Registration forms can be found in the back of the church to the right of the doors as you walk in. Call Shannon at 562.598.0519 for more info. We want your family and little ones to know you are welcome and important members of our community. Join us!

**Sunday Nursery:** Available during 9:00 & 10:30 Masses. Closed on most holidays.



**St. Joseph Book Club** - Our book this quarter is "My Life with the Saints" by Father James Martin, S.J. Fr. Martin doesn't just give the ordinary biography, rather he introduces the saints to the reader as one might

introduce a friend or companion. He shares both aspirations and frustrations held in common with each. Our discussion will be held on Wednesday, **Oct. 1** at 7pm in the PAC. We will be selling the books for \$15 in the PAC. For further information you may contact Nancy Longo at the Religious Education office or e-mail Virginia Young at [ginny67@gmail.com](mailto:ginny67@gmail.com) or check out the Adult Faith Formation page on our St. Joseph Website.

**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 15** 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 (562) 799-0921.

**Sacred Heart World Congress, Oct. 2-5, Irvine** - Singles, married, families, religious and clergy are welcome to this life-changing event. Attendees will benefit from an in-depth catechesis about the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart, a special healing service, liturgical services and tracks. Build your house on rock. Register at [www.sacredheartapostolate.com](http://www.sacredheartapostolate.com) or 855-677-4111.



*The disciples were gathered for Pentecost in the upper room, and suddenly... tongues as of fire appeared and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit!* Acts 2:1-4

**Women and Men of St. Joseph Parish** - Is your heart on fire for Christ? Is it filled with the Holy Spirit? Or is your heart like a candle in the wind, flickering and barely alive?

*If you want to experience what the disciples felt on the day of Pentecost, then give yourself the gift of a Cursillo and light your heart on fire!*

A Cursillo is a 3-day retreat unlike anything you've ever experienced. Cursillo retreats run from Thursday evening thru Sunday. The next Cursillo weekends begin 10/23 (Men) and 10/30 (Women). For more information, contact Dcn. Shane @ [sfcuda@yahoo.com](mailto:sfcuda@yahoo.com), or go to [OCCursillo.org](http://OCCursillo.org)

**Fourth Annual Grand Marian Procession and Votive Mass for Our Lady of the Angels** - All are invited to the procession on **Sept. 13** to celebrate the 233rd Anniversary of the City of Los Angeles, which is named after our Blessed Mother, Our Lady Queen of Angels. Join Archbishop José H. Gomez and the Queen of Angels Foundation starting at **3pm** for a blessing and invocation at Our Lady Queen of Angels Church at La Placita Olvera, followed by a processional parade. Concludes with a Rosary and Votive Mass at the Cathedral celebrated by Archbishop Gomez. For more information, please call (213) 687-2645, visit: [www.thequeenofangels.com](http://www.thequeenofangels.com) or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/queenofangelsfoundation](http://www.facebook.com/queenofangelsfoundation)

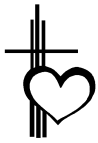
**Southeastern District of the L.A. Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women** district meeting Thursday, **Sept. 25.** Begins at 9:30 with Mass, includes Fr. Norm Supancheck speaking on "A Shepherd to Guide Us Through the Valley," lunch, and concludes at 1:30. \$11/ person prepaid. Make check to OLPH Women's Guild, mail to Pat Smith, 10220 Downey Ave., #31, Downey 90241 by Sept. 19. Info: Pat Smith, 562-862-8868. **All Catholic Women are member and there are no dues.**

**10th Annual Los Angeles Catholic Prayer Breakfast** at the Cathedral **Sept. 16,** 6:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Rosary, Mass, Breakfast & Guest Speaker Sister Regina Marie Gorman, Vicar General of the Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles. The title of her keynote will be "For Greater Things You Were Born." \$35/each in advance \$45/at door cash

**Sr. Helen Prejean, CSJ** will be at St. Cyprian's on **Sept. 23,** 7:00 pm. Offering \$5. Sr. Helen divides her time between educating citizens about the death penalty and counseling individuals on death row.

In preparation for her speaking engagement, *Dead Man Walking* will be shown at St. Cyprian, **Sept. 20,** 7:00 pm.





## ST. JOSEPH SENIORS

**We support a Catholic education.  
Come join us!! Bring a friend!!**

**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**

**Sept. 28-30** - Trip to Sam's Town, Las Vegas. 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. Final payment due August 4.

**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. Final payment Oct. 6. More trips to come. For information/reservations, contact Gerry Seckington 420-3220 or Mary Lou Clark 431-4385.

### **Society of St. Vincent de Paul - Bundle Sunday -**

On **Sept. 28**, 8:00-1:30, please bring *usable* clothing, shoes, small appliances, household items, linens, books, etc. Please phone 323-224-6280 for free pick up of large items - furniture, appliances, and vehicles. Remember your contributions will be helping the needy.

**Human trafficking** is the fastest growing crime in the U. S. and its effects are being felt in every community. According to the Center for Missing and Exploited Children, over 100,000 kids will become victims this year in the U.S. Long Beach is one of the top cities in the U.S. for Trafficking. On **Sept. 27 & 28**, Susan Patterson, author of the book "How You Can Fight Human Trafficking" will be speaking after all the Masses letting us know how to protect the most likely victims which are homeless teens and foster kids. Pope Frances has expressed that the trafficking of persons is a "crime against humanity and must be stopped." In order to stop it, we need to understand this issue, so we know what actions to take. There will be a presentation by Susan Patterson for all those interested in finding out more regarding what one can do to fight human trafficking. Included in the meeting will be a section on how to protect our own children from becoming victims. Given how clever the Traffickers are at tricking kids, it is important that every parent be there. This meeting is for adults and teens 16 and older.

*"This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:35*

**Sept. 20-21 - Ministry Fair** – Please stop by our table to learn about MANY fulfilling opportunities to serve those of our community in need.

**Sept. 25 – Committee Meeting** 7:00 p.m. in the PAC.

Come share ideas and help us coordinate our 28th year of ministry.

**Oct. 4-5 – Feed-a-Baby** food drive. Donations will benefit Catholic Charities and New Life Beginnings of Long Beach.

**Skip-a-Meal Donations:** Our holiday support of 65 local families is just around the corner! Skip-a-Meal donations support our ministry. A shortfall in donations affected our level of support last year.

Questions? Please call Tim Clark 431-4385.



### **\*School Announcement\***

#### **\*STUDENT NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY\***

The school, mindful of its mission to be a witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students regardless of race, color or national and/or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school.

The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, disability, sex or national and/or ethnic origin in the administration of educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs, although certain athletic leagues and other programs may limit participation and some archdiocesan schools operate as single sex schools.

While the school does not discriminate against students with special needs, a full range of services may not always be available to them. Decisions concerning the admission and continued enrollment of a student in the school are based upon the student's emotional, academic and physical abilities and the resources available to the school in meeting the student's needs.

#### **Fingerprinting Schedule**

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

**Sept. 17** - Ss. Peter & Paul, Wilmington, 310-834-5574

**Sept. 20** - St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Lomita, 310-326-3364

**Sept. 30** - St. Aloysius Gonzaga, L.A. 323-585-4485

**Did You Know? Know your kid's school** - Parents and guardians have the primary responsibility for protecting their children from all potential harm. When choosing a nursery, daycare center, or school, parents should inspect the building and grounds to make sure there are no areas where children play or work that are "off limits" to parents. Such facilities should have a policy that welcomes parents to visit the center or school without prior appointment.

## Mass Intentions



### SATURDAY, September 13

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

### SUNDAY, September 14

7:30 a.m. - † Donald Pedneault

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

10:30 a.m. - † Nicholas D'Amore

12:30 p.m. - Kara & Chris Cobb

### MONDAY, September 15

8:00 a.m. - Duane Studer

### TUESDAY, September 16

8:00 a.m. - † John and Mary Francis Lynch

### WEDNESDAY, September 17

8:00 a.m. - † Carolina Turla De Leon

### THURSDAY, September 18

8:00 a.m. - † Lucia Olazo Parong

### FRIDAY, September 19

8:00 a.m. - † Duane Seher

### SATURDAY, September 20

5:00 p.m. - † Paul Vadasz

### SUNDAY, September 21

7:30 a.m. - The Cuda family

9:00 a.m. - † Paul Vadasz

10:30 a.m. - † Clara Ayala

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>
<b>Devin Conway</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, Sheila Corry, Dr. Cyril McNulty, Vinny Petronio, Autumn Majors, Gary Hillebrecht, Gene Adam, Nelson Molina, Adam Duntze, Charles Schad, Karen Muccino, Claudia Reasoner, Olga Kocovar, Joanne Rossello, Robert Taylor, baby Enzo Esparza, Mary Clair Preasant, Phil Gray, George Frank, Karen Grice, Ged Hay, Eileen Bentley, Linda Vaughn, Steve Ferris, Alexis Persyko, Marian O'Donnell, Teresa Stewart, Eloisa Mariano, Laverne Kelly, Billie Lamb, Delia Nix, Fr. Ford, Gene Ensch, Mike Brio, Bob Gomez, Bill Pearce, Noel Devine, Cindy Chadwick, Dick Vickers, Lydia Tovar, Nadia Garcia, Estella Exacoustos, Carrie Collodel, Jack Davis, Dennis Richards, John Cuneen & Jean Laybourne.

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

of HOLY COMMUNION	Bill & Katie Greening	421-3997
LECTORS	Bill Smith	431-2495
USHERS	Marty Vezzetti	425-0621
ALTAR SERVERS	Stan Lawrence	430-0913
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
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	598-0519
YOUTH MINISTRY/		
CONFIRMATION	Marc Leon	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		

## ADULT MINISTRY

RCIA	Rectory	594-4657
BIBLE STUDY	Rita Smith	533-1243
BAPTISM PREPARATION	Olga Cuda	594-4657
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY	Dave Desmond	429-3316
MEDITATION	Marie Mitchell	310-490-4012
SMALL CHRISTIAN		
COMMUNITIES	Dcn. Don & Tina Gath	598-5202
MINISTERS TO THE SICK		594-4657

## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

PASTORAL COUNCIL	Anne Weaver	498-7008
FINANCE COUNCIL	Moses Bass	420-1877
WEBSITE COORDINATOR	Mike Santy	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	310-316-3477
	www.ceeofla.org/schedule.htm	

NATURAL FAMILY		
PLANNING	Greg & Beth Gath	377-5877
SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN	Monica Muñoz & Julie Gray	598-0519
PROJECT ACHIEVE	Tina Gath	598-5202
	Olga Cuda	594-4657
PRECIOUS LIFE SHELTER	Michelle Gath	498-6701
CUB SCOUTS	Moses Bass	420-1877
BOY SCOUTS	Tom Lane	496-4223

## BULLETIN NOTICES DEADLINE - MONDAY 1:00 PM

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