



# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street  
Long Beach, CA 90815

**Rev. Francis Aguilar, Administrator**  
**Sr. Eva Bryan, R.S.C., Pastoral Associate**  
**Deacon Shane Cuda**  
sfcuda@yahoo.com  
**Deacon Don Gath**  
**Deacon Tom Halliwell**  
dhalliwell1@verizon.net

### RECTORY

Phone: 594-4657 • Fax: 431-7424

### Office Hours

Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Website: [www.stjosephlb.org](http://www.stjosephlb.org)

email: [stjoseph@stjosephlb.org](mailto:stjoseph@stjosephlb.org)

St. Joseph School: 596-6115

Religious Education: 598-0519

email: [religouesd@stjosephlb.org](mailto:religouesd@stjosephlb.org)

### SUNDAY MASSES

Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, and 10:30 a.m.  
and 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.

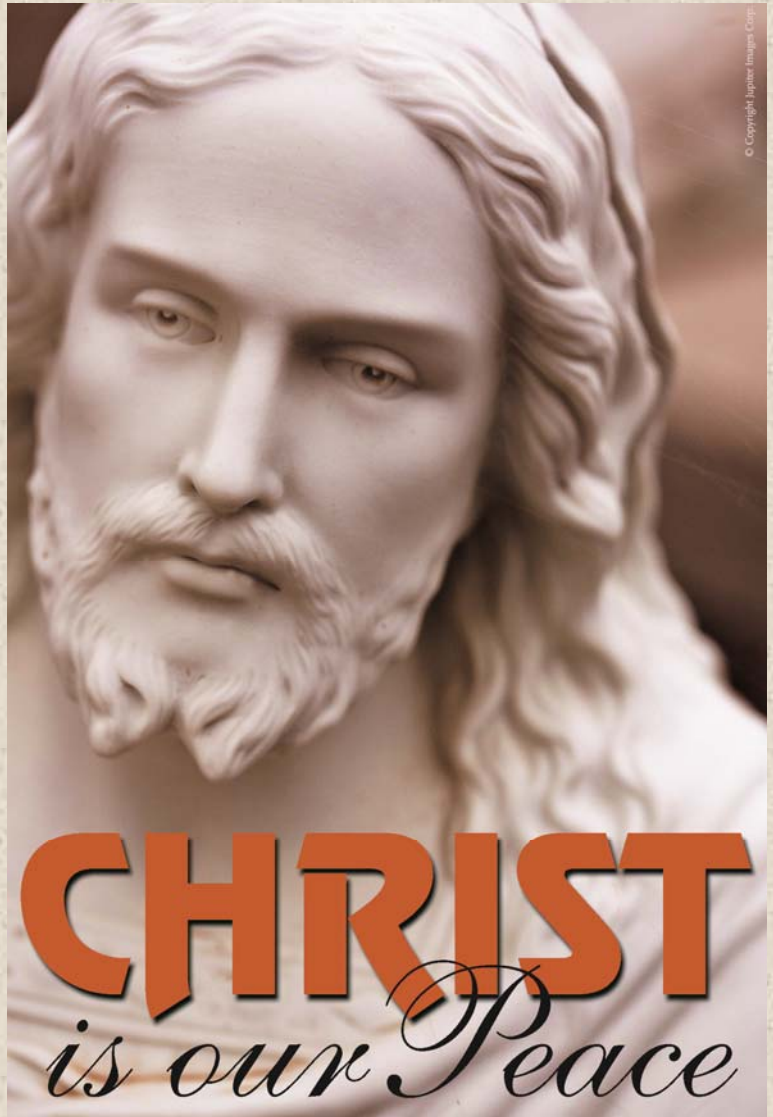
### OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

**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.



Sixteenth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

July 19, 2015

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 desk of Fr. Francis:

We are told in today's gospel that the people were like a sheep without a shepherd. These people who followed Jesus were persistent. They continued to believe in Jesus because they knew that he would take care of their needs. Who knows what type of heartaches and pain they brought with them – but it didn't matter to them because with the good shepherd – there is always the light at the end of the tunnel... Without a good shepherd, the sheep is lost. It doesn't know what to do and where to go. It's the same with us. Left to ourselves, we can easily get lost in life. Life can be challenging and we are hit with the tsunamis and storms of life and we get confused and discouraged. At times we have to make a hard decision about something important but we don't know what to do. It is only when we trust in the good shepherd and spend some time with him in prayer that we find our way and our prayers are answered. Psalm 23 is the most loved of all psalms because it tells you how much God loves you, how he feeds your needs and protects your life. Jesus the good shepherd never abandons his people.

I imagine the people in the gospel reading today could have easily given up and said, "Why bother. I've had this problem with my family for a long time. It's never going to change. I will never receive any type of healing, so why keep going?" But they kept going – they kept believing – and Jesus took care of their needs. Many times we miss out on God's blessing because we gave up too soon. We didn't realize how close we were to God answering our prayers. Just a few more days of believing. A few more weeks of doing the right thing and enduring the pain and the heartache. A few more months of believing that God will take care of you. Sometimes a more few years. Some of you right now are just around the corner of having your prayers answered. You can't afford to get discouraged. You can't afford to give up now. That's what scripture says in psalm 23: "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life." This is saying that if we stay in faith, if we keep believing, if we keep trusting in Him and we keep doing the right thing to continue the mission of Jesus Christ – even if we have to suffer at times - God promises that there will be a reward. When you are tempted to get down on yourself – and things are not going your way – you need to keep telling yourself, "This may be hard – it may be taking a long time – but I know that Jesus the good shepherd is a faithful God – and he wants to shepherd me – he wants to take care of my needs – he wants to protect me and guide me -- I'm going to keep believing – knowing that my pay day is on its way..." When you do your part, God promises to take you to that next level in your life and together, we will continue to grow as a holy, healthy and vibrant parish that God created us to be!

I have truly enjoyed meeting many of you these past two weeks. I pray that in the coming weeks and months, I continue to meet and get to know as many families as possible to understand what your needs are and to help you deepen your relationship with God. Have an awesome week everyone!



### From Deacon Don's desk:

Jesus looks at the crowd with great feeling. They have no one to feed them with the teaching that will give them life or with the physical food to stay alive. Jesus appreciates how vulnerable people are and how fragile their lives are. Like sheep they will die without a shepherd to keep them together, show them the way and feed them. Seeing their need, Jesus Himself begins to teach. He becomes shepherd to the leaderless flock. Jesus calls His disciples to be the kind of shepherd He is. The disciples, of course, will not understand this kind of leadership until the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Max Lucado recalled that when he was young, he liked Jerry. Jerry was a good second baseman. Max called Jerry to play ball. His father answered the phone and didn't want Max to ever call back again! He was puzzled until the others told him Jerry was the son of a drunk. He was like a leper put out of the village. Max said, "The divorced know this feeling as do handicapped, the unemployed, and less educated. There are immigrants, schools for the mentally challenged, homes for elderly, prison for criminals, and those we don't even know who fear rejection." Our baptismal calling is to reach out to all those who may be "put outside the village," those less fortunate, who remain in exile. As pilgrims we are called to get rid of this labeling, belittling is a sort of quarantining. To be a pilgrim is to be led by the Lord as part of our seeking and finding the Kingdom of God. Then we will "find the way."

**OUR PRAYER:** Lord, when we receive Communion, help us to understand that we are receiving Food for the journey and to come a deeper understanding of the great gift of Love that is the Eucharist. Amen

**Lost!** Deacon Don left his father's rosary in the church at Eucharistic Adoration on July 2. It is in a brown pouch. If you have found it, please return in the rectory mail slot.

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners:

I had hoped to thank everyone of you individually for the cards and gifts that you gave me, but unfortunately during my move, I lost the list of addresses of all of you that were so kind to remember me with gifts and cards. So, please accept this note as a big thank you to each one of you.

I just want to let all of you know that I so enjoyed my time at St. Joseph's and I appreciated all the support, insights, and help you have provided me over the past 5 years. Thank you again from the bottom of my heart for your good wishes. You are all very special to me and I will continue to keep you all in my prayers.

Fr. Jim

**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**

**Registration for Religious Education** - Registration forms are available on-line and at the church exits.

**We do need catechists** for Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle School and High School...if you are interested - we will provide **free training** and a wonderful group of people to work with! God will bless you 1000 fold! I always gain more when I share my gifts, I promise you will, too! Please contact Nancy Longo if you have questions: 562-598-0519.

**Youth Ministry** – See Website for more information (Flyers at exits of the Church)

**Revelation Nights** (Youth Nights for all teens!) from 7:30-8:30pm on Wednesdays

**The Word (Bible Study for Teens) is on vacation.**

**City of Saints** – Conference for Teens this Summer – **Aug 7-9. \$195 due now.** Held at UCLA. Great Music, Great Speakers.

**Parish Life Center is closed for renovation this summer.** You can reach the Religious Education Office at the same number and email.

**Women’s Silent Retreat at Sacred Heart Retreat House - Sept. 11-13**

Theme: “I Was Born For You” - St. Teresa of Avila.  
Retreat Master: Rev. Phillip DeVous

“We need no wings to go in search of God, but have only to find a place where we can be alone and look upon Him present within us.” 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 562-596-6219, Marie Newton 562-429-7939, or Tina Gath 598-5202 to reserve a room.

**Meditation in the school library every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**"Be Still And Know That I Am God"**

Newcomers please call Marie Mitchell (310) 490-4012 for directions.



**COME TO THE QUIET**

We are now on summer vacation and will start up again in the fall. Stay tuned!  
*Everyone Welcome!!!*



**SCRC Catholic Renewal Convention Sept. 4-6** at the Anaheim Convention Center. This year’s theme is **Rejoice and Be Glad**. For info contact 818-771-1361, spirit@scrc.org. Online info and registration: scrc.org  
Over 70 presentations. Spiritually enriching for all ages!

**Long Beach Catholic Young Adults** - We welcome all young adults, ages 18-39, to join the Long Beach Catholic Young Adults, a ministry serving Long Beach parishes. LBCYA seeks to reinvigorate the Catholic young adult ministry in faith and love of Jesus Christ through service, spiritual development, and social fellowship. For more information, visit [www.lbcya.org](http://www.lbcya.org) or contact Jason Pillon at [coordinator@lbcya.org](mailto:coordinator@lbcya.org).

**Long Beach Catholic Young Adults** - All young adults (18-39) are invited to Theology on Tap! a speaker series Thursdays **July 23 and 30** from 7:00 to 9:30 pm at St. Cornelius (5500 E. Wardlow Rd. Long Beach). The event is free and includes speaker, live music, dinner and drinks! For more information please visit [www.lbcya.org/tot](http://www.lbcya.org/tot)



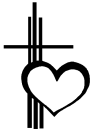
**Husbands, give your wife a special gift! Plan a weekend just for the two of you!** Enrich your marriage by attending a Marriage Encounter Weekend on **Aug. 7-9**. Apply online at [www.ilovemyspouse.net](http://www.ilovemyspouse.net) or contact Sarah & Jacob Flores, 562-923-7335, or Ginny & Boon Hazboun, 562-861-7562.

Sunday:	Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34
Monday:	Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-6; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday:	Ex 14:21 — 15:1; Ex 15:8-10, 12, 17; Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday:	Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday:	Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52-56; Mt 13:10-17
Friday:	Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23
Saturday:	2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
Sunday:	2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-18; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

**Fingerprinting Schedule**

San Pedro Region fingerprinting schedule for volunteers with our parish children, please call for an appointment:  
**July 22** - St. Philomena, Carson, 310-830-6180  
**July 25** - St. Pancratius Library, Lakewood, 562-634-6111  
**Aug. 4** - St. Helen, South Gate, 323-563-3522 x 110  
**Aug. 8** - St. Dominic Savio, Bellflower, 562-920-7796  
**Aug. 15** - Our Lady of Guadalupe, Hermosa Bch, 310-372-7077

**Did You Know? Children and internet: tips for the summer** - Summer vacation is here and time away from school could mean extra time online for children - a lot of it happening when you’re not there to supervise. Here are some tips to help keep children safe. **1.** Talk to children about Internet predators and whether they have ever been approached online. **2.** Keep the computer in a common area of the home. **3.** Establish rules for when children are allowed to use their cell phone. For complete VIRTUS® article email [jvienna@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:jvienna@la-archdiocese.org)



## ST. JOSEPH SENIORS

### Come join us. Bring a friend.

**July 20** - Ice Cream Social (Bring a friend)

**Aug. 3** - Business meeting/games

**Aug. 17** - Meeting/Games & fun

**Sept. 14** - Business meeting/games

**Sept. 28** - Meeting/Games & fun

#### Senior Upcoming Activities

\* Ice Cream Social \*

More Trips, more casinos (see below)

More programs TBA

**Note: Meeting start time, 11:00 a.m. until Oct. 5,  
Then meeting time 11:30 to 2:30**

Bring your brown bag lunch. Drinks & Dessert provided.  
Free bakery items to members

You're invited to join us for

Bingo, Poker, Mexican Train, Sequence, Bridge & more

For information call: Judy Pedneault, (562) 421-6863.

### Trips - Trips - Trips

**August 4-5** - Viejas Casino Overnight (Tues-Wed)-Double  
\$105 Single \$155 Triple \$95

**Solvang Celebration:** Includes accommodations, Show  
tickets for Man of La Mancha,

**1/2 day tour of Santa Ynez Valley**, wine tasting, lunch in  
Santa Barbara and gaming at Chumash Casino

There are many more in the future including the Chocolate  
tour, Hawaii.

See you at the next meeting for more.

Call Mary Lou 4314385 or Gerry 420-3220.

### Together In Mission

We have made a good start with our Together in Mission  
pledges toward our **goal of \$70,100**. So far **227 families**  
have **pledged \$47,861**. There are pledge envelopes in  
the church as well as in the rectory office. Thank you all!



### **Women and Men of St. Joseph Parish**

*Is your heart on fire for Christ? Is it filled  
with the Holy Spirit or 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 weekend is unlike any-  
thing you've ever experienced. Cursillos run from Thursday  
evening thru Sunday. **The next Cursillo weekends begin  
October 15 (Men), and July 30 and October 29  
(Women).** Contact Dcn. Shane @ [sfcuda@yahoo.com](mailto:sfcuda@yahoo.com), or  
[OCCursillo.org](http://OCCursillo.org)*

*"You are being enriched in every way  
for all generosity, which through us  
produces thanksgiving to God."*

2 Cor9:11

**Thank you!** Thanks to the parishion-  
ers that joined us July 15 to recap our  
2014-15 program year, and to decide ministry goals for our  
upcoming 29th year.

**Aug 15-16 - Food from the Heart** family food drive to ben-  
efit Catholic Charities of Long Beach

**Skip-a-Meal Donations** support our ministry including  
weekly sandwiches for St. Francis Center and Catholic  
Charities of Long Beach. For these and many other opportu-  
nities to help our brothers and sisters in need, please call  
Tim Clark 431-4385.



**Sunday Hospitality** - we need a volunteer to help with  
our Sunday hospitality. This person would be responsible  
for scheduling the different parish groups for hosting and  
also for ordering the donuts each week. Please call the  
rectory, 594-4657, if you would be able to help. Thanks!

**Hawaiian Summer Dance** hosted by Knights of Columbus

**Aug. 1, 7-midnight** at the Canoga Park Council Hall, 21433  
Strathern St. \$15 donation per person. Hawaiian attire, live  
band, free parking, all welcome. Info: Angelo 818-577-6719.

### Take Action

*California is considering legalizing assisted suicide  
through the proposed bill, SB 128. This legislation has  
dangerous implications for our state, especially for the  
poor and the most vulnerable. Call and Email your As-  
sembly person today. Easily find your legislator  
info at: <http://ahardpill.org/you-can-help/>*

**The parish hall will be closed Aug. 10-15.**

**You are invited** to join Fr. Joseph Parathanal's Pilgrimages to: Holy Land: (Oct. 2015), Eastern Europe: (Apr. 2016), India: (Sept. 2016). Contact Bernadette at 323-344-1548 or 323-547-6618 or at [bcorp1114@hotmail.com](mailto:bcorp1114@hotmail.com).

**Pilgrimage to Jordan and the Holy Land - Feb 16-28,**

**2016** - Join us for a pilgrimage. Fr. Angelo Beda, Franciscan priest and well known expert tour guide (there are numerous sites/articles about him online) will be our Good Shepherd. Our All-Inclusive Custom Tour includes airfare from LAX, deluxe first class hotels, air-conditioned motor coach, daily Mass & spiritual direction, etc. For more information, please contact Claudia Venegas (714) 414-2038 or email at [claudiatravelholyland@gmail.com](mailto:claudiatravelholyland@gmail.com).

# Mass Intentions



**SATURDAY, July 18**

5:00 p.m. - † Botelho & Salvati family

**SUNDAY, July 19**

7:30 a.m. - † Hannah Kilmarx

9:00 a.m. - † Stephen Acosta

10:30 a.m. - † Nicholas D'Amore

12:30 p.m. - † Jeannie San Jose

**MONDAY, July 20**

8:00 a.m. - Tony Boy Liao, Special Intention

**TUESDAY, July 21**

8:00 a.m. - † Martha Aimone

**WEDNESDAY, July 22**

8:00 a.m. - † Perfecta Coles

**THURSDAY, July 23**

8:00 a.m. - Tonet Risko

**FRIDAY, July 24**

8:00 a.m. - † Ray Delgado

**SATURDAY, July 25**

5:00 p.m. - † Erma Reicharat

**SUNDAY, July 26**

7:30 a.m. - † Donald Pedneault

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

10:30 a.m. - † Ed and Mary Jane Merk

12:30 p.m. - † Jeanne Sexton

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, Sheila Corry, Gary Hillebrecht, Karen Muccino, Olga Kocevar, Eileen Bentley, Laverne Kelly, Delia Nix, Fr. Ford, Gene Ensich, Mike Brio, Noel Devine, Janeen Higbee, Patricia Berry, Jay Kefalas, Stacey Marcus, Shirley Morasse, Magali & Wendy Sapient, Bill Whitt, Anna Osorio, Kathy June, Jordynn Seckington, Theresa Stewart, Lois Kearney, Al Soldin, Chris Carrera, Barbara Grochocenski, Robert & Frances Stickney, Bryan Nielson, Joel Stephesen, Georgiana (Peggy) Schad, Eloisa Mariano, Angela Gibbons, Luis Arroyo, Michael Dresnick, Jack Comfort, Margarete Wareham, Larry Luckey, Duane Studer, Ramona Pedroza & Mary DeRuyter.

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

of HOLY COMMUNION	Bill & Katie Greening	<b>421-3997</b>
LECTORS	Bill Smith	<b>431-2495</b>
USHERS	Marty Vezzetti	<b>425-0621</b>
ALTAR SERVERS	Stan Lawrence	<b>430-0913</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
ADMISTRATIVE 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	<b>598-0519</b>
EARLY CHILDHOOD	Kris Dominguez	<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		

## ADULT MINISTRY

RCIA	Sister Eva	<b>594-4657</b>
BIBLE STUDY	Rita Smith	<b>533-1243</b>
BAPTISM PREPARATION	Olga Cuda	<b>594-4657</b>
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY	Sr. Eva	<b>594-4657</b>
MEDITATION	Marie Mitchell	<b>310-490-4012</b>
SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES	Dcn. Don & Tina Gath	<b>598-5202</b>
MINISTERS TO THE SICK		<b>594-4657</b>

## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

PASTORAL COUNCIL	Anne Weaver	<b>498-7008</b>
FINANCE COUNCIL	Moses Bass	<b>420-1877</b>
WEBSITE COORDINATOR	Mike Santy msanty@verizon.net www.stjosephlb.org	<b>799-0660</b>
Website address: MOVEMENT FOR A BETTER WORLD	Tim Clark	<b>431-4385</b>
LONG BEACH CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS	Jason Pillon coordinator@lbcya.org	
SENIOR GROUP	Judy Pedneault	<b>421-6863</b>
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	Ron Steiner	<b>431-7703</b>
ENGAGED ENCOUNTER	Paciano & Molly Diaz ktrm@sbcglobal.net	<b>310-729-5890</b>
NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING	Greg & Beth Gath	<b>377-5877</b>
SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN	Monica Muñoz & Julie Gray	<b>598-0519</b>
PARISH FAIR	sjparishfair@gmail.com	
PROJECT ACHIEVE	Tina Gath	<b>598-5202</b>
	Olga Cuda	<b>594-4657</b>
PRECIOUS LIFE SHELTER	Cynthia San Jose	<b>884-9589</b>
CUB SCOUTS	Moses Bass	<b>420-1877</b>
BOY SCOUTS	Brian Moskovitz	<b>506-7817</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)