



# 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.  
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.

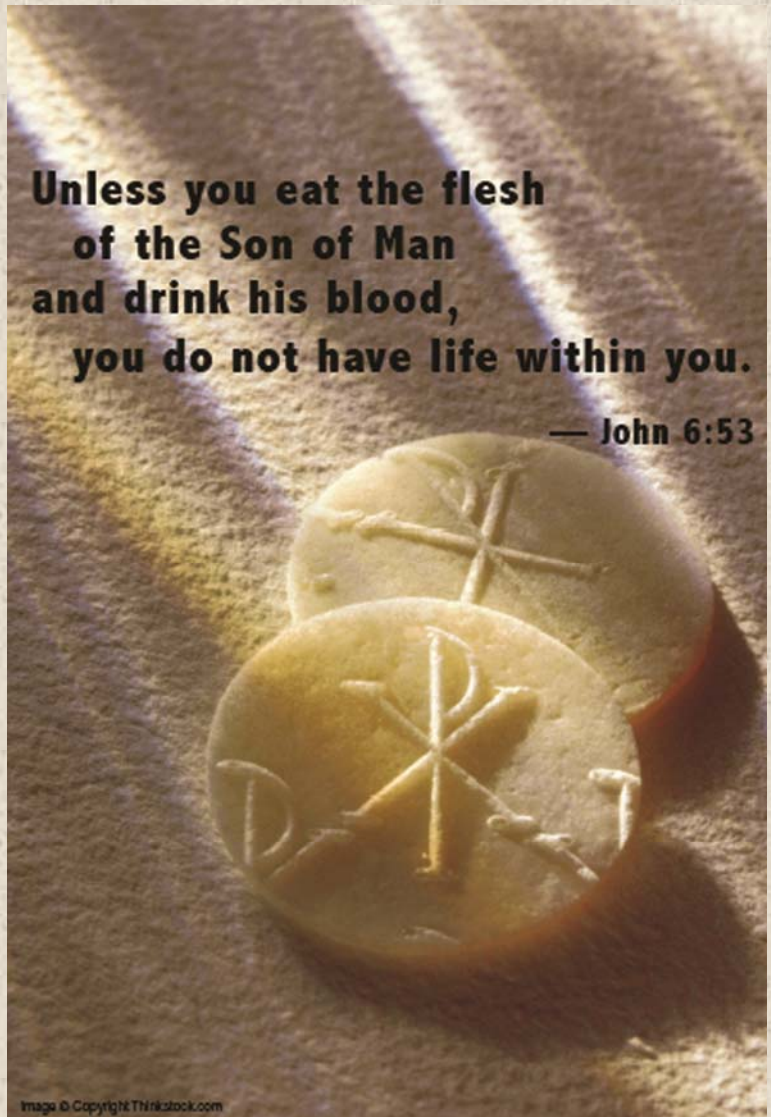
## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

**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.



Twentieth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
August 16, 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:**

For the last three weeks, we have heard Jesus describe himself as the true spiritual food that will give us eternal life. In today's gospel, Jesus reminds us once again that in order for us to overcome the challenges that come before us (illness, tension in marriage, old age, financial crisis, family tension, school and work troubles) we must partake of the Eucharist, which is the body and blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ. Whether we realize it or not, we are constantly feeding our minds, our hearts and our soul all kinds of food throughout the day. If you look around, there are many offers for food that don't come from the Lord, that apparently would satisfy us more. Young people are under constant pressure to do what everyone else is doing: drugs, alcohol and other things that they're not supposed to do and these are the "junk food" that promise to give them joy but it only leads to emptiness and brokenness inside.

If you're not careful, it will cause you to lower your standard and think, "Hey, everybody else is doing it. This is what's fun!" That's worldly food feeding you and putting to life what God wants you to put to death: immorality, revenge, anger, gossip. That's the false bread that Jesus speaks of. The good news is, instead of eating worldly food that appears attractive at times, Jesus wants you to recognize the "true spiritual food" that will give you eternal life - his body and blood found in the Eucharist each time you attend Mass. May you always partake of the Eucharist regularly to feed your soul and may you invite others to do the same, that the deepest longing of their heart may be fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

I also want to take this opportunity to once again thank all of you for your warm welcome and hospitality. I am slowly getting to know the different families that I am serving and I am looking forward to getting to know you guys as the months unfold. If I haven't had the opportunity of meeting you, please don't hesitate to introduce yourself after each Mass. I am at all the Masses shaking people's hands and conversing with them. The best way to get a hold of me is through my email: [frfrancis@stjosephlb.org](mailto:frfrancis@stjosephlb.org). Once again, God bless you and may our loving God continue to hold you in the palm of His hands.

**Rest In Peace**  
Died in Christ

**Duane Studer**  
**Robert White**  
**Danny Lim**  
**Donna Halligan**  
**Jinny Kerst**

**Together In Mission**

We are getting closer to our Together in Mission goal of **\$70,100**. So far **227 families** have pledged **\$66,526**. There are pledge envelopes in the church as well as in the rectory office to add yours. Thank you all!



**From Deacon Don's desk:**

Many years ago I used to listen to the news on I believe it was KFI. Two of the announcers laughed as they said Catholics are cannibals!! Father Leonard SJ addressed cannibalism by noting in the early 1970's a Readers Digest article told of the jet crash in the Andes Mountains. Some of the survivors resorted to cannibalism. Question: In this case, is it amoral to eat another human being? The church has always been very careful in the language used about how Jesus is present in the Eucharist. We are NOT cannibals. We are not eating Jesus' liver, brain, and bones!! It is the glorified, Risen Christ who is wholly and truly present under the form of bread and wine at the Eucharist.

John's Gospel is a discourse on the Eucharist. For Jesus not only gives bread to the people, but also in His passion, death, and resurrection He gives us Himself. This is why the church always links the event at Easter with the celebration of Eucharist. Why do we have this unique gift? Eucharist is not a feast for the privileged few. It is something that empowers all Christians to go out and transform the world with love and goodness for the sake of Christ. Jesus tells us in the Gospel that He gives Himself "for the life of the world." The Eucharist is meant to make us committed to all God's people everywhere.

"Before God, the human being is always unique and unrepeatable, somebody thought of and chosen from eternity."

.... Pope Saint John Paul II

**OUR PRAYER:** Father God, help us realize that the Eucharist is the memorial of Christ's action that frees us of our sins. Help us to participate devoutly in every Eucharist and obtain the grace to avoid sin. Amen

Sunday:	Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34:2-7; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58
Monday:	Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday:	Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday:	Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday:	Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14
Friday:	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday:	Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-5; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday:	Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21; Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69



**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 anything you've ever experienced. Cursillos run from Thursday evening thru Sunday. **The next Cursillo weekends begin October 15 (Men), and October 29 (Women).** Contact Dcn. Shane @ [sfcuda@yahoo.com](mailto:sfcuda@yahoo.com), or [OCCursillo.org](http://OCCursillo.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.

**VACATION BIBLE CAMP – Save the dates for next year: July 11-15, 2016!**

**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 at UCLA –

**Aug 7-9. \$195 due now.** 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.

**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).

**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](mailto:spirit@scrc.org). Online info and registration: [scrc.org](http://scrc.org)  
Over 70 presentations. Spiritually enriching for all ages!

**Young Adult Retreat:** Vocations California is hosting a retreat for men and women 18 - 40. "Seeking God's Dream for Me: Tools for Christ-Centered Decision Making." **Aug. 29**, 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., St. Catherine's Academy, 215 N Harbor Blvd., Anaheim 92805. Fr. Christopher Nguyen, S.J., will lead the retreat. \$10/person (pay at the door cash/check), breakfast and lunch included. Mass at 4:00 pm. To register email: [vocationscal@gmail.com](mailto:vocationscal@gmail.com) by Tuesday, August 25. For questions please call Sr. Val at (805) 452-9699.

**Calling All Married Couples** - Feel blessed by your marriage in the Church? If so, we would love to have you help us prepare engaged couples for marriage in the Archdiocese of L. A. For information, please contact Candy Metoyer at [cmetoyer@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:cmetoyer@la-archdiocese.org) or (213) 637-7250.




**YOU ARE INVITED to our INAUGURAL Tri-PARISH FAMILY FUN FEST**  
**August 22, 2:00 – 7:00 pm.** Here at St. Joseph. Join us for a family fun day with: BBQ Hot dogs, burgers and chips, DJ music, games, prizes (volleyball, basketball and field areas available, bring your equipment). Bring the family, your chairs, EZ ups, and a side dish or dessert to share if you wish. (You can come without!) Sponsored by: St. Joseph, St. Cornelius and St. Bartholomew Churches! **FREE!** For more info email us: [triparishfamilyfest@gmail.com](mailto:triparishfamilyfest@gmail.com) Hope to see you there!

**Adult Confirmation** - If you have not received Confirmation, a class will be offered on Sunday mornings from 8:00 to 11:00 at St. John of God, in Norwalk, beginning **January 10** and continuing through May. Please call our Religious Education office at 598-0519 to sign up.

**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.

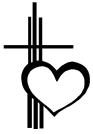
**Meditation in the school library every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.**  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**  
**"Be Still And Know That I Am God"**  
Newcomers please call Marie Mitchell (310) 490-4012 for directions.



**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** - with Fr. Angelo Beda, Franciscan priest and well known tour guide (there are numerous sites/articles about him online). 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).





## ST. JOSEPH SENIORS

### Come join us. Bring a friend.

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

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

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

#### Senior Upcoming Activities

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

**Riverside Hotel Laughlin -Sept 23-25** Two free breakfast buffets, one free buffet of choice. \$105pp/dbl. \$125 single  
**Chocolate LA Tour Sept 30** \$85 pp Step-on guide to take you to bakeries, factories & shops you never knew existed. You will be given a treat to take home from each shop. Some stops are a Japanese sweet shop, a classic soda store, plus a Monastery for hand dipped chocolate. We will end our day at a 28,000 square feet of candy carnival. Lunch is at Tam O'Shanter Restaurant with a wonderful chocolate dessert. Lunch choices are Prime rib or Turkey sandwiches.  
**Mission Inn - Dec. 15** This day trip includes a tour of the historic Mission, view of all the lights, time for shopping, and dinner at the Black Angus restaurant with four entrées to pick from, depart at 2:15PM and return approx. 9PM. Price \$80 due by Nov 2.

There are many more trips coming including a Napa Valley Wine Train trip, Cruises to Alaska and Mexico, Laughlin at the Riverside in Sept and also Dec. Day trips to San Manuel and Pechanga. These Trips are open to the whole parish, friends and family. For more info please call Mary Lou 562-431-4385 or Gerry Seckington 562-420-3220.

**Did You Know? Helping children problem solve through communication** - Often the easiest response to complicated conversations is a generic one, but these moments can be opportunities to help children grow. For example, if a child tells you that a friend is being left out, you might ask: "Is anything you can do help him/her feel included?" If your child comes to you for money for social activities, you might prompt them to consider ways that they could earn money on their own. You are helping a child find a solution to an immediate situation, and to grow in wisdom and prudence. For complete VIRTUS® Article and more communication tips, email: [jvienna@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:jvienna@la-archdiocese.org)

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

**Food from the Heart** family food drive. Can you help us organize this much needed food drive to benefit

Catholic Charities of Long Beach? For this and many other opportunities to serve our brothers and sisters in need, please call Tim Clark 431-4385.

**Skip-a-Meal Donations** support our ministry including weekly sandwiches for St. Francis Center and Catholic Charities of Long Beach.



### Back To School Backpack Drive -

Last year the Long Beach Rescue Mission collected over 1,200 backpacks to distribute to students at 9 schools in LBUSD. This year the goal is 1,500 backpacks. There are multiple ways to help:



- 1. Donate a Filled Backpack:** Fill a backpack with supplies and drop it off. Go to [lbrm.org/events/back-school-backpack-drive](http://lbrm.org/events/back-school-backpack-drive) for more information and a list of supplies needed.
- 2. Donate Funds:** If you are not able to buy a backpack or supplies, they will do it for you!
- 3. Volunteer:** Help sort backpacks and supplies and fill empty backpacks. Please email Peter Cho at [volunteer@lbrm.org](mailto:volunteer@lbrm.org) to get on the schedule.

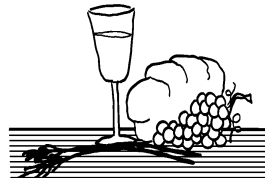
**Additional supplies needed:** Hygienic products (shaving cream in particular), Large towels, Socks, Ibuprofen/Aspirin. Donations can be dropped at Samaritan House: 1335 Pacific Avenue, LB 7 days a week, 7 am - 9 pm.

The Knights of Columbus will hold a **Blood Drive**, **Aug. 30**, 8:15 - 2:30 in the parking lot with the Red Cross Bloodmobile. You may register online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) Code: JosephLB . For more info please contact Tony Diaz: [bstdad2@msn.com](mailto:bstdad2@msn.com)

**Bundle Sunday** - On **August 30**, our parish is having a Bundle Sunday for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul thrift stores. Please bring your useable clothing and household items. Please help them in their efforts to assist the needy. They are in great need of furniture and large appliances. Please call 323-224-6280 or 800-974-3571 for free pick up of the large items.

**Lay Mission Helpers and Mission Doctors Associations** - Have you ever felt called to share your gifts and live your faith in another country? Teachers, nurses, accountants, administrators, and other professionals are invited to contact Lay Mission helpers, 213-368-1873 or [www.laymissionhelpers.org](http://www.laymissionhelpers.org). Physicians and dentists can contact 213-368-1875 or [www.missiondoctors.org](http://www.missiondoctors.org).

# Mass Intentions



- SATURDAY, August 15**  
 5:00 p.m. - † Edward and Mary Dondero
- SUNDAY, August 16**  
 7:30 a.m. - † Joe Lozano  
 9:00 a.m. - † Milton Espinoza  
 10:30 a.m. - † Danny Lim  
 12:30 p.m. - † John DeRuyter
- MONDAY, August 17**  
 8:00 a.m. - † John Stewart
- TUESDAY, August 18**  
 8:00 a.m. - † Betty Maligie
- WEDNESDAY, August 19**  
 8:00 a.m. - † Ortenzio Moraca
- THURSDAY, August 20**  
 8:00 a.m. - † Joe Lozano
- FRIDAY, August 21**  
 8:00 a.m. - † Joe Lozano
- SATURDAY, August 22**  
 5:00 p.m. - † Linda Kreischer
- SUNDAY, August 23**  
 7:30 a.m. - † Joe Lozano  
 9:00 a.m. - † Hilton Espinoza  
 10:30 a.m. - † Nicholas D'Amore  
 12:30 p.m. - † Agustin Barrido

**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).

**Have You Remembered your Parish or School in your will or trust?** For information, please contact the Planned Giving Office, (213) 637-7504 / [www.ADLALegacy.org](http://www.ADLALegacy.org) / [PlannedGiving@LA-Archdiocese.org](mailto:PlannedGiving@LA-Archdiocese.org)

**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.

**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 Sapien, 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, Ramona Pedroza, Mary DeRuyter, Albert Rodriguez, Tony Olivar, Lisa Dang, Nina Escandon & Chris Belcher.

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</b>		
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 Boller, 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	Closed	
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	Mike Roide	
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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>
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PARISH FAIR	sparishfair@gmail.com	
PROJECT ACHIEVE	Tina Gath	<b>598-5202</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)