



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.

Jesus said,

“This poor widow put in

more than all the others.

For they have all

contributed

from their

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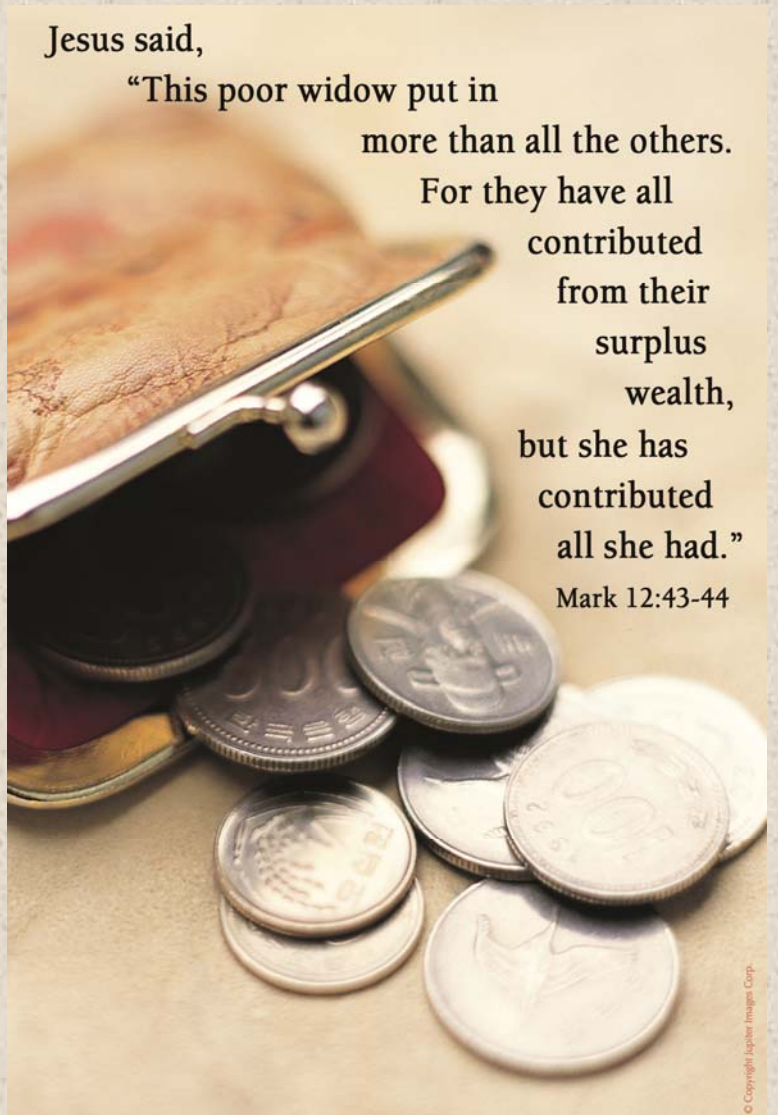
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Mark 12:43-44



Thirty-second Sunday in
Ordinary Time

November 8, 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 Administrator's desk:

It's been a while since I've shared my reflection with all of you and I've missed it. It's hard to believe that I've actually been here for over 4 months. I feel like I've been here forever. I am so thankful to all of you in your commitment to ministry, discipleship and fulfilling the mission that God has entrusted to us, specifically building God's kingdom here at St. Joseph and becoming the holy, healthy and vibrant people that God created us to be. Just like any family, I am still getting to know many of you and your needs and how to best serve those needs. I am also grateful to God because of the wonderful staff and ministry leaders that He has provided for our church. One of the new things that we are doing with our staff is that each month, we are celebrating someone's birthday just to show them our appreciation in their commitment to the mission of St. Joseph.



And that's why we are all here in this church. We all come from different backgrounds and yet we gather together as one big supernatural family. And our task is to give completely of ourselves without counting the cost. In this Sunday's gospel Jesus is observing how people of his time were making donations to the treasury. The scribes gave from their surplus and the poor widow gave everything that she had. This Sunday I invite all of you to see the joy of giving. Some people might say, "Well if I had more money, then I would be more generous and give a lot away." But that's where some people are missing the point. That's what the scribes did in today's gospel, but Jesus warns his disciples not to follow the example of the scribes.

God calls you to start where you are, just like the poor widow. You must be faithful with what you have - then God will trust you with more. You may not have a lot of money to give but you can buy someone's dinner every once in a while. You can give somebody a kind word. You can go out of your way to pray for somebody in need. You can also volunteer your time at convalescent homes. You can serve at soup kitchens. You can visit the hospitals especially patients who don't have families to visit them. Once you learn to give - you will begin to experience God's blessings in different areas in your life. You will begin to see what really matters in this world. When you are giving your time to serve food to men and women in a homeless shelter, you realize how lucky you are that you still have a home to live in. When you volunteer your time at a hospital and attend to someone who just got a severe burn, you begin to understand that being stuck in traffic or being delayed for 5 minutes or 30 minutes is not the worst thing in the world. As we prepare for Thanksgiving in the next couple of weeks, may we all develop an attitude of giving. God bless you all! Fr. Francis




From Deacon Don's desk:

I'd like to share a couple of items to meditate upon: Fr. Rolheiser OMI began last week's "Displacing ego and narcissism" "The Buddhists have an axiom that explains more about ourselves than we would like. They say that you can understand most of what's wrong in the world and inside yourself by looking at a group photo. Invariably you will look first at how you turned out before looking at whether or not this is a good photo of the group. Basically, we assess the quality of things on the basis of how we are doing." Something to think about. October 28 was the feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles. Fr. Richard Nichols, S.J. wrote: "Their remains are kept together in St. Peter's Basilica. Of the two, St Jude is more well-known. We think of St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, although it is a hospital without any religious affiliation, though its founder was Catholic. There is a New Testament epistle that bears Jude's name though it remains somewhat obscure. It's an encyclical letter like popes write today **but** it only has 25 verses compared to Laudato Si which has 176 pages. Here's a couple of verses from St. Jude: "Remember beloved, the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; they said to you: 'in the last time there will be scoffers with their ungodly passions.' These set up divisions, devoid of the Spirit. But you, beloved, build yourselves up on your most holy faith; pray to the Holy Spirit; keep yourselves in the love of God; wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life." Father Nichols recommends the whole encyclical "it's a quick read." It's found in last part of New Testament just before Revelation.

Scripture Focus for 32nd Sunday: In Mark's Gospel, the widow contributed "all that she had to live on." The rich do not depend on God, they have a lot to live on. Question: From your experience, what are some of the practical ways you can contribute to the Church besides money? Hmm, Movement for a Better World?

OUR PRAYER: Heavenly Father, help us to be grateful to You for all the good things You have given us. Let us also be grateful to all those who help us in our earthly pilgrimage to our heavenly Kingdom.

PS: Tina and I visited Project Achieve. You would be impressed, as we were, of the abundance of well prepared food that Victoria Higgins and her crew served last week. Blessings to Victoria and team. It's been 10 years that Saint Joseph has served food for Project Achieve.



COME TO THE QUIET
Mondays, **2:30-3:00 p.m.**, in the Church, except for school holidays. Take time out to come and visit with the Lord. "Come to me and I will give you rest."
This is a great opportunity for you to take time for yourself and rest in the Lord. Come to the Quiet to pray, be still, let Him love you! *Everyone Welcome!!!*

Sunday:	1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7-10; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 [41-44]
Monday:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Tuesday:	Wis 2:23 — 3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-19; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday:	Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19
Thursday:	Wis 7:22b — 8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25
Friday:	Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5ab; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday:	Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8
Sunday:	Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5, 8-11; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

Faith Formation/Religious Education News
Classes have begun for 3 years to 5th Grade at 10:30am

LITTLE SAINTS Toddler Ministry – Do you have a wiggly or restless toddler? We take care of your “Little Saints” during the 9am & 10:30am Mass in the Daycare room at the school (behind the parish hall). FREE! We are looking for volunteers to help out for the 12:30pm Mass!

Liturgy of the Word for Children is available to all children from 4 - 11 years old during the 9am Mass. Follow our Catechist out with the rest of our children to hear the World of God explained so that you will understand! Parents, you are welcome to join us! We could always use more adults to help with this wonderful ministry. Training and materials are provided.

Parent/Adult Sessions from - 10:35-11:30 Our faith is life long learning. Please join us this Sunday, Nov. 8 - for Bible Basics! If you already know the subject - come and witness how you share your faith at home with your family! Grab a donut before you come - we will have a coffee bar available! Bring your own Bible - if you don't have one, we have ones you can use!

Nov. 8 - Bible Basics - Learn how to navigate the Bible, the basics of the Bible, where it came from and how it got put together, so that you can help guide your family into the richness of the Word of God - God's love letter to you!

Nov. 15 - Prayer - Talking to God - sharing faith with your family!
 If you have questions, please call Nancy Longo 598-0519.

High School Youth Ministry – See website for info Revelation Nights (Youth Nights for all teens!) – from 7:30-8:30pm on Wednesdays

Middle School Youth Ministry – On the Edge – All Middle School Tweens are invited to attend our Monthly Youth Ministry just for them! Our next On the Edge is on Nov. 24. Stayed tuned for topic!

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.



Sacred Heart Men's Retreat - Nov. 20-22 “Jesus, the same yesterday, today, and forever” Hebrews 13:8. Conducted by Sacred Heart Sisters at Sacred Heart Retreat Camp, Big Bear Lake. Come, draw near to our Lord Jesus Christ through prayer, the Eucharist & Reconciliation. Donation: \$100. RSVP by Nov. 9. Information: call 909-866-5696 or www.sacredheartretreatcamp.com - Events page

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 or contact Jason Pillon at coordinator@lbcya.org.



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 Jan. 21 (Men), and Feb. 4 (Women).** Contact Dcn. Shane @ sfcuda@yahoo.com, or OCCursillo.org*

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ

Theodore Hamara
Anthony J. Tranchida
Anthony Hastert



YOU ARE INVITED by St Joseph Hospitality Ministry

Please join us for donuts and fellowship with others in front of the church after the 7:30, 9:00, & 10:30 Masses.
 Sunday **Nov 8** hosted by **Cub Scouts**
 Sunday **Nov 15** hosted by **Movement for a Better World**

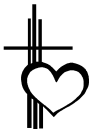
RCIA - If you are thinking about being a Catholic, please call Sr. Eva at the parish office, 562-594-4657.

St. Joseph Catholic School is accepting applications for Kindergarten and our Transitional Kindergarten (Alpha-K) for the 2016-2017 school year. Applicants for Kindergarten must turn 5 years old by August 31, 2016. Applicants for Alpha-K must turn 4 years old by August 31, 2016.

Alpha-K:

- Emphasizes developmental readiness skills with a hands-on approach to curriculum
- Focuses on Kindergarten readiness
- Students receive daily instruction in religion and attend Mass weekly
- Offers a half-day (7:50-11:50 am) or full-day (7:50 am – 3:00 pm), 5-days-per-week program
- Extended daycare is available until 5:30 pm

Space is limited and classes will fill up quickly. If you are interested in taking a tour, please call our school office at 596-6115 or send an email to jgianessi@sjknights.net to set up an appointment to speak with Mrs. Alvarez our principal.



Introducing... St. Joseph Social Club
 Your host: **St. Joseph Senior Group**
We welcome new members & "re-ups"

Nov. 16 - Thanksgiving celebration and luncheon
 (reservations please) No charge for paid members.
 \$15 for guests and unpaid members.

Important! Make your reservation for the Thanksgiving luncheon on or before November 9. No reservation, no food 562-421-6863.

Join now (\$10) and enjoy membership and social activities for this year and all of 2016.

Regular meetings: 11:30 to 2:30

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

Join us for fun and games, including Bingo, Poker,
 Mexican Train, Sequence, Bridge & much more.

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

Trips - Trips - Trips

Vatican Splendors at the Ronald Reagan Library. A docent tour of 2000 yrs of Vatican art and history along w/ 25,000 gifts the Reagan's received while in office. Visit Air Force One and more including a "WHITE love HOUSE" luncheon complete with china, linens, table flowers and professional wait staff. Date: **April 8**. \$90

Future trips: Little Italy (San Diego day trip), Doctors TV Show, Reno/Lake Tahoe and more including casino trips. Please contact Mary Lou 431-4385 or Gerry 420-3220.

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.

Catholicism - Sr. Eva and Rita Smith have commenced a 10 week program, **Tuesdays 9-11 a.m.** in the school library. It is a wonderful adult faith formation series that not only explains what Catholics believe and why but displays in breathtaking visual detail the richness of the Church's global culture. Come and enjoy, reflect and share. Also offered on **Thursday evenings, 7-8:30 p.m.** All are welcome.

Did You Know? Archdiocese offers program to empower children - Abuse prevention includes empowering children by teaching them body safety rules and steps they can take to ensure their safety. The Archdiocese of Los Angeles currently offers age-appropriate prevention programs for children by VIRTUS®. All of the programs encourage parent involvement in reinforcing what their children learn by providing parent information and materials so that parents may fulfill their role as the "primary educators" of their children. For information visit: <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/protecting/safeguard/Pages/education.aspx>

"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed & truth." 1John 3:18

Blanket Drive - *Thank you* for your outstanding support of last weekend's blanket drive! We had over 200 donated!

Nov. 21 8:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Food and Blanket Distribution - We will support 68 families this year. Please call Amy McKenna 427-5917 if you can help us deliver. **Very meaningful for the whole family!**

Skip-a-Meal Donations: Please be especially mindful during our holiday support of families in need. For many opportunities to serve, please call Tim Clark 431-4385.

2015 Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Honoree



Concern America Craft Sale - Nov. 15 Unique quality handcrafts - the gifts we find for special events, holidays, or to brighten our homes. Many new crafts from Bangladesh, El Salvador Guatemala and Mexico. Inspired by nature, these beautifully handcrafted textiles, ceramics and wood products, honor indigenous traditions, and were selected to be reminders that when a Concern America product is purchased we are providing a source of income to materially poor communities; promoting human scale endeavors; eco-friendly work patterns; and fair working conditions. Concern America, is an international development and refugee aid organization based in Santa Ana. (714) 953-8575. You may view their crafts on their web site: www.concernamerica.org

The **St. Joseph Parish Blood Drive**, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, on **Nov. 15** from 8:15 AM to 2:30 PM in the Bloodmobile outside the Parish Hall. You can sign up online at redcrossblood.org. Sponsor Code: JosephLB. For more information contact Tony Diaz at bstdad2@msn.com.

ESTHER MINISTRY - The new name for our Human Trafficking Ministry: ESTHER stands for End Slavery, Trafficking Humans, and Effect Rescue. The mission of this ministry is to understand the issues, causes and consequences of human trafficking in today's world and to educate our parish and community about this modern slavery. Human trafficking is a global phenomenon happening right now in every country of the world. California harbors 3 of the FBI's highest child sex trafficking areas in the nation: Los Angeles (including Long Beach), San Francisco, and San Diego.

A meeting will be held in the near future for all those interested in finding out about ways we can bring about awareness and promote education as well as help in the healing process of the tragedy of human trafficking. Being a "prayer warrior" is one way we can start. Please take time to say this prayer as a start in fighting this tragedy: *"Awaken our hearts and deepen our commitment to work for a world where every person is free and able to live with dignity and freedom. We ask for conversion of heart for traffickers and for strong laws that protect victims."* For more information on this ministry and to be included on our contact list, please email Marianna Wescott at wescottfam@yahoo.com.

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, November 7

5:00 p.m. - † All Souls Novena

SUNDAY, November 8

7:30 a.m. - † All Souls Novena

9:00 a.m. - Dr. & Mrs. Pat Mitchell

10:30 a.m. - † Nicolas D'Amore

12:30 p.m. - † Patrick Corry

MONDAY, November 9

8:00 a.m. - † All Souls Novena

TUESDAY, November 10

8:00 a.m. - † All Souls Novena

WEDNESDAY, November 11

8:00 a.m. - † Dang family

THURSDAY, November 12

8:00 a.m. - Cecil Dolan and family

FRIDAY, November 13

8:00 a.m. - † Jerry Jelnick

SATURDAY, November 14

5:00 p.m. - † Charles Griffin

SUNDAY, November 15

7:30 a.m. - † Duane Studer

9:00 a.m. - † Todd Uher

10:30 a.m. - Myrna Jane

12:30 p.m. - † Charles James

Immaculate Heart Radio, 930 on the am dial, a 24 hour Catholic radio station. 888-887-7120 or www.ihradio.com

Regional Vocation Director: Rev. Francis Ilano
St. Athanasius Church, Long Beach, 562-423-7986. Vocation information may be found at: www.lavocations.org.

SUGGESTION BOX - A reminder: there is a suggestion box right outside of church, in the school hallway.

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . . Eugene Dryer, Fernando Montoya, Tim Ginnett, Kim Agee, Marlene Sargeant, Mary Jane McCormick, Sheila Corry, Gary Hillebrecht, Karen Muccino, 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, 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, Janet Bernardo, Regina Jurado, Pat Mitchell, Dennis Cuda, Barbara Baine, Mark Ham, Nelson family, Odete Salvate, Joan Aimerito, Bob Becker, June Kukahiko, Scott Reinard, Valerie Karner, Graciella Griffin, Joe Hama-moto & Cynthia Hogan.

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
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	598-0519
YOUTH MINISTRY/ CONFIRMATION	Marc Leon	598-0519
EARLY CHILDHOOD	Kris Dominguez	598-0519
LITURGY/CHILDREN	Nancy Longo	598-0519
RCIC (Children)	Nancy Longo	598-0519
SUNDAY NURSERY		
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY FOR CHILDREN		

ADULT MINISTRY

RCIA	Sister Eva	594-4657
BIBLE STUDY	Sr. Eva	594-4657
	Rita Smith	
BAPTISM PREPARATION	Olga Cuda	594-4657
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY	Sr. Eva	594-4657
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	Mike Roide	
WEBSITE COORDINATOR	Mike Santy	799-0660
	msanty@verizon.net	
	www.stjosephlb.org	
HOSPITALITY MINISTRY	John/Deborah Rollinger	537-3457
MOVEMENT FOR A BETTER WORLD	Tim Clark	431-4385
LONG BEACH CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS	Jason Pillon	
	coordinator@lbcya.org	
SENIOR GROUP	Judy Pedneault	421-6863
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	Ron Steiner	431-7703
ENGAGED ENCOUNTER	Paciano & Molly Diaz	310-729-5890
	ktmr@sbcglobal.net	
NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING	Greg & Beth Gath	377-5877
SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN	Monica Muñoz & Julie Gray	598-0519
PARISH FAIR	sjparishfair@gmail.com	
PROJECT ACHIEVE	Tina Gath	598-5202
PRECIOUS LIFE SHELTER	Cynthia San Jose	884-9589
CUB SCOUTS	Moses Bass	420-1877
BOY SCOUTS	Brian Moskovitz	506-7817

BULLETIN NOTICES DEADLINE - MONDAY 1:00 PM

Please submit notices, with your name & phone, to the rectory or to bulletin@stjosephlb.org