



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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

Closed noon - 1:00 for lunch

Closed Saturday and Sunday

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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.

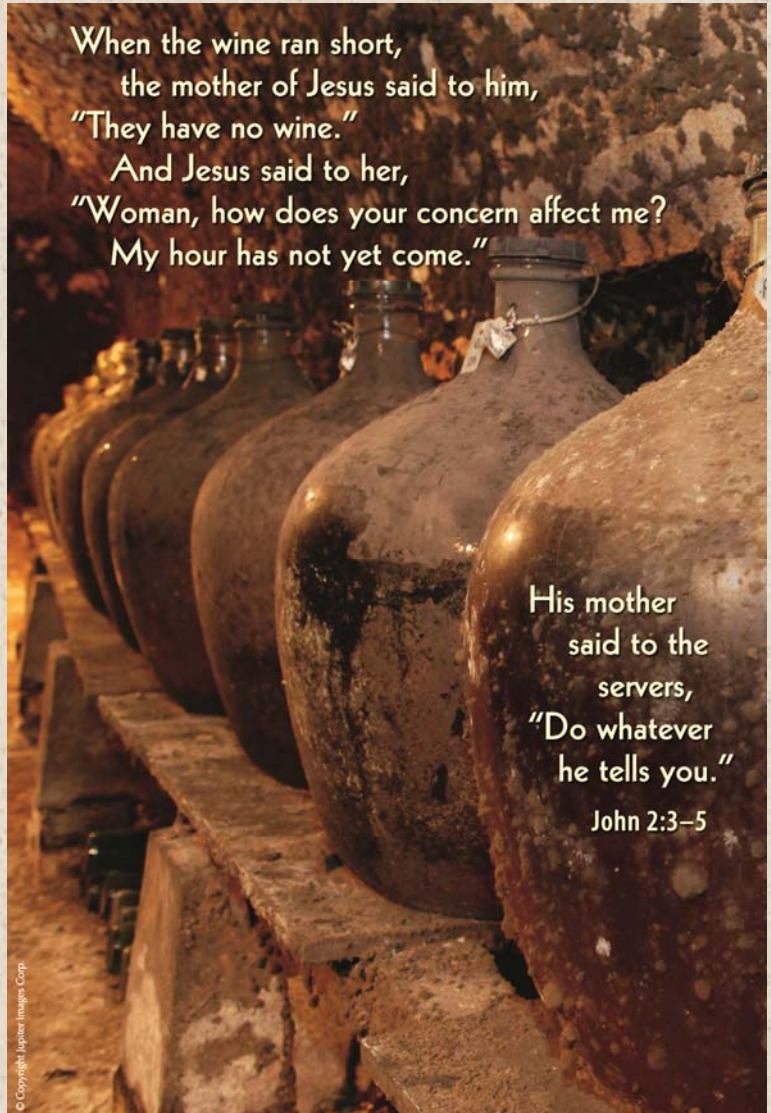
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

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.



When the wine ran short,
the mother of Jesus said to him,
"They have no wine."
And Jesus said to her,
"Woman, how does your concern affect me?
My hour has not yet come."

His mother
said to the
servers,
"Do whatever
he tells you."
John 2:3-5

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 17, 2016

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:

Greetings and blessings to everyone. I hope and pray that this new year is starting off well for you. I want to take this opportunity to thank those of you for the gifts that you have given to me during Christmas. Praise God for your kindness, support and generosity.

A few weeks ago, I was talking to a young mother whose child is in an inner city Catholic School. She said, "Fr. Francis I'm really worried that my daughter's school is going to close down and she won't receive the Catholic Education that I want her to have. My husband doesn't have a job and I'm barely making ends meet cleaning houses. I'm scared and worried that she might not receive the faith formation that I received when I was growing up if her school closed down. Please pray for my daughter and her school." I felt so bad for this mother.

I'm sharing this story with you because we are told that we have all received different gifts and talents. And today, God calls upon each one of us to share our gifts with our brothers and sisters that are in need of them. Through Together in Mission, we can do amazing things for others like that mother who was worried about her child's school closing down and not receiving the faith formation that she received.

Though our church is large, our strength is found not in numbers but in our compassion and ability to respond. Every gift, regardless of the size, matters so long as we give what we can and answer the calling of our faith.

During all Masses next weekend, we will conduct the in-pew process for the collection of gifts and pledges to this year's Together in Mission appeal. I have been here for six months and I have been moved by your generosity and willingness to help those in need. I have no doubt in my mind that together we can make sure God's love and presence are felt by all, especially those in need.

Will you join me in assisting those parishes and schools that cannot survive without outside financial support? God bless you for your generous response and support.

Jubilee Year of Mercy

Mary, whom Catholic tradition names "Mother of Mercy," at Cana intercedes with her Son to show mercy toward the bridal couple: "Son, they have no wine." But he does more! Jesus' transformation of water into wine is a "sign" (John's term for "miracle") that God's marriage with the whole human race has begun in Jesus' person and ministry, a marriage that will be consummated on the cross: "It is finished"--we are saved! But before Jesus acts, Mary instructs the servers to prepare the way for Jesus' miracle of mercy: "Do whatever he tells you." During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, Mother Church, like Mother Mary, instructs us to share the Spirit's manifold gifts--some of which Paul lists in today's second reading--in generous service to the human family. Thus we prepare the way for Jesus' new miracles of mercy, transforming life's sometimes stagnant water into the refreshing wine of God's mercy.



From Deacon Don's desk:

Have you put away all of your Christmas ornaments? It's time to slow down a bit. Sister Svoboda SND says "It's good to recall what Jesus did amid the busyness of His daily life, He went off to a deserted place, where **He Prayed.**" Still too busy? Stop and catch your breath and reflect on today's Gospel: Jesus and Mary and His disciples are at the wedding feast of Cana. Recall the incident where Mary says to the stewards, "**Do whatever He tells you.**" Take time to meditate on these 5 words. What is He telling you?"

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta once said: "God keeps on loving the world. He keeps on sending you and me to prove that He loves the world, that He still has compassion for the world. It is we who have to be His love, His compassion in the world of today. But to be able to love, we must have **faith**, for **faith** in action is **love**, and **love** in action is **service**. ...Believe that **He**, Jesus, is in the appearance of Bread and He, Jesus, is the hungry, naked, sick, lonely, unloved, homeless, helpless and hopeless."

OUR PRAYER: Eternal God, the Spirit descended upon Jesus at His baptism, You revealed Him as Your beloved Son. Keep us, Your children, born of water and the Spirit, faithful to our calling to reflect peace to those who believe in Your love. We ask this in Your Son's name. Amen

Sunday:	Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11
Monday:	1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday:	1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday:	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12
Friday:	1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer
Saturday:	2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21
Sunday:	Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

RCIA - If you know anyone or are interested yourself in learning more about being a Catholic, please call Sr. Eva at the parish office, 594-4657.

Jubilee Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to Rome and Italy - May 25 to June 5 - Celebrate the Year of Mercy, four nights in Rome, Mass with Pope Francis, visit Montecassino, San Giovanni Rotondo, Lanciano, Loreto, Assisi, Siena, Florence & Castel Gandolfo. Fr. Luis Estrada will be the Chaplain and celebrate his first anniversary with us. There are several spaces available. For information, please contact Deacon Don and Tina Gath (562 498 6701 or 562 481 2301).

The rectory office will be closed on Monday, January 18.

Tax Letter: If you would like a statement of your donations for 2015, please call the rectory, 594-4657.

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 Masses 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 Word 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.

Activities for Faith Formation and Confirmation:

Religious Education/Faith Formation is back in session-
Middle School is back in session

Please pray for Caroline Root who had surgery. We need a 7th grade catechist substitute - contact Nancy.

Confirmation

Can we ask your help? Our 2nd Year Confirmation retreat is Jan. 29-31. Whatever you donate keeps our costs down for our families - bottled water, chips, cookies, etc. Please keep our team, teens and families in your prayers.

High School Youth Ministry –

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

New Evangelization Series - If you enjoyed Catholicism, come and explore the Church's mission within the challenges of contemporary culture. This documentary, hosted by Bishop Robert Barron, focuses on the cultural obstacles the church faces today such as the emergence of “the new atheism,” and relativistic attitudes towards questions of faith and morality. Catholicism taught us what the Church believes and why, the New Evangelization shows us how to put our faith into action. Come join us in the school library on Tuesdays starting on Jan. 19 from 9-10:30 am.

Did You Know? How do parents handle an admission of abuse? - No parent wants their child to suffer from abuse of any kind. However, if a child discloses any instance of abuse, how you handle this information is critical to their well-being. One of the most important things you can do when a child discloses their abuse is not over react, despite the strong and often overwhelming emotions of anger that you are experiencing at that moment. Be sure to show the child great love and concern through calm, reflective words of understanding and compassion. For a copy of the Virtus® article “After Abuse is Disclosed” and more tips on how to handle abuse disclosures email jvienna@la-archdiocese.org.

Long Beach Catholic Young Adults - Welcome young adults, 18-39, to 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 information, visit www.lbcya.org or contact Jason Pillon: coordinator@lbcya.org.

Catholic Schools Week: January 24 - 30: "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service" - Join us on Sunday, January 24 for St. Joseph Catholic School's Open House and Junior High Science and Engineering Fair from **10 am - Noon**. Applications for the 2016-2017 school year are currently available on-line at: www.sjknights.net

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
- Daily instruction in religion and weekly Mass attendance
- 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.

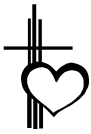


Our next book is: "Soul Centered" by Fr. Jim Clarke. Our Book Club discussion will be **February 3**, in the new PLC. Everyone is welcome!

Grief Support - If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, come and join us every other Monday, Jan. 25, Feb. 8 and 22, Mar. 7 and 21, Apr. 4 and 18, May 2 and 16, in the PLC from 7-8:30 pm.



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*



St. Joseph Social Club
 Hosted by the **St. Joseph Senior Group**
 Time to "sign up" or "re-up" for a fun 2016
 \$10 a year Membership

Jan. 18 - Special presentation on reverse mortgages - free lunch, games & fun. Reservations required 562-421-6863.
Feb. 1 - Senior Group Lenten Retreat. 9 am gathering in Fr. Martin Hall. \$10 includes box lunch. **All are welcome. Reservations required.** 562-429-8891.

All 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 and much more. For information call: Marilyn North 562-429-8891.

Trips - Trips - Trips

Vatican Splendors - Reagan Library. Docent tour of Vatican art & history, & 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. **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.

Blessing of our Parish Life Center - On February 7, Bishop Oscar Solis will be here to celebrate the 10:30 Mass and then will bless our new center afterwards.

Proclaim Life - Defend Life - Embrace Life - January 23 the 2nd annual event celebrating the beauty and dignity of human life, a walk for life, will depart from Olvera Street to Grand Park. Visit OneLifeLA.org for schedule. For group transportation options, call Tim Clark 431-4385.

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.



eGiving with Faith Direct

Faith Direct enables you to make contributions through either direct debit from your checking/savings account or through your credit/debit card. You can apply the convenience of direct debit to your parish offerings as you may now use it to make your mortgage or tuition payments. Please visit www.faithdirect.net to enroll securely online. Our parish code is CA717.

"True power is service. We must serve all people, especially the poor, the weak and the vulnerable." Pope Francis



Jan. 23-31 Homeless Kit Drive - provide daily necessities to a homeless person. Shopping lists will be available on the cross at the back of the church. Please purchase and return next week.
Feb. 17 - Committee Meeting - join us to plan our upcoming Book Drive and Easter Food and Gift Distribution
Skip-a-Meal Donations: Please be especially mindful during our holiday support of families in need. For fulfilling opportunities to serve, please call Tim Clark 431-4385.

Seminarian Charles Fundraiser - Pasta dinner fundraiser **Jan 29** in Fr. Martin Hall, 5:30 - 8:30. Donation at the door. Charles, our Seminarian in Training who was at St. Joseph for over a year will be ordained a Deacon in August here in Los Angeles. He would very much like for his mother, Goretii Lule Namukwaya to be present when he is ordained, but the family can't afford to send her from Uganda to Los Angeles. Proceeds will go directly to her travel & Visa costs. In addition to pasta, meatballs, salad and bread, the Knights of Columbus will have a bar where liquor, wine, beer and soda will be available for purchase. Please come support Charles and his mother Goretii Lule. Questions contact Kraig/Kim Jondle, Marty Vezzetti or Chris Berry.

ESTHER MINISTRY - End Slavery and Trafficking of Humans and Effect Rescue - We are excited to announce a \$1,500 CRS Rice Bowl Grant. This grant will help finance our humanitarian bags that are given to various agencies that help victims of human trafficking. So far, we have supplied the LYPD, Homeland Security, and shelters for victims with these bags.



The Youth Exploitation Safety Symposium will be held next month, **February 20**, 10am to 3pm. The Y.E.S.S event will be focusing on building healthy relationships as the best prevention. It is for parents, educators, and middle to high school students. Anyone interested in this topic is encouraged to attend. You may go to the website at <https://yess2016.eventbrite.com> to sign up.

For information about the Esther Ministry you may email Marianna Wescott at: wescottfam@yahoo.com

Parishioners Wanted: We need parishioners who want to be told what to do and we need parishioners to advise people what to do. Come help organize the 2016 Fair which is April 15-17. You tell us what you want to do. We know you can help - the question is will you help? This event is a great way to serve your parish. Join our first 2016 Fair planning meeting **January 20** at 7 pm in the school library. Any questions please email: sjparishfair@gmail.com

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, January 16

5:00 p.m. - † Gene Ensch

SUNDAY, January 17

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

9:00 a.m. - † Gene Ensch

10:30 a.m. - † Lauretta Townsend

12:30 p.m. - † Dr. Calvin Wesley Hall

MONDAY, January 18

8:00 a.m. - † Celia Delgado & Primitivo Chingcuango

TUESDAY, January 19

8:00 a.m. - † Gene Ensch

WEDNESDAY, January 20

8:00 a.m. - † Annette Haddad

THURSDAY, January 21

8:00 a.m. - † John Comfort

FRIDAY, January 22

8:00 a.m. - † John DeRuyter

SATURDAY, January 23

5:00 p.m. - † Gerry Kohnen

SUNDAY, January 24

7:30 a.m. - Carlos and Sandy Delgado

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

10:30 a.m. - † Gene Ensch

12:30 p.m. - † Frances Carner

Regional Vocation Director: Rev. Francis Ilano

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

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

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 **Jan. 17** hosted by Boy Scouts
Sunday **Jan. 24** hosted by St. Joseph School

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . . Eugene Dryer, Fernando Montoya, Tim Ginnett, Kim Agee, Mary Jane McCormick, Gary Hillebrecht, Karen Muccino, Eileen Bentley, Delia Nix, Fr. Ford, 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, Robert & Frances Stickney, Bryan Nielson, Joel Stephesen, Georgiana (Peggy) Schad, Eloisa Mariano, Angela Gibbons, Luis Arroyo, Michael Dresnick, Larry Luckey, Ramona Pedroza, Mary DeRuyter, Albert Rodriguez, Tony Olivar, Lisa Dang, Nina Escandon, Chris Belcher, Janet Bernardo, Regina Jurado, Pat & Marie Mitchell, Dennis Cuda, Barbara Baine, Mark Ham, Odete Salvate, Joan Aimerito, Bob Becker, June Kukahiko, Scott Reinard, Valerie Karner, Graciella Griffin, Joe Hamamoto, Cynthia Hogan, Lou Teran, Rita Smith, Zita Roehrig & Bella Dassanayake.

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	
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	msanty@verizon.net	
	www.stjosephlb.org	
Website address:	John/Deborah Rollinger	537-3457
HOSPITALITY MINISTRY		
MOVEMENT FOR A BETTER WORLD	Tim Clark	431-4385
LONG BEACH CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS	Jason Pillon	
	coordinator@lbcya.org	
SENIOR GROUP	Marilyn North	429-8891
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