



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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

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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.

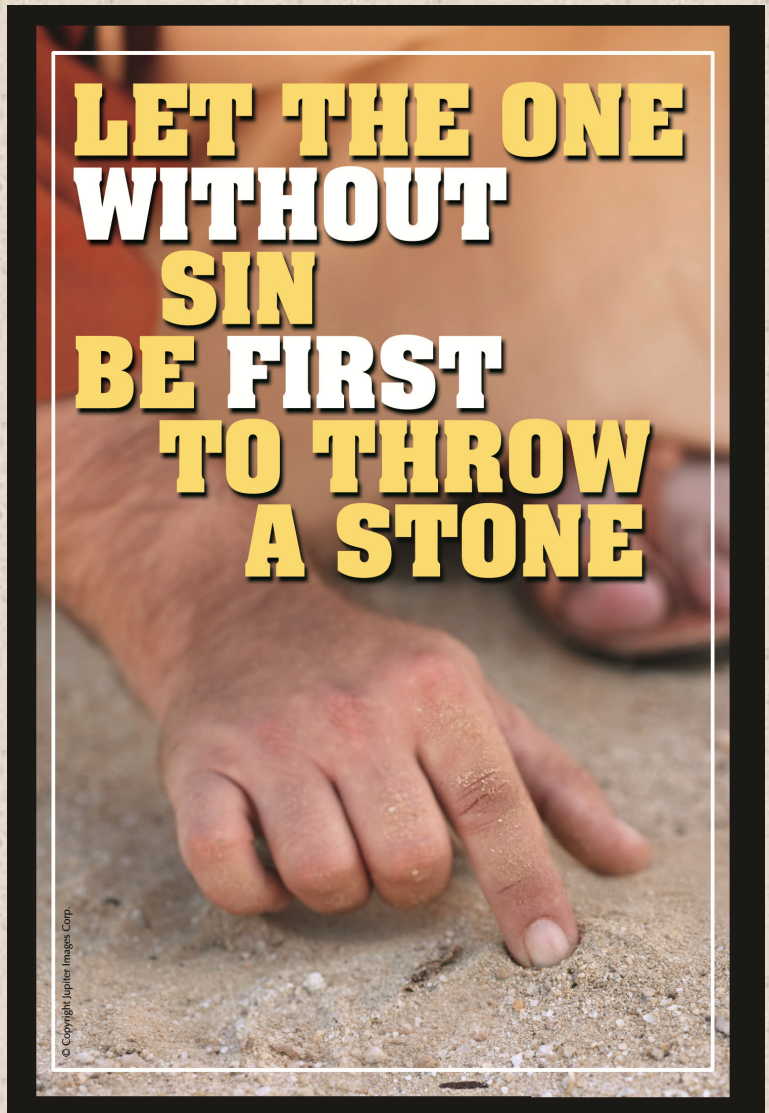
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

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.



Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 13, 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.

Jubilee Year of Mercy

How fitting that the first Sunday Angelus of Pope Francis, who has made mercy his papacy's theme, took place the last time today's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the adulterous woman was proclaimed. "Jesus' attitude is striking," Francis declared. "We do not hear words of scorn or condemnation, only words of love, of mercy, an invitation to conversion: 'Neither do I condemn you' " (John 8:11). Francis continued: "God's face is the face of a merciful father who is always patient. Have you thought about God's patience, the patience [God] has with each one of us? That is [God's] mercy. [God] always has patience, patience with us . . . understands us . . . waits for us . . . does not tire of forgiving us" if we return 'with a contrite heart" (Pope Francis, Angelus address, March 17, 2013). Parishes preparing catechumens may proclaim Jesus' raising of Lazarus. Referring to Lazarus, and all those "raised" from the "death" of sin, Jesus defines the community's "mission of mercy"— "Untie him and let him go" (John 11:44). Free app: 365 days of mercy at www.osv.com/yom



From Deacon Don's desk:

When you read this it will be two weeks to that most important time of year. But we are still in "Spring Training," we have a few "kinks" to get out of our system - you forgot? You know: impatience, greed, materialism and power. Remember fast on complaining, feast on complementing, anger versus forgiveness. **Worry versus Trust in God. (Remember: Tuesday 7PM Penance Service here at St Joseph.**

A recent reflection in Ignation Reflections is good to share: "Admitting we are wrong is a very difficult thing. But God is a forgiving God."

When St. John Paul II was Archbishop in Krakow, a priest came to him who had found himself in a difficult and embarrassing situation, one for which he could be properly disciplined, even severely. Archbishop Wojtyla heard the priest's confession, and as the priest got up to leave, the Archbishop took the stole from his neck and gave it to the penitent and asked, "Now will you hear my confession?"

This Sunday's Gospel is about forgiveness. In this story no one disagrees about what the woman did, even Jesus recognizes it as "sin." He differs with the Pharisees on passing judgment, on standing in the place of God. The religious leaders try to trap Jesus. Jesus makes her more important than their trickery to trap Him. When they press Him, He points to them and challenges the sinless one to cast the first stone. You know the rest of the story.

As Father Gawronski, S.J. prays, "May we practice forgiveness in our hearts and find an open-hearted welcome on our faces and in our hearts."

OUR PRAYER: Father God, Your Word, Jesus Christ, spoke peace to a sinful world and brought us the gift of reconciliation by the suffering and death He endured. Teach us, who bear His name, to follow the example He gave us; may our faith, hope and charity turn hatred to love, conflict to peace, death to eternal life. We ask this through Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen

Lenten Reconciliation Liturgies - 7:00 p.m.

- March 14 - St. Bartholomew Church
- March 15 - St. Joseph Church
- March 16 - St. Cornelius Church

Stations of the Cross - Fridays of Lent at 7:00 p.m.

Together in Mission

Our Goal: \$65,300
Pledged: \$45,998

We are getting there. Thank you to all who have made a pledge. There are envelopes in the church as well as in the rectory for those of you who would like to donate.

Grief Support - If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, come and join us every other Monday, Mar. 7 and 21, Apr. 4 and 18, May 2 and 16, in the PLC from 7-8:30 pm. Questions? Call Sr. Eva 594-4657.



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 Apr. 14 and July 14 (Men), and Apr. 28 and July 28 (Women).** Contact Dcn. Shane @ sfcuda@yahoo.com, or OCCursillo.org*

Thoughts for Lent

The best feeling - Being kind and nice to everyone
 Best gift - Forgiveness

Sunday:	Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11; Alternate readings (Year A): Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]
Monday:	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20 (or Jn 8:1-11 if Year A readings were used on Sunday)
Tuesday:	Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday:	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday:	Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday:	Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Sunday:	Lk 19:28-40 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 - 23:56 [23:1-49]

Faith Formation/Religious Education News
Classes in session 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:

Faith Formation - 1st - 5th graders Sundays: 10:30

Classes on 3/13 & 20 - No Class on Easter 3/27

Parent/Adult Sessions during Lent - Sundays, 10:35-11:30. Chris Dominguez is doing a series on Catholicism by Bishop Robert Barron during Lent. Free! Coffee and snacks! All are welcome! **March 13 and 20.**

Sacrament Preparation Parent Session - Monday 3/14

Year 1 from 6-7:15, Year 2 7:15-8:30. Childcare for \$5 per child, please RSVP to Faith Formation.

1st Eucharist Parent/Child Retreat, Apr. 24, 2-5
 Meet in the church. Childcare \$5, please RSVP.

Middle School - Tuesdays 7-8 pm

Instead of class on 3/15, families encouraged to attend Reconciliation Service.

On the Edge - 3/22 - Stations of the Cross

Confirmation - Class Sundays, 11am thru 12:30 Mass.

Class on 3/13

Parent/Teen session in hall on 3/20

High School Youth Ministry –

Revelation on Wednesdays from 7:30-8:30pm.

Multi-Parish Lenten Speaker Series - Look at all the opportunities for adults to grow in their faith! Check out the flyer at the entrances to the church.

Want to learn more about your faith? Archdiocesan faith formation here at St. Joseph beginning April 7. To Register: http://store.la-archdiocese.org/mfc_stjoseph - or call Nancy Longo for more information.

St. Joseph Book Club: Our next book is *The Name of God is Mercy* by Pope Francis. We are selling the books in March and having our discussion on April 13, at 7 pm.

Meditation every Tuesday 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Life Center - ALL WELCOME!

"Be Still And Know That I Am God"
 Newcomers please call Marie Mitchell (310) 490-4012 for directions.



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.

New Evangelization Series - 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. The New Evangelization shows us how to put our faith into action. Come join us in the Parish Life Center on Tuesdays from 9-10:30 am. or Thursdays 7-8:30 pm.

Proposition 47 Sentence Reduction - allows for the reduction of certain non-violent, non-serious crimes from a felony status to a misdemeanor, improving the individual's ability to find employment. The Archdiocesan Office of Life, Justice, and Peace assists to coordinate volunteers to counsel and assist individuals through this process. Help is needed to process applications. For more information, please call the Archdiocese or Tim Clark 431-4385.

HOLY YEAR PILGRIMAGE - If you have been considering joining Fr Luis Estrada and Msgr Gary Bauler for this pilgrimage to Rome and Italy, **May 25 - June 5**, this is your chance. We have 6 places left. Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate the Holy Year in Rome and attend Mass with Pope Francis. Please call Deacon Don and Tina Gath at 481 2301 or Beth at Chaplet Pilgrimages 842 6910 for information.

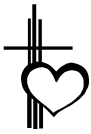
ESTHER MINISTRY - **End Slavery and Trafficking of Humans and Effect Rescue** -

The next two truths about human trafficking are: “#8 Runaway and homeless youth are

extremely vulnerable. Some groups estimate that 1 in 3 young people is solicited for sex within 48 hours of running away or becoming homeless in the U.S. #9 There's a hotline in the U.S. to report human trafficking. Call the National Human Trafficking Hotline (888-373-7888) or text 233733 (BeFree) to report suspicious activity.”

Our Long Beach Human Trafficking Task Force is dedicated to bringing awareness of this tragic issue to our community through educating our youth, parents, and those interested in making our city a place that will not tolerate this crime. Our Esther Ministry at St. Joseph's works hand in hand with this task force in helping to spread the truths and support agencies that help our youth and those who may be exploited by this crime. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact Marianna Wescott at wescottfam@yahoo.com.





St. Joseph Social Club
 Hosted by the **St. Joseph Senior Group**
 Join now for a fun 2016
 \$10 a year Membership

Mar. 21 - Meeting and Social gathering with games and fun 11:30-2:30 Come to meet old friends and make new.

New Members Welcome!

Apr. 4 - Meeting and Social gathering with games and fun 11:30-2:30 Come join us and bring a friend. It is a fun social time for all.

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

Trips - Trips - Trips

Tour of Little Italy - a day trip to San Diego on **June 14**. A great docent tour into the magical world of Little Italy. Visit hidden neighborhood landmarks and more followed by a wonderful progressive lunch plus a stop for "homemade" gelato and yes a little shopping. Departs at 9:00 AM- Returns approx. 6:30pm Cost is \$69 due May 9.

Mama Mia - at the Segerstrom Hall on **Nov 25**, (the day after Thanksgiving) with lunch at Marie Callender's where you will have three entrees to choose from and of course pie for dessert. Relax and enjoy (no cooking) the great songs including "Dancing Queen", "The Winner Takes All" and more. \$95 due Oct 17.

Please contact Mary Lou 431-4385 or Gerry 420-3220.



COME TO THE QUIET

Mondays, **2:30-3:00 p.m.**, in the Church, except for school holidays. "Come to me and I will give you rest." Take time for yourself and rest in the Lord. Come to the Quiet to pray, be still, let Him love you! *Everyone Welcome!!!*

HUNGERING TO GROW A NEW TOMORROW - This week's CRS Rice Bowl country is the island nation of Madagascar, where we're reminded of the important role farmers play in caring for God's creation. As we prepare our meals throughout the week, let us reflect on where our food comes from - and what role we can play in caring for our environment. Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Did You Know? Fire safety starts at home - When families have fire plans in place, they are much more likely to escape the dangers should a fire occur. Because a fire can separate parents from children, it's important that everyone knows how to get out and where to go. Teaching your kids to be resourceful in dangerous situations can help them in every aspect of their lives. For more information from the American Red Cross email vjvienna@la-archdiocese.org.

"Then He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet."

Jn 13:5

This weekend Book Drive - Collecting new and gently used children's reading books for next week's Easter food and gift distribution.

Mar. 19 - Easter Food and Gift Distribution - If you are NOT able to help us deliver again or would like to this time, please call Amy McKenna, 427-5917. We will gather in the parish hall at 8:30 a.m.

Mar 23-24 - Feed-A-Baby - Collecting non perishable baby food and products for Catholic Charities of Long Beach.

Sandwich Ministry - Help to prepare sandwiches for Catholic Charities and St. Francis Center each Wednesday morning. Buyers needed.

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.



Parish Fair News

Rummage Sale: We are in need of items to sell during the Fair, so clean out that closet and garage. We'll be collecting your donated goods every Saturday **beginning March 5** from 8-10 am in front of the hall. Furniture/Clothes/Games/etc. We can't accept any items that plug in/NO electronics.

Craft Boutique: We need vendors for the Craft Boutique which takes place Sat. & Sun. during the Fair. If you know anyone interested in selling their goods/wares please contact Sheila Vail for details at Sheilavail@verizon.net

Volunteer sign up released March 13. We are asking every Parishioner to volunteer one 3 hour shift **PLEASE**.

Sponsorship opportunities are available now. Please go to our website for a form. All information can be found on the Fair website: <http://www.stjosephlb.org/fair/> Any questions please email Kraig & Kim Jondle or Conny Frost at: sjparishfair@gmail.com or connyf@internationalaero.com

Parish Fair is April 15-17

RANCHO SAN ANTONIO raffle - St. Joseph Knights of Columbus, in support of the boys at "Boys Home of the West." **FIRST PRIZE \$5,000.** Donation \$2. (Winner need not be present). Drawing **May 1**, chances of winning are good. Information for membership in the Knights available. All Catholic men over 18 are invited & encouraged to join.

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.

eGiving with Faith Direct make contributions through 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 other payments. Please visit www.faithdirect.net to enroll securely online. Our parish code is CA717.

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, March 12

5:00 p.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

SUNDAY, March 13

7:30 a.m. - † Carmela Felicetti

9:00 a.m. - † Stephen Stewart

10:30 a.m. - † Hugo and Cass Jorda

12:30 p.m. - † Dean Maury

MONDAY, March 14

8:00 a.m. - † Matthew Hall

TUESDAY, March 15

8:00 a.m. - † Rita Lares

WEDNESDAY, March 16

8:00 a.m. - † Jane Koo

THURSDAY, March 17

8:00 a.m. - † Robert and Julianne Uehlin

FRIDAY, March 18

8:00 a.m. - † Bob Maney

SATURDAY, March 19

5:00 p.m. - † Edward and Mary Dondero

SUNDAY, March 20

7:30 a.m. - Tonet Risko

9:00 a.m. - Bill Mais

10:30 a.m. - † Stephen Stewart

12:30 p.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

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 **Mar. 13** hosted by **Cub Scouts**

Sunday **Mar. 20** hosted by **Meditation/Lectors**

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . . Eugene Dryer, Fernando Montoya, Tim Ginnett, Kim Agee, Mary Jane McCormick, Gary Hillebrecht, Karen Muccino, Eileen Bentley, Delia Nix, Mike Brio, Noel Devine, Janeen Higbee, Patricia Berry, Jay Kefalas, Stacey Marcus, Shirley Morasse, Magali & Wendy Sapien, 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, June Kukahiko, Scott Reinard, Valerie Karner, Graciella Griffin, Joe Hamamoto, Cynthia Hogan, Lou Teran, Rita Smith, Zita Roehrig, Bella Dassanayake, Rose Gonser, Mike & Colette DiHarce, Ellie Jacob, Helen Solis & Josh Goulant.

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	Sisterr Eva Rita Smith	594-4657
BAPTISM PREPARATION	Olga Cuda	594-4657
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY	Sister 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

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FINANCE COUNCIL	Mike Roide	
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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	Marilyn North	429-8891
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	Ron Steiner	431-7703
ENGAGED ENCOUNTER	Paciano & Molly Diaz ktrm@sbcglobal.net	310-729-5890
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