



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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Office Hours

Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Closed noon - 1:00 for lunch

Closed Saturday and Sunday

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Religious Education: 598-0519

email: religioused@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.

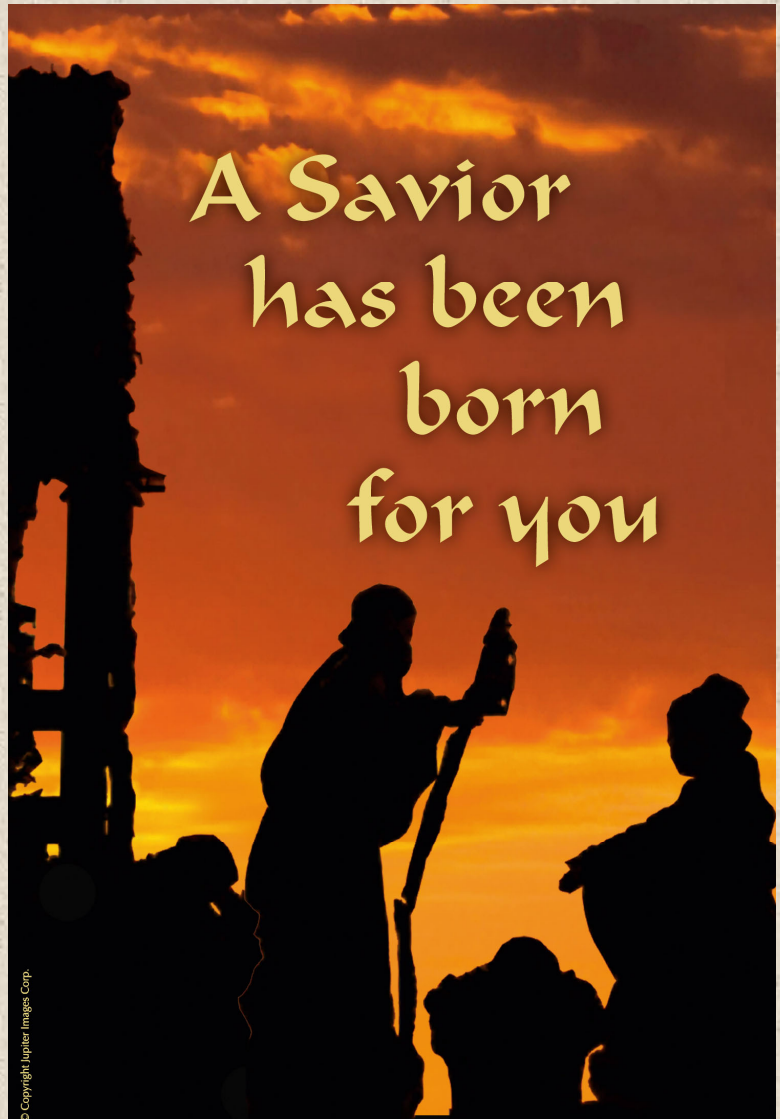
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday before
the first Friday of the month, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION
after 8 a.m. Mass every Tuesday

BAPTISM: Fourth Sunday of the month 2 p.m.

MARRIAGE: An appointment with a priest or
deacon a minimum of six months in advance is
required.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: In the event of a
serious illness, please call the parish office.



The Nativity of the Lord

December 25, 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 Msgr. Kevin's desk:

Dear Parish Family of St. Joseph Parish:
Peace and greetings to you in the name of Jesus Christ! As my sabbatical winds down, it is with joy that I look forward to commencing my ministry among all of you as your Pastor.

All of us are very grateful to Monsignor Gary Bauler for his pastoral love and ministry during these past few months. Be assured of my prayers for you and your families, and I look forward to meeting you during the New Year's weekend Masses! Have a Blessed Christmas!
Peace, Msgr. Kevin Kostelnik

Monsignor Kevin Kostelnik

Monsignor Kevin Kostelnik was born in Lorain, Ohio on June 20, 1955 and is the eldest child of Beverly and Joseph Kostelnik. Monsignor has one sister, Kathy and two brothers, Keith and Ken. Msgr. Kevin attended St. John's Seminary College and St. John's Seminary in Camarillo and was ordained to the Priesthood in 1982. In 1992, he received his Master's Degree in Liturgical Studies from the University of Notre Dame. Monsignor Kostelnik's first assignment was Associate Pastor at Saint John Fisher Church in Palos Verdes, California from 1982 to 1987. For two years he served as Associate Pastor of Saint Andrew Church in Pasadena. In 1989, Cardinal Roger Mahony appointed Monsignor Kostelnik as his Priest Secretary. In 1996, Monsignor Kostelnik was appointed first Pastor of the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. Msgr. Kevin enjoys working out at the Downtown Athletic Club, cooking Italian Pasta with friends in a Gourmet Group, barbecuing on the grill for the clergy in the Residence, and enjoying a glass, or two, of Chardonnay wine. For the past twelve years the Cathedral family got to know Msgr. Kevin's black Labrador, Joaquin, who went home to pet heaven last winter. One weekend every fall, you'll find Msgr. Kevin in the stands at the Notre Dame Stadium in South Bend, cheering on his favorite team, The Fighting Irish. On July 1, 2016 Monsignor Kostelnik will conclude his term as First Pastor of the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. Whether talking about the Cathedral, the renaissance of the downtown community or the goodness of people's lives, Msgr Kevin always tries to find something beautiful and transform it into something more beautiful!!

Written in 2015 when Msgr Kevin received the Seminary Alumni Award.

Rest in Peace
Died in Christ:
Milagros Chingcuangco



From Deacon Don's desk:

We need to pray if we wish to know the **Joy of Christmas**. It helps to make straight the path for the Lord. I am reminded of a true story that I saved. It takes place over a 100 years ago. While on a train, a university student found himself seated by a man who seemed to be a well-to-do peasant (farmer). He was praying the rosary and moving the beads in his fingers. "Sir, do you still believe in such outdated things?" asked the student of the old man. "Yes I do, don't you?" the man asked. The student burst out in laughter and said, "I do not believe in such silly things. Take my advice, throw the rosary out the window, and learn what science has to say about it." The man said, with tears welling up in his eyes, "Science? I do not understand this science. Perhaps you can explain it to me." The student saw that the man was deeply moved. So to avoid further hurting the old man's feelings he said, "Please give me your address and I will send you some literature to help you about this matter." The man fumbled in his pocket and gave the boy a card. The student bowed his head in shame and became silent. On the card he read: "Louis Pasteur, Director of the Institute of Scientific Research, Paris." Now you know the rest of the story.

The Holy Rosary is the life of Jesus seen through the eyes of Mary, His mother, and whispered in Divine prayers. In the Rosary, you have the words of heaven on your lips, the love of Mary in your heart, and the life of Christ in your thoughts," quoted from Father Donnelly. We are not fully alive unless we pray. It is our communication between God and us. It has to be our priority in our life. Pray and you will discover you have time for other important things in our lives such as family, work, recreation and leisure. When we don't pray there is never enough time. Prayer simplifies our life. It brings us to the desert - a holy place. You need to pray if you wish to know the Joy of Christmas! Remember the 12 days of Christmas, it ends January 5.

OUR PRAYER: Heavenly Father, let us welcome Your Son as our Redeemer. Then help us go to meet Him with confidence when He comes to be our Judge when we complete our earthly journey. Amen

We wish each of you a most blessed Christmas.
The **Parish Office** will be closed Dec. 30 and Jan. 2.

Saturday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Sunday:	Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
Monday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Tuesday:	1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Wednesday:	1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:36-40
Friday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Saturday:	1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Sunday:	Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7;

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.
December 25 off for a **Merry Christmas** break!
January 1 off for a **Happy New Year** break!

Faith Formation Office - Hours are Monday - Thursday 9am - 1pm, and Sunday 9am - noon. Email religious@stjosephlb.org or 598-0519.

Little Saints Toddler Ministry – Little Saints is available at the 9am and 10:30 am Masses in the daycare room for those under the age of 5 when those who are Virtus trained are available to be there. We are reaching out for more helpers for our Little Saints to fill in on the days they are not available. This is a great opportunity for any high school youth who need service hours. This can be on a rotating basis. Call the RE office if interested.

Liturgy of the Word for Children is available to children 5 - 11 years at the 9am Mass. Follow our Catechist out with the rest of our children to hear the Word of God on your level. Please feel free to join your child if you would like. Additional catechists are needed. If you feel called to share the Word with our children during the 9am Mass, please call our office. All materials are provided.

No class on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 for Early Childhood, Elementary and Confirmation.

No class on Dec. 27 and Jan. 3 for Middle School.

Classes resume on Sunday, January 8!

Have a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!

High School Youth Ministry - Revelation for all teens on Wednesdays at 7:30. For more information, contact Marc Leon, 598-0519, or marc@stjosephlb.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.

New RCIA Group Beginning

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Catholic, come and meet Sr. Eva and hear what the process entails.

Sunday, **January 8**, 10:15-11:30 in the school library.

Come and join Sr. Eva on Tuesdays, 9:00-10:30 a.m. in the Parish Life Center as she journeys with Bishop Barron to explore the lasting influence of the following Pivotal Players in church history:

- St. Francis of Assisi, the Reformer
- St. Thomas Aquinas, the Theologian
- St. Catherine of Siena, the Mystic
- St. John Henry Newman, the Convert
- G.K. Chesterton, the Evangelist
- Michelangelo, the Artist

Come, pray, reflect, discuss, and enjoy fellowship. First session begins **Jan. 24**. Same presentation on Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m. starting **Jan. 26**.

Call Sr. Eva to order your study guide, 594-4657.

Adult Confirmation

If you have never received the Sacrament of Confirmation, classes will be starting soon. To sign up, please call our religious education office at 598-0519 after January 9. Classes are as follows:

St. Maria Goretti, Long Beach starts Jan. 26 through May, Thursdays from 6-9 pm

St. Margaret Mary, Lomita starts Jan. 9 through May, Mondays, 7-9 pm.


Bereavement Group will meet every first and third Monday evening, 7 p.m. in the Parish Life Center.

Did You Know? Prepare holiday babysitters thoroughly

- The holidays come with lots of nights out for adults and you may need to call upon a babysitter to watch your kids for adults-only events. Think through the policies at your house that you will ask a sitter to follow. These could include basic childcare rules (for example: limits on television viewing, bedtime) as well as safety rules (for example: don't let the kids play with knives or matches). For a copy of the VIRTUS® article "Preventing Abuse When Selecting and Using a Babysitter," email jvienna@la-archdiocese.org or call 213-637-7227.

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

"Be Still And Know That I Am God"




St. Joseph Book Club - The next book for our book club is **"The Abbey"** by Fr. James Martin. This is a novel with inspiration and spirituality woven into the characters. Discussion will take place on Wednesday, February 15, in the PLC. All are welcome!



Women and Men of St. Joseph Parish

*Is your heart on fire for Christ, filled with the Holy Spirit, or like a candle in the wind, flickering, 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 will be Jan. 19-22 (Men), and Feb. 2-5 (Women).** Contact Dcn. Shane at sfcuda@yahoo.com or OCCursillo.org*



St. Joseph Senior Social Group

Join now for a fun 2017
\$10 a year Membership

There will be no meeting on December 26. The Next meeting will be on January 9, 11:30-2:30. Please remember to pay your dues of \$10 for 2017. Just a reminder that meetings are on the 2nd & 4th Mondays.

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, Poker, Mexican Train, Sequence, Bridge and much more. For information call: Marilyn North 562-429-8891.

Trips - Trips - Trips

Fallbrook Avocado Festival - April 23, \$38. Once a year the little town of Fallbrook comes alive with their annual festival. With over a 100 vendors you will have plenty of time for browsing & sampling every type of product you can imagine. Big attraction is the "Holy Guaco-Moly Guacamole Contest. A great inexpensive getaway, lunch on your own.

Pageant of the Lord - South Bay's only Living Arts Pageant, **April 2**, \$65. If you have been to Laguna's Pageant of the Masters you will love this trip. A celebration of the promise and life of Jesus Christ portrayed in living reproductions of great works of art! Music by a 60 voice choir accompanied by a full orchestra. Lunch at Hometown Buffet. Call Mary Lou 562-431-4385 or Gerry 562-420-32205.

Dear St Joseph Seniors, What a blessing all of you are to the women and children at Precious Life Shelter with the generous delivery of baby items and women items for Christmas. We have filled their Christmas bags with the items you presented to Precious Life. It is such an honor to join you all as St. Joseph has been home since 1974 and we have all of our family memories there with so many of you. Please know that all of you are in our prayers and we thank you for standing with us to make lives a bit brighter at this Holy Season of Christmas. With Gratitude. Theresa Murphy

Together in Mission 2016

Goal: \$65,300
Pledged: \$66,957
Paid: \$64,672

Our goal has been reached in pledges, but we are a little short on the payments. A mailing has recently been sent to those who have not completed their pledge. Please watch for that, and be sure to send in your payment as soon as possible. The parishes and schools who benefit from Together in Mission thank you for your generosity!

eGiving with Faith Direct - make contributions through direct debit from your checking/savings account or through your credit/debit card. Please visit www.faithdirect.net to enroll securely online. Our parish code is CA717.

"You are being enriched in every way for all generosity, which through us produces thanksgiving to God." 2 Cor 9:11.
Christmas Present Drive and Christmas Food and Present Distribution: Thank you to all who helped in our support of 70 families. It was an awesome success!
Skip-a-Meal Donations: There are *many* opportunities to help, big and small. Please call Tim Clark 431-4385.



St. Joseph Parish Fair is March 31, April 1 & 2, 2017.

First planning meeting is **January 11** at 7 pm in Fr. Martin Hall. Please come to help plan the Fair.

We are looking for Auto Dealerships to display 1-2 NEW vehicles at the Fair. Do you know someone who owns or works at a car dealership that we can contact? If so please contact Liz Eckel at lizeckel5@gmail.com or sjparishfair@gmail.com

We are in need of volunteers from the Parish. If you're a Parishioner and can volunteer please come to Jan 11 meeting or contact sjparishfair@gmail.com. We have positions for all levels of experience and endurance.

If you're of Filipino heritage and would like to help start a Filipino Food Booth at the Fair let us know at sjparishfair@gmail.com. We supply the people and equipment.

ESTHER MINISTRY -

End Slavery and Trafficking of Humans and Effect Rescue -

Many victims of human trafficking may look like someone you may see every day. Here are some signs to help identify victims: person seems to be under control of another, cannot move or leave a job, bruises or other signs of injury, no passport or identification, isolation from family members.

This crime is taking place in our own community. Stay alert, raise awareness with friends and neighbors, and support organizations that take care of those most likely to become victims (runaways, foster children, immigrants). If you would like to be a part of our Esther Ministry, please email us at estherministry1@gmail.com.



Married Couples! Pope Francis is challenging us to know the Sacrament of Marriage deeply and intimately.

Experience a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and be refreshed and full of joy together! Presentations made by married couples and a priest teach valuable communication tools and much more! Sharing is private with your spouse.

We have weekends in the greater Los Angeles area in February and March 2017. We strongly encourage early sign-ups to reserve your spot! Visit www.ilovemyspouse.net to apply today! Contact Sarah&Jacob Flores at 562-688-7563 or Ginny & Boon Hazboun at 562-861-7562.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) has been a Vatican de facto Association of the Faithful over 40 years and a recognized Apostolic Movement of the LA Archdiocese. WWME was voted **Best Marriage Workshop** by About.com.

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, December 24

- 4:00 p.m. - † Ed and Mary Jane Merk
 6:00 p.m. - † John Risko
 9:00 p.m. - † Gerry Kohnen

SUNDAY, December 25

- 9:00 a.m. - † Edward and Mary Dondero
 10:30 a.m. - † Eugene Dryer
 12:30 p.m. - † Ana Greco

MONDAY, December 26

- 8:00 a.m. - Lorena Martinez

TUESDAY, December 27

- 8:00 a.m. - Thanh Do

WEDNESDAY, December 28

- 8:00 a.m. - † Maria and Dominico Dang

THURSDAY, December 29

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

FRIDAY, December 30

- 8:00 a.m. - Magdalena Carr

SATURDAY, December 31

- 5:00 p.m. - † Louis Laphorne

SUNDAY, January 1

- 7:30 a.m. - † John Risko
 9:00 a.m. - Mary Jensen
 10:30 a.m. - † Rita Bryan
 12:30 p.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

Please continue to pray for our Armed Services that they may feel God's love, peace and joy at all times.

Regional Vocation Director: Rev. Francis Ilano
 St. Athanasius Church, Long Beach, 562-423-7986. Vocation information may be found at: www.lavocations.org.
 A group to discern a vocation to the priesthood meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month, 6:30, St. Gertrude Church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . . Fernando Montoya, Tim Ginnett, Kim Agee, Mary Jane McCormick, Gary Hillebrecht, Eileen Bentley, Delia Nix, Mike Brio, Noel Devine, Janeen Higbee, Jay Kefalas, Stacey Marcus, Shirley Morasse, Magali & Wendy Sapien, Kathy June, Jordynn Seckington, Lois Kearney, 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, Marie Mitchell, Dennis Cuda, Barbara Baine, Mark Ham, Odete Salvate, Joan Aimerito, June Kukahiko, Scott Reinard, Valerie Karner, Graciella Griffin, Cynthia Hogan, Bella Dassanayake, Mike & Colette DiHarce, Ellie Jacob, Josh Golan, Jovie Diaz, David Dresnick, Christine Cooper, Pam Williams, Thelma Gouchenour, baby Gabriel Mafi, Josephine Ryan, Kim Rotondo, Gene Cooper, John Hogan, Nancy Mulry, Debbie Leveque, Jack Lopez, Jesse Perez, Brice Gomes, Pat Murach, Frank Stassi, Patrick Mandich, Bernie Rollinger, Christopher Aguirre & Alfredo Flores.

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	594-4657
ALTAR CARE	Parish Office	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	Natalie Alvarez, Erin Wright & Sonia Yurak
OFFICE MANAGER	Julie Gianessi

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

562-598-0519

DIRECTOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	Virginia Young	
ELEMENTARY,		
MIDDLE SCHOOL	Virginia Young	598-0519
YOUTH MINISTRY/ CONFIRMATION	Marc Leon	598-0519
EARLY CHILDHOOD	Gina Mascaro	598-0519
LITURGY/CHILDREN	Virginia Young	598-0519
RCIC (Children)	Virginia Young	598-0519
SUNDAY NURSERY		

ADULT MINISTRY

RCIA	Sister Eva	594-4657
BIBLE STUDY	Sister Eva	594-4657
BAPTISM PREPARATION	Olga Cuda	594-4657
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY	Sister Eva	594-4657
MEDITATION	Frank McKown	310-633-1744
SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES	Dcn. Don & Tina Gath	598-5202
MINISTERS TO THE SICK	Olga Cuda	594-4657

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

PASTORAL COUNCIL	Anne Weaver	498-7008
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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 ktrm@sbcglobl.net	310-729-5890
NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING	Greg & Beth Gath	377-5877
SAFEGUARD the CHILDREN	Tony Burgos	276-3108
PARISH FAIR	sparishfair@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