



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
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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.

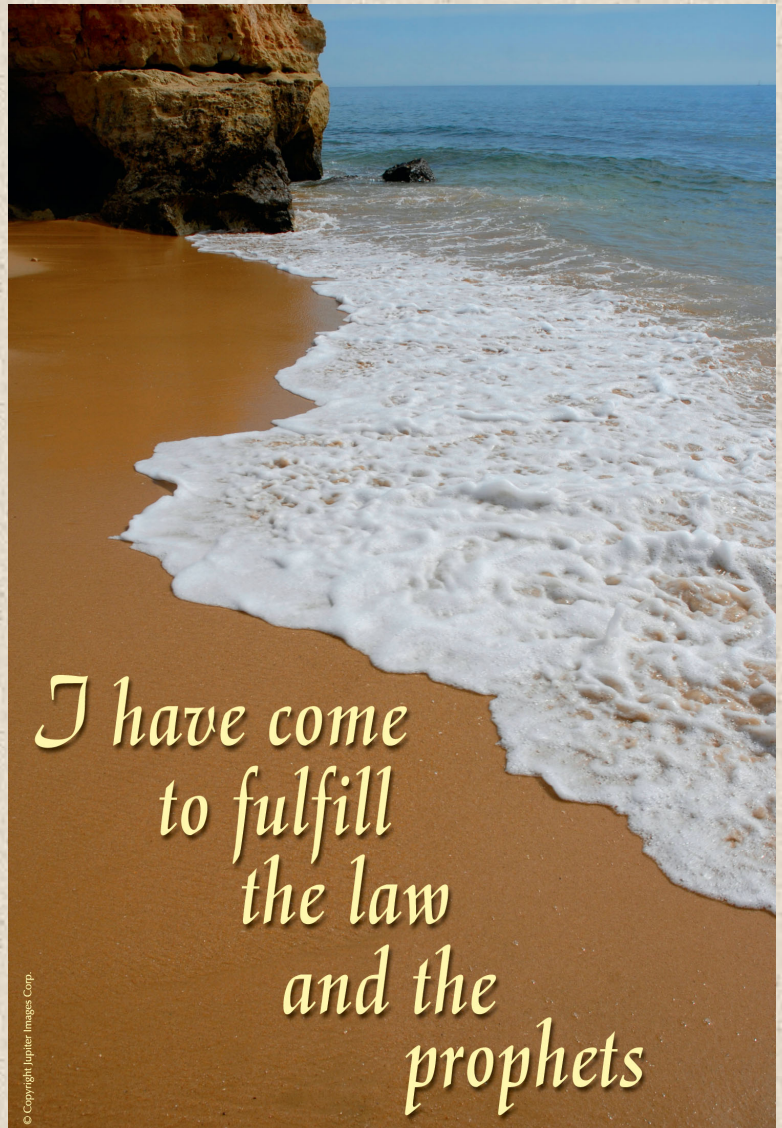
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday before
the first Friday of the month, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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

BAPTISM: Fourth Sunday of the month 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.



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 12, 2017

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.

Together in Mission Campaign Launches "Be the Light of Christ"

Today, the **Together in Mission** annual appeal launches. This is a great opportunity to put your love into action. We are in this together - the mission of helping our fellow brothers and sisters, and we are all asked to share the light of Christ with others.

Our parish has been asked to raise \$66,700. I am confident that each of you will prayerfully consider sharing the abundant gifts that God has shared with each of us. In my first month as pastor, I've experienced your generosity, and we will work together to assist our poorest parishes and schools. God Bless you.
Msgr. Kevin Kostelnik

Message From Archbishop Gomez

These are challenging times with the new Presidential orders on immigrants and refugees. To assist us in supporting our brothers and sisters, our Office of Government and Community Relations and our Office of Life, Justice and Peace have created a special webpage that contains important resources for parishes, families and individuals. On this new page: archla.org/immigration you will find resources to help you learn about the issues, and resources that will enable you to get involved in your community and in communicating with your elected officials.

Please continue to pray with me for our nation and for our elected officials. With the guidance of Our Lady of Guadalupe, I pray that we might all work together to find a compassionate solution to the challenges of reforming our immigration and refugee systems.

Take Action: Ask Your US Representatives to Support The Bridge Act

- On Jan. 12 Senators Lindsay Graham (R-SC) and Dick Durbin (D-IL) introduced the BRIDGE (Bar Removal of Individuals who Dream and Grow our Economy) Act, S.128, HR 496 on the House side, this bipartisan bill is an effort to sustain the temporary relief from deportation and employment eligibility offered to youth through the Department of Homeland Security's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

Under the BRIDGE Act, young people who came to the U. S. as children would be able to maintain their eligibility to work and live in the U.S. without the fear of deportation and family separation so long as they meet certain requirements, such as showing a commitment to education or honorable service in our military and having no history of serious crime. Contact Your US Representatives today!

Tax Letters: If you would like a letter stating your contributions to St. Joseph Church for 2016, please call the office and leave your name, phone and email address. Those who have contributed through Faith Direct will receive that information from them.

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.



From Deacon Don's desk:

In 18 days it will be Lent! We often reflect on the readings and the Gospel, but what about the Responsorial Psalms? "The just man is a light in the darkness to the upright." It expands on the reading from Isaiah: "His heart is steadfast; he shall not fear. Lavishly he gives to the poor; his justice shall endure forever; his horn shall be exalted in glory." There is more, I encourage you to read it slowly. "To act as God acts is the deepest meaning of righteous living. Such living shines in the darkness of the world for all to see, the righteous as well as the not so righteous." Taken from the "Living Faith." OUR PRAYER: Father God, we thank You for You are rich in mercy and for Your abundant love with which You have loved us. Open our eyes of our brothers and sisters to see Your wonders of this day. Make us stewards of Your many gifts. We ask this through Jesus, Your Son who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

Virginia Madura



Cursillo

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 evening.

The next Cursillo weekends will be Apr. 20-23 (Men), and May 4-7 (Women). Contact Dcn. Shane at sfcuda@yahoo.com or OCCursillo.org

Please pray for the women who are making their Cursillo this weekend that they may be filled with the Holy Spirit!

Transform your life through the Prayer and Life Workshop

- Registration for the spring Prayer And Life Workshop (PLW) is now open for all adults 18 and over. The workshop will guide you through a series of practical prayer exercises that will greatly enhance your personal relationship with the Lord. Come and discover God's will for your life as you learn to pray effectively and learn how to live a richer spiritual life. This 15-week Bible-based program will introduce you to a new prayer method each week helping you to make prayer a priority in your life. Come and experience how the Holy Spirit gradually transforms you into a more loving and faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

When: Saturdays **February 4 to June 4**, 9:30 - 11:30 am
Where: Parish Life Center **Cost:** Materials Donation \$12
Open to adults 18 and over – seating is limited to the first 20. Learn more at www.StJosephLB.org, or call George or Susy Zuluaga at (714) 313-8322.

Faith Formation Office - Hours are Monday - Thursday 9am - 1pm, and Sunday 9am - noon.

Email religiosed@stjosephlb.org or 598-0519.

Little Saints Toddler Ministry – Due to a lack of volunteers for our Sunday morning Little Saints ministry, we have been unable to provide child care for our toddlers at the 9 am and 10:30 am Masses. We are looking for adults who are Virtus trained or willing to take the training as well as teens to be helpers. This is a great help to parents who would like to attend Mass and have a positive environment for their youngest children. Please call the RE office if you would like to help in this ministry.

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.

Sacrament Preparation: Parent Workshop: First Communion preparation workshop for parents only in the hall on **February 13. Year 1** meets from 6-7 pm and **Year 2** meets from 7-8 pm.

Early Childhood and Elementary: The Family Mass and Potluck scheduled for **February 19** will not take place. Regular classes on that date.

No Class on **February 26** due to Religious Ed Congress.

Confirmation: It is that time of year for our **Confirmation Retreat!** The Year 1 Retreat will take place on **March 31-Apr. 2.** We are in need of snacks and cases of water. If you would like to donate water or snacks for the retreats that would be great! You can drop off any donations to the Parish life Center.

We would also like to ask the parishioners of St. Joseph to keep these wonderful teens in your prayers as they continue their journey of faith and learning through the Confirmation process.

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.

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

Virtus Classes for those volunteering at our parish: Go to the following website to find a class in our area: https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theme=0 At the “**Select Your Organization**” box, click on the down arrow and choose **Los Angeles - San Pedro Region**, then click on **Select**. For those who have never attended a class, look for the *Protecting God's Children* class. If you need to renew, you want the *Keeping the Promise Alive* class.

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.

Religious Education Congress - Feb. 23-26

Embrace Trust is the theme. Many workshops and liturgies. Be enriched in your faith. To see the workshops offered, go to www.recongress.org. Register and plan to spend a weekend of renewal. If you have questions, please call our Religious Education office at 598-0519, or our parish office at 594-4657. Congress is open to all.



St. Joseph Book Club - “The Abbey” by Fr. James Martin. This is a novel with inspiration and spirituality woven into the characters. Books are available for purchase in the PLC for \$15. Discussion will take

place on Wednesday, **Feb. 15**, at 7:00 pm in the PLC, Our Lady of Peace room. All welcome!

Sunday:	Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]
Monday:	Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday:	Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday:	Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33
Friday:	Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
Saturday:	Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13
Sunday:	Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

ACCW invites all women to a day of prayer and fellowship **Feb. 23**, St. Cyprian Parish, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm. \$12/person. Please make check payable and mail to Alice Avery, 19126 Pricetown Ave., Carson 90746 by Feb. 20. Info: Alice 310-637-1364 or Verna 562-633-2503.

Come and join Sr. Eva 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 Pivotal Players in church history: 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, & enjoy fellowship. Also Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.

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

Meditation every Tuesday 7:00 p.m. in the school library - ALL WELCOME!
“Be Still And Know That I Am God”





St. Joseph Senior Social Group

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

The next meeting will be on Feb. 13, 11:30-2:30.
Our Lenten Retreat - Monday, Mar. 13 at 9 with Mass at 11:00. Reservations for the retreat taken at the Feb. 13 & 27 meetings. Msgr. Kevin Kostelnik, our pastor, will conduct the retreat. The cost will be \$10 which will include a box lunch. Be sure to get your reservation in! Please remember to pay your dues of \$10 for 2017. Let's get some new members! Encourage your friends to join us. Meetings are the 2nd & 4th Mondays.
All regular meetings: **11:30 to 2:30**. Bring your lunch. Drinks & dessert provided. Free bakery items to members. Join us for fun and games.
For information please call: Marilyn North 562-429-8891.

Trips - Trips - Trips

Fallbrook Avocado Festival - April 23, \$38. 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. 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.

Calling all card players... St. Joseph 7th grade class will be hosting a **Texas Hold'em Tournament**, Saturday **March 18** starting at 5pm in Father Martin Hall. Pre-registration via the school office or by calling Amy Weaver at 562-631-7772. Pre-registration cost \$30, day-of registration is \$40.

2017 Parish Fair Notices:

Parish Fair is **March 31, April 1 & 2**

****Lenten Fish Fry at the Fair** - Join us March 31 from 5 pm - 9 pm at the Fair for a fish fry. We ask you to please purchase tickets ahead of time so we can have an idea of how much fish to purchase. Although, you can walk up and buy a fish dinner as well. Fish Fry tickets go on sale the weekend of March 18/19 after all masses.

****Rummage Sale** returns to the Fair - please donate toys, chairs, bedroom furniture and general housewares. Drop off donated goods every Saturday starting **Feb 18 - March 25** from 8 am - 10 am in the parking lot. Rummage sale will take place during the Fair in the hall.

****Volunteers Needed** - can you help with just one 3 hour shift? On-line sign ups to be released **March 4**. Please help!

****Tickets** - purchase food/drink and ride tickets and SAVE MONEY before the Fair starts or pay full price at the Fair. Tickets go on sale **March 18/19** after masses.

****Auto Show** - we're looking for car dealerships to display new cars. Do you have any contacts at dealerships? If so, please contact Liz Eckel at lizeckel5@gmail.com

Fair questions or comments please email:

sjparishfair@gmail.com

"Whatever you are, be a good one."

Abraham Lincoln (Happy Birthday Abe)

Homeless Kit Drive: *Thanks* for the great support of our homeless kit drive! We contributed 175+ kits & supplies.

Feb. 15 7 PM Committee Meeting:

Share your ideas, help us to aid & bring hope to our under privileged brothers and sisters in the Long Beach area.

Mar. 18-26 Children's Book Drive: collecting new and gently used reading books as gifts for the children of our food distribution families for Easter.

Skip-a-Meal Donations: Please be especially mindful during our holiday distributions. Many opportunities to help, big & small. Please call Tim Clark 431-4385.



Parish Blood Drive, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Sunday, **Feb. 12**, 8:15 AM to 2:15 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

Natural Family Planning - Attend a short course and learn a natural method of family planning that is safe, effective, and morally acceptable. Great for achieving as well as postponing pregnancy. Starts Feb. 25. For more information/registration contact Beth & Greg Gath, 562-377-5877 or bethgath@gmail.com, or visit the Couple to Couple League website www.ccli.org .

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.

February 12 hosted by **Cub Scouts**

February 19 hosted by **Lectors**

ESTHER MINISTRY -

End Slavery and Trafficking of Humans and Effect Rescue -

Esther Ministry would like to thank our many donors over the past year: The Clancy Foundation, CRS Rice Bowl Grants, and personal contributors of both monetary funds and items needed for shelters and survivor bags. These donations enable us to continue helping survivors of human trafficking, as well as meet some of the needs of Homeland Security and the Long Beach Human Trafficking Task Force.

If you would like to be on our contact list for future events and needs, please email us at estherministry1@gmail.com



Did You Know? Early identification can help to prevent long-term effects - Knowing how to identify potential signs of abuse and neglect can help adults be on the lookout and take action more quickly and help prevent further abuse. Children who have suffered from abuse may experience guilt, anxiety, learning difficulties, aggression or self-destructive behaviors. To request a copy of the VIRTUS© article "Early Identification is Crucial" email vienna@la-archdiocese.org or call (213) 637-7227.

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, February 11

5:00 p.m. - † Eleanor Connell

SUNDAY, February 12

7:30 a.m. - † Joe Lozano

9:00 a.m. - † Alfonso Santillan

10:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

12:30 p.m. - † Donald Nichols

MONDAY, February 13

8:00 a.m. - † Thomas Steiner

TUESDAY, February 14

8:00 a.m. - † John Risko

WEDNESDAY, February 15

8:00 a.m. - Tonet Risko

THURSDAY, February 16

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

FRIDAY, February 17

8:00 a.m. - Phung Tran & Bros. & Sylvia Dang

SATURDAY, February 18

5:00 p.m. - † Virginia Molinaro

SUNDAY, February 19

7:30 a.m. - † Jean Libby

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

10:30 a.m. - † Geneensch

12:30 p.m. - † Sally Kay

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, 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, 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, Cameron Yip, Finn Krueger, Tom Nolan & Colombia Villagomez.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

of HOLY COMMUNION	Bill & Katie Greening	421-3997
LECTORS	Bill Smith	355-6194
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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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
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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