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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.

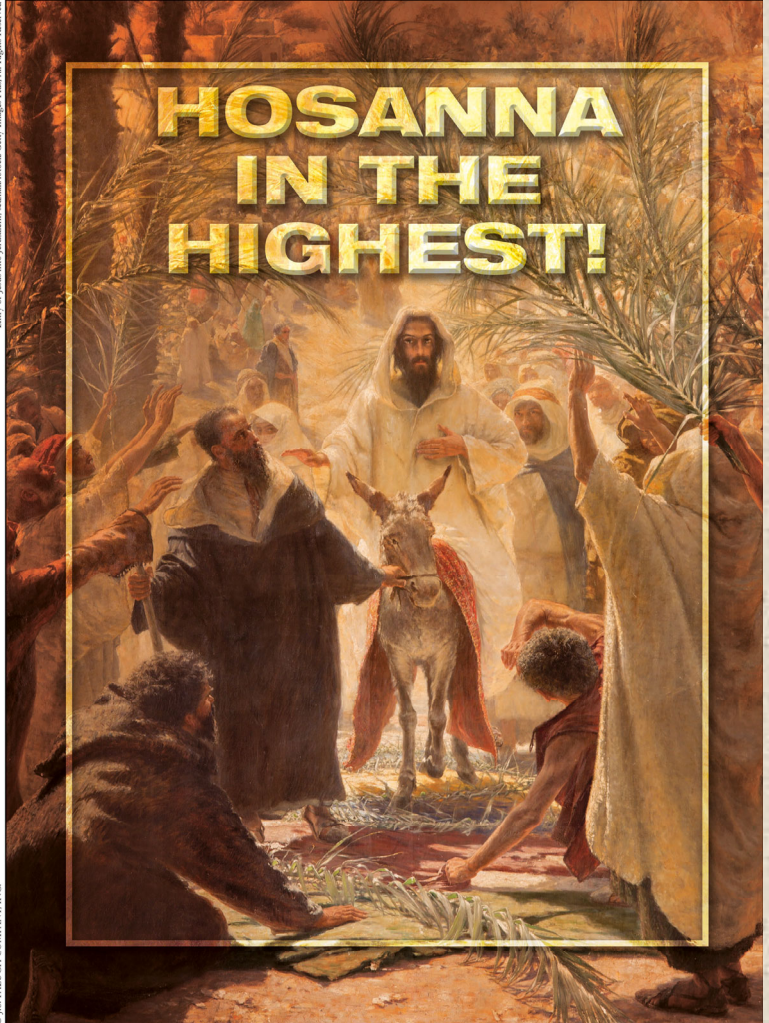
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION
7:30 a.m. every Tuesday

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.

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**Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord**

April 9, 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.

HOLY WEEK LITURGIES**PALM SUNDAY, April 9** (Regular Sunday schedule)

Monday - Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday - Saturday, 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

HOLY THURSDAY, April 13

7:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Supper

(Only Mass on Holy Thursday) Adoration until 11 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 14

1:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

(No Mass on Good Friday)

EASTER LITURGIES**HOLY SATURDAY, April 15**, 8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

(No confessions or 5 pm Mass on Holy Saturday)

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES, April 16

7:30, 9:00, and 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection - Pope Francis has asked us to support Christians in the Holy Land. Help the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and religious education, and preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. This collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. By contributing, you become an instrument of peace and join in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. **Please be generous!**

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday

What is the Church's official position concerning penance and abstinence from meat during Lent? Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In addition, all Catholics 14 years old and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. Fasting as explained by the U.S. bishops means partaking of only one full meal. Some food (not equaling another full meal) is permitted at breakfast and around midday or in the evening—depending on when a person chooses to eat the main or full meal. Abstinence forbids the use of meat, but not of eggs, milk products or condiments made of animal fat. Abstinence does not include meat juices and liquid foods made from meat. Thus, such foods as chicken broth, consommé, soups cooked or flavored with meat, meat gravies or sauces, as well as seasonings or condiments made from animal fat are not forbidden. So it is permissible to use margarine and lard. Even bacon drippings which contain little bits of meat may be poured over lettuce as seasoning. Moral theologians remind us that some people are excused from fasting and/or abstinence because of sickness or other reasons.

Lenten Observance

Catholics are encouraged to participate in the Eucharistic liturgy and in the sacrament of reconciliation during Lent. Likewise encouraged are devotions such as Stations of the Cross, vigils and prayer services. Traditional practices - including increased prayer, Scripture and spiritual reading, alms, personal self-denial in food and drink, increased care and service to the sick and needy - are also suggested.

**From Deacon Don's desk:**

Religious processions are not just to get us from one location to another. They're also a rite of passage. Example: "Passage" to the Baptismal font; down the aisle to take marriage vows, to graduate from school or college, to bid farewell.

The Palm Sunday procession is the last procession mandated by the missal to be observed throughout the entire Church. It recalls Jesus' procession into Jerusalem. It is not meant to be an historical pageant but meant to intersect our lives and speaks to our journey of faith. It starts with excessive emotion and ends in death. Matthew's Passion is very tough on the Jewish leaders. Even though the Jews had the "New Moses" in front of them they did not recognize Him because He did not fit their expectations of the Messiah. The crowd received Jesus like a pop star, claiming Him as their own. But by the week's end the Chief Priests and elders manipulate the crowd's enthusiasm and force Pilate to execute Jesus. Jesus hardly says a word. Matthew's Gospel says Jesus' silence is deafening.

We only have to look at the power of the media and advertising to see how susceptible to becoming partial to fashionable ideologies and dress codes every time we buy something because someone else has it. The story of Passion Sunday is the manipulation of a crowd that begins the spiral of death. So what's the cure for what really matters? Matthew's Gospel says it starts with silence. It's being contemplative in a crazed world and praying for courage to dissent from the crowd's madness.

As we enter Holy Week we try to model our lives on Jesus in every way by creating the silence we need in our lives to sort out our priorities ... From Fr. Leonard S.J.

OUR PRAYER: Heavenly Father, in every Eucharist let us offer ourselves to You with all our joys and sorrows and in union with Jesus Christ who offered Himself for us. May each Eucharist in which we participate help us live the Mass more fully. Amen

Sunday:	Mt 21:1-11 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 - 27:66 [27:11-54]
Monday:	Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday:	Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday:	Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday:	Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday:	Is 52:13 - 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 - 19:42
Saturday:	a) Gn 1:1 - 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15 - 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 - 4:4; Ps 19:8-11; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Mt 28:1-10
Sunday:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

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

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 Program Year 2:** The retreat for First Eucharist will take place today, from **2-4 pm**. This retreat is for school and religious education parents and first communicant.

Middle School: The students will be having Stations of the Cross on Tuesday, **April 11**, during class time.

Easter Sunday: No class on **April 16** for Early Childhood and Elementary. No class for Middle School on **April 18**.

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.



St. Joseph Book Club - "A Life of Jesus" a simple and powerful retelling of the life of Christ as seen through the eyes of a Japanese novelist, Susaku Endo. Books are available for purchase in the PLC

for \$15. Discussion will take place Wednesday, **May 10**, at 7:00 pm in the PLC. All welcome!

The Living Stations of the Cross, "I Thirst"

This Good Friday, experience something extraordinary, our Lord's Passion told in story and song. **April 14**, 7:30 pm, St. Cornelius Church, 5500 E. Wardlow Rd. Presented by AudioGirlMinistries.com and St. Cornelius Parish.

Bereavement Group will meet every first and third Monday from **2:00-3:30pm** in the Parish Life Center.



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

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.

Small Church Community invites you to join us. Each Wednesday morning we read the upcoming Sunday readings plus the "Scripture Focus" as we "break open the word for the coming Sunday Mass" and discuss prepared questions. There are two homes that offer this. One is at 6:30 a.m. at the Gaths' home.

Come join Sr. Eva Tuesdays, 9-10:30 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. Come, pray, reflect, discuss, & enjoy fellowship. Also Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.

St. Dominic Savio's 7th Annual Divine Mercy Celebration begins Good Friday with the Divine Mercy Novena, the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday from 3:30-5:30, and the Divine Mercy Sunday Mass April 23 at 3 p.m. Information: 562-922-9535 or email bgalicia17@hotmail.com.

The Parish Fair Committee would like to thank St. Joseph parishioners, school parents and all of your family and friends that came out for the Parish Fair last weekend. We want to especially thank those who volunteered this year. Without volunteers we could never be as successful as we were this year. Thank you for volunteering and your support. Results of the Parish Fair will be released through the bulletin once all figures have been finalized.

ESTHER MINISTRY -

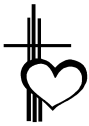
End Slavery and Trafficking of Humans and Effect Rescue -

Awareness is one of the keys in fighting the crime of human trafficking. We can help law enforcement and those who are assisting

survivors by keeping our eyes open to identify possible victims. Here are some questions you might ask if you are suspicious of someone being trafficked: 1. Can you come and go as you please? 2. Where do you sleep and eat? 3. Have you or your family been threatened?

Call 911 for immediate help if you suspect that someone is a victim of trafficking. The number for the National Human Trafficking Resource Center is 1-888-373-7888. Esther Ministry continues to help survivors in collaboration with the Long Beach Human Trafficking Task Force, Salvation Army, Homeland Security and many non-profit agencies. If you are interested in being involved in our projects, please email us at estherministry1@gmail.com.





St. Joseph Senior Social Group

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

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY, APRIL 10. JOIN US FOR CARDS, BINGO AND OTHER GAMES FOLLOWING A SHORT MEETING. WE WELCOME ALL OUR NEW MEMBERS!

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, including Bingo, Poker, Mexican Train, Sequence, Bridge and much more.

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.

Call Mary Lou 562-431-4385 or Gerry 562-420-32205.

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. Donations to hospitality go towards the purchase of the donuts and other supplies.

April 9 hosted by **Cub Scouts**

April 16 hosted by **Hospitality Ministry**

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.

Protecting God's Children class at St. Barnabas, Long Beach, **April 18**, 6:30. Call 424-8695 to sign up.

Keeping the Promise Alive class at St. Philomena, Carson, **April 27**, 6:30. Call 310-835-7161 x333 to sign up.

Did You Know? You can support the Archdiocese Keep Kids Safe Campaign

- April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month and the Archdiocese is providing all parishes and schools with the 2017 Prevent Child Abuse Resource Packet. Included this year is the "Keeping Kids Safe" pinwheel stickers, decorations and children's activities, which are "symbols" of childhood and represent every child's right for a life filled with hope, health and happiness. Through this campaign, we provide an opportunity to transform awareness into action. For information to have your parish, school or family be a part of this campaign, visit <http://www.laarchdiocese.org/org/protecting/safeguard/Pages/CAPM.aspx>.

Movement for a Better World

"True charity requires courage: let us overcome the fear of getting our hands dirty so as to help those in need."

Pope Francis



April 8 - Easter Food and Book Dis-

tribution: Drivers needed. Can you help us deliver? This is VERY meaningful for your whole family! Please call or reconfirm with Amy McKenna, 427-5917.

Skip-a-Meal Donations: Please be especially mindful as we prepare for our Easter food and book distribution. There are *many* opportunities to serve, big & small. Please call Tim Clark 431-4385.

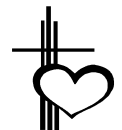
Foster or Adopt a Child - Resource Parent (foster & foster-adoptive) information meeting **May 6**, 10 am - noon, Children's Bureau, 460 E. Carson Plaza Dr., Suite 102, Carson, 800-730-3933 or 213-342-0162. Every child deserves to laugh, play, dream, learn & grow!

Annual Fashion Show & Luncheon - Sponsored by St. Bartholomew Women's Council, Saturday, **April 22**, 11:30am to 2:30pm, at the Long Beach Yacht Club, 6201 Appian Way, Long Beach. Price: \$45. Proceeds help support Harbour Area Halfway House for Women. Fashions courtesy of Bungalow Bay. Please call Judy Huston (562) 434 5011 for reservations. Reservation deadline is April 17.

"*A Night Under the Stars*" 4th Annual Gala benefitting the students of Holy Innocents School, Long Beach, **April 28**, 6:00pm. This spectacular event will be held at **The Grand**, Long Beach. Come enjoy an evening of entertainment, dinner, dancing, silent and live auction. You don't want to miss the fun! Contact Vanessa Tamayo at Holy Innocents School, (562) 424-1018, a TK-8th school serving the community of Long Beach, administered by the Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart.

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

"Be Still And Know That I Am God"



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 can request that information from them.

Faith Direct - The Lord is risen! As Christ's disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of His Resurrection. Our parish's many ministries are examples of how many of you answer that call. Our ministries require not only gifts of time and talent, but also of financial help. Please prayerfully consider supporting St. Joseph with electronic donations through Faith Direct. You can sign up online by visiting www.faithdirect.net using our church code: CA717. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, April 8

5:00 p.m. - † Virginia Molinaro

SUNDAY, April 9

7:30 a.m. - † Jean Libby

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

10:30 a.m. - † Pat Mitchell

12:30 p.m. - † Diane Radov

MONDAY, April 10

8:00 a.m. - † Frank Curran

TUESDAY, April 11

8:00 a.m. - † Virginia Morelli

WEDNESDAY, April 12

8:00 a.m. - † Jim Foasberg

THURSDAY, April 13

8:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer

FRIDAY, April 14

8:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer

SATURDAY, April 15

8:00 p.m. - Holy Saturday

SUNDAY, April 16

7:30 a.m. - † John Risko

9:00 a.m. - † Edward and Mary Dondero

10:30 a.m. - † Mary Jane and Ed Merk

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

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

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, 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, 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, Martha Lopez, Jesus Serrano Sr., Kathleen O'Connell/Dostalek & Jim Hodge.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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of HOLY COMMUNION	Bill & Katie Greening	421-3997
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USHERS	Marty Vezzetti	425-0621
ALTAR SERVERS	Stan Lawrence	430-0913
DIRECTOR of MUSIC	Vivian Doughty	594-4657
ALTAR CARE	Parish Office	594-4657
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ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

562-596-6115

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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL	Sonia Yurak
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OFFICE MANAGER	Julie Gianessi

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EARLY CHILDHOOD	Gina Mascaro	598-0519
LITURGY/CHILDREN	Virginia Young	598-0519
RCIC (Children)	Virginia Young	598-0519
SUNDAY NURSERY		

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

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LONG BEACH CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS	Jason Pillon coordinator@lbcya.org	
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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