

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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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.

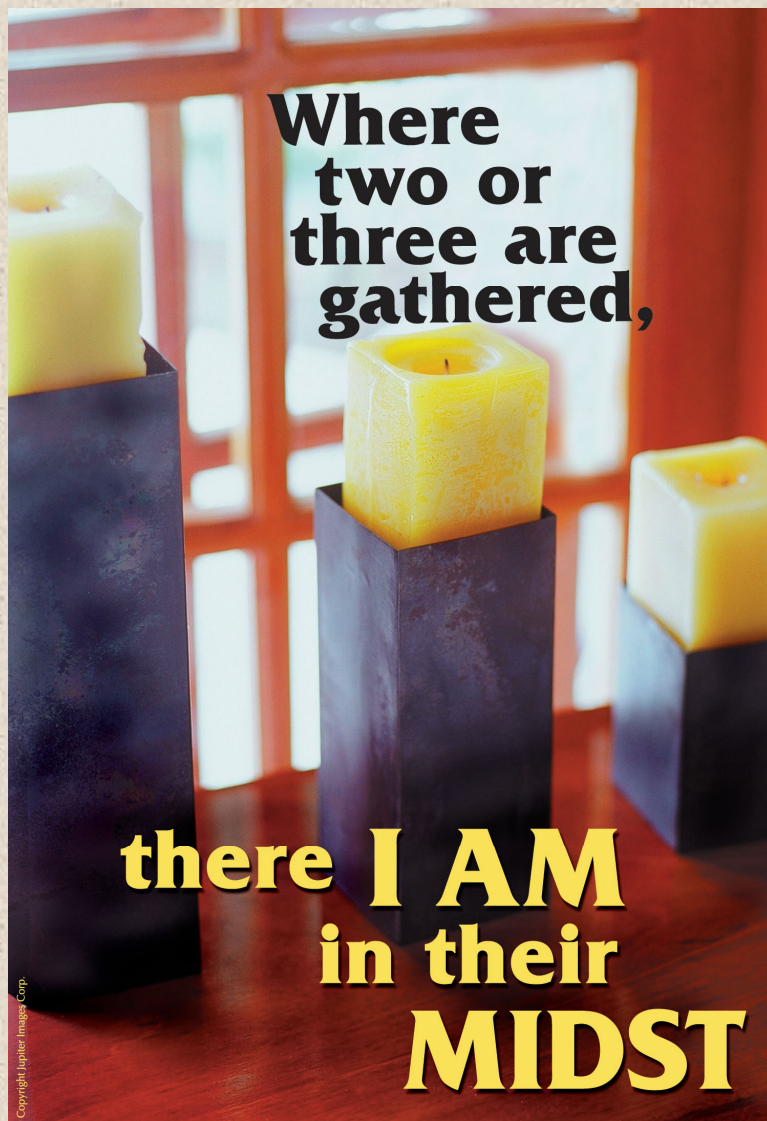
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday before
the first Friday of the month, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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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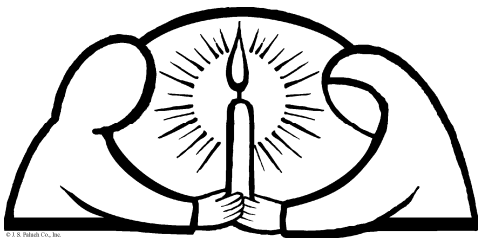
Twenty-third Sunday
in Ordinary Time

September 10, 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.

Archdiocesan Celebration of Cultures Mass

September 16, 9:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. Ours is the most ethnically diverse archdiocese in the nation. We celebrate in thanksgiving of the many peoples that form our church and enrich it by the gift of shared faith and unique traditions. This year's theme, **A Communion of Communities**, is a wonderful reminder that our Creator wishes us to be in communion with Him and with each other in order to build and promote fundamental Christian and human values. This Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Jose Gomez. For more information, please contact the Office of Ethnic Ministry, 213-637-7356.



From Deacon Don's desk:

Though we have left the Year of Mercy last December, it still should be part of our emotion. Over a year ago I shared with you part of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen's treatise on "Blessed are the Merciful." Here is part of it:

"Our Lord came to correct an exaggerated justice which knew no mercy. Mercy, Jesus reminds us, is something more than a sentimental, emotional tenderheartedness. The word mercy is derived from the Latin 'Misericordia,' a sorrowful heart. Mercy is therefore a compassionate understanding of another's unhappiness.

"A person is merciful when he or she feels the sorrow and misery of another as if it were his/her own. Disliking misery and unhappiness, the merciful person seeks to dispel the misery of his neighbor just as much as he would if the misery were his own. That is why whenever mercy is confronted, not only the pain but with sin and wrongdoing, it becomes forgiveness which not only pardons, but rebuilds into justice, repentance and love. Mercy is a compassion that seeks to unburden the sorrows of others as if it were their own. Unless we throw something up, nothing will come down; unless there is an action, there can be no reaction. Unless we are merciful to others, God cannot be merciful to us. If our heart is filled with the sand of ego, how can God fill it with the fire of His Sacred Heart? If then we wish to receive mercy, we must think of others, for it seems that God finds us best when we are lost in others."

OUR PRAYER: Heavenly Father, grant us Your mercy and forgiveness. May we grow in likeness to Your Son, Jesus, the perfect and sinless king. Amen

Sunday:	Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20
Monday:	Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday:	Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday:	Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday:	Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Friday:	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Saturday:	1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49
Sunday:	Sir 27:30 — 28:9; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

YOU ARE INVITED by St Joseph Hospitality Ministry
 Please join us for coffee, donuts and fellowship in front of the church after the 7:30, 9:00, & 10:30 Masses. Donations go towards the purchase of the donuts and supplies.
September 10 hosted by **Cub Scouts**
September 17 hosted by **Knights of Columbus**

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

Teresita Palomo
James Flaherty
Patty Healey
Donald Wright

Bereavement Group will again be meeting every first and third Monday of the month, 2:00-3:30 in the PLC.

Faith Direct - As Christ's disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news. Our parish's many ministries are examples of an answer to that call and they require not only gifts of time and talent, but also of financial help. Please prayerfully consider electronic donations through Faith Direct. Sign up online at www.faithdirect.net using our church code: CA717. Thank you for support of our parish!

Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women invites all women - day of prayer & fellowship on **Sept. 27**, St. Bernard Church, 9627 E. Beach St., Bellflower, 9:30 - 1:30, speaker Deacon Pete Wilson, Mass, & lunch. Reservation: mail \$12 check to Carole Vitale 17111 Stowers Ave, Cerritos, 90706 **by Sept. 23**. Info: Carole, 562-276-5869.

Women and Men of St. Joseph Parish
Is your heart on fire for Christ, filled with the Holy Spirit? 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 October 5-8 (Men), and October 19-22 (Women). Contact Dcn. Shane at sfcuda@yahoo.com or OCCursillo.org

Faith Formation

Office will be open Monday - Thursday, 9-1. Applications can be submitted at the Parish Life Center (M-F 9-3). If you would like to set up an appointment, please call us at 562-598-0519 ext. 31 or email: religiously@stjosephlb.org.

Help Wanted!

We still have a need for people to share their faith, time and talents with our Early Childhood Program (ages 3-5) and our Quest Program (grades 3-5). Volunteers are needed as catechists (teachers) and catechist aides. You don't have to have a child in our program to volunteer. We encourage all adults to **prayerfully consider** whether this ministry is right for you! All volunteers must be cleared through our Safe Environment program. We will provide training and support along the way. If interested, please contact the Faith Formation office at 562-598-0519.

Liturgy of the Word for Children: returning Oct. 1 at the 9am Mass. Available to children from **5 - 11 years**. Follow our catechist out with the rest of our children to hear the Word of God on their 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 provided.

2017-18 Faith Formation Registration - We invite all families who have children, ages 3-high school to consider our Faith Formation program starting late September 2017. 2017-18 Registration packets are available in the church vestibule, parish office, and online on the parish website at <http://www.stjosephlb.org/religious-education/family-friendly-registration-form-for-religious-education>. For families registering for 1st Reconciliation/1st Holy Communion, please have a copy of your child's Baptism certificate. For our high school Confirmation students, we will need a copy of the youth's baptism certificate, 1st communion certificate, and sponsor information at registration.

2017-18 Faith Formation Schedules

Early Childhood (ages 3-5) Sundays 10:30-11:30 Sep. - May, Starts Sept. 24

Sac Prep (Grades 1 & 2) / Quest (Grades 3-5) Sundays 10:30-11:45 Sep. - May, Starts Sept. 24

Jr. High Tuesdays 7-8 pm Oct. - May, Starts Oct. 10

High School Confirmation Years 1 & 2 Selected Sundays 11am-1:30pm Oct. - May, Starts Oct. 8.

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.

Adult Confirmation - Classes will be at St. Raymond Church, Downey, Oct. 12 - Dec. 21, 7-9 pm. To sign up, please contact our Faith Formation Office, 562-598-0519.

Meditation every Tuesday 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Life Center - ALL WELCOME!
"Be Still And Know That I Am God"



St. Joseph Book Club - Our new book is "Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus" by Nabeel Qureshi. A true story about a Muslim led from Islam to Christianity. A few books will be available at the PLC for \$12 or you can purchase at Barnes and Noble or Amazon. The discussion will be held on **Nov. 15**, 7pm in the PLC.

A Ministry for Married Couples - Looking for a way to share the many blessing of married life? **Catholic Engaged Encounter** needs couples to help minister to engaged couples. **No experience necessary** and free training is provided! For more information, call Sam and Paula Hopper, 661-272-1124 or visit our website at www.CEEofLA.org or email us at spjjahop@aol.com

Virtus Training

For **all** volunteers at our parish: catechists, ushers, lectors, ministers of Holy Communion, etc., you must be Virtus certified. We have classes coming up, scheduled here at our parish. Please be sure to take advantage of these.

For those who have never attended a class, or if it has been over a year since you took a class, you will need to sign up for the **Protecting God's Children** class. If you need to renew, you can attend the **Keeping the Promise Alive** class.

Protecting God's Children

St. Cyprian, Long Beach, Sep. 16 & Oct. 21 9 am 562-421-6487

St. Joseph, Long Beach, Oct. 15 from 2-5, in the parish hall, please call 598-0519 to sign up. This will also be offered on **Jan. 8** from 6:30-9.

Keeping the Promise Alive

St. Joseph, Long Beach, Oct. 16, 2-3:30 in the hall, and **Jan. 7, 7-8:30** in the PLC, please call 598-0519 to sign up.

You may also find a class in our area at: 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**.

Did You Know? Safety Priorities - There are different safety priorities for children of different ages. The "My High 5" awareness campaign by Safe Kids Worldwide makes it easy to identify the safety actions that make the most sense for you and your family. Visit www.safekids.org/my-high-5 for tips on creating safety priorities for children and youth from newborn to 18 years old.



St. Joseph Senior Social Group

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

Our next meeting will be on Monday, September 11. Come and bring your friends to have a fun time at the poker table, tables of Mexican Train, Bridge, Sequence, other fun games, and of course, Bingo. It is a great time to get to know your fellow parishioners and friends from other churches.

Mark your calendars for our special guest, Sr. Gretchen Hailer, October 9, 10-noon. She will bring us an informative, humorous presentation on aging. More information will be coming.

Please remember to pay your dues of \$10 for 2017. Meetings are on the 2nd & 4th Mondays.

All regular meetings: **11:30 to 2:30**. Bring your lunch. Drinks & dessert provided. Free bakery items. Join us for fun and games and fellowship.

For information please call: Marilyn North 562-429-8891.

Trips! - All gratuities are included unless otherwise noted. For information please call: Mary Lou 431-4385.

Valley of the Mist - A Temecula Adventure Oct. 13, Note Date Change. \$68, visit to wineries, guided tour of Temecula Valley Museum, lunch at Claim Jumper, explore "Old Town," visit "Granny's Attic" with over 200 shops.

Shops and Slots in the Desert - Save the Date Nov. 30, \$46. Come join us on a great trip to Palm Springs where you will try your luck on the slots at the **Morongo Casino**. Enjoy lunch on your own at Potrero Canyon Buffet. Afterwards enjoy shopping at the Desert Hills Premium Outlets. A final stop at Hadley's for a **free date shake** for the ride home.

Great trip for holiday shopping!!!! Depart at 9:00am/return approx 6:30.

Mission Inn Dec 12, \$81, guided tour of historic Mission Inn, view beautiful Christmas lights, shopping (of course), dinner at Black Angus with several entrees to choose from.

Havasu Balloon Fest Jan 20-23, D\$308, S\$385, T\$300, 1 night in Havasu & 2 nights in Laughlin, Morning Balloon "Mass Ascension" at festival in Havasu, evening witness the "Balloon Glow." All breakfasts & 1 dinner included, shopping by London Bridge, docent tour of Mohave Museum, visit to "Route 66 Museum in Kingman. **Anyone interested in a balloon ride, please contact Mary Lou for details.**

Children's Choir

St. Joseph children's choir have resumed. Rehearsals are Saturday mornings, 8 - 9:15 and are open to all children in the School/Parish/Religious Education, grades 2-6. Please visit the music area in church for a flyer!

Bible Study - Come join others in opening the Scriptures **Tuesdays 9-10:30** in the PLC starting **Sept. 12**. Our new series is a 24 week "The Story of Salvation." Come, pray, socialize, and tune in to the adventure of our salvation. Also offered on **Thursday evenings, 7-8:30** starting **Sept. 14** in the PLC.

Movement for a Better World

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Mt 25:40



Sept. 13 7 pm - Committee Meeting

(1 of 4 per year) By God's grace, our 31st year of ministry to the marginalized of Long Beach will again be blessed and fulfilled. Here's a great opportunity to share your ideas and help us realize that fulfillment. Please join us in the PLC.

Holiday Family Adoptions: Last year for Thanksgiving, Christmas & Easter, 26 generous St. Joseph families each adopted a Long Beach family in need to provide food and gifts. Would you like to participate for the coming holidays? Please call Donna Luciene at (562) 421-4993 or e-mail amyford6331@yahoo.com

Skip-a-Meal Donations: Please be especially mindful during our holiday support of Long Beach families in need. For *many* opportunities to serve, please call Tim Clark 431-4385.

Community Resources: Information available in the vestibule of church and on the Movement for a Better World page of the parish website - www.stjosephlb.org. Please offer to those who ask you for help.

Mary and Joseph Retreat Center - enrich your faith and your life. See what's coming at www.maryjoseph.org. All events at the Mary & Joseph Retreat Center, 5300 Crest Road, Rancho Palos Verdes. Call Marlene Velazquez at 310.377.4867 x234 reservations/information.

A Healing Retreat 7pm Sept. 29 to 1:30 pm Oct. 1. Patrick J. Crowley, "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds."

At the Table - An Elegant Evening of Fine Wines Sept. 23 5-10 pm

ESTHER MINISTRY -

End Slavery and Trafficking of Humans and Effect Rescue -

Thank you to all who attended our meeting last Sunday. A special thank you to Margaret Dennis who shared about her trip to Ireland this last June.

Margaret met with religious sisters from different parts of the world who are also fighting the crime of human trafficking. They shared ideas and resources from various agencies. We are also happy to report that the Esther Ministry was given a "shout out" in the recent USCCB human trafficking newsletter. We are working with a contact from USCCB on ideas to help other churches start HT ministries.

Check out the St. Joseph website for an update on our ministry. Just go to <http://www.stjosephlb.org/ministries/esther-ministry>. If you would like to be on our email list for more information on future projects, just email us at estherministry1@gmail.com.



Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, September 9

5:00 p.m. - † Zenaida Tupaz

SUNDAY, September 10

7:30 a.m. - † Donald Pedneault

9:00 a.m. - † Doug Houck

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

12:30 p.m. - Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY, September 11

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

TUESDAY, September 12

8:00 a.m. - † Stephen Stewart

WEDNESDAY, September 13

8:00 a.m. - Meghan Lin

THURSDAY, September 14

8:00 a.m. - Charles Balamaze

FRIDAY, September 15

8:00 a.m. - † Charles Branch

SATURDAY, September 16

5:00 p.m. - † Virginia Molinaro

SUNDAY, September 17

7:30 a.m. - † Mary Jelnick

9:00 a.m. - Nancy Houck and family

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

12:30 p.m. - † Carl Sutton

Please continue to pray for the members of 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, Jordynn Seckington, Robert & Frances Stickney, Bryan Nielson, Joel Stepheesen, Georgiana (Peggy) Schad, Eloisa Mariano, Angela Gibbons, Luis Arroyo, Michael Dresnick, Larry Luckey, Ramona Pedroza, Albert Rodriguez, Tony Olivar, Lisa Dang, Nina Escandon, Chris Belcher, Janet Bernardo, Regina Jurado, Marie Mitchell, Dennis Cuda, Mark Ham, Odete Salvate, Joan Aimerito, June Kukahiko, Scott Reinard, Valerie Karner, Cynthia Hogan, Bella Dassanayake, Mike & Colette DiHarce, Ellie Jacob, Josh Golan, Jovie Diaz, David Dresnick, Christine Cooper, Pam Williams, baby Gabriel Mafi, Thelma Gouchenour, 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, Martha Lopez, Jesus Serrano Sr., Dr. Francis Thornton, Mary Gay Cappelletti, Bob Lovold, Julita Sinco, Agop Gocoglu, Bob Teran, David Mosier, Paul Campbell, Rigoberto Gonzalez, Tanner Lopez, Valerie Lugo, Alexander Diaz, Peter Brost, Ramona Saldumbide & Patrick Steinhauer.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

of HOLY COMMUNION	Tom Shaheen	429-5999
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

FAITH FORMATION

562-598-0519

DIRECTOR of FAITH FORMATION	Joe Voigt	
ELEMENTARY,		
MIDDLE SCHOOL	Joe Voigt	598-0519
YOUTH MINISTRY/ CONFIRMATION	Marc Leon	598-0519
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
LITURGY/CHILDREN	Joe Voigt	598-0519
RCIC (Children)	Joe Voigt	598-0519

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

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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	
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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
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PROJECT ACHIEVE	Tina Gath	598-5202
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CUB SCOUTS	Brian Erdman	310-984-4900
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