



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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St. Joseph School: 596-6115

Faith Formation: 598-0519
email: religious@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.

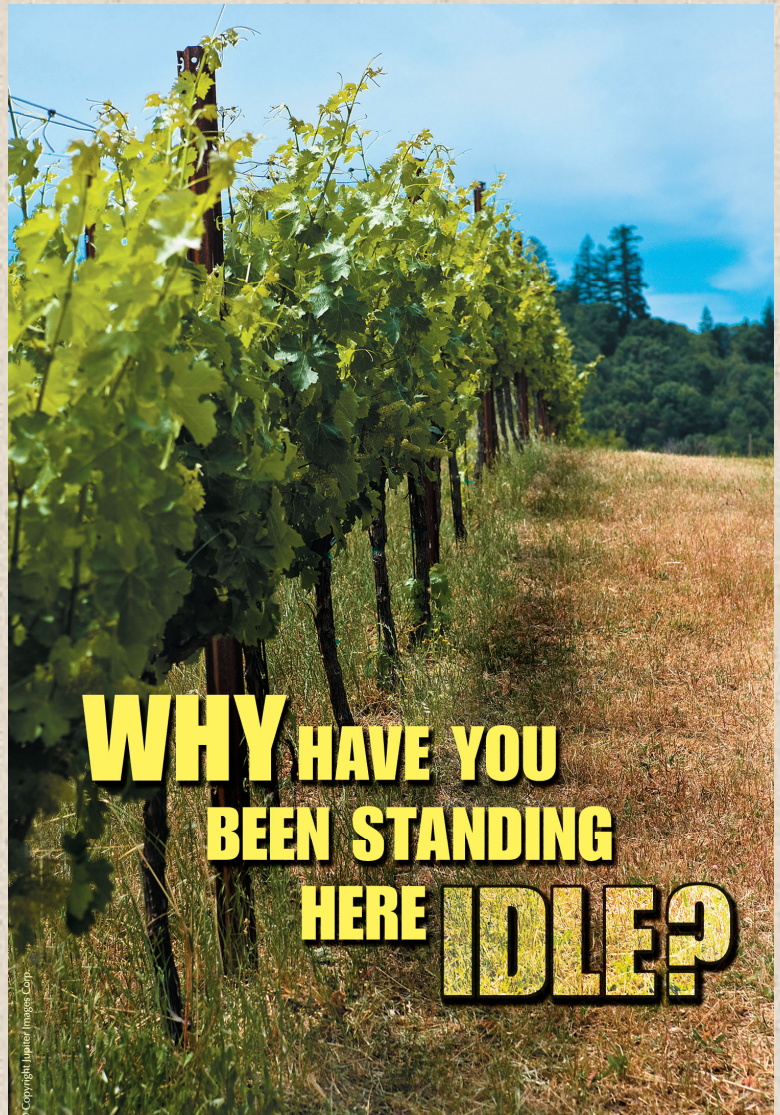
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday before
the first Friday of the month, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION
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.



Twenty-fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 24, 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.



Dear Parish family:

The images that are still coming out of Texas and now Florida are still haunting yet also hopeful as the people try to rebuild their lives following two massive, destructive hurricanes.

Recall that a couple weeks ago we took a special second collection for disaster relief to assist the churches that were flooded during the storms. Thanks to your generosity, we will be able to forward a check in the amount of **\$8,048.00** to assist parishioners. Please continue to keep the victims of the storms in your prayers.

Thank you for your good stewardship and may our parish continue to reach out to those most in need.

Gratefully, Msgr. Kevin

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."*

Awake & Aware III - Human Trafficking ~ Kathleen Bryant, RSC, Nov. 11, 9am - 4pm. Part 3 of a 3 Part Series, Exploring issues in our community. Time for prayerful reflection & education on an invisible issue eating away at our humanity. Pope Francis said, "One of the most troubling of open wounds in the world is the trade in human beings, a modern form of slavery." He has called on each of us to help eradicate human trafficking by 2020. How do you recognize this wound in your neighborhood? We can be healers, simple activists, and grow in our spiritual and social consciousness. It takes courage to see and not turn away from the suffering Christ in our world today. We will also look at the resilience emerging in survivors. Lunch included. Cost: \$45 (\$40 if paid in full by Nov. 3).

Bereavement Group

meets Mondays, 2:00-3:30 in the PLC

Faith Direct is looking to add an experienced California based **Customer Service Account Representative** to their team to help them continue to provide excellent customer service to parishioners! This is a work-from-home position that gives an opportunity to join a growing business. If you are interested and would like more information, please email: hr@faithdirect.net

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!



From Deacon Don's desk:

We can't buy our way into heaven! The "work" we must do is active waiting while we remain open to God's call, responding generously whenever that call comes. In this Sunday's gospel the most generous landowner is sensitive to the plight of others as he hires day laborers for his vineyard. At dawn he went out to hire laborers, he would have hired what he thought he needed for the day. But he goes out four other times and hires laborers because they were "standing idle." In God's kingdom there is no cause for idleness, no limit on "wages" and no reason to regard waiting as an unproductive effort. Like the landowner, the workers are persistent. Instead of going home they remain in the marketplace. Actually their idleness was not "doing nothing"--theirs was an active waiting for God's recurring call. The "kingdom of heaven" consists of whatever our gifts are to advance the growth of the kingdom. God "pays" us not in dollars but with the free gift of salvation which is immeasurable, endless and overflowing. Yes, in God's kingdom there is no cause for idleness, no wage limit or reason to regard waiting as an unproductive effort. God's "wages" are a share in divine Life.

God calls us to be laborers in the vineyard--a call we answered at baptism and continues throughout our lives when we say yes and reach out to those in need. This is God's way of using us to bring salvation to the world. It is a lifelong work, a privilege, a response to God's invitation to be God's laborers.

OUR PRAYER: Heavenly Father, help us to curb our own desires and strive to discover Your Will for us. Then help us to do that will wholeheartedly in all things, for You have our best interests at heart. Amen

Sunday:	Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a
Monday:	Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday:	Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday:	Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday:	Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9
Friday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
Saturday:	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday:	Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32



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.

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.



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. The discussion will be held on **Nov. 15**, 7pm in the PLC.

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



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, Oct. 21 9 am 562-421-6487

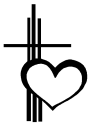
St. Joseph, Long Beach, Oct. 15 from 2-5, in the parish hall, please call 598-0519 to sign up. This will also be offered on **Jan. 8** from 6:30-9.

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? Background checks - With school starting again, it's likely that your children are participating in a variety of after-school activities. Many school sports and club programs are run by volunteers, often parents with kids of their own in the school. It's important that the school or program takes measures to protect all students, but as parents it's critical that you follow up and confirm that the proper checks have been done. The Archdiocese of Los Angeles uses fingerprinting as its core background check. All persons, whether paid or volunteer, who have regular contact with minors or vulnerable adults are fingerprinted. For more information, visit <http://handbook.la-archdiocese.org/chapter-9/section-9-3>.



St. Joseph Senior Social Group

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

Our next meeting will be on Monday, September 25. 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. Please read the notice below for details.

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.

An Invitation To All Parishioners - The St. Joseph Senior Social Group is pleased to announce that we will be hosting a morning workshop with Sr. Gretchen Hailer. The workshop will be held in the Fr. Martin Hall at St. Joseph Church on Monday, **October 9** from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. Sr. Gretchen is a much sought after speaker in the LA Archdiocese. Her topic will be Aging with Grace, and in addition to good advice it will be sprinkled with humor. You are invited to join us for this informative, entertaining presentation by Sr. Gretchen. There is no charge for this workshop. You can call Marilyn North (429-8891) or Judy DeRuyter (596-0122) to let us know if you plan to attend. We hope to see you then. Oh, and there will be bingo and other games from 12:30 to 2:30. If you would like to stay, bring your lunch and join us.

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. 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 and 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.**

Movement for a Better World

"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth."

1 John 3:18



Holiday Family Adoptions: Last year for Thanksgiving, Christmas & Easter, 26 generous St. Joseph families each adopted to provide food and gifts to a Long Beach family in serious need. Can you for the coming holidays? Please call Donna Luciene at (562) 421-4993 or e-mail amyford6331@yahoo.com
Oct. 28 - Nov. 5 - Blanket Drive: Collecting new blankets for our Thanksgiving food and blanket distribution.
Nov. 18 - Thanksgiving Food and Blanket Distribution: We will support 68 families for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. Can you help us deliver? VERY meaningful for the whole family! Please call Amy McKenna 562-427-5917.
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.

13th Annual Oktoberfest - October 14, 5-11pm, Dinner, Silent Auction, Live Auction, Live Band, DJ, and Dancing Purchase Tickets and look through Silent Auction Items at <http://SJSFest17.gesture.com> *tickets also sold at the door

If there is anything you can donate for our auction it would be greatly appreciated...ANYTHING helps!

Please contact Dana Soule at danasoule@hotmail.com

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 24 hosted by **Movement for a Better World**
October 1 hosted by **Eucharistic Ministers**

ESTHER MINISTRY -

End Slavery and Trafficking of Humans and Effect Rescue -

One of the goals of the Esther Ministry is to promote awareness of human trafficking

through education. Knowledge is empowering. On Saturday, November 11, Sr. Kathleen Bryant will be presenting a day of prayerful reflection and education on how each one of us can help eliminate the crime of human trafficking. This day will take place at the Mary and Joseph Retreat Center in Rancho Palos Verdes from 9am to 4pm with lunch included. The cost is \$45.00 (\$40.00 if paid by November 3). It promises to be a very powerful and insightful day! You may register online at www.maryjoseph.org.

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, you may email us at estherministry1@gmail.com.



Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, September 23

5:00 p.m. - † Lois Cote

SUNDAY, September 24

7:30 a.m. - † DK & Katherine Rigby

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

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

12:30 p.m. - † Jim Beeghly

MONDAY, September 25

8:00 a.m. - † Jack Senske

TUESDAY, September 26

8:00 a.m. - † Tom Walsh

WEDNESDAY, September 27

8:00 a.m. - † Maria Cuc Dang & Dominic Ho Dang

THURSDAY, September 28

8:00 a.m. - † Pat Mitchell

FRIDAY, September 29

8:00 a.m. - † Officer Adrian Carrillo

SATURDAY, September 30

5:00 p.m. - † Virginia Molinaro

SUNDAY, October 1

7:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

9:00 a.m. - † Keith Cooper

10:30 a.m. - † Doug Houck

12:30 p.m. - † Cesar Oseguera

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, 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

PASTORAL COUNCIL	Anne Weaver	498-7008
FINANCE COUNCIL	Moses Bass	420-1877
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Website address:		
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	Tony Burgos	276-3108
PARISH FAIR	sjarishfair@gmail.com	
PROJECT ACHIEVE	Tina Gath	598-5202
PRECIOUS LIFE SHELTER	Cynthia San Jose	884-9589
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