



# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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## PARISH OFFICE

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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: [religioused@stjosephlb.org](mailto: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.**

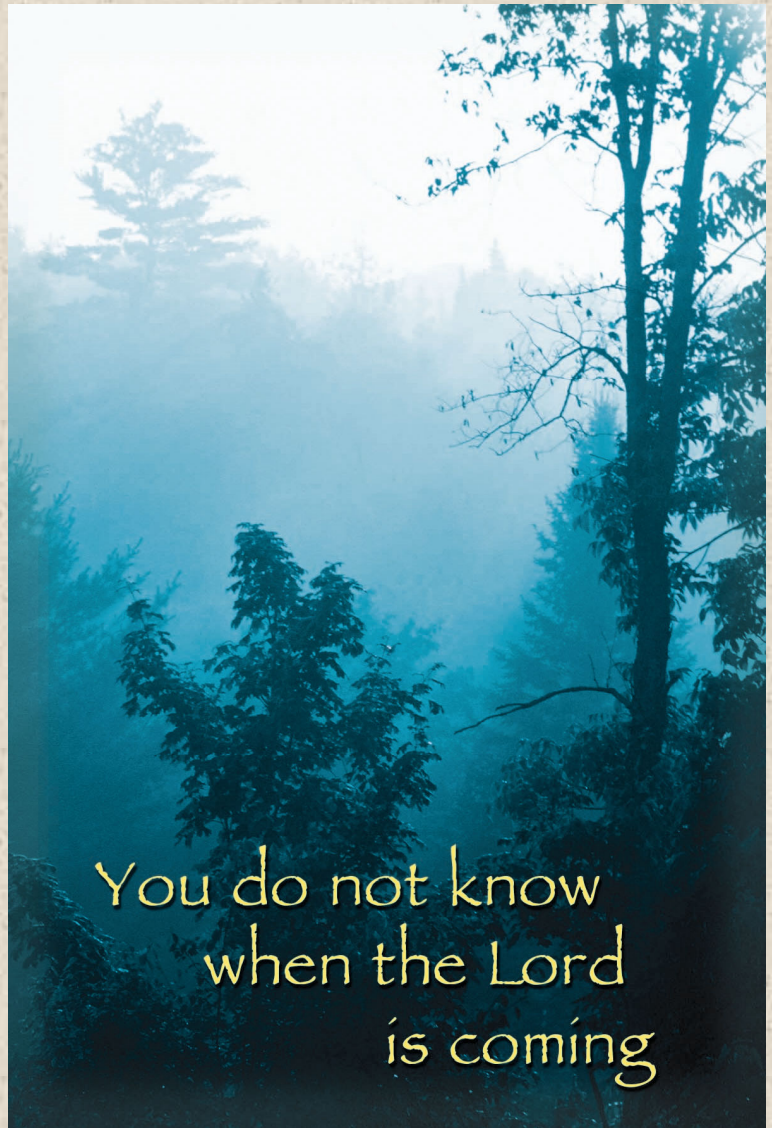
**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Thursday before  
the first Friday of the month, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION**  
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.



First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 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,

As the annual Together in Mission campaign for the Archdiocese winds down, I'm very grateful to all of you who made a pledge and were able to follow through with your gifts to support the poorest parishes and schools in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Our parish goal was \$66,700 and the amount pledged was \$114,000, which was 171% of our goal!! To date the amount paid has been \$105,700. As of November 15, the Archdiocesan wide campaign among all of the parishes has collected nearly \$14.6 million towards the goal of \$16.1 million.

Pope Francis has encouraged us to become a greater sign of Christ's charity for those most in need. Your fraternity and solidarity through your generosity witnesses the charity of Christ! Thank you and may the Lord reward your generosity!

Let's all work to make it a GREAT ADVENT!!

Gratefully,  
Msgr. Kevin

**Holy Day of Obligation  
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Friday, December 8**

Vigil, December 7, Thursday, 7:00 pm  
Feast day, December 8, 8:00 am and 7:00 pm

**Advent Penance Services**

**Monday, December 18 at 7:00 pm  
here at St. Joseph Church**

**Tuesday, December 19 at 7:00 pm  
at St. Cornelius Church**

**Bereavement Group**

meets every Monday, 2:00-3:30 in the PLC

**Retirement Fund for Religious Collection Dec. 10**

Your gift provides vital support for senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Please make your check to St. Joseph Church. Thank you for your generosity!



**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 un-*

*like anything you've ever experienced. Cursillos run from Thursday evening thru Sunday evening.*

**The next Cursillo weekends will be January 18-21 (Men), and February 1-4 (Women). Contact Dcn. Shane at [sfcuda@yahoo.com](mailto:sfcuda@yahoo.com) or [OCCursillo.org](http://OCCursillo.org)**



**From Deacon Don's desk:**

Today, through our Baptism, we are all called like Saint Francis to build our Church. As we reach out to others, through Movement for a Better World and Project Achieve, we are building the Church. When we pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and support priests who minister to us, we are building God's Church. When we are proud to profess that we **are** Catholics and invite others to share what we have been given, we are building the Church. We gather together in "Small Christian Communities" to pray and study scriptures .... we are building the Church God has given us.

While we were in Rome some years ago, Celeste, a parishioner, was able to shake the hand of the Pope and then invited us to shake the hand that shook the hand of the Pope! But do we realize that each time we come to Holy Communion we hold in our own hand the **Body of Christ**?! We are touching Christ, how awesome is that?! When we rededicate ourselves to our faith and have a greater sense of appreciation for our Church and the Sacrament, we are building the Church. Like St. Francis, we are all called to build. How will **you** build the Church?

Today, December 3, is the First Sunday of Advent. Advent literally means "coming." This coming refers to the first coming of Jesus as a baby in Nazareth, His coming into the hearts of the faithful Christians. Christians in the first century looked for Christ to return soon to establish once and for all God's reign of justice, peace and love. The parable we hear in Mark's Gospel encouraged the early Christians not to grow careless. Advent is a time of joyful expectation. Jesus will come again. He will not forget His own. Keep looking!! OUR PRAYER: God of power and might, let us do always the things that are pleasing to You, for You are our Greatest Benefactor and our sole Good. Amen

Rest in Peace

Died in Christ:

**Margaret Quintana**



**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](http://www.faithdirect.net) using our church code: CA717. Thank you for support of our parish!

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7;  
Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37  
Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11  
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24  
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37  
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;  
Mt 7:21, 24-27  
Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;  
Lk 1:26-38  
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;  
Mt 9:35 - 10:1, 5a, 6-8  
Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

### Faith Formation

Office will be open Monday - Thursday this week  
9am-1pm.

No Liturgy of the Word for Children today.

**Help Wanted** - Children's Liturgy of the Word has been an important ministry at the 9am Mass for years at St. Joseph Church. Giving children the experience of the Liturgy of the Word in their own environment, we are allowing them to hear the same readings the rest of the community hears but on their own level, and to engage in a dialogue about those readings to make connections to their own life.

We are on the lookout for volunteers. The wonderful thing about this ministry is that it is an easy commitment. Our leaders are young adults, grandparents, moms and dads.

We are all busy, but this is a ministry that is so important for our children. Once the schedule is made, you and a team of two other adults will lead a session every 4 weeks or so. The materials will be provided: video of the gospel reading, script for what to say with reflective questions, and a gospel activity. You can sign up to partner with a friend. If you can carry on a conversation with your own children, and you love the Lord, He will give you the courage and the faith to help the children of St. Joseph grow in theirs.

Contact Joe Voigt for information at joe@stjosephlb.org. A hands on demonstration of the program will be held on Sunday, December 10, at the 9am Mass.

**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.

Meditation every Tuesday 7:00 p.m. in  
the **School Library** - **ALL WELCOME!**

"Be Still And Know That I Am God"



**Advent Retreat for Adults Look for the Lord; He is near!** Sunday, **December 10**, 10am - 3pm at the Heart of Jesus Retreat Center, 2927 S. Greenville St., Santa Ana. Mass and lunch included, freewill offering appreciated. *Space is limited.* Please **RSVP by Dec. 4**, 714-557-4538 or retreatcenter@sacredheartsisters.com

### Happy Advent from Catholic Engaged Encounter!

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, take a moment to reflect on your involvement in your faith. Are you ready to help engaged couples **prepare** for marriage? Catholic Engaged Encounter is looking for married couples (\*not perfect\*) to minister to engaged couples. **No experience necessary** and free training is provided! If you would like to share what you've learned as a married couple and meet a terrific community of married couples, please consider this ministry. For more information, call Sam and Paula Hopper, 661-272-1124. visit [www.cceofla.org](http://www.cceofla.org) or email [spjahop@aol.com](mailto:spjahop@aol.com)

**Passion & Purpose for Marriage** featuring author and speaker Dr. Allen Hunt, **Feb. 10**, 9:00-1:30, at Our Lady of Refuge Church. Buy your tickets now, before the event sells out. It's easy to purchase tickets, order online at [DynamicCatholic.com](http://DynamicCatholic.com) or call 859-980-7900. Give a gift that can change lives this Christmas! Questions please call Silvana 562 290 2400.

### 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. **December 3** hosted by Movement for a Better World **December 10** hosted by Cub Scouts

### 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. Joseph, Long Beach, Jan. 8**, 6:30-9, in the parish hall, please call 598-0519 to sign up.

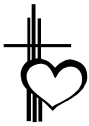
#### **Keeping the Promise Alive**

**St. Joseph, Long Beach, 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](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? Neglect is a common form of abuse -

Neglect is the most common form of child abuse. It is the failure to meet a child's basic needs, including housing, food, clothing, education, safety, and access to health care. Neglect is most often characterized by acts of omission that aren't easy to see. The signs of neglect are wide and varied, and may include: failure to develop and grow appropriately, or malnourishment, among infants; wearing inadequate clothing for the weather; and children who seem to be wholly responsible for the welfare of their siblings. If you know that any type of abuse is occurring, or if a child discloses to you, it is important to communicate these concerns to the appropriate authorities. Call your local law enforcement or child protective services department to report suspected abuse of any kind. For a copy of the VIRTUS® article "The Oft-Forgotten Type of Abuse: Neglect," visit: <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx> or call (213) 637-7508.



**St. Joseph Senior Social Group**

Join now for a fun 2018  
\$10 a year Membership

Our only meeting in December will be on Monday, December 11 at 11:30. This meeting will be our Christmas Dinner, a delicious tri-tip dinner catered by StoneFire Grill. The Alpha K and Kindergarten classes will entertain us with a musical program. Also, there will be a raffle of gift items. NOTE: You must have reservations for this lunch. You can call Marilyn North 429-8891 no later than Dec. 6. Cost is \$15 members, \$20 guests.

Be sure to bring your donation of new baby clothes which will be delivered to Precious Life on Dec. 11. Starting Jan. 8, 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.

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.

**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.**

**ESTHER MINISTRY -**

**End Slavery and Trafficking of Humans and Effect Rescue -**

Human trafficking is a modern-day form of slavery. It is a \$150 billion criminal industry that affects the world including the United States and our very own communities. Pope Francis says "Human trafficking is an open wound on the body of contemporary society, a scourge upon the body of Christ. It is a crime against humanity."

You can be a part of the solution. Be informed on the facts about human trafficking and bring awareness to your friends and neighbors. You can get more information by visiting [sistersagainsthumantrafficking.org/help](http://sistersagainsthumantrafficking.org/help). Add your name to our email list at [esther1@gmail.com](mailto:esther1@gmail.com) to keep informed about what our parish community is doing to help with this cause.



**Movement for a Better World**

"He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor." Lk 4:18

This Week Christmas Present

Drive: Trees are in the church with envelopes to purchase a gift for a child of one of our supported families. **Presents must be returned to the parish office or to church by 12:30 PM, Dec. 10.**

Dec. 15 6:00 pm - Food Box Loading: We will load the school food drive and Skip-A-Meal purchased food into the boxes for our 68 supported families for Christmas.

Dec. 16 8:30 am - Christmas Food and Present Distribution: We will support 68 families through three holidays. Can you help us deliver? Please call Amy McKenna 562-427-5917.

**Skip-a-Meal Donations:** Please be especially mindful during our food and gift distributions For many opportunities to serve. Please call Tim Clark 562-431-4385.



**St. Francis Center, Long Beach is temporarily closed**

- After 40+ years of service St. Francis Center is in dire need of restructuring, remodeling and then reopening. We thank you for your support and look forward to reconnecting in spring, 2018. Volunteer opportunities available. For more information call Pat Walker 562-972-7329 or Tina Gath 562-481-2301.

**St. Joseph School** is accepting applications for Kindergarten and our Transitional Kindergarten (Alpha-K) for the 2018-2019 school year. Applicants for Kindergarten must turn 5 years old by August 31, 2018. Applicants for Alpha-K must turn 4 years old by August 31, 2018.

Alpha-K:

- \*\*Emphasizes developmental readiness skills with a hands-on approach to curriculum
- \*\*Focuses on Kindergarten readiness
- \*\*Students receive daily instruction in religion and attend Mass weekly
- \*\*Offers a half-day (7:50-11:50 am) or full-day (7:50 am – 3:00 pm), 5-days-per-week program
- \*\*Extended daycare is available until 5:30 pm

Please call our school office, 562-596-6115 or email [jgia-nessi@sjknights.net](mailto:jgia-nessi@sjknights.net) to receive an application or set up an appointment to speak with Mrs. Alvarez our principal.

**St. Joseph Catholic School Nondiscrimination Policy**

2017-2018: *The school, mindful of its mission to be a witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students regardless of race, color or national and/or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school.*

*The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, disability, medical condition, sex or national and/or ethnic origin in the administration of educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs, although certain athletic leagues and other programs may limit participation and some archdiocesan schools operate as single sex schools.*

*While the school does not discriminate against students with special needs, a full range of services may not always be available to them. Decisions concerning the admission and continued enrollment of a student in the school are based upon the student's emotional, academic and physical abilities and the resources available to the school in meeting the student's needs.*

## Mass Intentions



### SATURDAY, December 2

5:00 p.m. - † Edward and Mary Dondero

### SUNDAY, December 3

7:30 a.m. - † Joe Lozano

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

10:30 a.m. - † Nicholas D'Amore

12:30 p.m. - Christine Lin

### MONDAY, December 4

8:00 a.m. - † Stephen Stewart

### TUESDAY, December 5

8:00 a.m. - Lisa A, Paul A, and Louise Dang

### WEDNESDAY, December 6

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

### THURSDAY, December 7

8:00 a.m. - Marie Mitchell

7:00 p.m. - † Gloria Caruso

### FRIDAY, December 8

8:00 a.m. - Tonet Risko

7:00 p.m. - Carlos and Sandy, Thanksgiving

### SATURDAY, December 9

5:00 p.m. - † Charles Branch

### SUNDAY, December 10

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

9:00 a.m. - † Olivia Santos

10:30 a.m. - † Amelia Mendoza

12:30 p.m. - † John De Ruyter

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](http://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, Eileen Bentley, Delia Nix, Mike Brio, Janeen Higbee, Jay Kefalas, Stacey Marcus, Shirley Morasse, Magali & Wendy Sapien, Robert & Frances Stickney, Bryan Nielson, Joel Stephesen, Georgiana (Peggy) Schad, Eloisa Mariano, Angela Gibbons, Luis Arroyo, Michael Dresnick, Ramona Pedroza, Albert Rodriguez, Tony Olivar, Lisa Dang, Nina Escandon, Chris Belcher, Janet Bernardo, Regina Jurado, Dennis Cuda, Mark Ham, Odete Salvate, Joan Aimerito, June Kukahiko, Scott Reinard, Valerie Karner, Cynthia Hogan, Bella Dassanayake, Mike & Colette DiHarce, Ellie Jacob, Jovie Diaz, David Dresnick, Pam Williams, baby Gabriel Mafi, Thelma Gouchenour, Josephine Ryan, Gene Cooper, John Hogan, Nancy Mulry, Jack Lopez, Frank Stassi, Christopher Aguirre, Alfredo Flores, Cameron Yip, Finn Krueger, Martha Lopez, Jesus Serrano Sr., Mary Gay Cappelletti, Bob Lovold, Julita Sinco, Agop Gocoglu, Bob Teran, Paul Campbell, Rigoberto Gonzalez, Tanner Lopez, Valerie Lugo, Alexander Diaz, Ramona Saldumbide, Patrick Steinhauser, Jean Studer, Marie Mitchell, Barry Geisert, Gene Adams & Gary Hillebrecht.

## 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	252-5123
FINANCE COUNCIL	Moses Bass	420-1877
WEBSITE COORDINATOR	Mike Santy msanty@verizon.net www.stjosephlb.org	370-0769
Website address:		
HOSPITALITY MINISTRY MOVEMENT FOR A BETTER WORLD	John/Deborah Rollingner	537-3457
LONG BEACH CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS	Tim Clark	431-4385
	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	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](mailto:bulletin@stjosephlb.org)