



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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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.

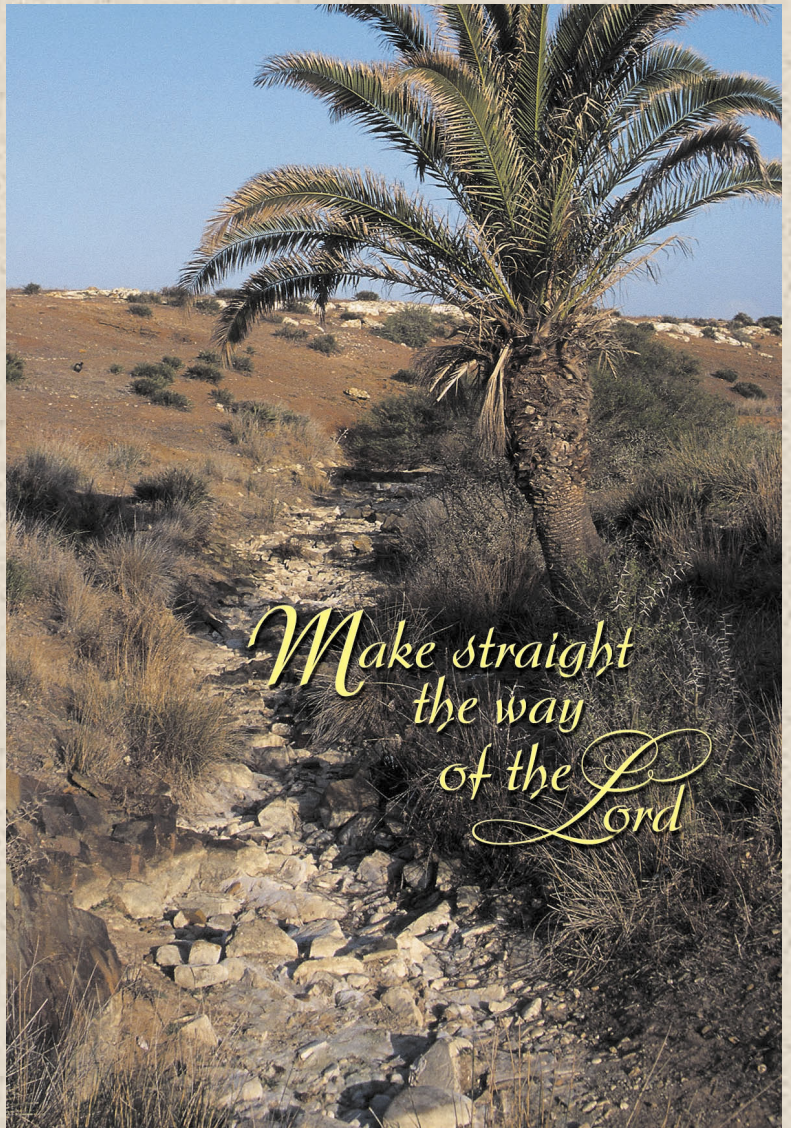
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday before
the first Friday of the month, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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.



Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 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:

During these past two weeks, our hearts have gone out in prayer and support to all of those affected by the southern California wildfires. I would like to share with you a message from the Archdiocese and hopeful words from Archbishop José Gomez:

Archbishop José H. Gomez asks all people of faith and good-will to join him in offering prayers and support for all our brothers and sisters affected by the wildfires in Ventura, Santa Barbara and LA Counties:

"Friends, join me please in praying for our brothers and sisters who are facing devastating fires and high winds. Let us pray for the families and their homes and also for the firefighters and rescue workers. May God keep them all safe and put an end to these fires."

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles is providing support to the communities affected by the fires through Catholic Charities of Los Angeles and our local parishes and schools. A special fund has been established to help those impacted by the fires. Donations can be made at www.archla.org/fires.

Let us continue to pray for those who lost their homes, and for fire department personnel and first responders.

Advent Peace,
Msgr. Kevin

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

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Vigil, December 24, **4:00, 6:00**, and **9:00 p.m.**

Starting at 8:00 pm, our adult choir will be singing Christmas carols for your enjoyment. Please come and listen!

Christmas Day, December 25, **9:00**, and **10:30 a.m.**, and **12:30 p.m.**

New Year's Day is not a holy day of obligation. There will be one Mass at 8:00 a.m.

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests across the country send heartfelt thanks and prayers for your donations. Thank you for your generosity!



From Deacon Don's desk:

We see a change in vestments from violet to rose. It's Gaudete (Rejoice!) Sunday, taken from the second reading in Phil 4:4-5 when we are in joyful expectation for the Lord's birth & Second Coming.

Venerable Bishop Sheen said: "The message of Bethlehem is 'I want to introduce you to Jesus.' Christmas is not something that has happened; it is something that is happening." Jesus says, "My mother Mary gave Me a human nature like your own in all things except sin. I have shown you how one can overcome the worst of human situations and live in joy. What does it profit Me if I am born in Bethlehem and am NOT reborn in your hearts? You will find that all who have given themselves to Me are at peace. They are full of joy, they are merry." That is why we who belong to Him greet one another with "**Merry Christmas.**"

A few years ago Governor Lincoln Chafee of Rhode Island declared the Christmas tree a "Holiday tree." My question is, "which holiday is it, Governor?" There are some people that find a baby in a manger so annoying it ruins their day.

President Grant in 1870 made Christmas a federal holiday. **OUR PRAYER:** God our Father, Your eternal Word took flesh on earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of Your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces His glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for His coming. Amen

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| Sunday: | Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28 |
| Monday: | Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25 |
| Tuesday: | Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25 |
| Wednesday: | Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38 |
| Thursday: | Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45 |
| Friday: | 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56 |
| Saturday: | Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66 |
| Sunday: | 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38 |

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 17 hosted by Ushers

December 24 Christmas break



Cursillo

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 January 18-21 (Men), and February 1-4 (Women). Contact Dcn. Shane at sfcuda@yahoo.com or OCCursillo.org

Faith Formation

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

Liturgy of the Word for Children will return on Jan. 7 at the 9:00 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.

TV Mass for the Homebound - Is someone you love unable to join us at church during this holy time of Advent and Christmas? For the faithful at home or in healthcare settings, the Heart of the Nation TV Mass brings spiritual comfort and the blessings of joyful hope in our Savior, who came to share life with us. Christmas Day and Sunday TV Mass: KDOC channel 56 at 9:00 a.m. Christmas & Sunday Mass Online Video www.HeartoftheNation.org For those who can get to church, the TV or online liturgy does not fulfill the Sunday or Christmas Mass obligation.

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.

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



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.ceeofla.org or email spjahop@aol.com

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!

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 or call 859-980-7900. Give a gift that can change lives this Christmas! Questions please call Silvana 562 290 2400.



St. Joseph Book Club - Our new book is "The Power of Silence Against the Dictatorship of Noise" by Robert Cardinal Sarah, a bold book about the strength of silence. The discussion will be held on **Feb. 21**, 7pm in the PLC.

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.

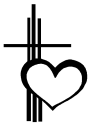
Keeping the Promise Alive

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 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, which was on the 11th, was a wonderful Christmas dinner catered by StoneFire Grill and enjoyed by all. The entertainment by the Alpha K and Kindergarten classes was delightful. Many prizes were won by our members in a drawing. The donations to Precious Life were delivered after the meeting and our members were again very generous. **Our next meeting will be on Monday, January 8, 2018.** 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. We have some very nice trips planned and some interesting speakers lined up. We would love to have you join us.

Meetings are on the 2nd & 4th Mondays. Dues for 2018 will be collected at the January meetings. We wish you all a blessed Christmas and a happy, healthy 2018.

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.

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.**

Bereavement Group

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

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 to receive an application or set up an appointment to speak with Mrs. Alvarez our principal.

Movement for a Better World

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

Christmas Present Drive: Thanks to everyone who supported the Christmas Present Drive! If you missed your chance to take a gift envelope from our trees, please consider a Skip-a-Meal donation, instead, so that we are able to support our families with food and other essential furnishings. **Presents must be returned to the parish hall or to church by 12:30 PM, today!**

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: 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.



ESTHER MINISTRY -

End Slavery and Trafficking of Humans and Effect Rescue -

The crime of human trafficking affects 20 to 30 million people in the world today. It is happening in our own neighborhoods. We can be a part of the fight against this tragic crime through awareness of the various signs of this crime.

On January 27, you can attend a free symposium from 10am to 2pm with information and workshops relating to human trafficking. There will be a workshop offered on this topic plus one on Internet safety. This symposium is for parents, teachers, middle school and older students and all those interested in learning more. This event is sponsored by the Long Beach Human Trafficking Task Force in collaboration with the Salvation Army and Long Beach GRIP Project. It will be held at the Salvation Army facility at 3000 Long Beach Blvd. For more information, just email our ministry at esther1@gmail.com.



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 16**
 5:00 p.m. - † Virginia Molinaro
- SUNDAY, December 17**
 7:30 a.m. - † Joe Lozano
 9:00 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners
 10:30 a.m. - † Bob Maney
 12:30 p.m. - † Cruz Aragon
- MONDAY, December 18**
 8:00 a.m. - † Kathryn Johnson
- TUESDAY, December 19**
 8:00 a.m. - † Joe Lozano
- WEDNESDAY, December 20**
 8:00 a.m. - † Margaret Quintana
- THURSDAY, December 21**
 8:00 a.m. - † Margaret Quintana
- FRIDAY, December 22**
 8:00 a.m. - Sr. Eva, Thanksgiving
- SATURDAY, December 23**
 5:00 p.m. - † Mort Kier
- SUNDAY, December 24**
 7:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners
 9:00 a.m. - † Primitivo & Milagros Chingcuangco
 10:30 a.m. - † Mary Jane and Ed Merk
 12:30 p.m. - † John DeRuyter
 4:00 p.m. - † Edward and Mary Dondero
 6:00 p.m. - † John Risko
 9:00 p.m. - † Russell Patrick Putnam

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, 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, Julita Sinco, Agop Gocoglu, Bob Teran, Paul Campbell, Rigoberto Gonzalez, Tanner Lopez, Valerie Lugo, Alexander Diaz, Ramona Sal dumbide, Patrick Steinhauer, Jean Studer, Marie Mitchell, Barry Geisert, Gene Adams, Gary Hillebrecht, Celeste Kohnen & Teresa Mayo.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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| 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

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| PRINCIPAL | Margaret Alvarez |
| ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL | Sonia Yurak |
| ADMISTRATIVE COUNSEL | Natalie Alvarez, Erin Wright & Sonia Yurak |
| OFFICE MANAGER | Julie Gianessi |

FAITH FORMATION 562-598-0519

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| 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

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| 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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| 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@sbcglobel.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 parish office or to bulletin@stjosephlb.org