



# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6180 E. Willow Street  
Long Beach, CA 90815

**Msgr. Kevin Kostelnik, Pastor**

**Sr. Eva Bryan, R.S.C., Pastoral Associate**  
sreva@stjosephlb.org

**Deacon Shane Cuda**  
sfcuda@yahoo.com

**Deacon Don Gath**

**Deacon Tom Halliwell**  
dhalliwell1@verizon.net

## PARISH OFFICE

Phone: 594-4657 • Fax: 431-7424

### Office Hours

Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Closed noon - 1:00 for lunch

Closed Saturday and Sunday

Website: [www.stjosephlb.org](http://www.stjosephlb.org)

email: [stjoseph@stjosephlb.org](mailto:stjoseph@stjosephlb.org)

St. Joseph School: 596-6115

Faith Formation: 598-0519

email: [religious@stjosephlb.org](mailto: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.

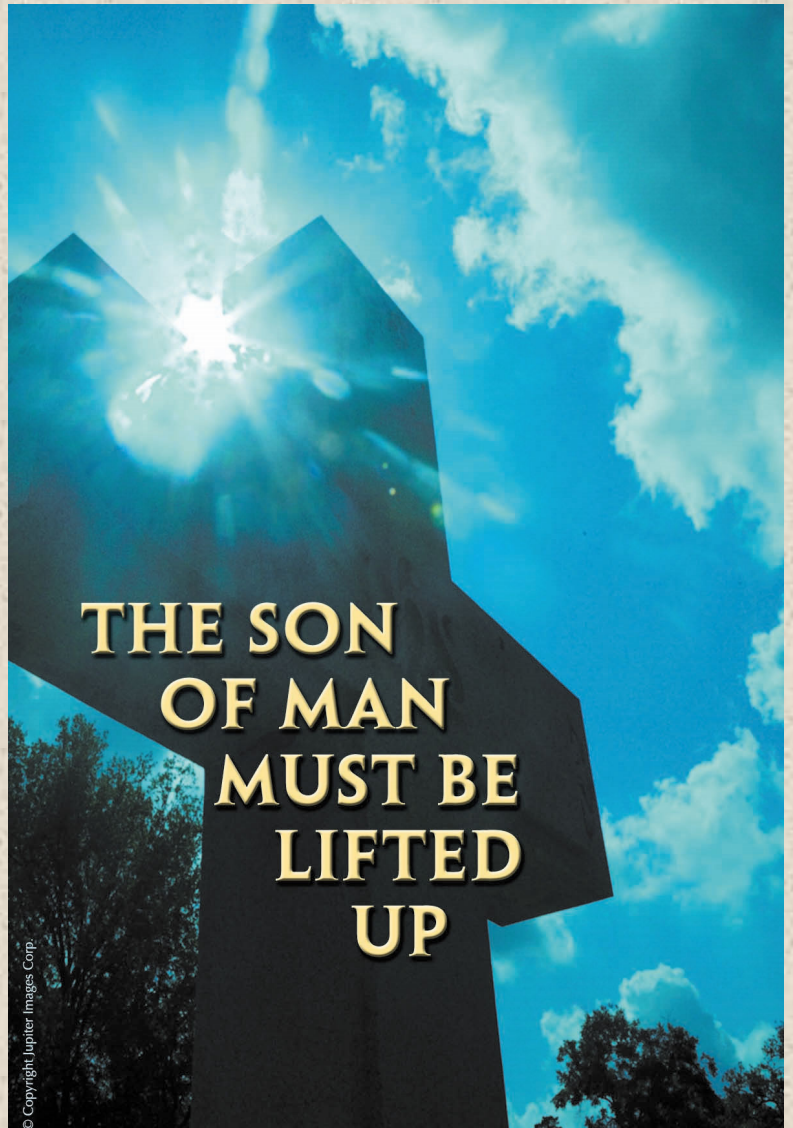
**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Thursday before  
the first Friday of the month, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**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.



Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 11, 2018

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 we continue our Lenten journey, please pray for the newly Elect: the unbaptized as they move towards Easter Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation including:

**Krista Hartford, Emma Herzog, Brian Katz, Kristen Katz, Jeremy Merriman, and Jerome Roberts.**

Also pray for those from other Christian faiths who will be received into the church, including:

**Nancy Flagg, Heather Moeck, Christopher Newbauer, and Marianne Schaeffer.**

Those baptized Catholics completing their initiation include:

**Cynthia Delgado and Kasandra Ortiz-Lopez.**

Lenten Peace,  
Msgr. Kevin

**Parish Office**  
will be closed  
**Friday, Mar. 16**  
for the Religious  
Education Congress.



**Stations of the Cross / Holy Hour** - This Lent we will be incorporating Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament into our Friday Stations of the Cross. The Blessed Sacrament will be Exposed at approximately 6:40 pm, allowing parishioners the opportunity to spend some quiet time in adoration before praying the Stations of the Cross. The Stations, which will still begin at 7:00 pm, will take place in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Following the Stations of the Cross, the liturgy will close with Benediction, a solemn blessing imparted through the Blessed Sacrament. Come and spend some time with Jesus this Lent!

Sunday:	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21 Alternate readings (Year A): 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]
Monday:	Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday:	Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday:	Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33 Alternate readings (Year A): Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]



**From Deacon Don's desk:**

When John speaks of Jesus being lifted up on the cross, he refers to more than Jesus' death. This lifting up is the whole sweep of Jesus coming from and returning to His Father; life, death, being raised from the tomb, being exalted over the whole world. The reference to the serpent Moses raised in the desert is the story we hear in our first reading. The Israelites, bitten by serpents as a result of their grumbling in the desert, are cured by looking on the image of their woundedness. In the same way, Jesus has taken on our humanity and will bring healing and eternal life through His death and glorification. The very life and love of God can be seen and touched in the only Son, lifted up for us.

Life Focus: 1. Give one experience when you felt and believed in God's love for you. 2. In the next two weeks, what would help you become more alive?

Reflection: All Christians must refer always and everywhere to Scripture for all their choices, becoming like children before it. They should seek in it the most effective remedy against all their weaknesses and not dare to take a step without being illumined by the divine rays of those words. Saint Pope John Paul II

Our Prayer: God of wisdom, move me to have recourse to Your words in Scripture. Let us find light, strength and consolation in sacred scripture. Amen



**Abstinence and Fasting**

Abstinence from eating meat is to be observed on all Fridays during Lent. This applies to all persons 14 & older.

The law of fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday applies to all persons 18 or older and younger than 59. Fasting means that one full meatless meal per day may be eaten. Two other meatless meals may be taken sufficient to maintain strength, but together they should not equal a full meal. Liquids, including milk and fruit juice, may be taken between meals. If health or ability to work are affected, fasting does not oblige.

Private, self-imposed observance of fasting on Lenten weekdays is strongly recommended. Pastors and parents should ensure that children who are not bound by the laws of fast and abstinence are taught an authentic sense of penance, conversion and reconciliation.

**Lenten Observance**

We 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 - 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.

**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.

### Faith Formation

**Office will be open Monday to Thursday this week from (9am-1pm).**

**Children's Liturgy of the Word:** The program is available to all children from 3 – 10 years old 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 provided.

**RCIA** - Do you know anyone who would like to hear about the RCIA process of becoming a fully initiated Catholic? Please call Sr. Eva at the parish office, 594-4657.

### LA Religious Education Congress - March 15-18

**Not just for Religious Educators** - All are welcome to an opportunity for personal faith enrichment. Over 300 workshops with topics on spirituality, personal development, biblical studies, theology, catechesis and more. Register now at [www.RECongress.org](http://www.RECongress.org). Youth day is March 15 for high school age.

**Catholic Relief Services Collection** - This week, we are taking up this collection to respond to Jesus in disguise. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

**Filipino Masses to Start at St. Philip Benizi** - St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church will start celebrating Mass in Filipino every first Saturday of the month at 7 p.m. St. Philip is located at 235 S. Pine Dr., Fullerton. This invitation is extended to all, but particularly to all Filipino parishioners. The St. Philip Filipino Ministry hopes to see you all there to be united in Christ and in fellowship with one another.



**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 April 19-22 (Men), and May 3-6 (Women).** Contact Dcn. Shane at [sfcuda@yahoo.com](mailto:sfcuda@yahoo.com) or [OCCursillo.org](http://OCCursillo.org)

**A New Way To Do Church: Parish Renewal a la Pope Francis** - Pope Francis, "Pope for the Poor," invites us to rethink the way we understand our purpose and mission. The hope of Pope Francis, echoing the story of St. Francis, is to "rebuild" the church, not with bricks and mortar but with compassion and mercy. Jack Jezreel will share Pope Francis' dream and offer thoughts on how we might move forward. **March 15**, 7:00 p.m, American Martyrs Church, 624 15th St., Manhattan Beach, St. Katari Room, 310-545-5651 (Church). Questions: Call Tony Fadale, 310-413-7754. All are welcome. No admission fee; only a good-will donation is asked. There will be refreshments available.

**"Beginning Experience"** is part of an international ministry for those men or women who have experienced the loss of a spouse through death, divorce or separation. A "Beginning Experience" weekend will be held **April 13-15**, at Holy Spirit Retreat Center in Encino. This weekend helps a person move from the darkness of grief into the light of a new beginning with renewed hope. "Beginning Experience" is recognized by the Office of Family Life for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. To register for this weekend or obtain more information, contact: Peg at (818) 767-1007 or Brenda at (818) 352-5265 or Maria (Spanish) at (310) 365-0186. Questions can also be sent by email to: [beginningexp.losangeles@gmail.com](mailto:beginningexp.losangeles@gmail.com)

### Bereavement Group

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

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

**"Be Still And Know That I Am God"**



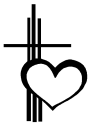
**YOU ARE INVITED by St Joseph Hospitality Ministry**

**March 11** hosted by the Cub Scouts

**March 18** hosted by Eucharistic Ministers

**Tax Letters:** If you would like a letter stating your contributions to St. Joseph Church for 2017, please call the office, 562-594-4657, and leave your name, phone and email address. Those who have contributed through Faith Direct will need to contact them for tax information.

**Did You Know? Urge kids not to keep secrets from trusted adults** - Abusers often encourage their victims to keep secrets from their parents or other trusted adults, and reinforce secrecy through bribes, threats or by making it seem fun and exciting to keep a secret. Parents should talk to their kids about secrets, and teach them the difference between fun secrets like a birthday surprise and bad secrets like unsafe touches. Kids should know that adults should never ask them to keep secrets from their parents, and if an adult does ask them to keep secrets, to talk to their parents immediately. To view a kid-friendly video on this topic, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GWqTzeITGLY>.



## St. Joseph Senior Social Group

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

**Our next meeting will be on Monday, March 12.**

*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.*

**Just a reminder that our meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Mondays. Remember to pay your dues of \$10 for 2018.**

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

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



**St. Joseph Book Club** - Our new book is "Barking to the Choir: The Power of Radical Kinship" by Fr. Gregory Boyle, a moving example of unconditional love in difficult times. You may purchase this book from Amazon or your favorite book store. The discussion will be held on **May 16** at 7pm in the PLC.

## 2018 Parish Fair News:

Parish Fair is April 20 - 22.

**\*\*Bingo Saturday April 21, Noon-4:30pm:** \$5 per card unlimited play, \$10 for 3 cards, 18 and older

**\*\*Gift Cards: if you have random \$10-\$20 gift cards** you would like to donate to the fair please drop them off at the Parish Life Center.

**\*\*Donations:** please check the website for food/Smart&Final donations.

**\*\*Volunteers Needed** - Parishioners, can you help with just one three hour shift at the Fair? Just one three hour shift? On-line volunteer sign ups to be released March 17. Please volunteer.

**\*\*Tickets** - SAVE MONEY; purchase food/drink and ride tickets before the fair starts. Tickets will be full price if purchased at the fair. Tickets go on sale April 7/8 after Masses or order through office and pick up at Will Call.

**\*\*Auto Show** - we're looking for car dealerships to display new cars at the Fair. Do you have any contacts at dealerships? If so, please contact Kerry Weiss at [kerryweiss@gmail.com](mailto:kerryweiss@gmail.com)

**\*\*Pancake Breakfast- Sunday April 22, 8am-11:30am:** bring family/friends, get pre-sale tickets

**\*\*Opportunity Tickets** will be mailed March 12; look for them in the mail and please return to the Parish Life Center.

**Grand Prize \$5,000 this Year!!**

Fair questions or comments please email: [sjparishfair@gmail.com](mailto:sjparishfair@gmail.com)

## Movement for a Better World

"He who has compassion on the poor lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his good deed." Prov: 20:17



### This Weekend - Children's Book

**Drive:** Collecting new and gently used reading books for the children of our supported families for Easter. Donation boxes/baskets will be at the church doors.

**Mar. 24 8:30 AM- Easter Food and Book Distribution:** We will distribute to 69 parish community supported families. Can you help us deliver? Please call Amy McKenna 562-427-5917.

**Skip-a-Meal Donations:** Lent is a wonderful opportunity to achieve a practice of skipping one meal each week and supporting our marginalized brothers and sisters by way of a Skip-a-Meal donation. There are *many* opportunities to help, big and small. Please call Tim Clark 562-431-4385.

**Holy Innocents School 60th Anniversary Gala** benefiting the students of Holy Innocents School, Long Beach, **April 27, 6:00pm.** This spectacular event will be held at The Grand, Long Beach. Come enjoy an evening of entertainment, dinner, silent and live auctions. You don't want to miss the fun! \*21 and over event. Pre-sale tickets (until April 8 \*cost will increase after) 1 person: \$60.00 / Couple \$100.00 / Save: \$500.00 for a table of 10. Contact Vanessa Tamayo at (562) 424-1018 or Emily Ayo at (424) 219-2028. To register online through EventBrite, Google search: "60th Anniversary Holy Innocents School Gala"

## ESTHER MINISTRY -

End Slavery and Trafficking of Humans and Effect Rescue -

According to the U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking, "Human Trafficking is one of the great human rights challenges of this century. Millions of men, women, and children are enslaved and treated as commodities—bought, sold, shared, abused and discarded. Ending SLAVERY is EVERYONE'S WORK."

We can play a part in combating this crime, especially in our neighborhoods, through awareness and education on the signs to look for in possible victims. If you would like more information and/or be a part of the ESTHER Ministry, just send us an email at [estherministry1@gmail.com](mailto:estherministry1@gmail.com).



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

**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 gifts of time and talent, as well as 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 your support of our parish!

## Mass Intentions



### SATURDAY, March 10

5:00 p.m. - † Botelho and Salvate families

### SUNDAY, March 11

7:30 a.m. - † Donald Pedneault

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

10:30 a.m. - † Hugo Jorda

12:30 p.m. - † Louis A. Ulibarri

### MONDAY, March 12

8:00 a.m. - † Richard and Juanita Abaloyan

### TUESDAY, March 13

8:00 a.m. - St. Joseph School children

### WEDNESDAY, March 14

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

### THURSDAY, March 15

8:00 a.m. - † Seamus Bryan

### FRIDAY, March 16

8:00 a.m. - † Mary Gomes

### SATURDAY, March 17

5:00 p.m. - † Virginia Molinaro

### SUNDAY, March 18

7:30 a.m. - † Mark Convey

9:00 a.m. - † Eddie Munda

10:30 a.m. - † Bob Maney

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

**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, Patrick Steinhauer, Marie Mitchell, Barry Geisert, Gene Adams, Gary Hillebrecht, Celeste Kohnen, Pat Hillebrecht, Diana Craig, Mauricio Heilbron, Maria Bessem, Elizabeth Brown, Marian Steins, David Cerda, Andy Mardesich, Carol Magarino, Ronnie Galvan, Richard Dana Jack Paluska, Patty Freund, Pat Murach, Teresa Smith, Iva Vasjl, Bernie Voigt, Pat Wolfe, Bill Vaughn & David Mosier.

In order to keep our prayer list up to date, names will remain on the list for four weeks. If you would like to resubmit a name after the four weeks, please contact Katie at [bulletin@stjosephlb.org](mailto:bulletin@stjosephlb.org) or Olga at the parish office 562-594-4657.

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

of HOLY COMMUNION	Tom Shaheen	429-5999
LECTORS	Steve Koppenheffer	714-299-6644
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	594-4657
FINANCE COUNCIL	Moses Bass	420-1877
WEBSITE COORDINATOR	Mike Santy msanty@verizon.net www.stjosephlb.org	370-0769
Website address:		
HOSPITALITY MINISTRY	John/Deborah Rollingner	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 parish office or to [bulletin@stjosephlb.org](mailto:bulletin@stjosephlb.org)