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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.

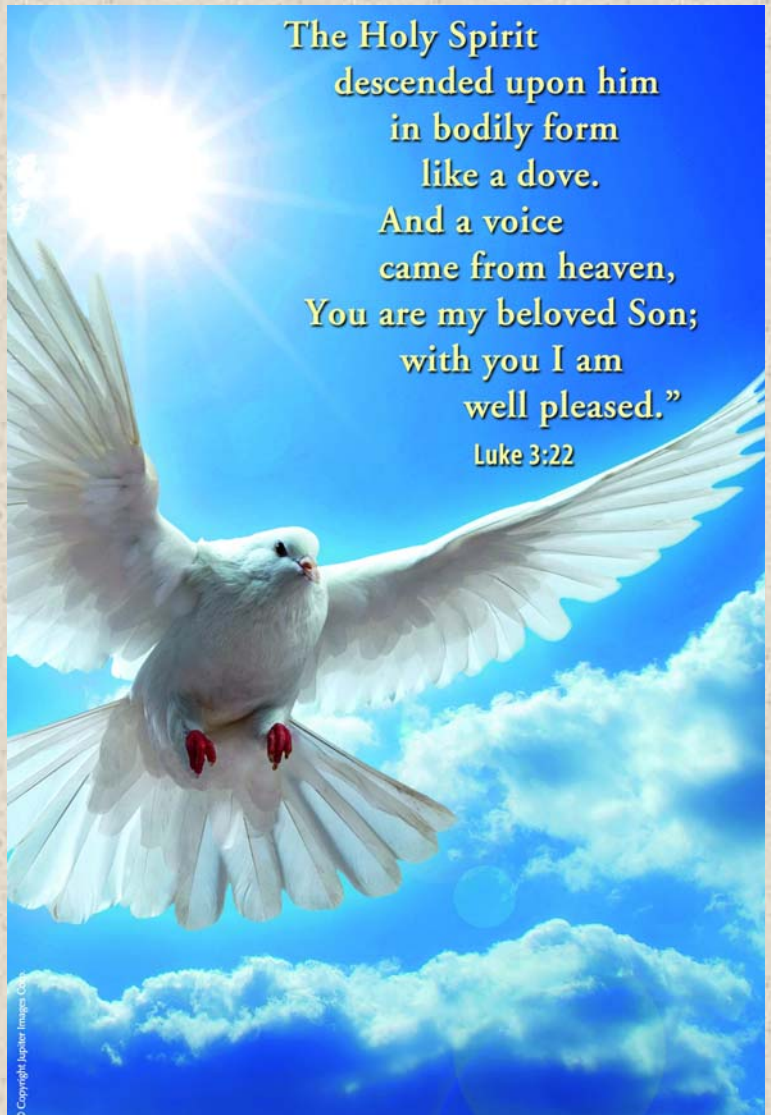
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

DEVOTION after 8 a.m. Mass every Tuesday

BAPTISM: Fourth Sunday of the month at 2 p.m.

MARRIAGE: An appointment with priest/deacon
a minimum of six months in advance is required.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: In the event of a
serious illness, please call the rectory.



The Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2016

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.

Jubilee Year of Mercy

Fittingly, this Jubilee Year of Mercy is also the Lectionary's Year of Luke, for Luke's Gospel highlights God's mercy in finding the lost, healing the sick, restoring the broken, comforting the sorrowful, forgiving the sinner through Jesus' ministry. But before doing, Luke's Jesus is always praying. As practical moderns programmed to measure worth by productivity, we instinctively appreciate the Jubilee's call to embrace the practical challenges of our baptism. But today Luke focuses not on Jesus being baptized, but on Jesus praying after baptism. So must we pray to become the disciples we are called to be, that the Spirit empower us to do what disciples are called to do. Imitating Jesus' openness to the Spirit will enable us to cooperate with the grace that transforms us into "beloved sons [and daughters] . . . in whom the Father is well pleased," living out, in this Jubilee Year of Mercy, the extraordinary potential of our baptism.

In the Archdiocese of L. A., the Pilgrimage churches for the San Pedro Pastoral Region are St. Dominic Savio – Bellflower, St. Mary of the Assumption – Whittier, American Martyrs – Manhattan Beach, and St. Anthony – Long Beach.

Once a person has crossed through the Door of Mercy, or have fulfilled one of the other conditions under which Pope Francis has granted the Jubilee Indulgence (for example, for anyone who carries out in person a work of mercy), in addition to a heart well-disposed for the grace to bring its desired fruits, the faithful should stop in prayer to fulfill the final actions asked for: the profession of faith, and prayer for the Holy Father and his intentions. The latter should be at least an "Our Father" – the prayer in which Jesus himself taught us to turn as children to the Father – but it could possibly be more. In particular, taking into consideration the spirit of this Holy Year, it is suggested that pilgrims recite the lovely prayer of Pope Francis for the Jubilee, and that they conclude the time of prayer with an invocation to the merciful Lord Jesus (for example, "Merciful Jesus, I trust in You").

The Works of Mercy are how we show loving kindness, compassion, and self-restraint to the people around us, both physically and spiritually. According to the Catechism, "The works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily necessities" (No. 2447). While the exact list has varied slightly throughout the history of the Church, there are 14 consistently recognized works of mercy.

Corporal Works of Mercy: Feed the hungry. Give drink to the thirsty. Clothe the naked. Harbour the harbourless. Visit the sick. Ransom the captive. Bury the dead.

Spiritual Works of Mercy: Instruct the ignorant. Counsel the doubtful. Admonish sinners. Bear wrongs patiently. Forgive offenses willingly. Comfort the afflicted. Pray for the living and the dead.

Tax Letter: If you would like a statement of your donations for 2015, please call the rectory, 594-4657.



From Deacon Don's desk:

Pope Paul VI on January 5, 1964 wrote: "Nazareth is a kind of school where we may begin to discover what Christ's life was like and even to understand His Gospel. Here we ponder the simple appeal of the way God's Son came to be known.

And gradually we may even learn to imitate Him. Here we can learn to realize who Christ really is. Here we can sense the conditions and circumstance that affected His life on earth: the places, culture, language, religious customs which make Himself known to the world. Here everything speaks to us and has meaning. We can learn importance of spiritual discipline for all who wish to follow Him and live by teachings of the Gospel. But here we are only on pilgrimage.

First, we learn from its silence. If only we could once again appreciate its great value. We need this state of mind. The silence of Nazareth should teach us how to meditate in peace and quiet. Silent prayer that is known only to God.

Second, we learn about family life. May Nazareth be a model of what a family should be: showing us the family's holy and enduring character exemplifying its basic function in society: of love and sharing, the perfect setting for raising children, for this there is no substitute.

Finally, Nazareth the home of a craftsman's Son, we learn about work and its discipline. I remind everyone that work has its own dignity. But not an end in itself.

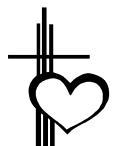
In closing I express my deep regard for people everywhere who work for a living. To them I point out their great model: Christ their brother, our Lord and God who is their prophet in every cause that promotes their well being."

OUR PRAYER: Father, help us to live as the Holy Family, united in respect and love. Teach us the sanctity and value of family life and love then bring us to the joy and peace of Your home. Amen

Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
Monday:	1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday:	Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

**Meditation in the school library
every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

"Be Still And Know That I Am God"
Newcomers please call Marie Mitchell
(310) 490-4012 for directions.



Faith Formation/Religious Education News

Classes have begun for 3 years to 5th Grade at 10:30am

LITTLE SAINTS Toddler Ministry – Do you have a wiggly or restless toddler? We take care of your “Little Saints” during the 9am & 10:30am Masses in the Daycare room at the school (behind the parish hall). FREE! We are looking for volunteers to help out for the 12:30pm Mass!

Liturgy of the Word for Children is available to all children from 4 - 11 years old during the 9am Mass. Follow our Catechist out with the rest of our children to hear the Word of God explained so that you will understand! Parents, you are welcome to join us! We could always use more adults to help with this wonderful ministry. Training and materials are provided.

Activities for Faith Formation and Confirmation:

Religious Education/Faith Formation is back in session-

Jan. 10 - 9 am Family Mass followed by potluck

Jan. 10 - 2-4 pm - 2nd year Sacrament Preparation

Reconciliation Retreat for parents and child.

Jan. 15 - 1st Reconciliation for School Children

Jan. 16 - 10 am - 1st Reconciliation for Faith Formation Children. Please keep our families in your prayers!

Middle School is back in session

Please pray for Carline Root who is having surgery. We need a 7th grade catechist substitute - contact Nancy.

Confirmation returning Jan. 10.

Can we ask your help? Our 2nd Year Confirmation retreat is Jan. 29-31. Whatever you donate keeps our costs down for our families - bottled water, chips, cookies, etc. Please keep our team, teens and families in your prayers.

High School Youth Ministry –

Revelation Nights (Youth Nights for all teens!) – from 7:30-8:30pm on Wednesdays. We return on Jan. 13.

Proclaim Life - Defend Life - Embrace Life

- January 23 the 2nd annual event celebrating the beauty and dignity of human life, a walk for life, will depart from Olvera Street, march past Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral, and conclude at Grand Park. Visit OneLifeLA.org for schedule. For group transportation options, call Tim Clark 431-4385.

Did You Know? Be wary of online friendships

Today's teens may seem to be always online, with constant messaging and sharing on social media with a large audience. The Internet is a great place to meet people, but these meetings come with potential dangers that can put kids and teens at risk. You don't know who you're really talking to online. Pay attention to the sites your kids visit on computers and mobile devices and ask questions about who they talk to and what information they provide. For a copy of the VIR-TUS® article “Preventing Teen Victimization On- and Offline,” email vjvienna@la-archdiocese.org.

Long Beach Catholic Young Adults - Welcome young adults, 18-39, to Long Beach Catholic Young Adults, a ministry serving Long Beach parishes. LBCYA seeks to reinvigorate the Catholic young adult ministry in faith and love of Jesus Christ through service, spiritual development, and social fellowship. For information, visit www.lbcya.org or contact Jason Pillon: coordinator@lbcya.org.

Jubilee Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to Rome and Italy - May 25 to June 5 - Celebrate the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, four nights in Rome, Mass with Pope Francis, visit Montecassino, San Giovanni Rotondo, Lanciano, Loreto, Assisi, Siena, Florence & Castel Gandolfo. Fr. Luis Estrada will be the Chaplain and celebrate his first anniversary of ordination with us on pilgrimage. There are several spaces still available. For more information, please contact Deacon Don and Tina Gath (562 498 6701 or 562 481 2301).

Bereavement prayer support group will be meeting **Jan. 11, 7-8:30.**

RCIA group Sunday dismissal **Jan. 10**, class **Jan. 14.**

Stephen Ministry **Jan. 12** 7-8:30.



Women and Men of St. Joseph Parish

*Is your heart on fire for Christ? Is it filled with the Holy Spirit or like a candle in the wind, flickering and barely alive? 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. **The next Cursillo weekends begin Jan. 21 (Men), and Feb. 4 (Women).** Contact Dcn. Shane @ sfcuda@yahoo.com, or OCCursillo.org*

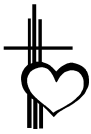


Our next book is: "Soul Centered" by Fr. Jim Clarke. Our Book Club discussion will be **February 3**, in the new PLC. Everyone is welcome!

St. Joseph Catholic School is accepting applications for Kindergarten and our Transitional Kindergarten (Alpha-K) for the 2016-2017 school year. Applicants for Kindergarten must turn 5 years old by August 31, 2016. Applicants for Alpha-K must turn 4 years old by August 31, 2016. Alpha-K: - Emphasizes developmental readiness skills with a hands-on approach to curriculum

- Focuses on Kindergarten readiness
- Daily instruction in religion and weekly Mass attendance
- 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

Space is limited and classes will fill up quickly. If you are interested in taking a tour, please call our school office at 596-6115 or send an email to jgianessi@sjknights.net to set up an appointment to speak with Mrs. Alvarez our principal.



St. Joseph Social Club
 Hosted by the **St. Joseph Senior Group**
 Time to "sign up" or "re-up"
\$10 Membership for a fun 2016

Jan. 18 - Special presentation on reverse mortgages & free lunch, games & fun. Reservations required 562-429-8891.
Feb. 1 - Senior Group Lenten Retreat. 9 am gathering in Fr. Martin Hall. \$10 includes box lunch. Reservations required 562-429-8891.

All meetings: **11:30 to 2:30**. Bring your brown bag lunch. Drinks & dessert provided, Free bakery items to members. Join us for fun and games, including Bingo, Poker, Mexican Train, Sequence, Bridge and much more. For information call: Marilyn North 562-429-8891.

Trips - Trips - Trips

Vatican Splendors - Reagan Library. Docent tour of Vatican art & history, & 25,000 gifts the Reagan's received while in office. Visit Air Force One and more including a "WHITE love HOUSE" luncheon complete with china, linens, table flowers and professional wait staff. **April 8**. \$90

Future trips: Little Italy (San Diego day trip), Doctors TV Show, Reno/Lake Tahoe and more including casino trips. Please contact Mary Lou 431-4385 or Gerry 420-3220.

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

Marlene Sargeant,
 daughter of Rita Smith



Parishioners Wanted: We need parishioners who want to be told what to do and we need parishioners to advise people what to do. Come help organize the 2016 Fair which is April 15-17. You tell us what you want to do. We know you can help - the question is will you help? This event is a great way to serve your parish. Join our first 2016 Fair planning meeting **January 20** at 7 pm in the school library. Any questions please email: sjparishfair@gmail.com



eGiving with Faith Direct

Faith Direct enables parishioners to make contributions through either direct debit from your checking/savings account or through your credit/debit card. You can apply the convenience of direct debit to your parish offerings as you may now use it to make your mortgage or tuition payments.

Faith Direct also offers you personalized offertory cards to replace your envelopes for the collection basket.

Please join me in enrolling by responding to the mailing you have received or visit www.faithdirect.net to enroll securely online. Our parish code is CA717.

God Bless You! Rev. Francis Aguilar

"True power is service. We must serve all people, especially the poor, the weak and the vulnerable." Pope Francis



Jan. 23-31 Homeless Kit Drive - provide daily necessities to a homeless person. Shopping lists will be available in the church **Jan. 16**.
Feb. 17 - Committee Meeting - join us to plan our upcoming Book Drive and Easter Food and Gift Distribution
Skip-a-Meal Donations: Please be especially mindful during our holiday support of families in need. For fulfilling opportunities to serve, please call Tim Clark 431-4385.

Meals on Wheels - Volunteers are needed until the end of January. You can serve for two hours one morning a week, choosing among three locations in Long Beach. Apply online: www.mowlb.org or call Adriana, 562-439-5000.

Seminarian Charles Fundraiser - Pasta dinner fundraiser **Jan 29** in Fr. Martin Hall, 5:30 - 8:30. Donation at the door. Charles, our Seminarian in Training who was at St. Joseph for over a year will be ordained a Deacon in August here in Los Angeles. He would very much like for his mother, Goretii Lule Namukwaya to be present when he is ordained, but the family can't afford to send her from Uganda to Los Angeles. Proceeds will go directly to her travel & Visa costs. In addition to pasta, meatballs, salad and bread, the Knights of Columbus will have a bar where liquor, wine, beer and soda will be available for purchase. Please come support Charles and his mother Goretii Lule. Questions contact Kraig/Kim Jondle, Marty Vezzetti or Chris Berry.

Bundle Sunday - January 10 St. Vincent de Paul's truck will be here. Please bring your *usable* clothing and household items and help to assist the needy. They are in need of furniture & large appliances. Please phone 323-224-6280 or 800-974-3571 for free pick up of large items.

ESTHER MINISTRY - We are fortunate in Long Beach to have a task force dedicated to eliminating human trafficking, as well as bringing about awareness and education on this devastating crime against humanity. One of the main missions for the Long Beach Human Trafficking Task Force is organizing and presenting the Youth Exploitation Safety Symposium. The Y.E.S.S 2016 event will be held on Saturday, February 20, at Long Beach City College, 10am to 3pm. This event is for middle and high school students, as well as parents and educators. Mark your calendars for this important safety symposium. More information will follow at a later date.



The Esther Ministry would like to invite anyone interested in learning more to a meeting on Sunday, **January 10**, at 11:30am in the new Parish Life Center. For more information or to be added to our contact list, you may email Marianna Wescott at: wescottfam@yahoo.com.

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, January 9

5:00 p.m. - † Laretta Townsend

SUNDAY, January 10

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

9:00 a.m. - † Gene Ensich

10:30 a.m. - † Kellee Murchison Bennett

12:30 p.m. - † Edward Ely

MONDAY, January 11

8:00 a.m. - † Gene Ensich

TUESDAY, January 12

8:00 a.m. - Milagros Chingcuangco

WEDNESDAY, January 13

8:00 a.m. - † Gene Ensich

THURSDAY, January 14

8:00 a.m. - † Jack Comfort

FRIDAY, January 15

8:00 a.m. - Beatrice Subia

SATURDAY, January 16

5:00 p.m. - † Gene Ensich

SUNDAY, January 17

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

9:00 a.m. - † Gene Ensich

10:30 a.m. - † Laretta Townsend

12:30 p.m. - † Dr. Calvin Wesley Hall

Regional Vocation Director: Rev. Francis Ilano
St. Athanasius Church, Long Beach, 562-423-7986. Vocation information may be found at: www.lavocations.org.

Immaculate Heart Radio, 930 on the am dial, a 24 hour Catholic radio station. 888-887-7120 or www.ihradio.com

YOU ARE INVITED by St Joseph Hospitality Ministry

Please join us for donuts and fellowship with others in front of the church after the 7:30, 9:00, & 10:30 Masses.
Sunday **Jan. 10** hosted by Cub Scouts
Sunday **Jan. 17** hosted by Boy Scouts

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . . Eugene Dryer, Fernando Montoya, Tim Ginnett, Kim Agee, Mary Jane McCormick, Sheila Corry, Gary Hillebrecht, Karen Muccino, Eileen Bentley, Delia Nix, Fr. Ford, Mike Brio, Noel Devine, Janeen Higbee, Patricia Berry, Jay Kefalas, Stacey Marcus, Shirley Morasse, Magali & Wendy Sapien, Bill Whitt, Anna Osorio, Kathy June, Jordynn Seckington, Theresa Stewart, Lois Kearney, Al Soldin, Chris Carrera, Robert & Frances Stickney, Bryan Nielson, Joel Stepheisen, Georgiana (Peggy) Schad, Eloisa Mariano, Angela Gibbons, Luis Arroyo, Michael Dresnick, Larry Luckey, Ramona Pedroza, Mary DeRuyter, Albert Rodriguez, Tony Olivar, Lisa Dang, Nina Escandon, Chris Belcher, Janet Bernardo, Regina Jurado, Pat & Marie Mitchell, Dennis Cuda, Barbara Baine, Mark Ham, Nelson family, Odete Salvate, Joan Aimerito, Bob Becker, June Kukahiko, Scott Reinard, Valerie Karner, Graciella Griffin, Joe Hamamoto, Cynthia Hogan, Lou Teran, Rita Smith & Zita Roehrig.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

of HOLY COMMUNION	Bill & Katie Greening	421-3997
LECTORS	Bill Smith	431-2495
USHERS	Marty Vezzetti	425-0621
ALTAR SERVERS	Stan Lawrence	430-0913
DIRECTOR of MUSIC	Vivian Doughty	422-5430
ALTAR CARE	Rectory	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	Katie Boller, Erin Wright & Sonia Yurak
OFFICE MANAGER	Julie Gianessi

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

562-598-0519

DIRECTOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	Nancy Longo	
ELEMENTARY,		
MIDDLE SCHOOL	Nancy Longo	598-0519
YOUTH MINISTRY/ CONFIRMATION	Marc Leon	598-0519
EARLY CHILDHOOD	Kris Dominguez	598-0519
LITURGY/CHILDREN	Nancy Longo	598-0519
RCIC (Children)	Nancy Longo	598-0519
SUNDAY NURSERY		
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY FOR CHILDREN		

ADULT MINISTRY

RCIA	Sister Eva	594-4657
BIBLE STUDY	Sr. Eva	594-4657
	Rita Smith	
BAPTISM PREPARATION	Olga Cuda	594-4657
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY	Sr. Eva	594-4657
MEDITATION	Marie Mitchell	310-490-4012
SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES	Dcn. Don & Tina Gath	598-5202
MINISTERS TO THE SICK		594-4657

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PASTORAL COUNCIL	Anne Weaver	498-7008
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MOVEMENT FOR A BETTER WORLD	Tim Clark	431-4385
LONG BEACH CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS	Jason Pillon	
	coordinator@lbcya.org	
SENIOR GROUP	Judy Pedneault	421-6863
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NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING	Greg & Beth Gath	377-5877
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PARISH FAIR	sjparishfair@gmail.com	
PROJECT ACHIEVE	Tina Gath	598-5202
PRECIOUS LIFE SHELTER	Cynthia San Jose	884-9589
CUB SCOUTS	Moses Bass	420-1877
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