



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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

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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.

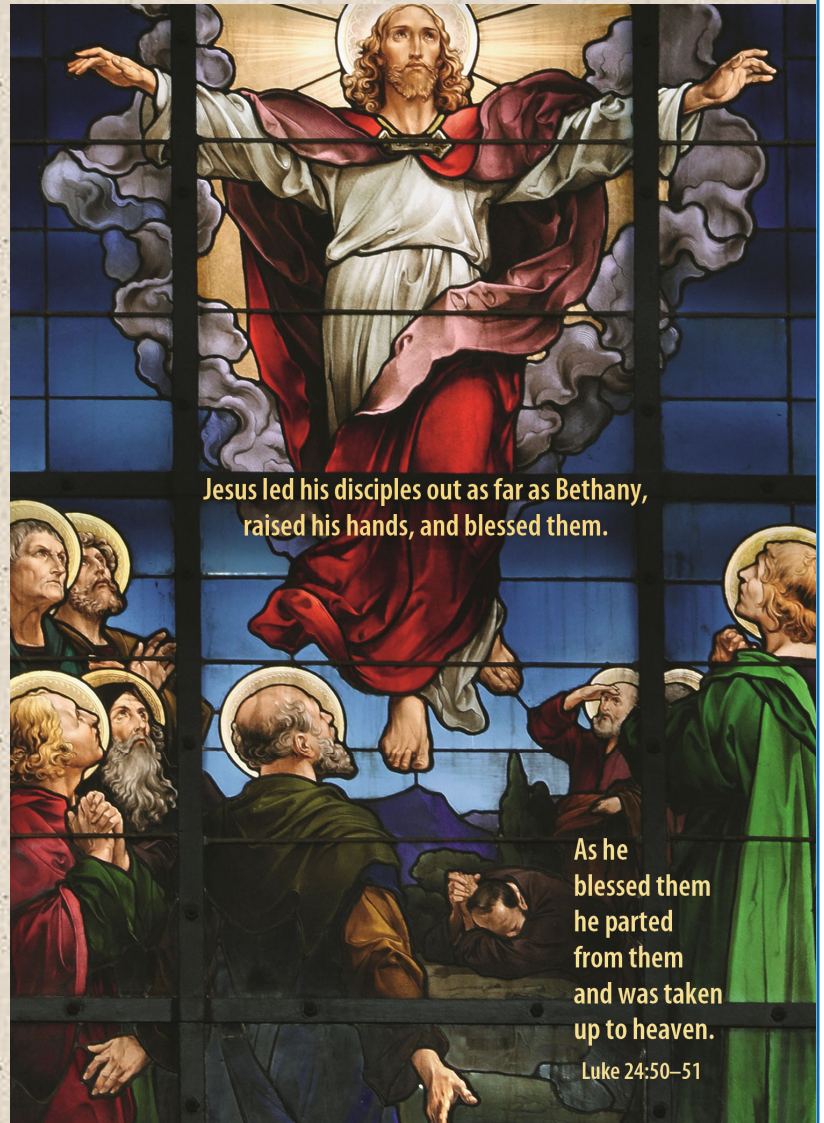
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

DEVOTION 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.



Jesus led his disciples out as far as Bethany,
raised his hands, and blessed them.

As he
blessed them
he parted
from them
and was taken
up to heaven.

Luke 24:50-51

The Ascension of the Lord

May 8, 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

Between Ascension and Pentecost, the apostles “devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women and Mary the mother of Jesus” (Acts 1:12–14). Mary’s presence at the center of the disciples’ circle of prayer provides “a source of comfort and strength,” says Pope Francis, for Mary’s “entire life was patterned after the presence of mercy made flesh.” At the foot of the cross, Mary witnessed Jesus’ forgiveness of his executioners, a supreme expression of the depths to which God’s mercy can reach. “Mary attests that the mercy of the Son of God knows no bounds and extends to everyone, without exception,” Francis notes. Being able to live that unconditional forgiving mercy is the grace we pray the Holy Spirit to bestow. During these days of prayer before Pentecost, in this month dedicated to Our Lady, “may the sweetness of [Mary’s] countenance watch over us,” Francis prays, “so that all of us may rediscover the joy of God’s tenderness” (Misericordiae Vultus, 24).

Free app: 365 days of mercy at www.osv.com/yom



From Father Will

A big thank you to all who celebrated my Golden Jubilee with me, especially to Fr. Francis, our deacons and their wives, the choir, Deborah and John Rollinger, Alexis Lewis, Kathleen Waldron, Tim and Mary Lou Clark, Harry and Marilyn North and all the Seniors. It was a very happy and joyful event for me, your pastor emeritus. A good friend said to me, “How much you are loved by the people of this parish!” I felt that love deeply.

Love, Father Will

Together in Mission

Goal: \$65,300
Amount Pledged: \$65,147

Bible Study - St. John’s Gospel is the topic. Sr. Eva will be facilitating Tuesday mornings , 9-10:30, May 10, 17, 24, 31, June 7, and 14. The class is offered also Thursday evening 7-8:30 p.m. May 12, 19, 26, and June 9. Please bring your Bible with you.

"CHANGING THE WORLD, CHANGING YOURSELF CONTEMPLATION TODAY"

An evening with Fr. Laurence Freeman, OSB
 St. Joseph Church -- Parish Hall
Tuesday May 24 -- 7:00 p.m.

Fr. Laurence jis an author, retreat leader, international speaker, Director of WCCM and adjunct professor at Georgetown University. After being educated by the Benedictines, he studied at Oxford University before entering monastic life. Free will offering. Refreshments. Everyone welcome--please join us!
 Websites: wccm-usa.org and wccm.org



From Deacon Don’s desk:

From 1955 to 1972 he was a graceful fixture at Forbes field, and later Three Rivers Stadium, playing right field for the Pittsburgh Pirates. He was equally skilled in all phases of the game. He could hit, batting 300 or more 13 times, winning four National League batting titles.

He had a "rifle arm" leading the league in outfield assists five times. He could catch, winning 12 Gold Gloves in a row. A 12 time All Star, National League MVP in 1966, he helped the Pirates to World Series titles in 1960 and 1971, hitting safely in all 14 Series games in which he played. A writer once wrote, Roberto Clemente played "a kind of baseball that he had never seen before - throwing, running and hitting at something near the level of perfection." On the last day of the 1972 season, Clemente collected his 3,000th hit, joining a select fraternity of baseball's best. It was the last hit he would ever get. He died that New Year’s eve in a plane crash en route to deliver food and medical supplies to earthquake ravaged Nicaragua.


"...whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant."...Matthew 20:26. Jesus taught His apostles that "no one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one’s friends." John:15:13 It was in the service to others that Roberto Clemente died. His last remembered quote: "I want to be remembered as a ballplayer who gave all he had to give." He also gave all in life as well.

Fr Leonard once said: "The feast of the Ascension of the Lord is the day each year when we remember and we celebrate, just as Jesus was welcomed to God’s right hand, so we too will be welcomed to the right hand of Jesus. This is His promise, it is our faith, and this the hope we are called to proclaim to the world."

OUR PRAYER: Father in heaven, prepare us for the coming of Your kingdom when You took Christ beyond our sight so that we might seek Him in His glory. May we follow where He has led and find our hope in His glory for ever. Amen

Rest In Peace
 Died in Christ:
Dorothy Hainley





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 July 14 (Men) and July 28 (Women).** Contact Dcn. Shane at sfcuda@yahoo.com or OCCursillo.org*

Faith Formation/Religious Education News
Classes in session 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:
Faith Formation - 1st - 5th graders Sundays: 10:30
 Last session is May 15 - May Crowning, Pentecost celebration of our church’s birthday, and ice cream social. Parents - drop your child/ren off at their classroom at 10:30 and come to the hall.

Congratulations to our 1st Communicants and their families!
Registration for Faith Formation 2016-17 begins July 1.
 Look for registration forms on the website and at the entrances of the church mid-June.

Confirmation Class on Sundays, 11 am thru 12:30 Mass
 Last classes May 15 and 22
 Rehearsal for Confirmation, Saturday, May 21, 10 a.m. in the church for all 2nd year candidates and sponsors.
 We celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, May 28, 10 a.m. with Bishop Sartoris.

High School Youth Ministry –
Revelation on Wednesdays from 7:30-8:30pm.

Vacation Bible Camp - July 11-15, 4years through 8th grade! Deep Sea Discovery! Kids dive into God’s Word to see how He has been with His people every step of the way. If you want to volunteer, contact Nancy, 562-598-0519.

Meditation every Tuesday 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Life Center - ALL WELCOME!
"Be Still And Know That I Am God"
 Newcomers please call Marie Mitchell (310) 490-4012 for directions.



COME TO THE QUIET
 Mondays, **2:30-3:00 p.m.**, in the Church, except for school holidays. "Come to me and I will give you rest." Take time for yourself and rest in the Lord. Come to the Quiet to pray, be still, let Him love you! *Everyone Welcome!!!*

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.

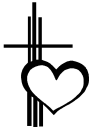
Here I am Lord - To What Are You Calling Me? Saturday, **May 14**, 9:30am to 3:30pm with Anne Hansen, MA - Life is ever changing and with it our calling evolves. Do you hear the call to change in the quiet of the night or the drone of traffic? At every stage of life, in youth as well as in the older years, God gives us gifts that can transform the world. Join us as we determine these gifts and the possibility of change through prayer, reflection and conversation. Includes lunch. Cost: \$50. Mary & Joseph Retreat Center, 5300 Crest Road, Rancho Palos Verdes, 90275. Call Marlene Velazquez at 310.377.4867 x234 for reservations or information.

Bereavement Prayer Support Group - For those who are suffering the loss of a loved one, come be prayerfully supported every other Monday, **May 16 and 30, June 13 and 27** in the PLC from 7-8:30 pm. Call Sr. Eva, 594-4657, if you know anyone who could benefit from being part of this group.

Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women invites all women of the parish to a day of prayer and fellowship, **May 26**, St. Raymond parish, Downey, 9:30 - 1:30. Every Catholic woman is a member, no dues. Deacon Douglas Johnson speaking on “Blessed Mother and Mothers,” Mass and lunch. \$12. Reservations: make check to Alice Avery and mail to her at 19126 Princetown Ave, Carson 90746 by **May 23**. for information call Alice 310-637-1364 or Verna 633-2503.

RCIA - If you know anyone or are interested yourself in learning more about being a Catholic, please call Sr. Eva at the parish office, 594-4657.

Sunday:	Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17- 23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53
Monday:	Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday:	Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday:	Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday:	Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
Sunday: <u>Vigil:</u>	Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
<u>Day:</u>	Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26



St. Joseph Social Club
 Hosted by the **St. Joseph Senior Group**
 Join now for a fun 2016
\$10 a year Membership

Next meeting will be May 16, 11:30-2:30.

The Alpha K class from St. Joseph School will be singing for us at 11:30, so please come a little early. Games will follow the program. Bring a friend along to meet our Senior Group.

All regular 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

Tour of Little Italy - a day trip to San Diego on **June 14**. A great docent tour into the magical world of Little Italy. Visit hidden neighborhood landmarks and more, followed by a wonderful progressive lunch plus a stop for "homemade" gelato and yes a little shopping. Departs at 9:00 AM- Returns approx. 6:30pm Cost is \$69 due May 9.

Mama Mia - at the Segerstrom Hall on **Nov 25**, (the day after Thanksgiving) with lunch at Marie Callender's where you will have three entrees to choose from and of course pie for dessert. Relax and enjoy (no cooking) the great songs including "Dancing Queen", "The Winner Takes All" and more. \$95 due Oct 17.

Murder Mystery ABOARD the Fillmore + Western Railway - Sept. 13 Bus ride to Fillmore where you will enjoy lunch aboard the train, solve a murder mystery, or just sit back and enjoy the ride and entertainment. After the mystery is solved we will stop at the Loose Caboose Garden Center for shopping treasures, produce, local honey + more. Depart at 9AM Return 6PM, \$98. Date to be determined. Please contact Mary Lou 431-4385 or Gerry 420-3220.

Come and See and Hear what we are about as Catholics. All welcome, **May 9**, 7-8 p.m. in the Parish Life Center, St. Joseph room.

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 **May 8** hosted by **Bereavement Ministry**
 Sunday **May 15** hosted by **Meditation**

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"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy." Mt 5:7

June 4-12 Homeless Kit Drive: provide daily necessities to a homeless person. Shopping lists will be available in the church May 28.

Sandwich Ministry - Help to prepare sandwiches for Catholic Charities and St. Francis Center each Wednesday morning. *Supplies buyer needed.*

Skip-a-Meal Donations support our ministry including sandwiches for St. Francis Center and Catholic Charities of Long Beach. For many opportunities to serve our brothers and sisters in need, please call Tim Clark 431-4385.



33rd Annual St. Anthony High School Monsignor Gualderon Golf Classic June 20. The tournament will take place at El Dorado Park Golf Course in Long Beach and all proceeds will benefit SAHS Athletics. Online registration is available at www.LongBeachSaints.org and space is limited. For more information or to inquire about sponsorship opportunities or donations, please contact Renee Salvador at www.Renee.Salvador@LongBeachSaints.org or (562)435-4496 ext.1241. Thank you. We look forward to seeing you!

ESTHER MINISTRY - End Slavery and Trafficking of Humans and Effect Rescue -



Here is another tip to help parents protect their children from predators involved in sex trafficking: Teach your kids that it is OK to say NO. We are saturated with images of women in the media in a sexualized manner. Teach your girls that regardless of what they see and hear, it is OK to say no to anyone at any time, no matter what. Tell your boys, who often feel peer pressure on the subject, that it is OK to wait to have sex. Traffickers look for girls and boys who lack assertiveness and for those who have been exploited in the past.

Be sure to check out the St. Joseph Church website under Esther Ministry for more information and videos. A meeting is scheduled for Sunday, **May 22, at 11:30am** in the Parish Life Center. Please feel free to join us! For further information and/or to be on our mailing list, email us at estherministry1@gmail.com.

Did You Know? Know the signs of human trafficking

- Human trafficking claims many young victims every year, and often we see these victims in our daily lives. It is important to recognize the signs of abuse and to know how to interact with possible victims. The best way to start a tough conversation with teens who may be at risk is simply to talk to them—ask what's going on in their lives, and if they are okay. Signs of abuse include suspicious or inexplicable injuries, avoidance, or reliance on an older "friend." For more information please visit <http://www.missingkids.org/1in5>.

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, May 7

5:00 p.m. - † Donna Halligan

SUNDAY, May 8

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

9:00 a.m. - † Marie Haddad

10:30 a.m. - Mother's Day Novena

12:30 p.m. - Karina Salas

MONDAY, May 9

8:00 a.m. - Mother's Day Novena

TUESDAY, May 10

8:00 a.m. - Mother's Day Novena

WEDNESDAY, May 11

8:00 a.m. - Mother's Day Novena

THURSDAY, May 12

8:00 a.m. - Mother's Day Novena

FRIDAY, May 13

8:00 a.m. - Mother's Day Novena

SATURDAY, May 14

5:00 p.m. - Mother's Day Novena

SUNDAY, May 15

7:30 a.m. - † Joe Lozano

9:00 a.m. - Mother's Day Novena

10:30 a.m. - † Daryl Wozniak

12:30 p.m. - Karina Salas

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

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

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . . Eugene Dryer, Fernando Montoya, Tim Ginnett, Kim Agee, Mary Jane McCormick, Gary Hillebrecht, Karen Muccino, Eileen Bentley, Delia Nix, Mike Brio, Noel Devine, Janeen Higbee, Patricia Berry, Jay Kefalas, Stacey Marcus, Shirley Morasse, Magali & Wendy Sapien, Anna Osorio, Kathy June, Jordynn Seckington, Lois Kearney, Robert & Frances Stickney, Bryan Nielson, Joel Stephesen, Georgiana (Peggy) Schad, Eloisa Mariano, Angela Gibbons, Luis Arroyo, Michael Dresnick, Larry Luckey, Ramona Pedroza, Mary DeRuyter, Albert Rodriguez, Tony Oliver, Lisa Dang, Nina Escandon, Chris Belcher, Janet Bernardo, Regina Jurado, Pat & Marie Mitchell, Dennis Cuda, Barbara Baine, Mark Ham, Odete Salvate, Joan Aimerito, June Kukahiko, Scott Reinard, Valerie Karner, Graciella Griffin, Joe Hamamoto, Cynthia Hogan, Zita Roehrig, Bella Dassanayake, Mike & Colette DiHarce, Ellie Jacob, Helen Solis, Josh Goulant, Jovie Diaz & David Dresnick.

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		

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	Marie Mitchell	310-490-4012
SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES	Dcn. Don & Tina Gath	598-5202
MINISTERS TO THE SICK		594-4657

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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FINANCE COUNCIL	Mike Roide	
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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	
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	Ron Steiner	431-7703
ENGAGED ENCOUNTER	Paciano & Molly Diaz	310-729-5890
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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