



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.

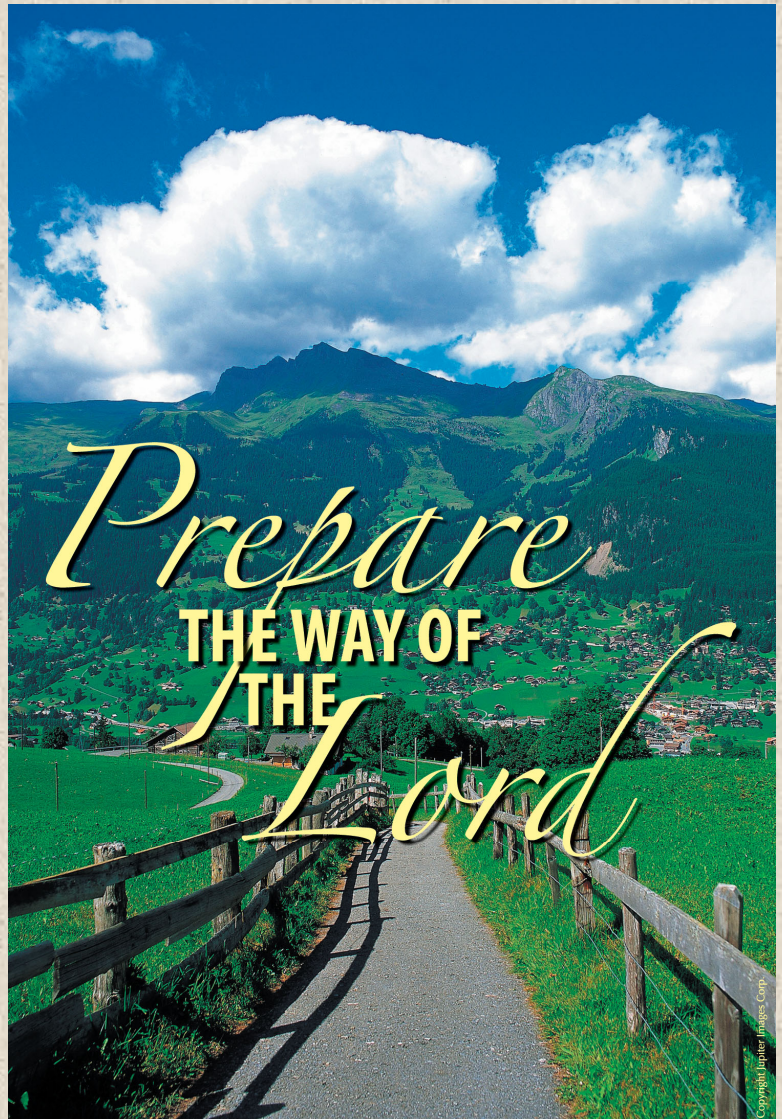
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday before
the first Friday of the month, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION
after 8 a.m. Mass 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.



Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 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.

Dear Parish Family of St. Joseph Parish:

Peace and greetings to you in the name of Jesus Christ! As my sabbatical winds down, it is with joy that I look forward to commencing my ministry among all of you as your Pastor. All of us are very grateful to Monsignor Gary Bauler for his pastoral love and ministry during these past few months. Be assured of my prayers for you and your families, and I look forward to meeting you during the New Year's weekend Masses! Have a Blessed Advent Season!

Peace, Msgr. Kevin Kostelnik

Monsignor Kevin Kostelnik

Monsignor Kevin Kostelnik was born in Lorain, Ohio on June 20, 1955 and is the eldest child of Beverly and Joseph Kostelnik. Monsignor has one sister, Kathy and two brothers, Keith and Ken. Msgr. Kevin attended St. John's Seminary College and St. John's Seminary in Camarillo and was ordained to the Priesthood in 1982. In 1992, he received his Master's Degree in Liturgical Studies from the University of Notre Dame. Monsignor Kostelnik's first assignment was Associate Pastor at Saint John Fisher Church in Palos Verdes, California from 1982 to 1987. For two years he served as Associate Pastor of Saint Andrew Church in Pasadena. In 1989, Cardinal Roger Mahony appointed Monsignor Kostelnik as his Priest Secretary. In 1996, Monsignor Kostelnik was appointed first Pastor of the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. Msgr. Kevin enjoys working out at the Downtown Athletic Club, cooking Italian Pasta with friends in a Gourmet Group, barbecuing on the grill for the clergy in the Residence, and enjoying a glass, or two, of Chardonnay wine. For the past twelve years the Cathedral family got to know Msgr. Kevin's black Labrador, Joaquin, who went home to pet heaven last winter. One weekend every fall, you'll find Msgr. Kevin in the stands at the Notre Dame Stadium in South Bend, cheering on his favorite team, The Fighting Irish. On July 1, 2016 Monsignor Kostelnik will conclude his term as First Pastor of the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. Whether talking about the Cathedral, the renaissance of the downtown community or the goodness of people's lives, Msgr Kevin always tries to find something beautiful and transform it into something more beautiful!!

Written in 2015 when Msgr Kevin received the Seminary Alumni Award.



From Deacon Don's desk:

This Second Sunday of **Advent** Isaiah (whom you will hear from through Christmas) describes the future king as one full of "the spirit of the Lord." He will be gifted with what we Catholics call the gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge and fear of the Lord. These will enable the future king to act with justice, secure the rights of the poor, and punish the wicked. The Gospel of Matthew was directed to the Jewish Christians who wanted to be faithful to their covenant with God.


John the Baptist speaks harshly to the Pharisees and Sadducees who came to be baptized and warns them of the "coming wrath." Matthew's audience has doubt about what John the Baptist thinks about Jesus the Christ. Then Matthew answers forcefully, "John says the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals." John urges them to follow Him.

As we prepare for the coming of the Lord we too must repent. There is no better time than preparing by taking advantage of the upcoming Reconciliation Services in this Advent time.

OUR PRAYER: Father God help us to remember that Christmas is not something that happened but is something that is happening, and let us keep these things and ponder them in our hearts as did Your Blessed Mother. Amen

**Holy Day of Obligation
The Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday, December 8**
Vigil, December 7, Wednesday, 7:00 pm
Feast day, December 8, 8:00 am, and 7:00 pm

Rest In Peace
Died in Christ:
Marie Elise Miller



Together in Mission 2016
Goal: \$65,300
Pledged: \$66,907
Paid: \$64,511

Our goal has been reached in pledges, but we are a little short on the payments. A mailing has recently been sent to those who have not completed their pledge. Please watch for that, and be sure to send in your payment as soon as possible. The parishes and schools who benefit from Together in Mission thank you for your generosity!

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.
December 4 hosted by **Movement for a Better World**
December 11 hosted by **Cub Scouts**

Sunday:	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12
Monday:	Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday:	Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday:	Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Friday:	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday:	Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Faith Formation Office - Hours are Monday - Thursday 9am - 1pm, and Sunday 9am - noon.

Email religiosed@stjosephlb.org or 598-0519.

Little Saints Toddler Ministry – Little Saints is available at the 9am and 10:30 am Masses in the daycare room for those under the age of 5 when those who are Virtus trained are available to be there. We are reaching out for more helpers for our Little Saints to fill in on the days they are not available. This is a great opportunity for any high school youth who need service hours. This can be on a rotating basis. Call the RE office if interested.

Liturgy of the Word for Children is available to children 5 - 11 years 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 are provided.

Early Childhood and Elementary - Advent celebration on Sunday, **December 18**, at 11:00 in the hall. Parents please join us for this celebration!

Middle School - Christmas caroling at the convalescent home and pizza on Tuesday, **December 13**. Families are invited to attend!

No class on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 for Early Childhood, Elementary and Confirmation.

No class on Dec. 27 and Jan. 3 for Middle School.

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.

Women's Vocation Discernment Group – Are you open to the possibility that God is calling you to religious life? Want to hang out with a group of faithful women searching for answers? If YES, consider attending our Vocation Discernment Group for women 18+ **First Friday of the month**, Long Beach 7-9 pm. Please contact Sr. Val Roxburgh, SND Email: sistervalnsd@gmail.com, Cell: 805-452-9699.

Meditation and Advent

2000 years ago the stillness and silence of Christmas Eve was broken by the cry of a newborn infant named Jesus. The world was transformed with His coming. Won't you join us this Advent season as we listen for that still, small voice to be born anew in our hearts. The stillness and silence of our time together will renew your spirit and prepare your heart to receive the real gift of Christmas which is the mystery of Christ's living presence within. Meditation meets every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the School Library. ALL ARE WELCOME! No previous experience in Meditation is necessary.



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.

Women's Prayer, Study and Fellowship Group - We meet once a month. Next meeting will be at 7:00 at Parish Life Center on **December 5**. We will be studying Fr. Michael Gaitley's book, *The Second Greatest Story Ever Told*. For more information call Chris Serrano at 562-243-6959, cserrano5@msn.com or just come and join us!

Music Ministry

Children's Choir - Christmas rehearsals have begun. Children will sing Christmas Eve at the 4:00 pm Mass.

Adult Choir - Interested in joining for Christmas? We will be singing at St. Joseph Hospital mid-December. Christmas Eve our concert will be at 8 pm followed by the 9 pm Mass.

A Ministry for Married Couples - Looking to share the many blessings of married life? **Catholic Engaged Encounter** needs couples to minister to engaged couples. **No experience necessary**, free training provided. If you would like to share what you've learned as a married couple please consider this ministry. For more information: Website: www.CEEofLA.org Paciano and Molly Diaz, 310-729-5890 mollyandpaciano@gmail.com.

Bereavement Group will meet every first and third Monday evening, 7 p.m. in the Parish Life Center.



Women and Men of St. Joseph Parish

*Is your heart on fire for Christ, filled with the Holy Spirit, or like a candle in the wind, flickering, 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 will be Jan. 19-22 (Men), and Feb. 2-5 (Women).** Contact Dcn. Shane at sfcuda@yahoo.com or OCCursillo.org*

Did You Know? Be aware of the difference between accidental and suspicious bruises - Many children play hard, and can suffer bruises. Sometimes it's hard to tell if they are a result of abusive treatment. Follow this guideline to assess a child's bruising. Most accidental bruises are in common locations – knees, elbows, and foreheads. In contrast, bruises on a child's neck or back could indicate potential abuse. Although kids should be allowed to explore and learn their limits, suspicious bruises are warning signs that should not be ignored. For the full VIRTUS® article "Accidental vs. Suspicious Bruising," email jvienna@la-archdiocese.org or call 213-637-7227.



St. Joseph Senior Social Group

Join now for a fun 2017
\$10 a year Membership

Next meeting will be on December 12, 11:30-2:30. This will be our Christmas Lunch catered by Stonefire Grill. You must have made reservations to attend this lunch. Cost is \$15 for paid members and \$20 for guests. In case you haven't made reservations and want to come, contact Janet Gallagher at 430-3045 before December 9.

The St. Joseph Band will play Christmas music for us and the Alpha K and Kindergarteners will be singing Christmas songs.

Please remember to bring your gifts of new baby clothing and robes and gowns for the new mothers.

Let's be generous to this wonderful place this year.

Just a reminder, our meetings are now on the 2nd & 4th Mondays.

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

Fallbrook Avocado Festival - April 23, \$38. Once a year the little town of Fallbrook comes alive with their annual festival. With over a 100 vendors you will have plenty of time for browsing & sampling every type of product you can imagine. Big attraction is the "Holy Guaco-Moly Guacamole Contest. A great inexpensive getaway, lunch on your own.

Pageant of the Lord - South Bay's only Living Arts Pageant, April 2, \$65. If you have been to Laguna's Pageant of the Masters you will love this trip. A celebration of the promise and life of Jesus Christ portrayed in living reproductions of great works of art! Music by a 60 voice choir accompanied by a full orchestra. Lunch at Hometown Buffet.

Call Mary Lou 562-431-4385 or Gerry 562-420-32205.

Virtus Classes for those volunteering at our parish:

Go to the following website to find a class in our area: 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.** For those who have never attended, *Protecting God's Children* class. If you need to renew, *Keeping the Promise Alive.*

Retirement Fund for Religious Dec. 11 - Your donation works for aging religious by helping furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please support next week's collection and give to those who have given a lifetime. Please make your check to St. Joseph Church.

eGiving with Faith Direct - make contributions through direct debit from your checking/savings account or through your credit/debit card. Please visit www.faithdirect.net to enroll securely online. Our parish code is CA717.

"You are being enriched in every way for all generosity, which through us produces thanksgiving to God." 2 Cor 9:11.

This Weekend- 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. 11.

Dec 16 6:00 PM- Food Box Loading: We will distribute the School food drive, and Skip-a-Meal-purchased food for our 70 community supported families for Christmas.

Dec 17 8:30 AM- Christmas Food and Present Distribution: We will support 70 families through three holidays.

Can you help us deliver? Please call Amy 427-5917.

Skip-a-Meal Donations: Please be especially mindful during our holiday food and gift distributions. There are many opportunities to help, big and small. Please call Tim Clark 431-4385.



Volunteer to Tutor a Homeless Child - Just one hour a week can make a difference in the life of a child. School on Wheels is a volunteer organization with the mission of providing educational support for school aged children who live in shelters, motels, in foster group homes and on the street. Would you help a student succeed in school? Or is there another way you could be of help? It is an opportunity for you to encourage a child to learn and for your own life to be enriched. No experience necessary! We provide training! Apply online today - www.schoolonwheels.org

Stress in Your Marriage? - Retrouvaille, a peer marriage ministry, conducts programs to rediscover a loving marriage relationship for couples that feel alone, bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage, whether they have strained relations or have already separated or divorced. The program begins with a weekend stay followed by post-weekend sessions. For information, or to register for the next Los Angeles program beginning with a weekend on December 9-11, please call (909) 900-5465 or e-mail: 6006@retrouvaille.org

ESTHER MINISTRY -

End Slavery and Trafficking of Humans and Effect Rescue -

The main goal of the Esther Ministry is to provide education and awareness about the crime of Human Trafficking. Here is some

information provided by Sisters Against Trafficking:

"Human Trafficking is a modern-day form of slavery with over twenty-seven million people enslaved worldwide. It is a crime under state, federal and international law and is currently the fastest growing criminal activity, exceeded only by the illegal drug trade."

This crime is taking place in our own community. Stay alert, raise awareness with friends and neighbors, and support organizations that take care of those most likely to become victims (runaways, foster children, immigrants). If you would like to be a part of our Esther Ministry, please email us at estherministry1@gmail.com.



Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, December 3

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

SUNDAY, December 4

7:30 a.m. - † Joe Lozano

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

10:30 a.m. - † Stephen Stewart

12:30 p.m. - † Patrick Corry

MONDAY, December 5

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

TUESDAY, December 6

8:00 a.m. - † Leonard Stewart

WEDNESDAY, December 7

8:00 a.m. - † Duane Studer

7:00 p.m. - † John DeRuyter

THURSDAY, December 8

8:00 a.m. - Tonet Risko

7:00 p.m. - † Danny Lim

FRIDAY, December 9

8:00 a.m. - † Paul Lee

SATURDAY, December 10

5:00 p.m. - † Charles Branch

SUNDAY, December 11

7:30 a.m. - Tran brothers & Sylvia Dang

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

10:30 a.m. - † Stephen Stewart

12:30 p.m. - † Anthony & Madalyne Ursano

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.

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, Mary Jane McCormick, Gary Hillebrecht, Eileen Bentley, Delia Nix, Mike Brio, Noel Devine, Janeen Higbee, Jay Kefalas, Stacey Marcus, Shirley Morasse, Magali & Wendy Sapien, 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, Marie Mitchell, Dennis Cuda, Barbara Baine, Mark Ham, Odete Salvate, Joan Aimerito, June Kukahiko, Scott Reinard, Valerie Karner, Graciella Griffin, Cynthia Hogan, Bella Dassanayake, Mike & Colette DiHarce, Ellie Jacob, Josh Goulant, Jovie Diaz, David Dresnick, Christine Cooper, Pam Williams, Thelma Gouchenour, baby Gabriel Mafi, Josephine Ryan, Kim Rotondo, Gene Cooper, John Hogan, Nancy Mulry, Roland Fraga, Debbie Leveque, Jack Lopez, Nancy Jeffreys, Jesse Perez, Brice Gomes, Pat Murach, Frank Stassi, Patrick Mandich & Bernie Rollinger.

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	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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

562-598-0519

DIRECTOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	Virginia Young	
ELEMENTARY,		
MIDDLE SCHOOL	Virginia Young	598-0519
YOUTH MINISTRY/ CONFIRMATION	Marc Leon	598-0519
EARLY CHILDHOOD	Gina Mascaro	598-0519
LITURGY/CHILDREN	Virginia Young	598-0519
RCIC (Children)	Virginia Young	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	Olga Cuda	594-4657

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

PASTORAL COUNCIL	Anne Weaver	498-7008
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HOSPITALITY MINISTRY MOVEMENT FOR A BETTER WORLD	John/Deborah Rollinger	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	sparishfair@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