

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

THURS, Dec 31: 4pm MASS. Open House till ???

5pm: New Year's Eve party, SDC till?????

FRI, Jan 1, 2016: Holyday Mass, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls. Pray for Peace.

SUN, Jan 3: EPIPHANY (Three Wise Men) Mass, 10:30am.

Rosca de Reyes after Mass. Wonderful, fun Mexican custom!

SUN, Jan 10, Baptism of the Lord Mass, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls.

Mass, 4pm, St. Julie Billiart, 7399 W. 159<sup>th</sup>, Tinley Park.

SUN, Jan 17, 10:30AM Mass (large church/interpreted). Coffee & rolls.

NO Mass, St. Julie Billiart that Sunday.

SUN, Jan 24, 10:30am Mass. Coffee & rolls. Mass, 4pm, St. Mary of Vernon.

THURS, Jan 29, 9am-2pm, Senior Citizen Social, St. Francis Borgia.

SAT, Jan 9, 4-9PM: "The Day of the Three Wise Kings", Illinois Deaf Latino Association. Anixter Center, 2032 N. Clybourn, CHGO. RSVP: Jan.5<sup>th</sup>. 1-773-273-6477vp, idla.response@gmail.com

SPRINGHILL SUITES HOTEL 8101 W. Higgins, Chicago is a wonderful place for family and friends to stay when in Chicago. The rooms are very nice. The breakfast every morning is included in the cost. Swimming pool & exercise room. FREE parking. 1 minute from the expressway, not far from the blue line train. FREE shuttle to and from O'Hare airport.

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/chico-springhill-suites-chicago-ohare/>

WARNING: All POLICE OFFICERS will be working DEC.31-JAN 3<sup>rd</sup>. Obey ALL traffic laws: DUI, insurance required, wear seat-belts, no speeding, no texting/talking while driving.

PRAY FOR...Fidel Martinez, Mark Kubey, Nathan Kucera, Evelyn Rzasa, Bob Healy, Majka family, Balsitis sisters, George & Laverne Lastrico, John/Sylvia Kolinek, Susan Postl, Marie Volpentesta, Donna Taylor, Anthony Ariano, Susan Meade. KEVIN ROUDEBUSCH (40) who died 12/9 in New York. FRANKLIN SOMMER, brother-in-law of PATRICIA SLISZ who died 12/12.

**READ YOUR BIBLE:**

12/27: Sirach 3:2-6, Psalm 128, Colossians 3:12-21, Luke 2:41-52.

12/28: THE HOLY INNOCENTS. 1 John 5:-2:2/ Matthew 2:13-18

12/29: ST. THOMAS BECKET(English king murdered him 1170)

1 John 2:3-11/Luke 2:22-35

12/30: 1 John 2:12-17/ Luke 2:36-40

12/31: 1 John 2:18-21/John 1:1-18

1/1: Numbers 6:22-27/ Psalm 67/Galatians 4:4-7/ Luke 2:16-21

1/2: Saints Basil(379) & Gregory Nanzianzen (389). 1 John 2:22-28/ John 1:19-28

1/3: Isaiah 60: 1-6/ Psalm 72/ Ephesians 3:2-6/ Matthew 2:1-12

IMPORTANT! The State of Illinois is no longer sending notices to renew your sticker. Check your license plate to see when your sticker expires. Go to [www.ilsos.gov/greenmail](http://www.ilsos.gov/greenmail) to sign up for reminders and to buy a new sticker.

**The Catholic Office of the Deaf will be closed Dec 28 to Jan. 3. If there is an emergency or funeral, call or text Fr. Joe at 312-685-7899.**

## **SOME NOTES FROM FR. JOE:**

ROSCA DE REYES is a fun, Mexican custom to begin the New Year. Everyone, young and old, can join in the tradition after our Mass 1/3/2016.

THANK YOU for so many beautiful cards, nice gifts this Christmas. You are always very generous and kind to me.

Why is 2016 such an important year? In November, we will elect a new President, a Senator from Illinois, and all Congressional Representatives. It is important that EVERY DEAF PERSON, EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTS OUR DEAF COMMUNITY be REGISTERED TO VOTE. WHY?

Because...some of the people who want to be President or the Senator from Illinois do NOT support the ADA. They think that the ADA should be eliminated or at least lose its power. If DEAF people do NOT vote, then they cannot complain when they no longer can get interpreters at hospitals or police or court. If you have NOT registered to vote, do so as soon as possible...please!

<http://www.rockthevote.com/>

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION. People make all sorts of promises for the New Year. "I will lose weight. I will exercise more. I will stop smoking." Pope Francis has asked us to make one promise, "I WILL BE MERCIFUL." This is NOT an easy promise to keep. However, the Pope feels we should work and pray hard to be more merciful in how we talk to one another, how we talk about one another, how we treat one another.

HELP YOUR LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT/EMS (Emergency Medical Service)

IF you are deaf and/or you have someone in your home who is deaf and/or has a disability, inform your local 911 operator. Ask that a note be added to the home address file that someone in your home has special needs. For more info:

<https://webapps1.cityofchicago.org/volunteerregistry/>

Recently, Pope Francis stated that we should NOT try to convert Jewish people to Christianity. Why? Because the Pope believes what St. Paul wrote in chapter 9-11, the Letter (Epistle) to the Romans: God will save the people of Israel in God's time, God's plan. They did NOT stop being God's "Chosen People" because of Jesus.

Remember, when the snow comes, keeping sidewalks ice-free is an important way to protect yourself and passersby from injury. It's also the law in Chicago, and many suburban municipalities. According to Chicago's code, "Every owner, lessee, tenant, occupant or other person having charge of any building or lot of ground abutting upon any public way or public space shall remove the snow and ice from the sidewalk." Residents & businesses who do not follow this rule could face fines of \$50 to \$500. Chicago has a Snow Corps for helping seniors and people with disabilities. To volunteer or request help, go to:

[www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/mayor/snowportal/snow\\_corps.html](http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/mayor/snowportal/snow_corps.html)