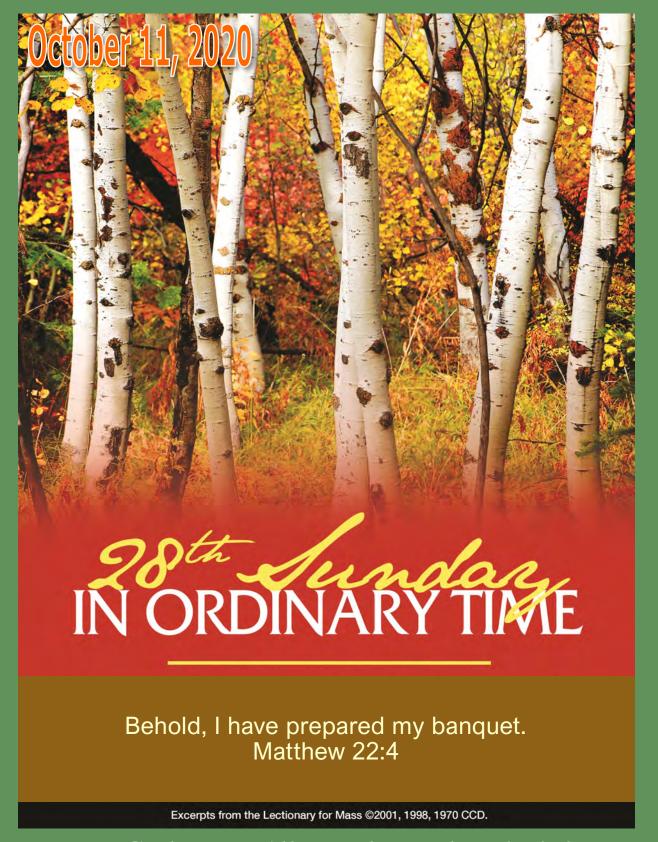
# St. John Fisher Church



Love God. Love All People. Make Disciples.

## ADMINISTRATION

Msgr. David A. Sork, Pastor, dasork@sjf.org	x123
Rev. Thomas Park, Assoc. Pastor, frtpark@sjf.org	x124
Rev. Bernard Kalu, Assoc. Pastor, frkalu@sjf.org	x125

#### PARISH OFFICE

310-377-5571

8 am - 7:30 pm Monday - Thursday

8 am - 5 pm Friday

9 am - 3 pm Saturday

8:30 am - 2 pm Sunday

Parish Administrator, Gayle Plecha, gplecha@sjf.org x106 Columbarium, Andrea Fowler, agfowler@sjf.org x154

#### OFFICES OF FAITH FORMATION

310-377-4573

8:30 am - 12:30 pm - Sunday (when class in session) 8:30 am - 5:00 pm - Monday - Friday

### **Director of Religious Education**

Margaret Johnson, mjohnson@sjf.org x136

## Coordinator of Confirmation and Youth Ministry

x145 Katie Dante, kdante@sjf.org

#### Director of Evangelization

x130 Misty Jesse, mjesse@sjf.org

Parish Library - Call for availability x130

#### SCHOOL OFFICE

310-377-2800

7:30 am - 3:30 pm Monday - Friday

**During School Year** 

x140 **Principal**, Anne-Marie Hudani, principal@sjf.org Secretary, Joanne Selvaggio, jselvaggio@sjf.org x139

#### 310-377-5571 MUSIC MINISTRY

Music Director

Grant Hungerford, sjfmusic@sjf.org x115

#### PASTORAL COUNCIL

Chair

Chris Ratliff, cratliff@sjf.org

#### 310-377-5571 Women's Council

Chair

Bernie Maynard, wcouncil@sjf.org

#### LOST AND FOUND

Please stop by the Parish Office for lost items. Our shelf is filled with items such as eye glasses, umbrellas, cell phones, etc. Items not picked up will be donated to PV Resale.

#### PV RESALE

310-534-1722

2321 Pacific Coast Hwy, Lomita, CA 90717

## **Welcome To Saint John Fisher**



We are a welcoming Parish. Whatever your present status in the Catholic Church, whatever your current family or marital situation, your past or present religious affiliation, your personal history, age, background, race or color, sexual orientation, your self-esteem: you are invited, welcomed, accepted,

loved, and respected by the Catholic Community of St. John Fisher.

## **World Mission Sunday - Next Sunday**

Church to support the mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands and not We will celebrate World Mission Sunday on Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers, and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of Faith.



## **Special Mass of Remembrance**



The parish will celebrate a special Mass of Remembrance on Monday, November 2nd at 7:30 pm for parishioners and their loved ones who have died between November 2019 and October 2020. Due to COVID-19, the Mass of Remembrance will be livestreamed. If you have

a family member or friend who died during the past year but was not buried from SJF, or whose name you did not report to the office for a pulpit announcement and prayers, please call the parish office 310-377-5571. We will arrange to have your loved one's name announced during the Mass of Remembrance. When their name is announced a candle will be placed by the altar. This special Mass affords us all an opportunity to pray for your loved ones and surround those of you who recently have suffered a loss with our love, support, and prayers. Deadline to include your loved one's name is October 31st.

## **Support Needy Parishes through Together in Mission**

St. John Fisher is very blessed to have generous parishioners who continue to support our parish during this time of COVID -19 restrictions. At the same time, many parishes in the Archdiocese are struggling financially. Your gifts to Together in Mission ensure that every Catholic living in the Archdiocese has a parish to celebrate their



faith and access to Catholic school education. You are living your faith through your actions when you support Together in Mission. Please consider making a gift at www.ourmissionla.org/give.

> Goal: \$233,676 Pledged: \$181,121 \$142,440 Paid:

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## **Eucharistic Adorers Needed**

We need more adorers who could spend an hour in Eucharistic Adoration in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, at the outside alcove off the Plaza Room every Thursday and Friday from 9 am to 5 pm. We still need additional adorers for the following hours: Thursday, 2pm and 3 pm; and Friday 10 am, 12 pm, and 3 pm. If you are interested in being a regular or substitute adorer, please call Carlyn Quinto at 310-377-5571 or email at carlynquinto@earthlink.net.

## Join us every day for Mass Outdoors and Online

St. John Fisher will continue to livestream Daily 8 am and Sunday 9 am Masses. To watch, visit our website at www.sjf.org. Communion will be distributed after all livestreamed Masses. The priest will announce where they will be distributing communion. Outdoor Masses will take place Monday-Friday 5:15 pm, Saturday 5 pm, and Sunday 11 am and 5 pm outside the church on the plaza. Parishioners are required to wear a face covering and maintain at least 6 feet distance from one another.

Fr. Park

## Mass Intentions - October 10 - October 18

#### OCTOBER 10, SATURDAY

8:00 am Adriano Saura†
5:00 pm Teresita Del Fierro†
OCTOBER 11. SUNDAY

9:00 am Parishioners Fr. Kalu 11:00 am Isabella Pugeda Ofsanko† Fr. Park 5:00 pm Esteban Alba† Fr. Kalu

OCTOBER 12, MONDAY

8:00 am Jose Sanchez† 5:15 pm Teresita Del Fierro†

OCTOBER 13, TUESDAY

8:00 am Dane Robertson†
5:15 pm Ray Bucher†
OCTOBER 14, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am Henry Joseph Humberstone†

5:15 pm Dick Cowan†
OCTOBER 15, THURSDAY
8:00 am Dori Hansen†
5:15 pm Kristen Malabanan

OCTOBER 16, FRIDAY

8:00 am Gilbert Fernandez†
5:15 pm Charles Bowlus†

8:00 am Florencia Tan
5:00 pm Thomas Schore

5:00 pm Thomas Schorer† Msgr. Sork

OCTOBER 18, SUNDAY

9:00 amHeather Beatty, M.D.Fr. Park11:00 amParishionersMsgr. Sork5:00 pmJudy Daponte†Fr. Kalu

## **Weekly Readings**

**Monday**: Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1 and Luke 11:29-32

**Tuesday**: Galatians 5:1-6 and Luke 11:37-41 **Wednesday**: Galatians 5:18-25 and Luke 11:42-46 **Thursday**: Ephesians 1:1-10 and Luke 11:47-54 **Friday**: Ephesians 1:11-14 and Luke 12:1-7 **Saturday**: Ephesians 1:15-23 and Luke 12:8-12

**Sunday**: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b and Matthew

22:15-21

#### SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil

5:00 pm (outside church)

Sunday

9:00 am (livestream only)

11:00 am (outside church)

5:00 pm (outside church)

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday-Friday

8:00 am (livestream only)

5:15 pm (outside church)

Saturday

8:00 am (livestream only)

#### HOLY DAYS

Vigil: 5:30 pm

Mass: 6:30 am, 8:00 am, 7:30 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

(CONFESSIONS) - OUTSIDE NEAR CHURCH

Monday, Wednesday through Friday,

4:45-5:10 pm;

Tuesday, 7:00 pm; Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 pm

or by appointment.

#### **BAPTISMS**

Every 4th Sunday of the month. Contact Parish Office or visit www.sjf.org for details.

#### MARRIAGE

Arrangements should be made with the Priest at least six months in advance.

#### PARISHIONERS WHO ARE ILL/HOMEBOUND

If you would like to receive the Sacraments of Communion, Reconciliation, or Anointing of the Sick, please call **310-377-5571**.

## **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Spend an hour in honor of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Regular adorers are needed Thursday and Friday from 9 am to 5:00 pm. For information, contact Carlyn Quinto at 310-377-5571 or carlynquinto@earthlink.net

#### NEED A CARING LISTENER?

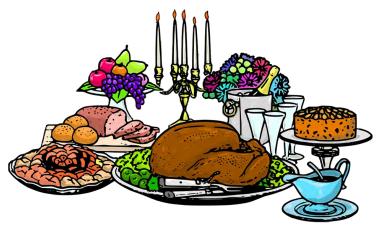
Call the Stephen Ministry Hotline at 310-541-1403.

#### PRAYER TREE

Contact Bev Fink at 310-377-5571 or

penhimom@hotmail.com. Please write "SJF Prayer Tree" in the subject line.

## **CHILDREN**



## Home is Holy: God's Banquet is Ready!

This Sunday's first reading talks about an amazing banquet, a feast to which all are invited. God is preparing wonderful things for all of us, both now and in the future. Imagine a world where there is no sorrow, and no death. A world where everyone has what they need, and no one is ever hungry or thirsty. This is the world God wants us to have. Unfortunately, sometimes we get so worried about bad things that happen, that we forget to look for the good things all around us. Even in the very worst times, God is there for us, inviting us to come to the banquet. Take some time today to notice some of the gifts God has given you. Tell your family about them. And don't forget to thank God for the banquet of blessings you receive every day!

## Religious Education has begun, but it is not too late to register!

This year we will be starting Religious Education with home-schooling. Children will receive student books, and parents will be given coaching on key points of the lessons with brief videos. We don't want to impose more screen time on the students, and certainly don't want to give the parents a million more things to deal with. We hope this will be a fun, friendly, easy way for the children to learn about our faith. If you haven't registered for RE Classes yet, you can still do so! The link for registration is: https://tinyurl.com/SchoolSpeak-SJF2020-21. New families: To start your registration, follow the link and then click on "Request account." You will be sent login information and additional registration instructions.

Margaret Johnson | Director of Religious Education K-8 | (310) 377-4573 ext 136 | mjohnson@sjf.org

## HIGH SCHOOL TEENS

## Prayer for the Difficult Times we Face during Covid or Beyond:

O my Lord Jesus Christ,
I lift up my heart to you in my suffering
and ask for your comforting help.
I know you would withhold the thorns of this life
if I could attain eternal life without them.
And so I commit myself to your loving mercy,
accepting this suffering in your name.
Grant me the grace to bear it
and to offer it in union with your sufferings, Lord.
Regardless of the difficult challenges that may come my way,
let me trust you always, for you are my Lord, my God, and my All.
AMEN



## Virtual Life Night - Open to All High School Youth

This is a free, online presentation for SJF high school youth to connect with our teens and to hit some topics pertinent to this age group. This online presentation is posted every Sunday at 6:45pm. It is recorded, so teens may view it at their chosen time. We encourage all teens to be connecting with other Catholic youth during this tough time of Covid. Please email Zack Zuvich at zzuvich@sjf.org for the link or find it on the rotating banner at www.sjf.org.

## SJF SCHOOL



## The Life Cycle of an Apple

The crisp days of fall and the season of apples arrived in Transitional Kindergarten last week. During the past few days, all lessons focused on apples. In science, the children studied the life cycle of an apple and learned the different apple parts.

The children read *Ten Apples Up On Top* and enjoyed the rhythmic language and colorful pictures of Dr. Seuss' book. The children also read a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts about Johnny Appleseed. On Friday, the little ones watched a short film about Johnny Appleseed and squealed with delight at the sight of an adult wearing a pot on his head. To further engage the little ones' senses, the children tasted three different apples - red, yellow and green!





## **Pray for Sick**

Cheryl Benyi Mike Friedman

## Continue to Pray For...

Seyi Adisa Dave and Joan Matson Susan Anderson Molly Meng Paul Belfy Frank McCormick Jane Bodine Michael McCormick Raymond Bodine Maura McGuinness Emma Breslin Thadd McNamara Pening Chacon Betty Mullen Michelle Clarke Clare Nolan Schmidt Families Don Duperon William H. Sheridan Eugenia Eyherabide Gloria Fink Peter W. Smith Sadru Hudani Joan Sing Florencia Tan Sr. Louise Joseph, SP Jeanne Leo Judy Ann Tan Alice Valdes Maria Esther Lopez Tom Villardi Margaret Majid

## **Pray for Deceased**

Robert Cahill, husband of Diana Cahill Jerome Gliksman, husband of Kathleen Gliksman Elizabeth Tancinco, sister of Ramon Pelayo Kathleen Way

# Pray for Military Personnel and Families

Private Miranda Grosso, USA Sergeant Jacob Arnold, USA-Green Beret Maj. Cesare Santarosa, USA Maj. Christina Shelton, USA Kenny Soto, AFRC Ben Soto, AIRF Sergeant First Class Teresa Perrin, USA Chief Warrant Office McKinderee Perrin, USA

If you have a loved one deployed overseas serving in the Military and would like his/her name on the prayer list and/ or picture on the Military Board, please contact the Parish Office **310-377-5571**. Pictures should be approximately 4" x 5," and may be dropped off at the office, ATTN: Military Board. IMPORTANT: Please include a contact name and phone number. The Military Board is in the church narthex.

#### STEWARDSHIP OF OUR TREASURE

October 4, 2020 \$19,623.00 October 6, 2019 \$27,906.82

Thank You for your continued generosity

## Concern America: Grow a Global Heart

St. John Fisher will be hosting a Concern America virtual fair trade craft sale at marketplace.concernamerica.org on Saturday, October 10 through Sunday, October 25, featuring unique and quality handcrafts that provide us with the opportunity to "buy gifts with a purpose." Please leave the name of St. John Fisher in the note section when checking out. We have long welcomed Concern America in person to sell their beautiful and life transforming handcrafts, and this year we will host their sale virtually. To learn more about Concern America visit concernamerica.org.

#### **Book Club**

The Book Club meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 pm via Zoom. The next meeting is on October 20 to discuss *This Must be the Place* by Maggie O'Farrell. You will find our upcoming books on Goodreads.com; search "SJF Book Club" and find us under "groups." Contact Deb Kagei at sjfbookclub@gmail.com for Zoom invite or more information.



## Connect Groups



Come together with others and connect with God. Create a safe place to support each other and listen to each other. Contact Martha Newton at sjfconnectgroups@gmail.com to find your group.

## **Volunteers Needed - House of Yahweh**

The House of Yahweh is a community service charity in Lawndale, CA serving the poor and homeless powered by the labor of dedicated volunteers who donate their time and talent for the good of the community. Our volunteers work in a safe and healthy environment



wearing gloves, masks, and sanitizing high frequent areas while practicing social distancing. If interested, please call Donna Quirk at 310-675-6412.

## Isn't anyone listening?



It's something we do well. If you feel it would be helpful to have a confidential space and caring listener as you are trying to work out a problem in your own mind, please consider a Stephen Minister. We would be happy to act as a sounding

board as you work out solutions. Call Stephen Ministry at 310-541-1403.

## Did you Know? Is your caregiver safe?

Many families are stretched thin during this pandemic and may be relying on childcare from different places — family members, neighborhood swaps, or in-home care. Any time you leave your child in someone else's care, make sure you do your due diligence on the safety of the caregiver. Fundamentally, you must trust the caregiver is a safe person -ask for references, conduct interviews, survey the physical space where your child will be playing, sleeping, eating. Discuss the level and kind of supervision your child needs to be sure the caregiver understands what you expect, given your child's age and activity level. It is also important to consider whether the caregiver is able to care for your child physically and emotionally. For example, older family members may not be able to chase energetic young children for a full day. Even if it feels like your options are limited, your child's safety is critical. For more information, visit https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/. Parish Safeguard the Children Contact: Margaret Johnson, 310-377-4573 x136, mjohnson@sjf.org.

## Faithful Citizenship 2020 - Wednesday, October 21

Join us for a livestreamed, Faithful Citizenship panel presentation at St. John Fisher Church on Wednesday, October 21, from 7 pm to 8:30 pm. Panel presenters include Msgr. Sork, John Torelli and Chris Ratliff. To participate in Q & A please register through Livestream at the start of the event.

## **Evening of Hope**

Join us for the Pregnancy Help Center's 8th Annual (Virtual) Fundraising Event - Evening of Hope, on October 29 at 7 pm. Guest speakers are Fr. Frank Pavone & Dr. Alveda King. This is a free online event. The Center



offers hope and help for women in unplanned pregnancies so that they can choose life for their preborn babies. For additional information or to register to watch the event, go to eveningofhope.LIFE or contact Gigi at PHC at 424-263-4855 or gigiharnden@phctorrance.org.



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

#### This Week At St. John Fisher

## Sunday, 10/11

9:30 am RCIA Dismissal-Catechesis – via Zoom 6:45 pm Virtual Life Night – via YouTube

#### **Monday**, 10/12

11 am Robert Cahill Funeral – Outside Church Plaza

#### Tuesday, 10/13

9:30 am Senior Fitness – via Zoom 7 pm Great Adventure Bible Study: Prophets – via Zoom

## Wednesday, 10/14

7 pm A-Men & Women Faith Sharing Group - via Zoom

#### Thursday, 10/15

9 am Eucharistic Adoration – Outside Church Plaza
9:30 am Senior Fitness – via Zoom
10 am Seekers –via Zoom
5:50 Divine Mercy Chaplet – Outside Church Plaza
6:15 pm Life Teen Bite Size Bible Study – via YouTube

#### Friday, 10/16

9 am Eucharistic Adoration – Outside Church Plaza 7:30 pm Chinese Bible Study – via Skype

#### Saturday, 10/17

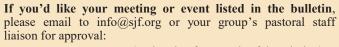
11 am First Communion – Outside Church Plaza

## **Sunday, 10/18**

World Mission Sunday Collection 9:30 am RCIA Dismissal-Catechesis – via Zoom 6:45 pm Virtual Life Night – via YouTube

#### Save the Date!

Great Adventure Bible Series: Prophets – September 22-November 24
Concern America Virtual Craft Sale – October 11-25
Faithful Citizenship Panel 2020 Livestream – October 21
Mass of Remembrance Livestream – November 2
Walk with Christ – November 4
Military Ministry Collection – November 7-8
Christmas Sale at PV Resale – November 14-15
Giving Tree Gift Drop off – November 28 – December 21
Walk with Christ – December 2
Giving Tree Gift Distribution – December 21



- Event or group name (optional: a few words of description)
- Meeting date and time
- Meeting place
- Point of contact

Your event or meeting may run for up to 4 bulletins. Space limitations prevent permanent or standing announcements.

Thank you to our ADVERTISERS

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# Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic? Are you missing some of your sacraments such as First Communion or Confirmation? Our RCIA program runs end of August through May with classes taking place on Sunday mornings. Adult Confirmation classes are offered in the fall. Currently because of pandemic restrictions we are offering Inquiry through the Zoom platform on the 1st Monday of the month at 7 pm. Our next Zoom Inquiry session is Monday, November 2 at 7 pm. The subject is Role of Scripture in the Church. If you would be interested in joining our next Inquiry session, please email Misty at mjesse@sjf.org.

# **Adult Faith Formation & Pastoral Care** SJF Online Bible Studies

Series: Growing in the Word

Currently Available: Revelation, Gospel of Matthew,

Book of Ruth

Location: SJF Website – www.sjf.org – Faith Formation–

Online Bible Studies

Presenter: Misty Jesse, PhD, DMin **Bible Study: The Prophets** 

Location: Zoom

Facilitator: Misty Jesse, PhD, DMin

Time: Tuesdays, 7-8:30 pm

Dates: September 22-November 24

Faithful Citizenship

Location: Livestream SJF Website

Panel Presentation

Date & Time: Wednesday, October 21, 7-8:30 pm

**A-Men and Women Faith Sharing** 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the Month

Location: Zoom

Facilitator: Hanan Tanios, M.D.

For Zoom invite contact Hanan at 310-377-5571

RCIA Inquiry

Location: Zoom

Topic: "Role of Scripture in the Church"

Date: 1st Monday of the Month, November 2nd, 7 pm

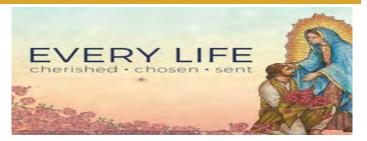
Facilitator: RCIA Ministry Team

Pre-Baptism Class Location: Zoom

Facilitator: Pre-Baptism Team Date: 2nd Monday of the Monday

Time: 7-8:30 pm

Call: Parish office for registration



## Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

Catholic teaching about the dignity of life calls us to oppose torture, unjust war, and the indiscriminate use of drones for violent purposes; to prevent genocide and attacks against noncombatants; to oppose racism; to oppose human trafficking; and to overcome poverty and suffering. Nations are called to protect the right to life by seeking effective ways to combat evil and terror without resorting to armed conflicts except as a last resort after all peaceful means have failed, and to end the use of the death penalty as a means of protecting society from violent crime. We revere the lives of children in the womb, the lives of persons dying in war and from starvation, and indeed the lives of all human beings as children of God. We stand opposed to these and all activities that contribute to what Pope Francis has called "a throwaway culture." As Pope Francis has said, human trafficking is a "crime against humanity" (Address, Dec. 12, 2013, and April 10, 2014) and should be eradicated from the earth. Trafficking victims, most especially children, should receive care and protection, including special consideration for permanent legal status. Additional education mobilization efforts are needed to address the root causes of human trafficking-poverty, conflict, and the breakdown of judicial process in source countries.

## **Military Ministry Collection - Camp Pendleton**

The St. John Fisher Military Ministry recently became aware of the Rotary Clubs of Los Angeles' effort to assist the young spouses and children of United States Marine Corps enlisted personnel at Camp Pendleton. We feel that supporting the families of these young warriors is something our ministry and parish will support. There are about 70,000 Marines at Camp Pendleton, and more than 160 babies are born there each month. There are 10,000 children under the age of five and most families arrive with only what they can fit in their car. These young men and women are meagerly paid and do not have the funds to adequately furnish an apartment and clothe their children. Items in greatest need are: baby & young children clothing, diapers, toys, books, bathtubs, strollers, cribs, furniture, dishes, cookware, food prep utensils, mattresses with no stains or holes, bedding, etc. Gift cards (\$25) from Target or Walmart always help as well as checks made out to "Camp Pendleton Community Service Fund". This is a 501 (c) (3) organization. We will have Military Ministry members accepting donations after the Saturday, Oct. 24 5 pm Mass and the Sunday, Oct. 25 11 am Mass. If you have furniture or other large items call Kit Ruona at 310-377-5571 to arrange having it picked up. Thank you for helping these families!

# Sacrament Preparation Information

**Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion** is a two-year process. Generally children begin in Grade 1, but they may begin at any age. Students enroll in their appropriate grade level Religious Education classes or attend the Parish School.

If you would like your child to receive First Communion in 2022, and you have not registered for Religious Education or the Parish School, please register as soon as possible. The program has already begun this year. To register for Religious Education, go to: https://tinyurl.com/SchoolSpeak-SJF2020-21. New families: To start your registration, follow the link and then click on "Request account." You will be sent login information and additional registration instructions.



The program for children in the second year of preparation will begin later this fall. Families will receive a calendar and detailed information in late October.