

St. John Fisher Church

November 8, 2020



32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Matthew 25:13

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Love God. Love All People. Make Disciples.

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Chair

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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.

Annual Financial Report

Last weekend, members of the St. John Fisher Finance Council presented the parish annual financial report at the end of most Masses. If you missed it, you can view it on our website www.sjf.org. The written report can be found by clicking on "Liturgical Resources" on the home page of the website. To view the presentation by a Finance Council member, please click on "Watch Mass", then select the Sunday 9 am Mass, November 1, and fast forward to minute 59:00. If you have any questions about the report, please contact the parish office or send an email to financecouncil@sjf.org.

Give Electronically

With Thanksgiving and the Season of Advent coming up, enrolling in Faith Direct is a great way to ensure your gifts to St. John Fisher are received even while you are traveling for the holidays. Already using Faith Direct? Don't forget to add your Christmas or End-of-Year contributions to your account. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use church code: CA436 or text to **424-352-7722**. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!



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:	\$186,311
Paid:	\$153,329

Pastoral Council would like your input!

The Pastoral Council has assembled a Covid-19 committee to address your concerns. We welcome your thoughts and recommendations about Mass at SJF. Please email thoughts or suggestions to: Dave Williams dwilliams@sjf.org, Janos Bakos jbakos@sjf.org, Joseph McGuinness jmcguinness@sjf.org, Sheila Bloodgood sbloodgood@sjf.org, Steve Izuno sizuno@sjf.org



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Banns of Marriage

Brian Sullivan - Karie Koecheler

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.



Mass Intentions - November 7 - November 15

NOVEMBER 7, SATURDAY

8:00 am John Joseph Hickey†
5:00 pm All Souls Fr. Park

NOVEMBER 8, SUNDAY

9:00 am All Souls Fr. Kalu
11:00 am Pat Peaper† Fr. Park
5:00 pm Parishioners Msgr. Sork

NOVEMBER 9, MONDAY

8:00 am John Raiswell
5:15 pm All Souls

NOVEMBER 10, TUESDAY

8:00 am Harvey Spiro†
5:15 pm All Souls

NOVEMBER 11, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am Estrella Rey†
5:15 pm All Souls

NOVEMBER 12, THURSDAY

8:00 am All Souls
5:15 pm Marie Soto†

NOVEMBER 13, FRIDAY

8:00 am Lillian Cummings†
5:15 pm All Souls

NOVEMBER 14, SATURDAY

8:00 am All Souls
5:00 pm Marie Soto† Fr. Kalu

NOVEMBER 15, SUNDAY

9:00 am All Souls Fr. Park
11:00 am Parishioners Msgr. Sork
5:00 pm Charles Bowlus† Fr. Kalu

Weekly Readings

Monday: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12, 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17 and John 2:13-22

Tuesday: Titus 2:1-8, 11-14 and Luke 17:7-10

Wednesday: Titus 3:1-7 and Luke 17:11-19

Thursday: Philemon 7-20 and Luke 17:20-25

Friday: 2 John 4-9 and Luke 17:26-37

Saturday: 3 John 5-8 and Luke 18:1-8

Sunday: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, and Matthew 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

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) - INSIDE OF PAC - GYM

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**.

EUCCHARISTIC 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 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: Be prepared for God!

If you were going to run a marathon, what are some things you would have to do ahead of time? Do you think you would be prepared to run such a long distance if each day for a week before the race you only ran around the block and then took a nap? Do you think your feet would be able to carry you the whole distance if you only had flip-flops to wear? In the Gospel today, Jesus uses a story to help us understand how important it is to be ready to welcome God into our lives. We need to prepare in advance. If each day we try a little harder to follow Jesus' example of love, we will grow in holiness and can recognize that we see God in other people and in the world around us every day!

A Season of Giving

Would your family like to help out others during the upcoming holiday season? It may seem too early to start thinking about it, but because of the Covid-19 pandemic, advance planning is necessary. The need is great, and there are many ways you can help. One very popular program is the Adopt A Family program, where members of St. John Fisher parish "adopt" needy families at our sister parish, *Sagrado Corazon* in Cudahy. We have been helping bring Christmas to needy families at *Sagrado Corazon* for 12 years, and will find a way to do it again this year, even with social distancing! We also are sponsoring a Toy Drive for Fosterall, an organization that helps place children in foster homes. This year we have been asked to collect unwrapped toys and gifts for girls ages 11-13. Gift cards (preferred \$25 value) are also gratefully welcomed. Please contact Margaret Johnson, mjohnson@sjf.org, for more information on either program.



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

HIGH SCHOOL TEENS

Gospel Recap: "Use Your Mistakes as Light for Others"

This week Jesus advises his followers to prepare themselves. The early Christians thought the world might end at any time. This Gospel challenged them to take an honest, prayerful look at how they were living. We aren't expecting the world to end soon, but we still need to prepare ourselves in the same way. We all make mistakes, and we all sin. If we look honestly at those times, repent, and learn from them, then our mistakes and sins can prepare us to help others. For example, have you made mistakes with alcohol or other drugs? Have you been gossiping or bullying someone? Have you been too judgmental or too materialistic? Repent now and learn from those mistakes, and let them prepare you to help others avoid them. This week look honestly at your mistakes. Don't be ashamed of them. Ask God to help you make them lamps that give others light for their lives.



Lifeteen Online Activities -- Open to All High School Youth

This is an opportunity for SJF high school youth to connect with God and to go over some topics pertinent to this age group. We encourage all teens to be connecting with other Catholic youth during this tough time of Covid 19. Here is the link to the SJF Life Teen Youtube:





**St. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL'S
FIRST HALLOWEEN CAR PARADE**



Pray for Sick

Alice Escandon
Maricela Lopez, daughter of Jesus Lopez

Continue to Pray For...

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| Seyi Adisa | Margaret Majid |
| Paul Belfy | Dave and Joan Matson |
| Cheryl Benyi | Frank McCormick |
| Jane Bodine | Michael McCormick |
| Raymond Bodine | Maura McGuinness |
| Tola Boubion | Thadd McNamara |
| Emma Breslin | MaryClare McQuade |
| Leo James Bourgeois | Betty Mullen |
| Juleann Bukovchik | Clare Nolan |
| Pening Chacon | Sr. Josephine Paolinelli, SP |
| Michelle Clarke | Pio Perez |
| Don Duperon | Schmidt Families |
| Eugenia Eyherabide | William H. Sheridan |
| Gloria Fink | Peter W. Smith |
| Mike Friedman | Joan Sing |
| Miriam Guevara | Florencia Tan |
| Dr. Charles A. Huebner | Judy Ann Tan |
| Zsuzsa Huebner | David Tomblin, Sr |
| Sadru Hudani | Alice Valdes |
| Jeanne Leo | Tom Villardi |

Pray for Deceased

Pat Constantini, husband of Kathy Constantini
Fergus Foley, nephew of Josephine Heffernan

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

November 1, 2020 \$26,685.00

November 3, 2019 \$24,991.81

Thank You for your continued generosity

Eucharistic Adoration

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: Friday 10 am, 12 pm, and 2 pm. If you are interested in being a regular or substitute adorer, please call Carlyn Quinto at **310-480-2291** or email at carlynquinto@earthlink.net.



Something Fun and Interesting



Come join your fellow parishioners for a lively discussion of the topic of the day. Enjoy the camaraderie of a Connect Group and get help from the Bible for your daily life. Join the current discussion about how to turn good intentions into commitments that help us grow to be better persons. We use no-homework material that takes a topic and sees what the Bible tells us about it. Then we discuss how to apply it to our daily lives. Contact Martha Newton at sjfconnectgroups@gmail.com to find your Connect Group.

Knights of Columbus Presents "Into the Breach"

In the past two decades, more than 14 million Catholics have left the faith. In the face of these losses, Catholic men are called to put aside any hesitation to live a life of mission. We must enter into the breach. Christ calls us to a life of continued formation so that, with grace, we can seriously engage in the war for our souls. That's why the Knights have produced "Into the Breach," a video series inspired by Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted. Over the next several months, your local Knights of Columbus council will be holding online sessions to watch and discuss various "Into the Breach" segments. Through small group discussions, we will learn how to be stronger fathers, better husbands and men fit for the breach. Our next session will be Monday, November 16 at 6:45 pm. Please call **323-386-2333** to request online session instructions. You may also preview the videos at <http://www.kofc.org/intothebreach>



Did you Know? How to help your children with anxiety

We're living in uncertain times, and our anxiety about what is happening today, and will happen in the future, can trickle down to our children, making them anxious too. This anxiety may manifest in new fears, for example when a child becomes reluctant to try new things, or it may exacerbate existing fears, when a child becomes even more anxious than previously. Parents can help their children with anxiety by practicing techniques for deep breathing, ensuring regular exercise and talking honestly about feelings and concerns. For more tips, request a copy of the VIRTUS article "Techniques for Calming Anxiety for Youth" at <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/ParishSafeguardtheChildrenContactMargaretJohnson310-377-4573x136mjohnson@sjf.org>.

African American Catholic Community



The African American Catholic Community of Los Angeles will be celebrating its Eleventh Annual African American Catholic Ancestral Mass on Saturday, November 21 at 12 pm. It will take place at the "Negro National Church of Los Angeles," St. Odilia Catholic Church, established in 1926 and today recognized as the "Mother Church" for all Los Angeles' African American Catholics. This Mass will be livestreamed on Facebook at www.facebook.com/aaccfe/. This year's Presider will be Most Reverend Edward W. Clark with Homilist Msgr. Timothy Dyer. For more information, visit www.aaccfe.org/ or call **323-777-2106**.

Little Sisters of the Poor Turkey & Ham Drop off

Would you consider contributing a turkey or ham during the holiday season? Donations may be dropped off from now until November 24 at the kitchen drop off area between 8:30 am and 4 pm at 2100 S. Western Avenue, San Pedro, CA 90732. Please call the Development Office at **310-548-0625** if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



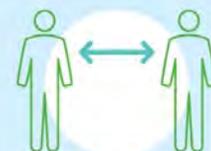
HELP SLOW THE SPREAD



WASH YOUR HANDS



WEAR A MASK



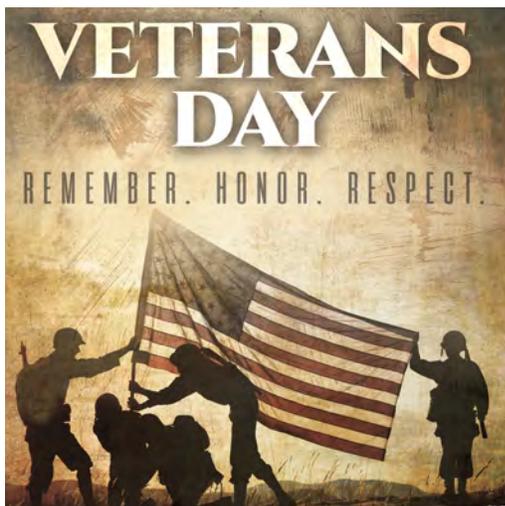
WATCH YOUR DISTANCE

This Week At St. John Fisher

Sunday, 11/8
Military Ministry Collection 9:30 am RCIA Dismissal-Catechesis 6:15 pm Virtual Life Night – via YouTube
Monday, 11/9
Tuesday, 11/10
9:30 am Senior Fitness – via Zoom 7 pm Great Adventure Bible Study: Prophets – via Zoom
Wednesday, 11/11
Thursday, 11/12
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 7 pm Connect Group – via Zoom
Friday, 11/13
9 am Eucharistic Adoration – Outside Church Plaza 7:30 pm Chinese Bible Study – via Skype
Saturday, 11/14
10 am to 3 pm Christmas Sale – PV Resale
Sunday, 11/15
10 am to 3 pm Christmas Sale – PV Resale 9:30 am RCIA Dismissal-Catechesis 6:15 pm Virtual Life Night – via YouTube

Save the Date!

Great Adventure Bible Series: Prophets – September 22-November 24
Giving Tree Gift Drop off – November 28 – December 21
Walk with Christ – December 2
RCIA Advent Retreat – December 5
Food Pantry Collection – December 5-6
Giving Tree Gift Distribution – December 21



If you'd like your meeting or event listed in the bulletin, please email to info@sjf.org or your group's pastoral staff liaison for approval:

- 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.

Do you want to maximize participation in your SJF event? Ministry and event leaders, you will find many great ideas for how and where to publicize your event. Visit www.sjf.org→News & Media (pull-down menu)→Publicity Protocols. Your Pastoral Staff representative is ready to help!



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 (except December) at 7 pm. Our next Zoom Inquiry session is Monday, January 10 at 7 pm. The subject is Books of the Church. If you would be interested in joining our next Inquiry session, please email Misty at mjesse@sjf.org for a Zoom invite.

Adult Faith Formation & Pastoral Care

SJF Online Bible Studies

Series: Growing in the Word

Currently Available are: Revelation, Gospel of Matthew, Book of Ruth

Location: SJF Website – www.sjf.org – Faith Formation– On-Line 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, 2020

RCIA Inquiry

Location: Zoom

Topic: “Books of the Church”

Date: Monday, January 10th, 7 pm

Facilitator: RCIA Ministry Team

Pre-Baptism Class

Location: Zoom

Facilitator: Pre-Baptism Team

Date: 2nd Monday of the Month

Time: 7–8:30 pm

Call: Parish office for registration

Walk with Christ

Outdoors: Stations of the Cross

Date: 1st Wednesday of the Month

Time: After 5:15 pm Mass

Contact: Hanan Tanios, 310-377-5571

Stewardship Reflection

“Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.” Matthew 25:13

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We’ve all said, “I’ll do it later when I have time.” Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus’ call is urgent in the here and now, in your current circumstances. Don’t delay. How is God calling you to use your gifts today? None of us is guaranteed tomorrow.

Veteran’s Day – Military Ministry Collection

This weekend November 7-8, in honor of Veteran’s Day, the Military Ministry will be collecting donations in support of our veterans, our troops and their families. The drop off location will be in front of the PAC/Gym, from 9 am to 12 pm on both days. Please check the website for more details. Thank you for your support!

PV Resale Christmas Sale

PV Resale Thrift Shop will be holding their annual Christmas sale the weekend of November 14-15. The sale will take place on-site at their location : 2321 Pacific Coast Highway, Lomita, CA 90717. Hours of the sale are 10 am to 3 pm. Please stop by and get a head start on your Christmas shopping. For questions, the shop can be reached at: **310-534-1722**.

Focusing on the Gospel

As we near the end of the liturgical year, Jesus gives us a parable relating to the end of time and also our own personal ends. In the early church, there had been an expectation that Jesus’ second coming was imminent. Today’s parable brings up the possibility that the bridegroom might be “delayed.” Those in the early church saw the need to keep up the urgency of the task Jesus had given them: to go out and spread the gospel to all nations. It today’s gospel we are reminded of the need to be prepared and “stay awake.” What are you doing to “stay prepared?”



Can you help needy children and families this Christmas?



FOSTERALL TOY DRIVE

Help a foster child have a merry Christmas!

The Religious Education Program is collecting NEW, unwrapped toys for girls, ages 11-13, OR gift cards (\$25 denomination preferred) in foster care. Your gift means so much! Toys and gift cards may be brought to the Religious Education Office until December 1.

St. John Fisher Adopt A Family Program

Can your family help another family?

Would your family or group like to do something special this Advent? Help your children learn the blessings of giving by participating in the St. John Fisher Adopt A Family program. Needy families at *Sagrado Corazon* parish in Cudahy are hoping you can “adopt” them, to provide the Christmas they would not otherwise be able to celebrate. We have been helping bring Christmas to needy families at *Sagrado Corazon* for 12 years, and will find a way to do it again this year, even with social distancing!



For more information, or to participate in either of these programs, contact

Margaret Johnson, mjohnson@sjf.org, 310-377-4573.

You will be glad you reached out during this special season!

