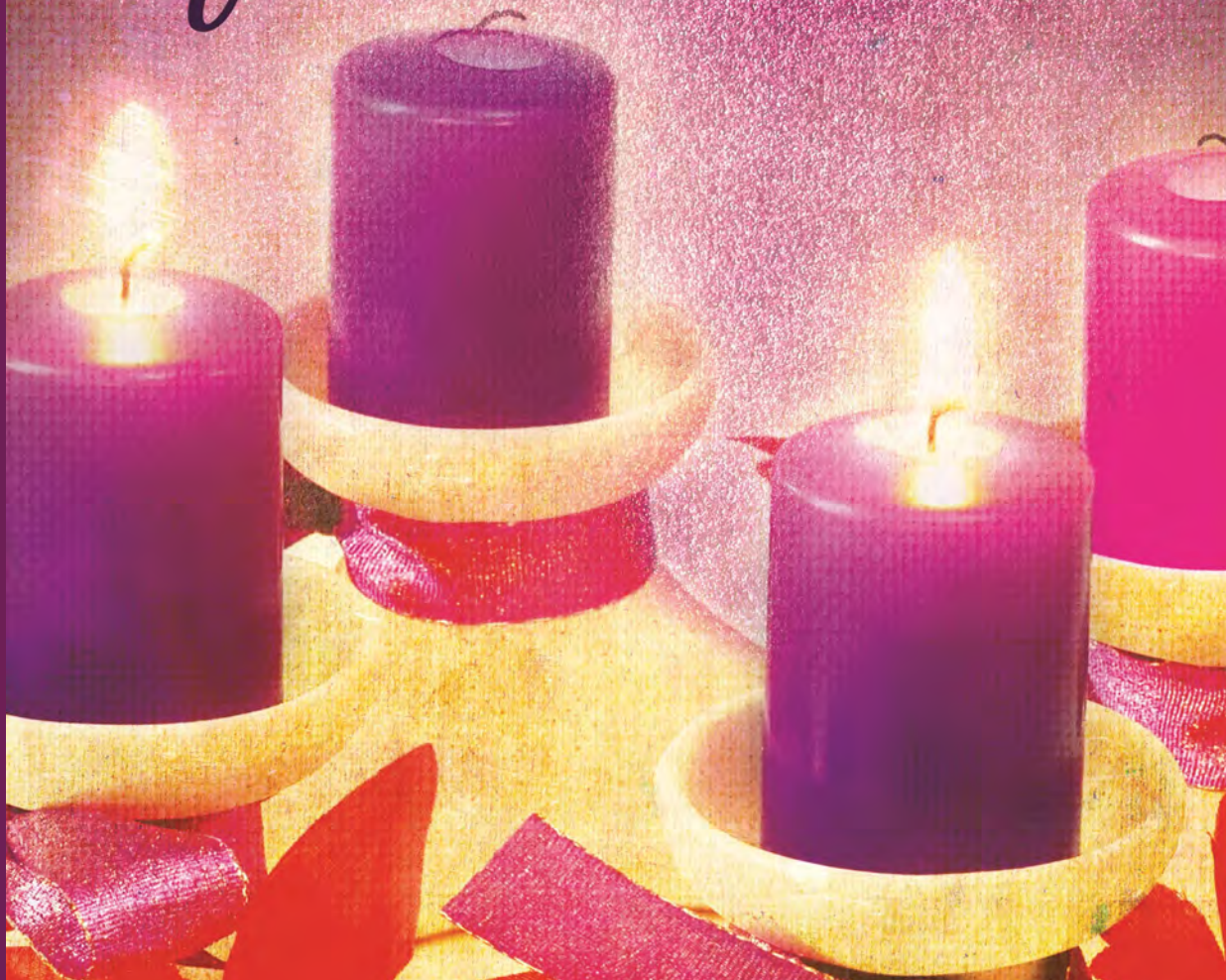


St. John Fisher Church

December 6, 2020

SECOND SUNDAY *of Advent*



Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
And all mankind shall see it together.
Isaiah 40:5

Love God. Love All People. Make Disciples.

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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.

Help our Elders

In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated their lives to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little to no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.



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: \$187,910

Paid: \$158,217

Support SJF Electronically

During Advent we prepare our minds and hearts for the real meaning of Christmas, the birth of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. As we reflect on the upcoming Christmas season, it is likely that we will be busy and might miss Mass. That's where eGiving with Faith Direct can help simplify your life. Visit faith.direct/CA436, or text the word ENROLL to 424-352-7722. Already using Faith Direct? Log in to add your Christmas or End-of-Year contributions to your account, or text a dollar amount to 424-352-7722 to make a one-time gift today!



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Immaculate Conception - December 8

Tuesday, December 8, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Mass times are: Monday, Vigil 5:30 pm, Tuesday, 8 am (Livestream), 5:15 pm, and 7:30 pm.

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 - December 5 - December 13

DECEMBER 5, SATURDAY

8:00 am Isabella Drag†
5:00 pm Frank Dougherty† Fr. Kalu

DECEMBER 6, SUNDAY

9:00 am David Funada† Msgr. Sork
11:00 am Josefina Alba† Fr. Park
5:00 pm Parishioners Fr. Kalu

DECEMBER 7, MONDAY

8:00 am John Pavoni†
5:30 pm Jerry Axtell†

DECEMBER 8, TUESDAY

8:00 am Susan Zotti†
5:15 pm Parishioners
7:30 pm Antonio Rey†

DECEMBER 9, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am Marguerite Bourgeois†
5:15 pm Wilmina Lafontant Anglade†

DECEMBER 10, THURSDAY

8:00 am Juanita Torres Vela†
5:15 pm Janie Calvert†

DECEMBER 11, FRIDAY

8:00 am Barbara Jimenez†
5:15 pm Francisco & Sylvina Austria†

DECEMBER 12, SATURDAY

8:00 am Leana LaFranca†
5:00 pm Jerry Gliksman† Fr. Park

DECEMBER 13, SUNDAY

9:00 am Kitong Villanueva† Fr. Kalu
11:00 am Parishioners Msgr. Sork
5:00 pm Fr. Gerald N. Fisch Fr. Park

Weekly Readings

Monday: Isaiah 35:1-10 and Luke 5:17-26

Tuesday: Genesis 3:9-15, 20, Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12, and Luke 1:26-38

Wednesday: Isaiah 40:25-31 and Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday: Isaiah 41:13-20 and Matthew 11:11-15

Friday: Isaiah 48:17-19 and Matthew 11:16-19

Saturday: Zechariah 2:14-17 or Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab, and Luke 1:26-38 or Luke 1:39-47

Sunday: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24, and John 1:6-8, 19-28

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: 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



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

Home is Holy: Prepare the way of the Lord!

Preparing is what everyone seems to be doing this time of the year. People are buying presents, writing cards, making cookies, and decorating homes. These ways of preparing to celebrate Jesus' birth are lots of fun. But how are we preparing our hearts? There are many special things we can do during Advent, such as a Jesse Tree which reminds us of Jesus' lineage. We could do Advent meditations as a family to help us think about Christ's coming. We could find a way to serve those in need together. Or we could just pray together as a family in front of our Christmas tree and ask Jesus to help us prepare our hearts for Christmas. Whatever we choose, let us find a special way our family can "prepare the way of the Lord."

Advent supplies are still available!

Are you ready for Advent? Advent candles, wreaths, and calendars are available for purchase in the Religious Education Office, 8 am-5 pm, Monday through Friday.

Can your family help another family?

Would your family 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. Help is needed to shop for gifts, wrap gifts, and deliver gifts to the church in Cudahy. Call Margaret Johnson to volunteer or for more information. You will be glad you reached out to the needy in this special season.

HIGH SCHOOL TEENS

Gospel Recap: "Do You know John the Baptist?"

Do you know someone who stands up for people who are being put down? Or do you know someone who tells friends that it's crazy to use alcohol or drugs? Do you know someone who won't laugh at racist jokes? If you know any of those people, you know John the Baptist. He had the guts to publicly challenge people of his day to follow God's way. He was leading them down a path of compassion, forgiveness, and repentance. He called on ordinary people and the even the political rulers of his day to change their lives. He pointed to Jesus as the example to follow. In the end his courage cost him his life when King Herod imprisoned him and had him decapitated. It's tough speaking out for the truth, and some people will be mocked by others for standing up with courage. Doesn't our broken world need more people to stand up for what is right and to stand for what God wants us to do? Who was John the Baptist? Why not let it be *you* this Advent?



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:





Apps for Ed!

Distance learning is hard, but there are so many amazing apps and websites helping St. John Fisher students learn. Here are some that SJF teachers and their students love.

Google Classroom

Function: online platform to post, assess, and grade student work. Teachers love Google classroom because it gives us an easy way to communicate with students and post their assignments for easy access. Students love it because they can find all their work in one place, it even creates a "to-do" list for students each day.



Seesaw



Function: online access to assignments and assessment for kindergarten, first, and second grade. Teachers love it because it is easy to use and helps younger students begin navigating the technology needed for virtual school. Students love it because it gives feedback and direct access to their teacher.

Flipgrid

Function: Video recording and editing. Many upper grade teachers love using this app to have students record responses to reading and answers to discussion questions.

Flocabulary:

Function: takes big concepts and turns them into catchy hiphop songs with activities. Teachers love this because it adds a musical aspect to a big concept like figurative language. Students love it because the songs (and learning!) get stuck in their heads and help them remember.

ChristOurLife



Function: instant access to the word of God. Teachers love it because it gives students access to the Bible. Students love it because it provides fun review games to help solidify

learning.

To learn more about these apps and other websites, please call the school at **310-377-2800**.

Pray for Sick

Molly Giomi
Herbert Markle
Gregoria Palting

Continue to Pray For...

Seyi Adisa	Margaret Majid
David Bernstein	Dave and Joan Matson
Paul Belfy	Frank McCormick
Cheryl Benyi	Michael McCormick
Jane Bodine	Maura McGuinness
Raymond Bodine	Thadd McNamara
Jen Bolin	MaryClare McQuade
Emma Breslin	Betty Mullen
Leo James Bourgeois	Clare Nolan
Pening Chacon	Marcy Rafanelli
Michelle Clarke	Dr. Kenneth Sax
Don Duperon	Schmidt Families
Eugenia Eyherabide	William H. Sheridan
Gloria Fink	Peter W. Smith
Mike Friedman	Joan Sing
Miriam Guevara	Florencia Tan
Sadru Hudani	Judy Ann Tan
Maureen Landon	Alice Valdes
Jeanne Leo	Tom Villardi
Maricela Lopez	

Pray for Deceased

Sonia Dela Rosa Dayto
Maria Velma Del Fierro Kielian, Cousin of Cristina Baldemor
David Tomblin, Senior, father of Dave Tomblin

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 McKindere 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 22, 2020 \$9,965.00

November 24, 2019 \$25,515.75

Thank You for your continued generosity

Parish Giving Tree

This is the second of four weekends to return your Parish Giving Tree gifts. Please place them, unwrapped under the tree in the Narthex. You may also bring your gifts to the tables in front of the PAC on Sundays, December 13th and December 20th from 12 pm to 2 pm. The charities we help have told us the best gifts are from stores like Walmart, Kohl's, Target, TJMaxx, and drug stores. Gift cards from supermarkets are greatly appreciated. The last day to bring gifts is Sunday, December 20th. The Parish Giving Tree has helped thousands of families over the years and this year we hope will be no exception.



Eucharistic Adoration



We need more adorers who could spend an hour in Eucharistic Adoration in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration is held at the outside alcove off the Plaza Room every Wednesday to Friday from 9 am to 5 pm. We still need additional adorers for the following hours: Wednesday, 10 am, 11 am, 12 pm, 1 pm, 2 pm, and 3 pm; Thursday, 11 am and 1 pm; and Friday 10 am 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.

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

St. John Fisher invites you to celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe on Saturday, December 12 during the 8 am livestream Mass. Parishioners can bring flowers as a token of love and appreciation on Friday, December 11th during the 5:15 pm Mass. A bucket and vases will be placed outside of church. If you have additional questions, please call the parish office at **310-377-5571**.



Are you afraid to call a Stephen Minister?

"Be not afraid," Jesus tells us. Men and women many times carry a burden of depression, loneliness, family problems, or other conflicts. Stephen Ministry is a Christian, caring, confidential ministry. We would be happy to meet or speak with you. Call Stephen Ministry at **310-541-1403**.

Did you Know? Deck the halls safely

As we continue under Covid-19 restrictions, many families will be celebrating Christmas entirely in their own homes this year, in place of parties and traditional holiday outings. Keep basic safety guidelines in mind as you decorate. Use surge protectors and outlet strips for extra lights around the house and tree, and make sure to cover unused sockets to keep little hands and fingers out. Inspect your lights and any battery-operated decorations to make sure they are working properly; frayed light strands and old batteries could be fire hazards. For more tips on decorating safely, read the VIRTUS article "Creating a Safe Christmas Celebration" at <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>. Parish Safeguard the Children Contact: *Margaret Johnson, 310-377-4573 x136, mjohnson@sjf.org*.

Friends in Faith for Christmas

Enjoy the fellowship of a Connect Group and get help from the Bible for your daily life. Join the Christmas discussion about how to be a generous person with your giving, your presence and your attitude toward others. We start with a topic, see what the Bible tells us about it and then we discuss how to apply it to our daily lives. Contact Martha Newton at sjfconnectgroups@gmail.com to find your Connect Group.



Simbang Gabi 2020

Simbang Gabi in the LA Archdiocese commences on Tuesday, December 15 at 6:30 pm via livestream at the Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral with the theme: "Gifted to Be Messengers of Hope." Simbang Gabi, part of Advent in the Filipino tradition, will be celebrated at St. John Fisher on Sunday, December 20 at the 9 am livestreamed Mass. Monsignor David Sork will be the celebrant. Holy Communion will be distributed on the plaza. Please save the date and invite family and friends to join us. Due to the pandemic, there will be no reception and program. Pre-packed Filipino baked delicacies will be provided. To be of assistance and for further information, visit www.simbanggabiatsjf@gmail.com or call the Parish Office at **310-377-5571**.

Bring your family to the Manger

The Office of Marriage and Family Life invites families to a fun and meaningful Mini-Advent Retreat as a Free Gift this Christmas which will also include an Advent Activity Kit sent to your home. The theme for the Mini-Advent Retreat is 'Bring Your Family to the Manger: Preparing Our Families for Jesus' Birth' which will take place on Sunday, December 13 from 5:30-7 pm via Zoom. To register, please visit https://la-archdiocese.zoom.us/j/60qTgoGtCCiTYfIlDCX0YN0XkxEu_6. We look forward to your presence!



This Week At St. John Fisher

Sunday, 11/29
Giving Tree continues Food Pantry Collection 9:30 am RCIA Dismissal-Catechesis 6:15 pm Virtual Life Night – via YouTube
Monday, 12/7
Tuesday, 12/8
9:30 am Senior Fitness –via Zoom
Wednesday, 12/9
9 am Eucharistic Adoration – Outside Church Plaza
Thursday, 12/10
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 Groups –via Zoom
Friday, 12/11
9 am Eucharistic Adoration – Outside Church Plaza 7:30 pm Chinese Bible Study – Skype
Saturday, 12/12
Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration during 8 am Mass
Sunday, 12/13
Giving Tree continues Retirement Fund for Religious Collection 9:30 am RCIA Dismissal-Catechesis 6:15 pm Virtual Life Night – via YouTube

Save the Date!

Giving Tree Gift Drop off – November 29 – December 20
Simbang Gabi – December 20
Giving Tree Gift Distribution – December 21
Growing in the Word: Mark – January 6 (online release date)
SJF Lenten Retreat 2021 – March 14-16



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. Adult Inquiry sessions are offered year around and take place the first Monday of each month (except for Holidays). Currently because of pandemic restrictions we are offering Inquiry through the Zoom platform. Our next Zoom Inquiry session is Monday, January 11 at 7 pm. The subject is Other Books of 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

RCIA Inquiry

Location: Zoom

Topic: Books of the Church

Date: 1st Monday of the Month, January 11, 7 pm

Facilitator: RCIA Ministry Team

Growing in the Word: Gospel of Mark

Location: SJF Website-www.sjf.org– Faith Formation- Bible studies

Start date: January 6, 2021

Presenter: Misty Jesse, PhD, DMin

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

“Prepare the way of the Lord...” Mark 1:3

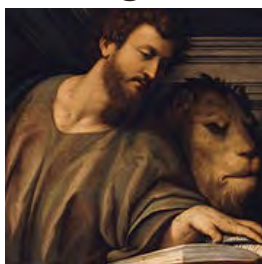
We are called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well.

“Prepare the Way of the Lord.”



Mark’s gospel begins with John the Baptist, “clothed in camel’s hair,” inviting the people of the Judean countryside to a baptism of repentance. In so doing, he fulfills Isaiah’s prophecy of the “one who cries out in the desert: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord.’” This preparation, which John invites us to, seems to be an internal work. By acknowledging our failings and downfalls, we are washed clean by the grace of God and prepared for the animating fire of the Holy Spirit.

Growing in the Word: Gospel of Mark



Despite the brevity of this Gospel the details provided of Jesus’ ministry are often more extensive than either Matthew or Luke. Mark provides a quickly moving narrative which stresses Jesus’ message about the good news of the kingdom of God and Jesus himself as the gospel of God. This five week series is presented by Misty Jesse, PhD, DMin. New units are added every two weeks. The class is available online at the St. John Fisher website beginning January 6, 2021. To view please go to: www.sjf.org, then click on the Faith Formation tab at the top of the page. On the drop down menu click on Bible Studies, this will take you to a listing of Growing in the Word online bible classes. Enjoy!

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL INVITES YOU TO GIVE TO OUR LOCAL

Great Bedtime Story Pajama & Book Drive



Give local families in need the gift of warmth, comfort, and reading this Christmas with your donations of new pajamas (all children's and adult sizes accepted) and new books.



You may bring your donations to the school office M-F 8:30am-3:30pm, or order online and ship your donations to: **SJF School, 5446 Crest Rd., RPV 90275**. All donations need to be received by **Wednesday, December 16th**.

Our goal is to collect at least 150 pairs of pajamas and match that with book donations. We accept all published children's books and picture books – all age levels – and pajamas sized infant to XXL! We have been told in the past that these pajamas & books are sometimes the only presents these families receive, so please help us make another family's Christmas a memorable one with your donation. For further information, please contact agraff@sjf.org.

