

St. John Fisher Church

December 13, 2020

THIRD SUNDAY *of Advent*



I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul.

Isaiah 61:10

Love God. Love All People. Make Disciples.

ADMINISTRATION

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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.

Retirement Fund for Religious this weekend

Support aging Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests serve for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please be generous.



Retirement Fund for Religious

Together in Mission helps needy parishes

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 and help us achieve our parish 2020 goal.

Goal: \$233,676

Pledged: \$238,650

Paid: \$209,427

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!



Text \$ amount to
424-352-7722 to give

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Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Thursday, December 24 Outdoor Masses in the Plaza

4:00 pm Soloist and Keyboard
6:00 pm Soloist and Keyboard
8:00 pm Teen Band and Cantor
Midnight Mass (Livestream only): Soloist and Organ
(Singing Of Christmas Carols Begins at 11:30 pm)

Christmas Day Friday, December 25

9:00 am Soloist and Keyboard
11:00 am Soloist and Keyboard
No Evening Mass

Mass Intentions - December 12 - December 20

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

DECEMBER 14, MONDAY

8:00 am Jane Chiang†
5:15 pm Rev. Fr. Howard Levett†

DECEMBER 15, TUESDAY

8:00 am Jane Chiang†
5:15 pm L.C. Ashcraft†

DECEMBER 16, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am Austin Frka†
5:15 pm Richard Ganahl†

DECEMBER 17, THURSDAY

8:00 am Larissa Koretzky†
5:15 pm Austin Frka†

DECEMBER 18, FRIDAY

8:00 am Richard Croghan†
5:15 pm Carmine Carrese†

DECEMBER 19, SATURDAY

8:00 am Richard Croghan†
5:00 pm Jules Baldemor† Msgr. Sork

DECEMBER 20, SUNDAY

9:00 am Parishioners Msgr. Sork
11:00 am Lillian Cummings† Fr. Kalu
5:00 pm Archives & Records Center Fr. Park
Diocese of Pittsburgh

Weekly Readings

Monday: Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a and Matthew 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13 and Matthew 21:28-32
Wednesday: Isaiah 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25 and Luke 7:18b-23
Thursday: Genesis 49:2, 8-10 and Matthew 1:1-17
Friday: Jeremiah 23:5-8 and Matthew 1:18-25
Saturday: Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a and Luke 1:5-25
Sunday: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16, Romans 16:25-27 and Luke 1:26-38

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



Home is Holy: Rejoice!

During this time of year, there are many things that can make us feel happy. We enjoy seeing friends and family. We may like looking at Christmas lights that decorate people's homes. The festive food that seems to be present everywhere is extra yummy. But today's scripture calls us to venture beyond "happy" into "rejoicing!" There are so many blessings around us that our joy should be abundant and directed to our God who give us all good things! Let's share our great joy with those around us, so the light of Christ will shine during this Advent season and continue through the upcoming Christmas season.

Important First Reconciliation Information!

All families should have picked up their children's First Reconciliation materials by this time. Free time during the holidays is a great time to work with your child on learning the prayers and helping them understand the sacrament. Grandparents and other family members can help too!

Drivers needed for Adopt A Family

Would your family or group of friends like to do something special this Advent? We are in need of several cars and drivers to bring the Adopt A Family gifts to *Sagrado Corazon* Parish in Cudahy on Saturday, December 19. We will leave SJF about 3 pm. Please call Margaret Johnson to volunteer or for more information. You will be glad you reached out to the needy in this special season!



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

HIGH SCHOOL TEENS

Gospel Recap: There is a Cost to being Like John the Baptist

When you stand up for what is right, some people will try to quiet you with hostile looks or comments. That's what happened to John the Baptist. The people asking the questions in this Gospel came from the religious leaders who eventually helped kill Jesus. They were testing John about his words, because like Jesus' message, it threatened them, and they wanted him to back off. But John never attacked them. He found another way that went beyond fight or flight. If you choose to be like John the Baptist this Advent, you may face the same thing. Standing up for what is right, or for the weak or the vulnerable, almost always angers someone. How will you handle it? Will you stand strong for your Christian beliefs without retaliating? You may fall short at times, but continue to stand tall and pray for the strength you'll need next time. Look for peers and adults who will back you up. And remember that God believes that you can make a difference each time you try to take a tough stance for what is right.



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:





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 before
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 book and pictures books - all age levels - and pajamas sized infant to XXL! Sometimes these are the only presents families receive on Christmas.

For further information, please contact Alison Graff at agraff@sjf.org

Pray for Sick

Diane Hewitt
Art and Odette Smith
Virginia Thompson

Continue to Pray For...

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

Pray for Deceased

Gregoria Palting
Howard Shook, brother of Judge John Shook

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 29, 2020	\$13,350.99
December 1, 2019	\$24,318.20
December 6, 2020	\$19,406.00
December 8, 2019	\$26,417.67

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 adoror, please call Carlyn Quinto at **310-377-5571** or email at carlynquinto@earthlink.

Red Poinsettias for Christmas

Poinsettias are needed for our church Christmas environment. Please help us create the beauty of Christmas and remember a loved one. Bring your red poinsettia to the Narthex any time during the week before Christmas. Place your loved one's name in your flower and your intention will be remembered at Midnight Mass.



Stressed during the Holidays?

Did you know that the holidays are on the top ten list of causes of stress? Whether it be too many relatives, too few relatives, too much to do, too little to do, whatever the issues, Stephen Ministry is here to help. We are a listening, caring Christian ministry and would be happy to meet or speak with you. Call Stephen Ministry at **310-541-1403**.

Did you Know? Gifts and toys should inspire joy, not cause injuries

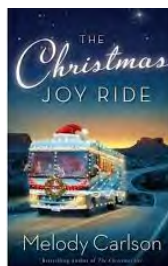
Avoid safety hazards while gifting with these tips from the American Academy of Pediatrics and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission: Toys are age-rated for safety, not for children's intellect and physical ability, so be sure to choose toys in the correct age range; choose toys for children under 3 that do not have small parts that could be choking hazards; for children under 10, avoid toys that must be plugged into an electrical outlet; be cautious about toys that have button batteries or magnets, which can be harmful or fatal if swallowed; and when giving scooters and other riding toys, give the gift of appropriate safety gear, too; helmets should be worn at all times and they should be sized to fit. For more information, visit <https://www.nsc.org/home-safety/tools-resources/seasonal-safety/winter/holiday>. Parish Safeguard the Children Contact: Margaret Johnson, 310-377-4573 x136, mjohnson@sjf.org.

Our Lady of Fatima Statue

Our Lady of Fatima Statue is available for a week stay in your home. For more information, please contact the coordinator for Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrim Statue Visitation Program, Jan Kelly at **310-377-5571**.



Book Club



The Book Club meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 pm via Zoom. The next meeting is on Tuesday, December 15 to discuss *The Christmas Joy Ride* by Melody Carlson. Please Contact Deb Kagei at sjfbookclub@gmail.com for Zoom invite or more information.



This Week At St. John Fisher

Sunday, 12/13
Giving Tree continues Retirement Fund for Religious Collection 9:30 am RCIA Dismissal-Catechesis —via Zoom 6:15 pm Virtual Life Night – via YouTube
Monday, 12/14
Tuesday, 12/15
Book Club – via Zoom
Wednesday, 12/16
9 am Eucharistic Adoration – Outside Church Plaza
Thursday, 12/17
9 am Eucharistic Adoration – Outside Church Plaza 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, 12/18
9 am Eucharistic Adoration – Outside Church Plaza 7:30 pm Chinese Bible Study – Skype
Saturday, 12/19
Sunday, 12/20
Last Day for Giving Tree presents 9 am Simbang Gabi livestream Mass 9:30 am RCIA Dismissal-Catechesis —via Zoom 6:15 pm Virtual Life Night – via YouTube

Save the Date!

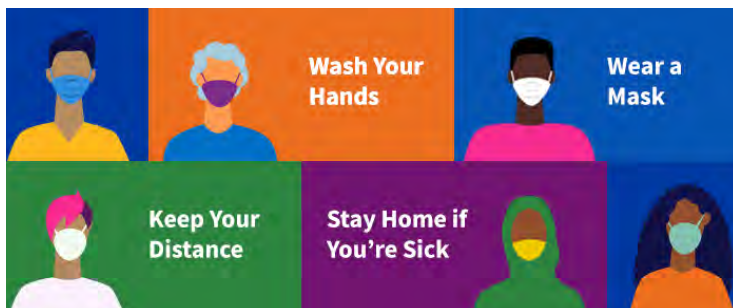
Giving Tree Gift Distribution – December 21
Growing in the Word: Mark – January 6 (online release date)
SJF Lenten Retreat 2021 – March 14-16

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 On-Line Bible Studies

Series: Growing in the Word

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

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

“Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. “Rejoice always” means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. “Pray constantly” means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. “Give thanks in all circumstances” means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

“There is One Among You Whom You Do Not Recognize.”

In today’s gospel we hear the preaching of John the Baptist from John’s gospel. When the priests and Levites question John about his identity, he points instead to one who is coming after him, one whom they “do not recognize.” As mysterious as these words must have been for the people who first heard them, they also hold a mystery for us. Near the end of Matthew’s gospel, Jesus offers a parable about the end of time when he will confront his followers, telling them, “What you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.” How is Christ in our midst, right here, right now, and we do not recognize him?

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!

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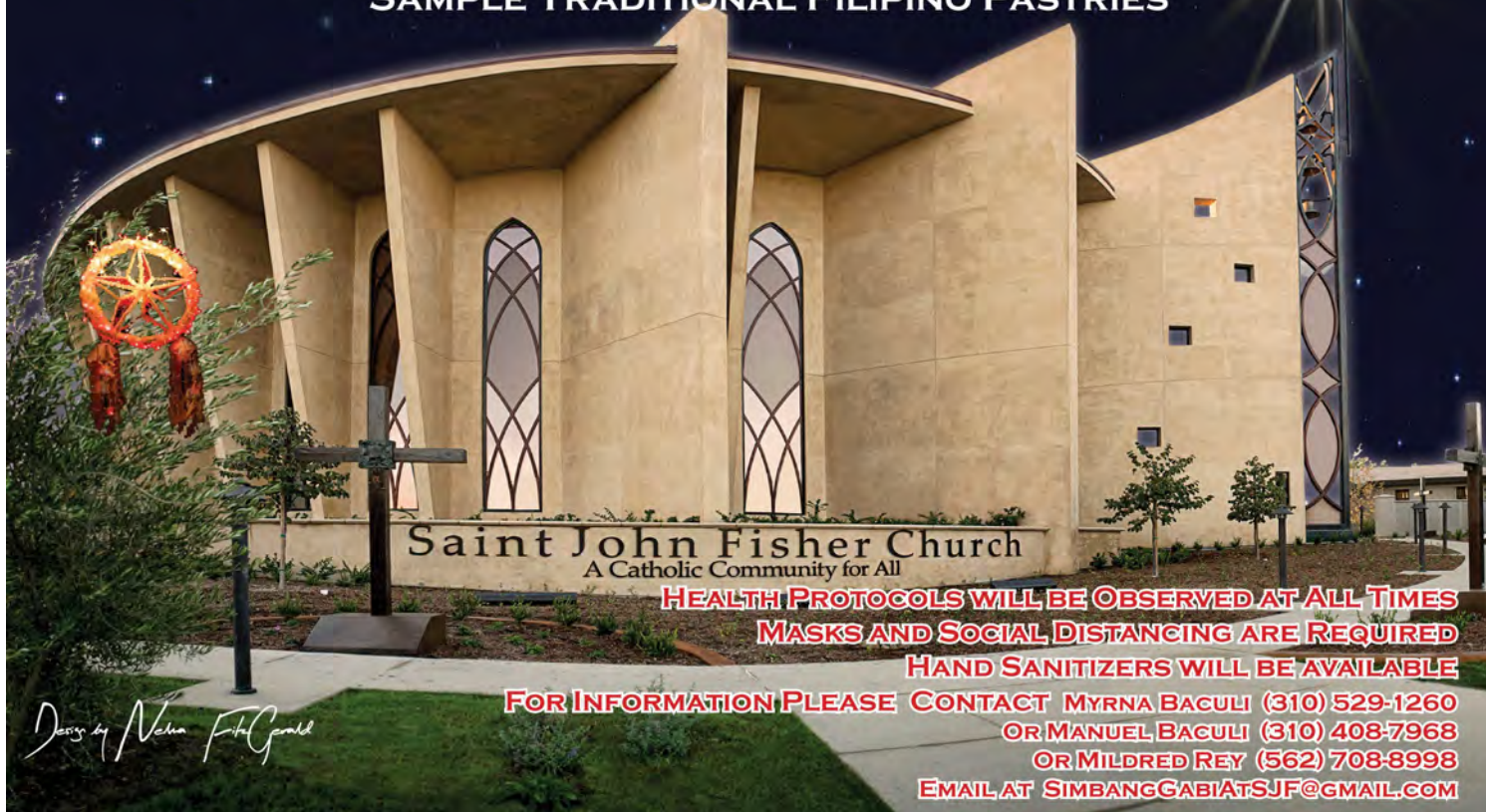
*An Advent Celebration
in the Filipino Tradition*

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2020
9 AM LITURGY**

**LIVESTREAM
[HTTPS://LIVESTREAM.COM/STJOHNFISHER](https://livestream.com/stjohnfisher)**

Come and celebrate with us!

**VIEW THE MASS ONLINE VIA LIVESTREAM
RECEIVE THE HOLY EUCHARIST AT THE PLAZA AFTER MASS
SAMPLE TRADITIONAL FILIPINO PASTRIES**



Saint John Fisher Church
A Catholic Community for All

**HEALTH PROTOCOLS WILL BE OBSERVED AT ALL TIMES
MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING ARE REQUIRED
HAND SANITIZERS WILL BE AVAILABLE**

**FOR INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT MYRNA BACULI (310) 529-1260
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OR MILDRED REY (562) 708-8998
EMAIL AT SIMBANGGABI@SJF@GMAIL.COM**