

# *St. John Fisher Church*

December  
27, 2020



## THE HOLY FAMILY

“For my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.”

- Lk 2:30-31

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

*Love God. Love All People. Make Disciples.*

# ADMINISTRATION

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8 am - 5 pm Monday - Friday

9 am - 3 pm Saturday

8 am - 1 pm Sunday

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

During School Year

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### Music Director

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## PASTORAL COUNCIL

### Chair

Chris Ratliff, [cratliff@sjf.org](mailto:cratliff@sjf.org)

## WOMEN'S COUNCIL 310-377-5571

### Chair

Bernie Maynard, [wcouncil@sjf.org](mailto: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.

### Administrative Assistant position available at SJF

The Administrative Assistant performs diverse administrative and secretarial duties, which include:

- Serve as receptionist, answer telephone, greet and assist visitors
- Schedule appointments for priests and other staff members
- Produce the weekly bulletin
- Maintain the parish Master Facility Scheduler
- Maintain the parishioner database
- Prepare announcements and ads for publication

Requirements include:

- Must be able to work Sundays (8am-1pm), Monday-Thursday (8am-5pm)
- A spirit of welcome and hospitality
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Computer proficiency, including the entire Office 365 suite

This position is available immediately. Benefits are provided. To apply, or for further information, please contact Gayle Plecha Parish Administrator, at [gplecha@sjf.org](mailto:gplecha@sjf.org)

### Help 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](http://www.ourmissionla.org/give).

Goal: \$233,676  
Pledged: \$241,204  
Paid: \$219,096

### Support SJF Electronically

You can link your mobile phone number to your credit/debit card for easier giving. Text a dollar amount to **424-352-7752** and complete the one-time registration page to enroll in the ability to text gifts to St. John Fisher through Faith Direct.



### Follow us on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram



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**New Year's Eve and New Year's Day Schedule**

There will be NO Eucharistic Adoration on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. There will be only one Mass at 9 am New Year's Day and it will be livestreamed. Parish Offices will be closed New Year's Day.

**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](http://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 26 - January 3**

**DECEMBER 26, SATURDAY**

**8:00 am** Stevan McKenny†  
**5:00 pm** Ray† & Betty Bucher Fr. Park

**DECEMBER 27, SUNDAY**

**9:00 am** Charles Bowlus† Fr. Park  
**11:00 am** Parishioners Msgr. Sork  
**5:00 pm** Jesse Powell† Fr. Kalu

**DECEMBER 28, MONDAY**

**8:00 am** Richard Zigrang, Sr.†  
**5:15 pm** Pedro B. Montelongo†

**DECEMBER 29, TUESDAY**

**8:00 am** Florence Shyp†  
**5:15 pm** Jennie Porrata†

**DECEMBER 30, WEDNESDAY**

**8:00 am** Friederike Poglitsch†  
**5:15 pm** Marian Malinowski†

**DECEMBER 31, THURSDAY**

**8:00 am** Dean Martin†  
**5:15 pm** Chris Cervana

**JANUARY 1, FRIDAY**

**9:00 am** Shirley Comon†

**JANUARY 2, SATURDAY**

**8:00 am** Erik Fleming, Sr.†  
**5:00 pm** James D. Prendergast† Fr. Kalu

**JANUARY 3, SUNDAY**

**9:00 am** Jackie Curtin† Msgr. Sork  
**11:00 am** Parishioners Fr. Park  
**5:00 pm** John Robert Van Laeys† Fr. Kalu

**Weekly Readings**

**Monday:** 1 John 1:5—2:2 and Matthew 2:13-18  
**Tuesday:** 1 John 2:3-11 and Luke 2:22-35  
**Wednesday:** 1 John 2:12-17 and Luke 2:36-40  
**Thursday:** 1 John 2:18-21 and John 1:1-18  
**Friday:** Numbers 6:22-27, Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 2:16-21  
**Saturday:** 1 John 2:22-28 and John 1:19-28  
**Sunday:** Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 and Matthew 2:1-12

**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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:penhimom@hotmail.com). Please write "SJF Prayer Tree" in the subject line.



### Home is Holy: Feast of the Holy Family

Every year on the Sunday after Christmas, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. It is easy to think of the Holy Family as leading perfect lives. But when we speak of the Holy Family, we speak of a family that struggled and suffered, like so many of us. Mary was pregnant before she married. Joseph chose to marry a woman who was pregnant, although he knew the baby wasn't his. Soon after the birth of their child, the family became refugees, fleeing persecution. Their son was put to death as a criminal. Surely this isn't a picture-perfect family we would like to emulate! The Holy Family shares our burdens, but they also uplift us by their example. Jesus, Mary and Joseph were never alone. They endured through the grace of God. They prayed. They hoped. They trusted in God's will. Yet, through all their hardships, in a time of anxiety and difficulty, persecution and tragedy—a time very much like our own—they showed us how to be people of faith, people of forgiveness, people of love. May God be just as close to your holy family today and throughout the coming year.

### Thank you to the Boy Scouts for their help with Christmas Eve Parking

We were blessed to have the Boy Scouts of Troop 658 helping us with parking on Christmas Eve. Many thanks to the boys and their families, who gave up their time to be of assistance to us!

### Thank you from FosterAll

Many thanks to everyone who contributed toys and gift cards to the FosterAll toy drive! Thanks to your generosity, many children in foster care received special gifts to make their Christmas a little merrier. Your kindness has touched their lives.



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## HIGH SCHOOL TEENS

### Gospel Recap: Catching the Faith at Home

During tough times when I hope God will bail me out, it's my Mom's voice that I hear echoing in my head. My Mom has tremendous faith, and her example strengthened my own. She left seeds that helped me along in the tough times when I needed to stand strong. I believe the same was probably true with Jesus. In this Gospel, we see his parents, very faithful Jews, bringing him to the temple. He must've heard his parents say over and over, "God will get us through this." Jesus, fully human, couldn't have become the radical witness for God without his faithful parents. This week, try to ask a grandparent or a family member about their faith. Ask them about their relationship with God. Listen carefully to their answers. Look for tips on finding God in the tough times. Remember faith is sometimes thought of like the flu. If we want to catch it, we need to hang out with people who've been infected for a while, and to listen to their testimonies...



### 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:

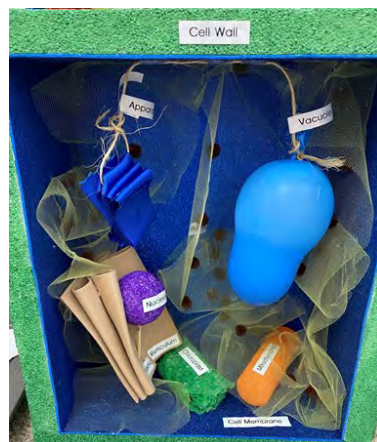




## SCIENCE AT SJF SCHOOL

### SJF Students Create Models of Plant and Animal Cells

Sixth grade has been studying plant and animal cells. They have created a model of either a plant or animal cell and labeled all the parts of each cell. Allowing students to create models like these helps reinforce their learning. Science is difficult to teach over zoom because it is such a hands-on subject. These creations help bring science to life.



### Continue to Pray For...

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|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Seyi Adisa                  | Margaret Majid       |
| Elisa Bagdasar              | Herbert Markle       |
| 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         | Navarte Family       |
| Pening Chacon               | Clare Nolan          |
| Michelle Clarke             | Marcy Rafanelli      |
| Don Duperon                 | Michael Riccio       |
| Eugenia Eyherabide          | Dr. Kenneth Sax      |
| Gloria Fink                 | Schmidt Families     |
| Joseph and Nelma FitzGerald | William H. Sheridan  |
| Mike Friedman               | Art Smith            |
| Molly Giomi                 | Peter W. Smith       |
| Diane Hewitt                | Joan Sing            |
| Sadru Hudani                | Florencia Tan        |
| Maureen Landon              | Judy Ann Tan         |
| Jeanne Leo                  | Alice Valdes         |
| Maricela Lopez              |                      |

### Pray for Deceased

- John Fitzpatrick, husband of Ruth Fitzpatrick
- John Hoffer, brother-in-law of Julia Bakos
- Maria Teresa Lopez, sister of Jesus Lopez
- Odette Smith, wife of Art Smith
- Patricia Webb

### 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 McKinderec 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

December 13, 2020 \$68,243.10  
 December 15, 2019 \$17,629.25

Thank You for your continued generosity

## Thanks and Gratitude to You All

The charities that received your gifts from the Parish Giving Tree express their most heartfelt gratitude and thanks to the parishioners of St. John Fisher for their compassion and generosity with gifts of toys, clothing, gift cards and diapers for those less fortunate than ourselves. We estimate about 1,200 individual items were donated with an approximate cash value of \$35,000. The SJF members of the Christian Family Movement ministry also say “Thank You” to the parishioners who assisted us in the collection, organization and distribution of these gifts.



## 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 **310-377-5571** or email at [carlynquinto@earthlink](mailto:carlynquinto@earthlink).

## Who is My Neighbor?

In Pope Francis’ recent encyclical Fratelli tutti, using the parable of the Good Samaritan, he explores the question “Who is my neighbor?” We as Christians ponder that same question, and Stephen Ministers respond by welcoming the opportunity to speak with all who may benefit from a caring listener. You are our neighbor. Call the Stephen Ministry at **310-541-1403**.



## Face Coverings are Required



Face coverings are required when visiting the parish office, for all outdoor Masses and when coming to receive communion for everyone over the age of 2. This is crucial in preventing the spread of COVID-19. They must cover the mouth and

nose at all times except when you place the Eucharist in your mouth. Please keep at least 6 feet distance from one another at all times.

## Did you Know? Talk to teens about posting photos

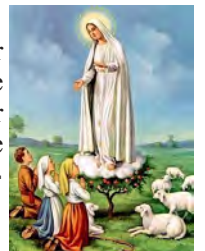
The pictures we share on Instagram and other social media can reveal much more information than just the picture we want our followers to see. If your teens are on social media, talk to them about the dangers of posting photos with potentially identifying information — posing in front of their schools or cars, tagging their location, or providing other clues that would give a predator easy access. Consider having a family screening contract, where parents approve photos before children can post. For more information, request a copy of the VIRTUS article “Technology Safety” at <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>. Parish Safeguard the Children Contact: Margaret Johnson, 310-377-4573 x136, [mjohnson@sjf.org](mailto:mjohnson@sjf.org).

## St. John Fisher Obra Buena

St. John Fisher Obra Buena (Good Works) financially supports the charitable outreach efforts of our parish. Your generous contributions make a significant difference in the lives of those in need. Obra Buena provides much needed funding to several local charities which are vetted annually by the Stewardship Committee and approved by the Peace and Justice Council. For more information, please call Misty Jesse at **310-377-4573** or email [mjesse@sjf.org](mailto:mjesse@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**.



## This Week At St. John Fisher

<b>Sunday, 12/27</b>
<b>6:15 pm Virtual Life Night</b> – via YouTube
<b>Monday, 12/28</b>
<b>Tuesday, 12/29</b>
<b>Wednesday, 12/30</b>
<b>9 am Eucharistic Adoration</b> – Outside Church Plaza
<b>Thursday, 12/31</b>
<b>New Year's Eve</b> <b>6:15 pm Life Teen Bite Size Bible Study</b> – via YouTube
<b>Friday, 1/1</b>
<b>New Year's Day</b> <b>Parish Offices and School Closed</b>
<b>Saturday, 1/2</b>
<b>Sunday, 1/3</b>
<b>6:15 pm Virtual Life Night</b> – via YouTube

## Save the Date!

**Growing in the Word: Mark** – January 6 (online release date)  
**Walk with Christ – Outdoor Stations of the Cross** – January 6  
**Pastoral Council Meeting via Zoom** – January 6  
**Walk with Christ – Outdoor Stations of the Cross** – February 3  
**Walk with Christ – Outdoor Stations of the Cross** – March 3  
**SJF Lenten Retreat 2021** – March 14-16  
**Growing in the Word: Gospel of John and Johannine Letters via Zoom** - April 6 – May 4  
**Walk with Christ – Outdoor Stations of the Cross** – April 7  
**Walk with Christ – Outdoor Stations of the Cross** – May 5  
**Military Ministry Collection** – May 22-23  
**Walk with Christ – Outdoor Stations of the Cross** – June 2



For more information, visit: [publichealth.lacounty.gov/coronavirus](http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/coronavirus)



If you'd like your meeting or event listed in the bulletin, please email to [info@sjf.org](mailto: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](http://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 4 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](mailto: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](http://www.sjf.org) – Faith Formation-Online Bible Studies

### RCIA Inquiry

Location: Zoom

Topic: Books of the Church

Date: 1st Monday of the Month, January 4, 7 pm

Facilitator: RCIA Ministry Team

### Growing in the Word: Gospel of Mark

Location: SJF Website-[www.sjf.org](http://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 Monday

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

*“...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive.”  
Colossians 3:13*

Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then, share the gift of forgiveness with someone, a family member, a friend or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

## “My Eyes have Seen your Salvation.”

Within the simple family from Nazareth, Simeon recognizes the consolation and salvation he has been awaiting his entire life. We could ponder what it was about this child, these parents, that prompted Simeon to utter, “Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace.” Only through the power of the Holy Spirit is Simeon given eyes to perceive the light of the world enfleshed in the newborn Jesus. Christ is present in our daily lives as well, in the people we meet inside and outside of our homes. Through the revelation of the Holy Spirit may we, too, be able to recognize him and serve 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 king 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](http://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!



# RECONGRESS

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- Online Registration only
- \$35/person for access to all sessions.
- All sessions available online in recorded or livestream format.



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