

# *St. John Fisher Church*

January 3, 2021



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

**Nations shall walk by your light.**

**Isaiah 60:3**

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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.

## Pastoral Council Meeting - January 6

All parishioners are invited to attend the Pastoral Council meeting on Wednesday, January 6 at 7 pm via Zoom. For more information or zoom invite, contact Gayle Plecha at [gplecha@sjf.org](mailto:gplecha@sjf.org).

### Pastor

- First 15

- Parish Life

### \* Feedback

- ◆ The Immaculate Conception Mass
- ◆ Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass
- ◆ Simbang Gabi
- ◆ Christmas Adopt-a-Family Program
- ◆ Giving Tree
- ◆ Christmas Eve and Day Mass

### \* Looking ahead

- ◆ COVID-19 restrictions
- ◆ SJF Lenten Retreat – March 14-16

### \* Update on California Bishops' Anti-Racism Initiative

### Chair/Vice-Chair

- Approval of December meeting minutes
- Staff Representative: Anne-Marie Hudani
- 2020-2021 Pastoral Plan Objectives Review
- PC Nominating Committee

### Other

### Closing Prayer of St. John Fisher

## 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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**General Dispensation**

In light of restrictions on large gatherings, the general dispensation from Archbishop Jose Gomez of all Catholics in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles from obligation of attending Sunday Mass remains in effect until further notice. We ask everyone to continue to proceed with prudence, caution and concern. Elderly, high-risk and vulnerable individuals are advised to remain home. If you feel sick or are experiencing any symptoms of illness we urge you to stay home. For more information, please call the parish office at **310-377-5571**.

**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. 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 - January 2 - January 10**

**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

**JANUARY 4, MONDAY**

**8:00 am** Ann Van Dermeulen†  
**5:15 pm** Janet Kooba

**JANUARY 5, TUESDAY**

**8:00 am** Jeannie Kettelhack†  
**5:15 pm** Steve Puccio†

**JANUARY 6, WEDNESDAY**

**8:00 am** Leo Bourgeois  
**5:15 pm** Mary & Ray Adamowicz†

**JANUARY 7, THURSDAY**

**8:00 am** Christine Cervana  
**5:15 pm** Sara Horton

**JANUARY 8, FRIDAY**

**8:00 am** Helen McCormack Ruane†  
**5:15 pm** Jennie Porrata†

**JANUARY 9, SATURDAY**

**8:00 am** Jane Chiang†  
**5:00 pm** Mary Jane Ludwick† Fr. Park

**JANUARY 10, SUNDAY**

**9:00 am** Pat Costantini† Fr. Kalu  
**11:00 am** Tola Boubion† Msgr. Sork  
**5:00 pm** Parishioners Fr. Park

**Weekly Readings**

**Monday:** 1 John 3:22—4:6 and Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

**Tuesday:** 1 John 4:7-10 and Mark 6:34-44

**Wednesday:** 1 John 4:11-18 and Mark 6:45-52

**Thursday:** 1 John 4:19—5:4 and Luke 4:14-22a

**Friday:** 1 John 5:5-13 and Luke 5:12-16

**Saturday:** 1 John 5:14-21 and John 3:22-30

**Sunday:** Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7, Acts 10:34-38, Mark 1:7-11

**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: The Epiphany of the Lord

The Magi (also known as Wise Men or Kings) were called to find the child that had come into the world as a king. They knew that he was the chosen one. They made many sacrifices in order to find him, and most likely encountered hardships on their journey. They didn't quit. They didn't give up. They persevered. Can you imagine their joy in finally arriving at their destination, the place where the child lay in his mother's arms? It must have been the greatest blessing they'd ever known. We can have that same joy when we seek out Jesus in our lives and find him.

### First Reconciliation Reminder!

Students preparing to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time in February should be learning their prayers and working on their *First Reconciliation* materials. Parents, remember that you will be signing up online for First Reconciliation mini retreats on Friday, January 8. Watch for your e-mail with more information!

### Liturgy of the Word for Children

Did you know that Liturgy of the Word for Children is celebrated online every Sunday? This is a wonderful way for you and your children to celebrate the Scriptures together. Follow the link under "Liturgical Resources" on our website (sjf.org), or just click on the YouTube icon at the top of the page to be taken to our parish YouTube channel. There you will find resources for all ages!



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## HIGH SCHOOL TEENS

### Gospel Recap: Which Star Do You Follow?

Many stars shine brightly in our nation: athletes, musicians, actors, corporate CEOs. And many people -young and old- search for happiness by following them. This week's Gospel focuses on another star and another search. In it the Magi come to Jerusalem, following a star they believe will lead them to the newborn "King of the Jews." Which star are you following? Where is your search leading you? We live in a world that often glorifies fame over service, money over people, and the national flag over the Christian cross. But there is a different path that leads to the fullest life and to a better world. Look at the path that leads to that small stable in Bethlehem. You will find it through prayer, worship and service for Christian causes. It's not always an easy path, but Christ calls us to walk it. God believes in you. He has chosen you and will walk with you through it all.



### 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 Board Re-Instituted

After a hiatus of some years, St. John Fisher School once again has a School Board!

### The Board is composed of the following members:

**Pastor:** Msgr. David Sork

**President:** Troy Kelly - Background in Marketing and Advertising

**Vice President:** Adrienne Nakashima - Room parent for grade 3 and Kindergarten and CEO of the South Bay Botanical gardens

**Secretary:** Brian Bezner - New to the school and an educator

**Treasurer:** Darla Finnucan - CPA and school parent

**Parent Liaison:** Griselda Bogdanovich - New to the school and a Room parent

**Vice Principal:** Tracey Martin - 19 years as a teacher at SJF school

**Principal:** Anne-Marie Hudani - 19 years as SJF school principal

Thank you to our wonderful Board members for their commitment, support, and dedication to St. John Fisher School.

## Pray for Sick

Caroline Rodriguez Fausto, mother of Marilyn Gardner  
 Maria and Pedro Palasox, parents of Katya Palasox  
 Charlotte Wong

## Continue to Pray For...

Seyi Adisa	Frank McCormick
Elisa Bagdasar	Michael McCormick
Paul Belfy	Maura McGuinness
Cheryl Benyi	Thadd McNamara
Jane Bodine	MaryClare McQuade
Raymond Bodine	Betty Mullen
Emma Breslin	Navarrte Family
Leo James Bourgeois	Clare Nolan
Pening Chacon	Marcy Rafanelli
Michelle Clarke	Michael Riccio
Don Duperon	Dr. Kenneth Sax
Eugenia Eyherabide	Schmidt Families
Gloria Fink	William H. Sheridan
Joseph and Nelma FitzGerald	Art Smith
Diane Hewitt	Peter W. Smith
Sadru Hudani	Joan Sing
Maureen Landon	Florencia Tan
Jeanne Leo	Judy Ann Tan
Maricela Lopez	Alice Valdes
Dave and Joan Matson	

## Pray for Deceased

Jesus Manuel Aguilar, father of Gilbert Aguilar  
 Peter Gonzalez Amado, brother of Virginia Amado  
 Maria Albanese, sister of Antoinette De Lorenzo  
 Margaret Majid, mother of Michael Majid  
 David Miraflores Fausto, father of Marilyn Gardner  
 Alicia Sanchez, aunt of Juan Magaña

## 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

December 20, 2020	\$12,473
December 22, 2019	\$32,947
December 27, 2020	\$3,966
December 29, 2019	\$32,276

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. 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.net](mailto:carlynquinto@earthlink.net).



## 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.

## Thank you from Simbang Gabi

The Simbang Gabi 2020 Committee would like to express their heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to Msgr. Sork for the celebration of the Simbang Gabi livestreamed Mass at SJF. The committee is also thankful to the parish and custodial staff for their support, to the SG choir, benefactors, and volunteers for sharing their gifts of time, talent and treasure in this unprecedented and challenging time.



## Converging Roads

The St. John Paul II Foundation in conjunction with the Archdiocese of Los Angeles invites everyone to *Converging Roads*, a half-day virtual conference on Saturday, February 27th from 8 am to 1 pm. The conference will be focused on the theme of Comprehensive Care in Times of Crisis, with presentations on corporal works of mercy as a healthcare professional; moral distress; mental health issues in medicine; and more! Continuing education credits for healthcare professionals will be offered, but the conference is open to anyone regardless of profession. Registration is now open. For more information or to register, contact Amelia Arth at **832-779-1070** or [amelia@forlifeandfamily.org](mailto:amelia@forlifeandfamily.org).

## Did you Know? How the ADLA can help victim-survivors heal

When the Vatican released the McCarrick Report late last year, victim-survivors of sexual abuse may have been triggered by the revelations in the report and the repeated mention of it in the news and on social media. In the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, the Office of Victims Assistance Ministry was created to provide a safe and compassionate environment for victim-survivors who need to report abuse to be able to do so, and to receive assistance for healing. For more information about these resources, visit <https://lacatholics.org/departments-ministries/protecting-children/>. *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).

## Canned/Dry Food Drive

During the Pandemic the House of Yahweh needs have increased for nonperishable food. A canned/dry food drive will take place on Saturday, January 16th between 9 am - 1 pm. The House of Yahweh is located at 4046 Marine Ave., Lawndale. Cash, check, or credit card donations are also accepted in lieu of food. Please mark your donations for "Food Drive." For more information, visit [www.hoy-southbay.org](http://www.hoy-southbay.org) or call **310-675-1384**.



## Military Ministry



The Saint John Fisher Military Ministry, along with Rotary Clubs of Los Angeles, assists young families of United States Marine Corps enlisted personnel at Camp Pendleton. 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 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. We will not have a collection on the parish campus but if you have items you want to donate, please call Kit Ruona at **310-377-5571** to arrange for picked up.

## This Week At St. John Fisher

<b>Sunday, 1/3</b> 6:15 pm Virtual Life Night – via YouTube
<b>Monday, 1/4</b> 7 pm RCIA Inquiry Session – via Zoom
<b>Tuesday, 1/5</b>
<b>Wednesday, 1/6</b> 9 am Eucharistic Adoration – Outside Church Plaza Growing in the Word: Mark – available at sjf.org 5:45 pm Walking with Christ – Outdoor Stations of the Cross 7 pm Pastoral Council Meeting – via Zoom
<b>Thursday, 1/7</b> 9 am Eucharistic Adoration – Outside Church Plaza 10 am Seekers – via Zoom 6:15 pm Life Teen Bite Size Bible Study – via YouTube
<b>Friday, 1/8</b> 9 am Eucharistic Adoration – Outside Church Plaza 7:30 pm Chinese Bible Study – Skype
<b>Saturday, 1/9</b>
<b>Sunday, 1/10</b> 6:15 pm Virtual Life Night – via YouTube

## Save the Date!

Walk with Christ – Outdoor Stations of the Cross – February 3  
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 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– 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

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

*“...they fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh...” Matthew 2:11*

Notice the order of events in the Magi’s visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

## “They Opened their Treasures and offered Him Gifts...”

The magi arrive in Bethlehem intent upon finding the “newborn king of the Jews” who has been revealed to them by the light of a star. Upon encountering him with his mother, Mary, they are not content to only fall down in worship; they also desire to offer something tangible to the child. From their treasures they present him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. In our own unique ways, we too have encountered the child of Bethlehem. We find him in the faces of those we hold dear, within the bread and wine of the Eucharist, and within our very hearts. In what ways might we respond, both in homage and through gifts, to the revelation of Christ within our midst?



## 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. 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!





**THE JOY** OF  
*Life*

*OneLife LA was created to unite communities and inspire positive action through an annual event that promotes the beauty and dignity of every human life from conception to natural death*

Due to COVID-19, this annual OneLife  
LA event will be virtual on

**Saturday, January 23  
at 12 pm**

Join the virtual program to  
connect together in prayer  
and celebration.

**Registration is open to  
anyone. To register,  
visit [http://  
onelifela.org/register/](http://onelifela.org/register/)**

