

St. John Fisher Church

February 28, 2021



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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 March 3rd

All parishioners are invited to attend the Pastoral Council meeting on Wednesday, March 3rd, at 7 pm via Zoom. For more information or for a Zoom invitation, contact Gayle Plecha at gplecha@sjf.org

Pastor:

- First 15
- Parish Life
- Feedback and Updates
 - Open church and COVID-19 protocols
 - Ash Wednesday
 - Director of RE search committee
 - Virtual Religious Education Congress
- Looking ahead
 - Food Pantry Collection -- March 6 - 7
 - SJF Lenten Retreat -- March 14 - 16
 - Holy Week -- March 28 -- April 4
- Capital Campaign outlook

Chair/Vice-Chair

- Approval of February meeting minutes
- Staff Rep brief: Fr. Park
- 2020-2021 Pastoral Plan Objectives Review
- PC Nominating Committee update
- Next meeting: April 14
 - PC info session at 6 pm
 - Regular meeting at 7 pm

Voice Your Concerns

Now that indoor Masses have resumed at St. John Fisher Church, the Pastoral Council Covid-19 committee is reaching out once more 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 McGuiness jmcguiness@sjf.org, Sheila Bloodgood sbloodgood@sjf.org, and Steve Izuno sizuno@sjf.org

Join the Pastoral Council

The SJF Pastoral Council is looking for three adult members and one youth member to fill a two-year term that begins in the late summer. The Council, comprising parishioners that truly represent the diversity of our Catholic community, is a consultative body to our Pastor whose members serve collaboratively. The calling is to help guide St. John Fisher Parish into the future and build a vibrant faith community inclusive of all parishioners. If you're interested, please fill out an application found at sjf.org/about/pastoral-council/ or the parish office. Applications are due in the Parish Office by April 30. If you have any questions, please email Chris Ratliff, Council chair, at cratliff@sjf.org.



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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**.

Mass in Church and Livestream

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.



Mass Intentions - February 27 - March 7

FEBRUARY 27, SATURDAY

8:00 am Baldomera Medrano †
5:00 pm Margaret Majid † Msgr. Sork

FEBRUARY 28, SUNDAY

9:00 am Ramon Martinez † Msgr. Sork
11:00 am Parishioners Fr. Kalu
5:00 pm Arthur Natvig † Msgr. Sork

MARCH 1, MONDAY

6:30 am Ramy Al-Hosri
8:00 am Maria Gilbert †
5:15 pm Elisa Bagdasar †

MARCH 2, TUESDAY

6:30 am Rosemary Kick †
8:00 am Deogracias Ortega
5:15 pm Kevin Mulligan †

MARCH 3, WEDNESDAY

6:30 am George Shimamura †
8:00 am Isabelle Price †
5:15 pm Paula Shoemaker †

MARCH 4, THURSDAY

6:30 am Bobby Walsh
8:00 am Lydia Sague †
5:15 pm M.Salem Al-Hosri †

MARCH 5, FRIDAY

6:30 am Maureen Osipow
8:00 am Maria Teresa Leelin †
5:15 pm Blessilda Dolores Palagape †

MARCH 6, SATURDAY

8:00 am Robert and Sil Romero
5:00 pm Tony Eclarin Msgr. Sork

MARCH 7, SUNDAY

9:00 am David Fausto † Fr. Kalu
11:00 am John Peter Lancaster † Fr. Park
5:00 pm Parishioners Msgr. Sork

Weekly Readings

Monday: Daniel 9:4b-10, Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday: Isaiah 1:10, 16-20, Matthew 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jeremiah 18:18-20, Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday: Jeremiah 17:5-10, Luke 16:19-31

Friday: Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a, Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20, Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Exodus 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17, 1 Corinthians 1:22-25, and John 2:13-25

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil

5:00 pm

Sunday

9:00 am (livestream)

11:00 am

5:00 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday-Friday

6:30 am

8:00 am (livestream)

5:15 pm

Saturday

8:00 am (livestream)

HOLY DAYS

Vigil: 5:30 pm

Mass: 8:00 am, 7:30 pm

PROTOCOLS FOR ALL MASSES

Parishioners are required to wear a face covering while attending and must maintain at least 6 feet distance from those who are not part of your household at all Masses. Also, hand sanitizer will be available as you enter and exit the Church.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

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

Wednesday through Friday from 9 am to 5 pm. In the Church Plaza

NEED A CARING LISTENER?

Call the Stephen Ministry Hotline at **310-541-1403**.

PRAYER TREE

Contact Bev at **310-377-5571** or penhimom@hotmail.com. Please write "SJF Prayer Tree" in the subject line.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays, after the 5:15 Mass, outside of the Church

CHILDREN



Home is Holy: Share the Light of Christ

During the Transfiguration, Jesus revealed his true glory to his closest friends. God the Father spoke from heaven, just as He did at Jesus' baptism in the Jordan, to announce that Jesus is His beloved Son. Like a proud parent, God the Father told us that he is delighted by his son. He also told us to "listen to him," so we can follow Jesus and live how he lived: paying attention to the poor and the outcast, fighting for what is right, and bringing comfort to those who are hurting. If we listen to Jesus and follow him, our hearts will get bigger and we will grow into everything God wants us to be. When you share the light of Christ, the light begins to glow inside you as well.

First Reconciliations have begun!

Beginning March 5, 70 children of the parish will be receiving the gift of God's loving forgiveness as they celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Girl Scout Diaper Drive, March 7, 10 am-1 pm

The Girl Scouts will be hosting a Drive Through Diaper Drive next Sunday, March 7th 10:00am-1:00pm behind Barrett Hall. They will be collecting all sizes of diapers, pull-ups and baby wipes. Diaper need is an urgent problem for many low-income families. Disposable diapers can cost \$70-\$80 per month for one baby, and no state or federal child safety-net program allocates dollars specifically for the purchase of diapers. Due to COVID the need is even greater. Donations will be distributed to: Hope on the Union (serving families near USC) and young families at Camp Pendleton. Questions? Contact Yolanda Williams at SharkBait12345@aol.com.



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HIGH SCHOOL TEENS

Gospel Recap: "We're in Good Company"

If we get confused sometimes about what God wants, we're in good company. This week, three apostles join Jesus on a mountain where he is transformed, and they truly see who he is. They also hear God's voice, telling them to listen to Jesus. They go down the mountain still confused. Later they even abandon Jesus. The apostles were human, just like us. Wouldn't it be nice to hear God's voice and to see Jesus every day like they did? God, at times, can seem



so close, and at other times he seems distant. Some bible passages can seem clear, and others can seem confusing when we try to live them out in our daily life. Some of us have had mountain-top "transfiguration" experiences, at a retreat or through a powerful prayer during adoration. At these times, God can appear so close, but even our greatest saints have talked about how hard it can be to hold onto that clarity every day. So let's just follow the apostles' example when we get mixed signals. In times of confusion, the scriptures tell us that the apostles kept trying. They read scripture together, and they prayed together before making big decisions. Then they tried their best and trusted that the Holy Spirit would work through them. And in the end, they changed the world.

LifeTeen Online Activities - Open to All High School Youth

This is an opportunity for SJF high school youth to connect with God and we will have two new presentations each week during Lent. "At the Foot of the Cross" will be posted on Fridays at 6:00pm, starting Feb. 19. "What is Your Lenten Promise?" will be posted on Mondays and Wednesdays, starting Feb. 22. Here is the link to the SJF Life Teen Youtube:





SJF K-6th Graders Returning to on Campus Learning

With Covid-19 cases decreasing in Los Angeles county St. John Fisher School has been cleared to welcome all students in grades K-6th grade back to campus full time! After almost a year of remote learning students and teachers are thrilled to be back together on our beautiful campus.

With this wonderful news has come a lot of planning. We have implemented staggered drop offs along with safety questions and temperature checks before students exit their cars. All children and adults on campus are required to wear a mask. Recess times have been adjusted to allow space for children to run and play, while staying safely distanced. Plastic barriers have been added to lunch tables allowing only three students per table. We have moved from a seven-period schedule to six periods to allow more time for hand washing and safe transitions.

Families who chose to continue with virtual learning are accommodated with Zoom links enabling children to log-on to "class" and watch lessons live with their classmates.

Another new component of on campus learning is a class called Community. In lieu of computer class in the lab, fourth to sixth grade students will learn about social emotional health, problem solving, and teambuilding. With so much time on screens in the last eleven months we are looking forward to bringing students safely together to get to know each other and build their class community.

Students in grades kindergarten to third grade returned to school on February 22nd, and will increase their school day to 8am-3pm beginning March 1. Fourth to sixth graders will begin back full time on March 4th



Pray for Sick

Adrian Herrera

Miriam Holden

Concepcion Jimenez , mother of Lorena Masoumi

Maria De Jesus Padilla, mother of Kathy Padilla

Continue to Pray For...

Seyi Adisa

Dolly Aldridge

Paul Belfy

Cheryl Benyi

Jane Bodine

Raymond Bodine

Leo James Bourgeois

Emma Breslin

Michelle Clarke

Ray Curran

Don Duperon

Eugenia Eyherabide

Onofre "Fred" Flores

Gloria Fink

Maribel Griffth

David & Espie Gonzalez

Armando Guevara

Sadru Hudani

Rosemary Humphrey

Irene Jenner

Maureen Landon

Anne McDermott

Dave & Joan Matson

Jose Marin

Frank McCormick

Michael McCormick

Maura McGuinness

Thadd McNamara

Jim Muller

Clare Nolan

Deogracias Ortega

Marcy Rafanelli

Richard & Sil Ramirez

Dr. Kenneth Sax

Mary Lou Schmidt

Schmidt Families

William H. Sheridan

Joan Sing

Florencia Tan

Judy Ann Tan

Alice Valdes

Pray for Deceased

Apollo Amado

Erlinda Arcangel

Ed Batac

Corkey Cwikowski, sister in law of Marty Boukaert

Conception Diaz

Barry Glick

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** or Howard Schneider **310-378-2665**. 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

February 21, 2021 \$11,911.00

February 16, 2020 \$20,156.42

Thank You for your continued generosity



First Friday Adoration

This Friday is the First Friday of the month. Come and spend an hour in Eucharistic adoration outside at the alcove off the Plaza Room from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Eucharistic Adoration

We need more volunteers who could spend an hour in Eucharistic Adoration in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. IT will be exposed every Wednesday to Friday, from 9 am to 5 pm except for First Fridays. We still need additional volunteers for the following hours: Wednesday: 10 am, 12 pm, and 3 pm; Thursday: 10 am; and Friday: 10 am, 12 pm, and 2 pm. If you are interested in being a regular or substitute adoror, please call Carlyn Quinto at 310-480-2291 or email atcarlynquinto@earthlink.net



After Caregivers

Stephen Ministers are the go to "After Caregivers" -we are here for you after the relationship falls apart, and it feels like the bottom is being pulled out from beneath you. Call the confidential, **Stephen Ministry** line at **310-541-1403**. We are here for you.



Support SJF Electronically



You can link your mobile phone number to your credit/debit card for easier giving. Text a dollar amount to 424-352-7722 and complete the one-time registration page to enroll in the ability to text gifts to St. John Fisher through Faith Direct.

Stations of the Cross

During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays after the 5:15pm Mass. outside of the church. Come join us for the 6 week journey.



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.

Did you know? Holding adults to high standards

When you start to talk to your children about inappropriate touching and basic sexual abuse prevention safety rules, be mindful that children can easily be confused by adults, even those with the best intentions. All adults have a responsibility to stick to the highest standards in their relationships with children. A very good reason to be involved in the activities in which your children participate is that you can get to know the adults who work regularly with them. If your child brings a confusing scenario to you, you can more easily discuss the circumstances with your child and the adult involved, and work towards better behaviors. For more information, request a copy of the VIRTUS article "How to Talk Productively With an Adult about Inappropriate Behavior with a Child" at https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.Parish_Safeguard_the_Children>Contact: Margaret Johnson, 310-377-4573 x136, mjohnson@sjf.org.

Face Coverings are Required

Face coverings are required when visiting the parish office, for all 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.



Scam Alert

We are aware of email and text messages circulating supposedly coming from Msgr. David Sork. Please ignore them as it is a scam. The email address and text number from which the scam is coming are not ours. If you are ever in doubt, please call the parish office at 310-377-5571. If you have become victim to this scam, please call the Lomita Sheriff's office at 310-539-1661.



Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament Now Open

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the capacity is limited to 4 persons, and masks are to be worn while in the chapel. The 4 chairs have been strategically placed to assure you are socially distant from others in the chapel. A hand sanitizer is installed on the wall for your use as you enter and leave the chapel. When the church is open, you may enter the chapel from the church as well as through the outside door. When the church is closed, you must enter through the outside door. The door from the chapel to the church will be open for restroom use during the day. Please keep the doors shut to assure a healthy circulation of the air as designed for the chapel. This is for your health while you are in there praying.

Msgr. David A. Sork
Pastor

This Week At St. John Fisher

Sunday, 2/28
Monday, 3/1
6 pm LifeTeen “What’s your Lenten promise?” - via YouTube 7 pm RCIA Inquiry - via Zoom
Tuesday, 3/2
Wednesday, 3/3
9 am Eucharistic Adoration – Blessed Sacrament Chapel 7 pm Pastoral Council Meeting—via Zoom **Walk with Christ- Outdoor Stations of the Cross has been moved to Friday March 5th for Lent.
Thursday, 3/4
9 am Eucharistic Adoration – Blessed Sacrament Chapel 10 am Seekers – via Zoom 5:45 pm Divine Mercy - Church
Friday, 3/5
9 am Eucharistic Adoration – Outside Church Plaza 6 pm LifeTeen “At The Foot Of The Cross” - via YouTube 6 pm Stations of the Cross - Outside Church Plaza 7:30 pm Chinese Bible Study – Skype
Saturday, 3/6
Sunday, 3/7
10 am RCIA Inquiry Session– Outside Church

Save the Date!

Lenten Bible Study – The Gospel of John (online) –	Through March 31
Food Pantry Collection -	March 6-7
SJF Lenten Retreat 2021 -	March 14-16
Book Club Meeting	March 16
Holy Week -	March 28 - April 4
RCIA Easter Vigil Retreat at DMJ	April 3
Walk with Christ - Outdoor Stations of the Cross -	April 7
Book Club Meeting	April 20
South Bay Catholic- Jewish Women’s Dialogue Conference -	May 4
Walk with Christ- Outdoor Stations of the Cross-	May 5
Book Club Meeting	May 18
Military Ministry Collection -	May 22-23
Walk with Christ - Outdoor Stations of the Cross -	June 2
Book Club Meeting	June 15
Food Pantry Bag Distribution -	June 19- 20
Food Pantry Bag Collection -	June 26- 27

SLOW THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)



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 on Zoom and generally take place the first Monday of each month (except for Holidays). Our next Inquiry session is Sunday, March 7, at 10:00am with a tour of the Church. Please meet outside the Church. If you are 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

Current Offerings: Revelation, Gospel of Matthew, Book of Ruth, Gospel of Mark

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

Lenten Bible Study –Gospel of John

Location: Zoom

Start Date: Feb. 17, Wednesdays for 7 weeks.

Time: 7:00p.m.-8:30pm

Contacts: hanantanios@yahoo.com;

mcdonald.tom@outlook.com

RCIA Inquiry

Location: Plaza Outside the Church

Topic: Tour of the Church

Date: Sunday March 7, 10:00am

Facilitator: RCIA Ministry Team

Pre-Baptism Class

Location: Zoom

Facilitator: Pre-Baptism Team

Date: 2nd Monday of the Month

Time: 7:00p.m.– 8:30 p.m.

Call: Parish office for registration

A New Day

Topic: Grief Support Group

Date: Tuesday evenings, for 5 weeks,

Registration: Office of Evangelization, 310-377-4573

Walk with Christ

Outdoors: Stations of the Cross

Date: 1st Wednesday of the Month

Time: After 5:15pm Mass

Contact: Hanan Tanios, 562-972-4120

Stewardship Reflection

“‘Here I am!’ he answered.” Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, “Here I am, Lord,” when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say “Here I am, Lord,” when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it’s not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

SJF Lenten Retreat– March 14-16

Our Scriptures and the lives of our Saints are full of struggles, evasions, rebellions and then Surrender, the solution that was there all the time. Father Patrick Dooling will present three evening sessions 7:00-8:30pm. Sunday, March 14: The Surrender of Faith. Monday, March 15: The Surrender of Love. Tuesday, March 16: The Surrender of Hope. This Lenten Retreat will be held at St. John Fisher Church. Seating is limited, social distancing and health protocols will be observed. Face coverings will be required at all times. The event is free of charge and will be live streamed each evening on our website: www.SJF.org. For questions, please call the Office of Evangelization 310-377-4573.

Food Pantry Collection—March 6-7

St. John Fisher’s March Food Pantry drive has been modified to accommodate the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. Instead of passing out brown bags to fill with canned goods, we are requesting that you please consider sending in a monetary donation on March 6-7 in support of the Food Pantry. Funds received will go to support the three local food pantries that are busy serving the needs of the poor: St. Peter and Paul Poverty Program in Wilmington, the Sisters of Charity in Rollings Hills and Harbor Interfaith. Thank you for your contribution and support of this outreach ministry to those in need among us.

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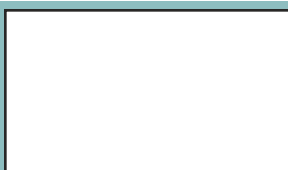
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