# St. John Fisher Church March 14, 2021

# 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

"For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God"

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Hass 4 2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

John 3:20-21

# Love God. Love All People. Make Disciples.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

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#### PARISH OFFICE

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310-377-2800

8 am - 5 pm Monday - Friday	
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#### **OFFICES OF FAITH FORMATION** 310-377-4573

#### 8:30 am - 5:00 pm - Monday - Friday

**Director of Religious Education** 

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Parish Library - Call for availability	x130

#### SCHOOL OFFICE

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Chair

Bernie Maynard, 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.

#### 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/pastoralcouncil/ 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@sif.org.

#### **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

#### **All Covid-19 Vaccines Morally Acceptable**

I encourage all to be vaccinated, whether the vaccine is produced by Pfizer, Moderna, or Johnson and Johnson. Being vaccinated can be an act of charity that serves the common good amid the ongoing world-wide pandemic that has affected so many lives. The Vatican COVID-19 Commission has stated that: "all clinically recommended vaccinations can be used with a clear conscience and that the use of such vaccines does not signify some sort of cooperation with voluntary abortion."

Msgr. David A. Sork Pastor



Don't Forget, March 14th Daylight savings begins

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#### WORSHIP

#### **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. For more information, please call the parish office at **310-377-5571**.

#### Mass in Church and Livestream

While all Masses are now in church, 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 - March 13 - March 21

MARCH 13, SATURDAY 8:00 am Loribelle Achacoso† 5:00 pm Raymond Acelino, Sr. † Fr. Kalu MARCH 14, SUNDAY 9:00 am Fr. Park Paul Leo<sup>†</sup> 11:00 am Estalita Madlanscga† Msgr. Sork 5:00 pm Parishioners Fr. Kalu MARCH 15, MONDAY Dania Figueroa 6:30 am Linda Masasaet 8:00 am 5:15 pm Liza Rindge<sup>†</sup> MARCH 16, TUESDAY 6:30 am George and Ginny Richards<sup>†</sup> 8:00 am Frank Brown<sup>†</sup> 5:15 pm Ernesto Achacso<sup>†</sup> MARCH 17, WEDNESDAY 6:30 am Bill Hilton<sup>†</sup> 8:00 am Daniel James Finnegan<sup>†</sup> 5:15 pm Bill Wall<sup>†</sup> MARCH 18, THURSDAY 6:30 am Ester Da Guzman<sup>†</sup> 8:00 am David Mira Flores - Fausto Conrado and Clotildi Larawan† 5:15 pm MARCH 19, FRIDAY 6:30 am Conrado and Clotildi Larawan† 8:00 am Msgr. Lloyd Bourgeois 5:15 pm Jules Baldemor<sup>†</sup> MARCH 20, SATURDAY 8:00 am Lorraine Mostero<sup>†</sup> Fr. Park 5:00 pm Rita Haines<sup>†</sup> MARCH 21, SUNDAY 9:00 am Msgr. Eugene Gilb<sup>†</sup> Msgr. Sork Fr. Kalu **11:00 am** Parishioners 5:00 pm Orlando Rebueno† Fr. Park

#### Weekly Readings

Monday: Isaiah 65:17-21, John 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12, John 5:1-16

Wednesday: Isaiah 49:8-15, John 5:17-30

**Thursday:** Exodus 32:7-14, John 5:31-47

Friday: 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16, Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22, and Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Saturday: Jeremiah 11:18-20, John 7:40-53

Sunday: 3:Jeremiah 31:31-34, Hebrews 5:7-9, and John 12:20-33

#### 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 mask while attending and must maintain at least 6 feet distance from those who are not part of your household. 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**.

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** Spend an hour in honor of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

#### **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 pm Mass, outside of the Church

## FAITH FORMATION

#### CHILDREN



#### Home is Holy: God loves us so much!

Some people think God is like an angry judge. They forget that God is a loving parent. God loves each one of us as his own children. Think of how much your parents love you. It may be hard for them to express all the love they have for you in their hearts. But parents love their children a lot, and always want the best for them. God wants that for us, too. God saw that we need to know God's love, and the best way to show us was to send his Son. But God didn't stop there. God allowed his Son to show us God's love all the way to the cross. Jesus laid down his life for us, and then rose from the dead to love us even more. Our God really loves us a lot!

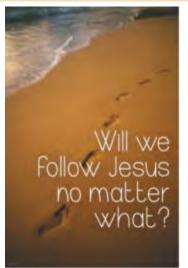
#### **Girl Scout Cookies Time!**

It's Girl Scout Cookies time! Due to COVID you will not be seeing Girl Scouts in front of your local grocery store. Scan the QR code and place your order now for your favorites. Choose "Girl Delivered" and a Girl Scout will make a contactless delivery to your home. Don't eat cookies? Make a donation to Cookies for the Community and help others. This year Shark Bait is partnering with Foster All to provide game bags for the families with a portion of our proceeds. Thank you so much for your support during these challenging times. Questions? Contact Yolanda Williams at <u>SharkBait12345@aol.com</u> or text 310-871-6406.



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

## HIGH SCHOOL TEENS



#### Gospel Recap: "Jesus Saves, but We Condemn"

Sometimes we think God is busy watching for opportunities to judge and condemn us, but Jesus clears all this up in today's Gospel. God doesn't look for opportunities to condemn us, but he is looking for ways to save us from lives without meaning and to save us from empty, Godless lives. Oftentimes, we condemn ourselves if we tend to ignore Jesus' way to live. Through sin and selfishness, we can end up building our own prison of self-pity. But God is wanting to free us, so he sent Jesus to show us the way. Isn't it great to know that God's only desire is for us to live faithful lives now, and all the way into eternity? And even if we spend most of our lives looking in the wrong places, God never abandons us or withdraws his offer of salvation. This Lenten season, let's decide to follow Jesus, and to shine his light for the world. In this way we will find true peace and freedom.

#### 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, "What is Your Lenten Promise?" will be posted on Mondays and Wednesdays. Here is the link to the SJF Life Teen YouTube:



# SJF SCHOOL



St. John Fisher School is accepting applications for Transitional Kindergarten through 7<sup>th</sup> Grade for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year.

St. John Fisher School has much to offer:

- Students receive individualized attention
- Superior standardized test scores
- A resource program for students with special needs
- Faculty and staff are role models who share their faith, talents, and time
- Family input and involvement in the ongoing education of their children
- Strong sense of community

Stop by the school office to pick up an application packet, or schedule an appointment to tour the school and meet with the principal.

For further information, or to arrange a tour, contact us at **310-377-2800** or email <u>principal@sjf.org</u>

# FAITH. EXCELLENCE. SERVICE.



#### **Pray for Sick**

Christina Avila, aunt of Lydia Hernandez

#### **Continue to Pray For...**

Sevi Adisa Dolly Aldridge Paul Belfy Cheryl Benyi Jane Bodine Raymond Bodine Leo James Bourgeois Emma Breslin Michelle Clarke Ray Curran Don Duperon Eugenia Eyherabide Gloria Fink Espie Gonzalez Jeanne Glick Maribel Griffth Adrian Herrera Miriam Holden

Sadru Hudani **Rosemary Humphrey** Maureen Landon Dave Matson Frank McCormick Michael McCormick Maura McGuinness Thadd McNamara Clare Nolan Maria De Jesus Padilla Marcy Rafanelli Dr. Kenneth Sax Mary Lou Schmidt William H. Sheridan Joan Sing Florencia Tan Judy Ann Tan Alice Valdes

#### **Pray for Deceased**

Premindra "Anthony" Chandraratna, husband of Roanne Chandraratna David Gonzalez, husband of Espie Gonzalez Concepcion Jimenez, mother of Lorena Masoumi

# 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 Lance Corporal John McElhone, USMC

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.

# C O M M U N I T Y

#### STEWARDSHIP OF OUR TREASURE

March 7, 2021	\$20,512.00	
March 8, 2020	\$18,350.72	
Thank You for your continued generosity		

#### **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. 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 adorer, please call Carlyn Quinto at **310-480-2291** or email at carlynquinto@earthlink.net.

#### Video Ministry Volunteers Needed

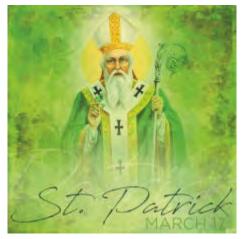
If you have an interest in Windows computers and Audio and Video Technology this may be the volunteer opportunity for you! The SJF Video Ministry is looking for volunteers interested in "Livestreaming" the 8:00 am Daily Mass. We are also looking for volunteers to help provide technical support to help sustain the video system. With our COVID-19 safe training, volunteers are taught how to operate the video system to effectively stream Mass. If you have questions, or to volunteer, please contact David Bloodgood at dabldgd@cox.net.

#### Support SJF Electronically

It's time for spring cleaning – why not streamline your offertory too, and simplify your support for St. John Fisher and the ministries that mean so much to you? Now is a great time to make the switch to eGiving – you can sign up from your computer, smartphone, or tablet, and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. Recurring gifts help sustain our parish as we continue to confront the challenges and turmoil sparked by COVID-19, and as we work to reopen

more of our programs, services, and ministries for our church families and for those in need throughout the community. Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/CA436, or text 'Enroll' to **424-352-7722** 





# Did you know? How parents can help fight against sex trafficking

Sex trafficking is a serious threat in the U.S. and around the world. Parents can make a difference in their families and in their communities by educating themselves and their children. Know the signs of trafficking or abuse, including changes in behavior, nightmares, anxiety, and self-destructive behavior. Fostering trust and communication between parents and children is crucial to protecting them from exploitation. To read more from the VIRTUS® article "Sex trafficking: What we can do to help," visit https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/. Parish Safeguard the Children Contact: Margaret Johnson, 310-377-4573 x136, mjohnson@sjf.org.

#### **Book Club**

The Book Club meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 pm via Zoom. The next meeting is on March 16 to discuss <u>Barking to the Choir</u> by Fr. Gregory Boyle. Please contact Deb Kagei at <u>sjfbookclub@gmail.com</u> for Zoom invite or more information.



#### Having difficulty feeling at peace?

"The reason people find it so hard to be happy is that they always see the past better than it was, the present worse than it is, and the future less resolved than it will be" - Marcel



Pagnol. As a spiritual friend, a Stephen Minister can help you appreciate where you are in life. Call the confidential **Stephen Ministry** line at **310-541-1403**. We are here for you.



### Knights of Columbus

Are you interested in joining the Knights of Columbus? Your local council 1990 has been serving the parishes and communities of the South Bay for over 100 years. We are a group of men dedicated to putting our Faith into Action. We are offering free online membership for new membership applications submitted by June 30, 2021.

Please visit kofc.org/joinus and enter the code MCGIVNEY2020 to take advantage of this special offer. Be sure to indicate 1990 in the council field.

#### 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.



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

This Week At St. John Fisher	Save the Date!	
Sunday, 3/14	Holy Week March 28 - April 4	
7 pm Lenten Retreat - Church	RCIA Easter Vigil Retreat at DMJ	
Monday, 3/15	April 3	
<b>6 pm LifeTeen "What's your Lenten promise?"</b> - via YouTube	Walk with Christ - Outdoor Stations of the Cross April 7	
7 pm Lenten Retreat - Church	Divine Mercy Sunday April 11	
Tuesday, 3/16		
7 pm Book Club - via Zoom	Book Club Meeting April 20	
7 pm Lenten Retreat - Church	South Bay Catholic- Jewish Women's Dialogue Conference - May 4	
Wednesday, 3/17		
<b>9 am Eucharistic Adoration</b> – Blessed Sacrament Chapel <b>7 pm Lenten Bible Study - The Gospel of John -</b> via	Walk with Christ- Outdoor Stations of the Cross- May 5	
Zoom	Book Club Meeting May 18	
Thursday, 3/18		
9 am Eucharistic Adoration – Blessed Sacrament Chapel	Military Ministry CollectionMay 22-23	
10 am Seekers – via Zoom 5:45 pm Divine Mercy - Church	Walk with Christ - Outdoor Stations of the Cross June 2	
Friday, 3/19	Book Club Meeting June 15	
<ul> <li>9 am Eucharistic Adoration – Blessed Sacrament Chapel</li> <li>6 pm LifeTeen "At The Foot Of The Cross" - via YouTube</li> <li>6 pm Stations of the Cross - Outside Church Plaza</li> <li>7:30 pm Chinese Bible Study – Skype</li> </ul>	<b>Food Pantry Bag Distribution</b> June 19- 20	
	Food Pantry Bag CollectionJune 26- 27	
Saturday, 3/20		
Sunday, 3/21		



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!

## E VANGELIZATION



#### **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 Monday, April 5th at 7p.m. on Zoom. The topic is The Salvation Story. If you are interested in joining our 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 Inquirv** Location: Zoom Topic: The Salvation Story Date: Monday, April 5th, 7:00pm **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 Dav 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**

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." John 3:16.

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts, that we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.



#### **Focusing the Gospel**

Today's gospel refers to an event that occurred as the people of Israel sojourned in the desert after their escape from slavery in Egypt and before entering into the Promised Land. The people, weary from their travel, complain bitterly against God and Moses. The people are punished for the complaints with serpent bites, and then saved from their punishment when God commands Moses, "Make a seraph and mount it on a pole; everyone

who has been bitten will look at it and recover" (Num 21:8; NABRE). And now, in today's gospel, Jesus is compared to this "sign of salvation" for when he is lifted up, "everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."

#### SJF Lenten Retreat - Surrender, 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. For questions, please call the Office of Evangelization 310-377-4573.

#### **Connect Groups - Be a Better Person**

Men and women, get help from the Bible for daily living in one of our Connect Groups. We start with a topic such as how not to be so quick to take offense, see what the Bible tells us about it and then discuss how it applies to our daily lives. Come to a zoom meeting on Thursday, March 25th at 7 pm or find another Connect Group to suit your schedule. Contact Martha Newton at sjfconnectgroups@gmail.com.



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# St. John Fisher Parish invites you to



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.

Surrender scares the hell out of us-literally!



# Fr. Patrick Dooling

St. John Fisher Church March 14 to 16, 2021 7-8:30 pm

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