# St. John Fisher Church

August 22, 2021



Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." - Jn 6:68

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

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310-377-5571

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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.



## **Hospitality Ministers Needed!**

Remember when the Gathering Plaza was truly a gathering place? Remember when we had coffee, donuts, smiling faces and fellowship after Sunday Mass? We'd like to bring back Sunday morning Mass Fellowship and we need ministers of hospitality to host the tables. This is a great way to meet fellow

parishioners and their families. Please call the Parish Office at **310-377-4573**, if you can host a table at one Sunday Morning Mass each month and let us know your Mass preference.

## **Support SJF Electronically**

When your summer travels take you away from Sunday services, eGiving lets you continue to support St. John Fisher and the ministries you



cherish. You can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and plan your summer offertory by setting up a recurring donation. eGiving sustains our parish through the busy summer months. You'll provide us with consistent support, even if you're away on a Sunday, so the programs, services, and ministries that mean so much to our community will never miss a beat. Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/CA436, or text 'Enroll' to **424-352-7722.** Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.



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## WORSHIP

## 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.



## Mass Intentions - August 22 - August 29

AUGUST 21,	Saturday	
8:00 am	James & Laura Prendergast†	
5:00 pm	James & Laura Prendergast†	Fr. Park
AUGUST 22,	Sunday	
7:30 am	Shirley Atentista†	Fr. Park
9:00 am	Virginia Largoza†	Msgr. Sork
	Parishioners	Fr. Park
5:00 pm	Joseph Watson†	Msgr. Sork
AUGUST 23,	Monday	
8:00 am	Bernadino & Soledad† San Jose	
5:15 pm	Paul Chung	
AUGUST 24,	Tuesday	
8:00 am	Frank Tyrell†	
5:15 pm	Maureen Cash†	
AUGUST 25,	Wednesday	
8:00 am	Nilo & Mercedita Ramos†	
5:15 pm	Luis F. Garcias†	
AUGUST 26,	Thursday	
8:00 am	Adriano Mondala Saura Jr.†	
5:15 pm	Federico Langit, Sr.†	
AUGUST 27,	Friday	
8:00 am	Lorraine Dyda†	
5:15 pm	Lorraine Dyda†	
AUGUST 28,		
8:00 am	Ernesto Medrano	
	Maureen Salvan	Fr. Kalu
AUGUST 29,		
7:30 am	William Markwood, Jr.†	Msgr. Sork
	Frank Sabatasso†	Fr. Park
	Lorraine Dyda†	Msgr. Sork
5:00 pm	Parishioners	Fr. Kalu

#### Weekly Readings

Monday:1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10, Matthew 23:13-22Tuesday:Revelation 21:9b-14, John 1:45-51Wednesday:1 Thessalonians 2:9-13, Matthew 23:27-32Thursday:1 Thessalonians 3:7-13, Matthew 24:42-51Friday:1 Thessalonians 4:1-8, Matthew 25:1-13Saturday:1 Thessalonians 4:9-11, Matthew 25:14-30Sunday:Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8, James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27, and Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

#### SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am \* 11:00 am 5:00 pm **WEEKDAY MASSES** Monday-Friday 8:00 am \* 5:15 pm Saturday 8:00 am \* **HOLY DAYS** 

\* Also livestreamed

Vigil: 5:30 pm

Mass: 8:00 am, 7:30 pm

#### **PROTOCOLS FOR ALL MASSES**

All parishioners are required to wear a face covering throughout Mass. 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. For more information please contact Carlyn Quinto at **310-480-2291** or via email: carlynquinto@earthlink.net.

#### **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.

## FAITH FORMATION

## CHILDREN



## Home is Holy: This is my Body, This is my Blood

When Jesus told his followers that unless they eat his flesh and drink his blood they will not have eternal life, many of them left. They could not accept this. If we are honest, we can understand why they had a difficult time with this concept. But there were some followers who did not leave. Peter was one of them. Did he understand? Probably not. Still he said he was convinced that Jesus is God and that was enough for him to accept every word that came from the mouth of Christ.

St. Teresa of Calcutta - Mother Teresa - said, "God does not expect us to be successful, only faithful." Even if we don't understand, we can still be faithful to the teachings of Christ.

During the Mass when the priest repeats Jesus' words "This is my Body; this is my Blood," we don't need to analyze it, question how it could be, or wonder why Christ would choose to come to us in this way. We can just be thankful that he does!

## **Religious Education Registration is now open!**

Registration for Religious Education classes, Preschool - Grade 8 is now open. The registration link is https://tinyurl.com/SJFSchoolSpeak2021 - 2022 or use the QR code. Classes will meet in person: Preschool/Kindergarten at 9 am - 10 am Sundays, Grades 1 - 8 at 10:45 am - noon Sundays, Grades 1 - 5 at 4 pm - 5:15 pm Tuesdays. Families who were registered for Religious Education classes in 2020 - 2021, as well as those who were registered in 2019 - 2020, were e-mailed the link for registration. New families wishing to register can follow the link, and then click on "Request Account." Please register early! Classes will begin the week of September 26, but we need the summer to plan.



Justin Fontenot | Coordinator of Religious Education K-8 | (310) 377-4573 ext 136 | jfontenot@sjf.org



## HIGH SCHOOL TEENS

# **Teen Confirmation**

## Registration is Now Open!!!

High School Confirmation <u>Registration is now open</u>. SJF Confirmation consists of a 2-year program, open to incoming 9th, 10th, and 11th graders in Fall 2021. If you would like to get on our list, please email Ricardo Mata at rmata@sjf.org with your student's name, grade, and please include the parent's name, email address, and phone. Please scan the QR code with your camera app on your phone for the link.



## Life Teen Youth Ministry is back at SJF!!!

#### SJF Life Teen is Back!

This summer, we'll have meetings twice a month. We are planning fun socials and deep conversations. Scan the QR code for more information on Life Nights and our Summer theme.



Katie Dante | Coordinator of Confirmation and Youth Ministry | (310) 377-4573 ext 145 | kdante@sjf.org

## SJF SCHOOL



## School Student Non-Discrimination Policy

The school, mindful of its mission to be a witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students regardless of race, color, national origin, and/or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school.

The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, disability, medical condition, sex, or national and/or ethnic origin in the administration of educational policies and practices, scholarship programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs, although certain athletic leagues and other programs may limit participation and some archdiocesan schools operate as single-sex schools.

While the school does not discriminate against students with special needs, a full range of services may not always be available to them. Decisions concerning the admission and continued enrollment of a student in the school are based upon the student's emotional, academic, and physical abilities and the resources available to the school in meeting the student's needs.



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**Pray for Sick** 

Sadru Hudani Maureen Landon Ernest Lai Maria Esther Lopez **Bob Markl** Frank McCormick Michael McCormick Maura McGuinness Thadd McNamara Agnes Moran Clare Nolan Perla Perez Marcy Rafanelli Mary Lou Schmidt Schmidt Family William H. Sheridan Joan Sing Judy Ann Tan Alice Valdes

## **Pray for Deceased**

Edward G. Amado, brother of Virginia Amado Arthur Arcand Antonio and Teresa Morales, parents of Maria Turco Enrique Morales, brother of Maria Turco

**Continue to Pray For...** 

## 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.

## **COMMUNITY**

## **Stewardship of Our Treasure**

August 15, 2021	\$16,458.50
August 16, 2020	\$10,293.00

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 every Wednesday and Friday, from 9 am to 5 pm; and Thursday, from 9 am to 9 pm. We still need additional volunteers who could spend an hour in Eucharistic Adoration on any of the following hours: Thursday:11am, 1pm, 2 pm, and 6 pm; and Friday:11am, 2 pm and 4 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.

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## A Companion on your Journey

As we walk with others who hurt and ache, we as Stephen Ministers pray that our hearts will be warm with compassion and understanding. We are happy to be with you in your time of need.

Please feel free to call, and leave a message for the **Stephen Ministry at 310-541-1403.** We are here for you., as a confidential and dedicated phone message line.

## **Ignatians West - Volunteer Opportunity**

Are you a mature adult with some free time? Your lifetime of experience can be turned into service for others. Ignatians West will match your interests and talents with the needs of children, adults and seniors in a variety of non-profit settings. Volunteers serve in schools, food pantries, hospitals and social service centers 1 or 2 days a week. In addition to service, Ignatians West volunteers meet monthly to reflect in the Ignatian tradition. This Jesuit affiliated ministry invites you to assist those in need, work for a more just society, care for the earth and grow deeper in your faith. The benefits are priceless! Check us out at www.ignatianswest.org or on Facebook. You can make a difference in the life of another! For further information contact Anne Hansen **310-338-2358** ahansen@ignatianswest.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.

# Did you know? Practice empathy at home to prevent bullying

No parent sets out to raise a bully, but children grow and develop into their own people as they go out into the world - and it starts at home. One way to help your child foster healthy, kind relationships is to work on building good habits at home. Reward kindness and empathy when you see it. Comment on instances of sharing, of kindness, of pride. Help your child understand what it means to empathize with someone else, or to be kind in different situations. For more information, request a copy of the VIRTUS® article "Parents: how not to raise a bully, the ten things you must know. Part Two," at https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/. *Parish Safeguard the Children Contact: Justin Fontenot, 310-377-4573 x136, jfontenot@sjf.org.* 

## **Rachel's Vineyard - "Healing after Abortion" Retreat weekend**

Rachel's Vineyard retreat is being held October 29 - 31, for men and women struggling with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion. The retreat is designed to help participants work through repressed grief and anger in a safe, nonjudgmental setting and come to acceptance, healing, and hope for the future. Developed in the Roman Catholic Tradition, it utilizes spiritual exercises and rituals to help grieve the loss of unborn children and to accept God's forgiveness. All inquiries and registrations are confidential, please call **323-577-5693**, for more information.

## Interested in helping Children in Tijuana?

For almost 40 years the Agape Ministry has been making oneday trips to Tijuana, to personally deliver food, clothing, school supplies and more to five charities. They work with unwed teen mothers, special needs children, a kindergarten for the poor and one that welcomes anyone in need. Agape also and depends on PV Resale, sends monthly checks Obra Buena and individual donations for funding. But most important, to continue our work, Agape urgently needs a few more parishioners who are over 18, have passports, ideally speak some Spanish and can drive their or another member's car across the border. The powerful emotional experience of warmth and love from these dedicated Tijuana caregivers and the joy in the eyes of the children is truly unforgettable. more information email Barry Cossette For BarryBJC007@hotmail.com.

## **Our Lady of Fatima Statue**



Our Lady of Fatima Statue is available for a one week stay in your home. For more information, please contact the coordinator for Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrim Statue Visitation Program, Jan Kelly at **310-377-3151**.

## **Recommendations Needed**

The St Bernadette Children's Mission is asking for recommendations of musical performers for its October Wine and Music fund raisers. If you have any suggestions please contact Carl at **310-977-4210** or email: stbernadetteproj@aol.com.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## This Week At St. John Fisher

## Sunday, 8/22

Monday, 8/23

#### Tuesday, 8/24

8:15 am - Sandwich Ministry - Barrett Hall 9:30 am - Senior Fitness - via Zoom 6 pm - Queen of Peace - Blessed Sacrament Chapel

#### Wednesday, 825

9 am - Eucharistic Adoration - Blessed Sacrament Chapel9 am - Catholic Update - Cityside Room

#### Thursday, 8/26

9 am - Eucharistic Adoration – Blessed Sacrament Chapel
9:30 am - Senior Fitness - via Zoom
10 am - Seekers – Cityside Room
5:50 pm - Divine Mercy - Church

#### Friday, 8/27

9 am - Eucharistic Adoration – Blessed Sacrament Chapel 6:30 pm - Charismatic Prayer Group - Rectory Mtg Rm

Saturday, 8/28

7:30 pm - AA - Hope on a Hill - Auditorium

Sunday, 8/29

6 pm - LifeTeen "Parking Lot Palooza"- PAC Gym



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Food Pantry Bag Distribution	September 11 - 12
"Welcome Forward" Celebration	September 11 - 12
Agape Potluck	September 17
Food Pantry Bag Collection	September 18 - 19
Knights of Columbus BBQ	September 26
Altar Server Training	October 2
Blessing of the Animals	October 2
EMHC Training	October 9
Lector/Leader Training	October 12
Dawn Unity	October 19
Mass of Remembrance	November 1
Military Ministry Collection	November 6-7
PV Resale Christmas Boutique	November 13 - 14
Food Pantry Bag Collection	November 27 - 28

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 $\rightarrow$ News & Media (pull-down menu)  $\rightarrow$  Publicity Protocols. Your Pastoral Staff representative is ready to help!

## E VA N G E L I Z A T I O N



## **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 from 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, September 13 at 7 pm on Zoom. The topic for Inquiry in September is The Mass. If you would like to join our Inquiry session, please email or call Misty at mjesse@sjf.org, **310-377-4573.** for a Zoom invite.

## **Adult Faith Formation & Pastoral Care**

## SJF On-Line Bible Studies

Series: Growing in the Word Location: www.sjf.org

## **Book of James**

Series: Great Adventure Location: Cityside Room Date & Time: 2nd & 4th Thurs, 7:00 pm. Starts Sept. 9th Facilitator: Stephanie Tellez-Reilly

## **RCIA Inquiry**

Location: Church Topic: The Mass Date: Monday, Sept. 13th, 7:00 pm

## **Pre-Baptism Class**

Location: Zoom Facilitator: Pre-Baptism Team Date: 2nd Monday of the month Time: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Call: Parish office for registration

## A New Day

Topic: Grief Support Group Date: 5 weeks, Tuesdays, 2 pm–3 pm, start date Sept. 7th Location: SJF Library Registration: Office of Evangelization, 310-377-4573

## **Fireside Fellowship**

Topic: Faith sharing Facilitator: Antonia Lavender, 310-803-6854 Date: 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7:00 pm Location: Multi Purpose Room in the Church

## **Celebrating Lives**

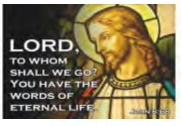
Do you have a family member or friend who has been or is a member of St. John Fisher, contributing to the parish through ministry and faithful discipleship? We would love to celebrate our parishioners who have built up our community of faith over the past sixty years. Their gifts of time and talent have shaped us and provided examples of discipleship for future generations. We invite you to share their stories and pictures so that we can showcase them in the bulletin and the website throughout the year. To submit email: mjesse@sjf.org.

## **Stewardship Reflection**

"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today who you will serve. As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15

When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a disciple in the work of the Lord. A disciple is a person who spends time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports their local parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, we must actually do something and not merely talk about it.

## **Focusing the Gospel**

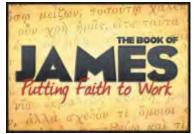


In today's gospel reading the crowd following Jesus was confused by his proclamation, "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood you do not have life within you" (John 6:53). This is hardly surprising. Was this

nomadic preacher really inciting them to cannibalism? Their outrage and astonishment led many of Jesus's disciples to "return to their former way of life." In the Christian faith we realize there are many things we might not fully understand or comprehend. Instead of rejecting the Lord's words and actions that we might not understand, we are called to meditate on them and even to struggle with them until we are blessed with the nourishment and insight they bear.

## **Great Adventure: Book of James**

Grow your faith in a Connect Group. We are small discussion groups of adults. We meet to learn life wisdom from the Bible and each other, pray and spend time together. One such group is going to study The Great Adventure: James Pearls for Wise Living Series. This group is facilitated by Stephanie Tellez Reilly and meets at 7:00 pm. on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. To register or for more information contact Stephanie at satellez13@hotmail.com.





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10am-2pm	DNY RIDES & PETTING ZOO	
10am-4pm	FLATABLE GAMES & PRIZES	
11am-1pm	-N-OUT FOOD TRUCK mburgers & Cheeseburgers	
12pm-4pm	ICK CLIMBING WALL	

# TICKETS AVAILABLE OUTSIDE AFTER MASS

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