

St. John Fisher Church

2nd Sunday OF ADVENT



December 4, 2022

**"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"
- Matthew 3:1**

Love God. Love All People. Make Disciples.

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8 am - 5 pm Friday

9 am - 3 pm Saturday

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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

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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 – December 7th

All parishioners are invited to attend the Pastoral Council meeting on Wednesday, December 7th at 7 pm in the Fireside Room. For more information, contact Gayle Plecha at gplecha@sjf.org

Pastor

- First 15
- Parish Life:
 - Mass of Remembrance
 - Veteran's Day Luncheon
 - Thanksgiving Mass, blessing of bread and wine
 - Anointing of the Sick, December 3
 - Together in Mission Update
 - Building Committee Update
- Looking Ahead:
 - Upcoming Events:
 - Advent Concert
 - Simbang Gabi
 - Advent Penance Service
 - Christmas Mass Schedule

Chair/Vice-Chair

- Approval of November minutes
- Staff representative brief:
 - Katie Dante, Coordinator of Confirmation & Youth Ministry
- 2022-2023 Pastoral Plan Objectives Review:
 - Team progress
- Next meeting : January 4, 2022

Msgr. Chaffman Reassigned

Msgr. Charles Chaffman's last day at St. John Fisher Parish was on November 30. Thank you for welcoming him during the five months he was assigned here. The duties of an associate pastor are many, and he was not able to fulfill them. After a discussion with the Vicar for Clergy, I made the decision to request that he be reassigned. Please pray for him as he goes to his new assignment and pray that we find a replacement soon.

Yours in Christ,
Msgr. David A. Sork
Pastor



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.

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE *Blessed Virgin Mary*

Immaculate Conception - December 8

Thursday, December 8, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception which is a Holy Day of Obligation. All Catholics are expected to attend Mass. Available Mass times are Wednesday Vigil at 5:30 pm, or Thursday, 8 am, 11 am, or 7:30 pm.

Mass Intentions: December 3 - December 11

DECEMBER 3, SATURDAY

8:00 am Alexander Sabunas†

5:00 pm Dennis Egan†

DECEMBER 4, SUNDAY

7:30 am Parishioners

9:00 am Levy Olivares†

11:00 am Alfred Lubisich†

5:00 pm Andres Francisco†

DECEMBER 5, MONDAY

8:00 am Isabelle Drag†

5:15 pm Anna Maria Magpile†

DECEMBER 6, TUESDAY

8:00 am Rosa Santiago†

5:15 pm David Funada†

DECEMBER 7, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am Rosa Santiago†

5:30 pm Jerry Axtell†

DECEMBER 8, THURSDAY

8:00 am Jaime Cariño†

11:00 am Fowler Family

7:30 pm Parishioners

DECEMBER 9, FRIDAY

8:00 am Rosalie Rodriguez†

5:15 pm Michael Paul Falvey†

DECEMBER 10, SATURDAY

8:00 am Virginia Thompson†

5:00 pm Louis Graziadio†

DECEMBER 11, SUNDAY

7:30 am Marian Kurzweil†

9:00 am Rustica "Rose" Cabanban†

11:00 am Parishioners

5:00 pm Mimi O'Hern†

Weekly Readings

Monday: Isaiah 35:1-10, and Luke 5:17-26

Tuesday: Isaiah 40:1-11, and Matthew 18:12-14

Wednesday: Isaiah 40:25-31, and Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday: Genesis 3:9-15, 20, Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12, and Luke 1:26-38

Friday: Isaiah 48:17-19, Matthew 11:16-19

Saturday: Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11, Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10, James 5:7-10, and Matthew 11:2-11

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 *

* Also livestreamed

HOLY DAYS

Vigil: 5:30 pm

Mass: 8:00 am, and 7:30 pm

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

Contact the Parish Office or visit our website at
<https://sjf.org/sacraments/> 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 the Chapel in honor of the Real
Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Regular
adorers are needed Monday to Friday from 8:45 am to
9:00 pm. For information, contact Carlyn Quinto at
310-480-2291 or carlynquinto@earthlink.net

PRAYER TREE

Contact Bev Fink at **310-377-5571** or email
prayertree@sjf.org.

HEARING ASSISTANCE HEADSETS AVAILABLE

Audio Headsets are available for use in the Narthex
for all who are in need of assistance.

CHILDREN



Adopt-A-Family

Would your family like to help another family have a merry Christmas? For the past 14 years, parishioners from St. John Fisher have adopted families in need at our sister parish, *Sagrado Corazon* in Cudahy. There are several different ways to help, including shopping for a family, donating gift cards, and delivering gifts to *Sagrado Corazon* parish. If your family or group would like to help others, please contact Margaret Johnson at **310-486-3575**, margaret.riley.johnson@gmail.com

Religious Education Christmas Break

Sunday, December 11 and Tuesday, December 13 are the last days of Religious Education classes before Christmas break. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 8 and Tuesday, January 10. Have a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!

Volunteer for Children's Liturgy of the Word!

We are in need of volunteers for our Liturgy of the Word for Children. Volunteers will share the Word of God with children, grades 1-6, in attendance at the 9am Mass. Even if you don't have a child or grandchild who attends Mass with you, you can help share the Word of God with the children of the parish. This program is entirely staffed by volunteers. Lots of support is given, and the opportunities are enjoyable and fulfilling. All you need is a love of children! If you are interested please contact Justin Fontenot at **310-377-4573 ext 136** or email jfontenot@sjf.org.

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

HIGH SCHOOL TEENS



Life Teen Inspiration Trip

High school students from SJF Life Teen recently enjoyed a full day riding roller coasters at Magic Mountain. After their dinner break, the teens attended a special Life Teen Inspiration event led by Mark Hart, "The Bible Geek." The youth sang and danced to a live band, leading beautiful songs of praise and worship. A powerful time of Eucharistic Adoration concluded the event in the amphitheater with over 2,000 high school students.



Life Teen Christmas Party

Come for Games, Food, and Fun! All high school teens are invited to attend the Life Teen Christmas Party, Sunday, Dec. 18 at 3 pm in the Gym. RSVP to Katie at kdante@sjf.org by Dec. 15

Confirmation Calendar:

Year 1: Sunday, December 4 at 3:15pm
OR Monday, December 5, at 7 pm

***** This Class is for Candidates with 1 Parent**



California Science Center

The third-grade had a blast visiting the California Science Center in Los Angeles. In their curriculum they spend time studying plants, animals and ecosystems. The Science Center allows students a hands-on experience, learning about how difficult it is for a bird to use its beak, how sound energy makes ripples in water, and how flash floods affect deserts. Spending time there allows for our students to interact with many different types of environments in a unique way.

Being able to get out of the classroom and use all of our senses (including their noses to smell rot in the rot room!) engages students in a way that enhances their learning experience. We hope to have more experiences throughout the year; it is one of the many ways we work to get students excited about learning!



Pray for Sick

Continue to Pray For...

Marie Francis Acosta	Thomas Lieb
Seyi Adisa	Mary Ann Limbo
Garry & Liz Alderson	Layla Lopez
Raul Amescua	Nicole Ludwick
Christina Avila	Bob Markl
Tony Avila	Frank McCormick
Paul Belfy	Michael McCormick
Ray Bensch	Maura McGuinness
Jane Bodine	Thadd McNamara
Raymond Bodine	Marcy Rafanelli
Arthur Bourgeois	Raquel Rivera
Michelle Clarke	Jesse Rodriguez
Mary Ellen Coffelt	Annie Ruth
Mark Curran	Kate San Mateo
Gloria Fink	Maruja Sedano
Nancy Friedman	Schmidt Family
Maggie Gil	Joan Sing
Silvia Fernandez Gomez	Judy Ann Tan
Espie Gonzalez	Bill Weldon
Emmanuel Hernandez	Dennis Webber
Lanette Hernandez	Rosalind White
Sadru Hudani	

Pray for Deceased

Marjorie Goswitz, mother of Len Goswitz
 Richard Ming, husband of Kay Ming
 Michael Riccio

Pray for Military Personnel & Families

Maj. Cesare Santarosa, USA
 Maj. Christina Shelton, 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

November 20, 2022 \$24,292

November 21, 2021 \$31,440

Thank You for your continued generosity.

Religious Retirement Fund - Next Weekend

Support aging Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests serve for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please be generous.

One Heart LGBTQ Ministry

This ministry is open to members of the LGBTQ community, their families, friends, or anyone who would like to join. We are here to offer support, help and make everyone feel welcome regardless of their sexual orientation. Meetings take place the 2nd Tuesday of the month at St. Lawrence Martyr Church, 1940 S Prospect Ave, Redondo Beach, CA. Please contact Deacon Don Burt at **310-540-0329 x 381** or email at donbrt@verizon.net if you have any questions.



The Parish Giving Tree

This is the second weekend for Parish Giving Tree gifts to be brought with the gift tag attached and placed under the tree behind the altar. If you have not picked up a gift tag, you may do so at the table in the Narthex and bring your gift next week. As always, thanks for your tremendous generosity.

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

SJF Liturgy Committee invites you to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. Join us on Monday, December 12 at the 5:15 pm Mass. The celebration will continue with a procession to Barrett Hall for a potluck reception. Please bring a main dish to share. All are welcome!



As One We Believe – Together In Mission

Each year, Together in Mission directly and exclusively supports the poorest parishes and schools in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. This year's theme focuses on being one in faith. We are blessed with the opportunity to show our love by being generous and helping our struggling schools and parishes. As the year comes to an end, please consider making a gift, today, to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters continue to grow their faith in their home parishes and schools. www.togetherinmission.org/give.

Parish Goal: \$204,391

Pledged to Date: \$135,954

Paid to Date: \$126,134

Did you Know? California act protects children online

The California Age-Appropriate Design Code Act, which was signed into law in September, requires companies to assess potential harm in how they use data from children (defined as any user under 18) in new services or features, and to enact plans to reduce risk. Companies are also banned from using minors' information in "materially detrimental" ways, such as routing searches for weight loss to photos of supermodels, and from collecting, sharing, or selling a minor's personal information by default. For more information about this new law, read "California takes child protection seriously with new online law" on AngelusNews.com. *Parish Safeguard the Children Contact: Justin Fontenot, 310-377-4573 x136, jfontenot@sjf.org*

Food Pantry Collection - Today

St. John Fisher's Food Pantry collection is this weekend. Your monetary donations and canned goods support the following local food pantries who work with the poor: St. Peter and Paul Poverty Program in Wilmington, Harbor Interfaith in San Pedro, and the Sisters of Charity in Rolling Hills. Thank you for your contribution and support of this outreach ministry to those in need among us.



Italian Catholic Federation Christmas Party

The Italian Catholic Federation invites you to their Annual Family Christmas Party, Friday, December 9, 7 to 10 pm in the Auditorium. Enjoy a Catered Dinner, with a Silent Auction, Raffle & Games. \$30 per person. Please make checks payable to ICF Branch 444. Money earned supports our Seminarians, Scholarships & the Cooley Anemia Foundation at Children's Hospital of Los Angeles, CA. Send checks to Patty Hansen, 6 Chestnut Lane, RH, CA 90274 by Monday, December 5. Tables can be reserved in advance. For further information, contact Patty at patty.hansen@verizon.net. Buon Natale and Merry Christmas.

Simbang Gabi - December 17th

Come and celebrate with us on Saturday, Dec. 17, at the 5 pm Mass, with Msgr. Sork as the main celebrant. This event is followed by a reception in Barrett Hall. Simbang Gabi literally means "night mass", a nine-day successive novena in preparation of the Advent. This is widely celebrated by many Filipino-Catholics all over the world. The kickoff celebration begins at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels on Dec. 15th, with Archbishop Jose H. Gomez as the main celebrant. The Mass begins with a procession of Parols (Christmas lanterns) represented by different parishes all over the Los Angeles area. On Dec. 16 through the 24th, celebration continues at each parish, either adopting one or all nine days of Masses. At SJF, we celebrate on December 17. This year marks the 16th year at SJF. Thanks to Msgr. Sork who has initiated the idea of bringing this special celebration to our Parish. This event always draws a huge crowd. Everyone is welcome!



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

This Week At St. John Fisher

Sunday, 12/4
Food Pantry Bag Collection - After All Masses
Monday, 12/5
9:30 am - Families of Nazareth - Auditorium 4 pm - At Home with the Word - Parish Library
Tuesday, 12/6
8:15 am - Sandwich Ministry - Barrett Hall 9:30 am - Senior Fitness - PAC Gym 6 pm - Queen of Peace - Blessed Sacrament Chapel 7 pm - Families of Nazareth Tuesdays - Via Zoom
Wednesday, 12/7
9 am - Eucharistic Adoration – Blessed Sacrament Chapel 6 pm - Walk with Christ - Outdoor Stations of the Cross 7 pm - Pastoral Council Meeting - Fireside Room 7 pm - Adult Basketball - PAC Gym
Thursday, 12/8
9 am - Eucharistic Adoration – Blessed Sacrament Chapel 9:30 am - Senior Fitness - PAC Gym 10 am - Seekers – Cityside Room 5:50 pm - Divine Mercy - Church
Friday, 12/9
9 am - Eucharistic Adoration – Blessed Sacrament Chapel 3 pm - Family Sandwich Ministry - Barrett Hall
Saturday, 12/10
Religious Retirement Fund Collection 10 am - Anointing of the Sick Mass - Church 7:30 pm - AA - Hope on the Hill - Barrett Hall
Sunday, 12/11
Religious Retirement Fund Collection 2:30 pm - SJF Music Concert - Church

Save the Date!

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass & Reception	Dec. 12
Simbang Gabi Celebration	Dec. 17
Life Teen Christmas Party	Dec. 18
Advent Penance Service	Dec. 19
Giving Tree Gift Distribution	Dec. 19
Pastoral Council Meeting	January 4, 2023
Dawn Unity “Noah and the Flood”	Jan. 10
Camp Pendleton Collection	Jan. 21
The Mustard Seed	Jan. 23
ACCW Conference	Jan. 24
KOC Super Bowl Pre-Sale	Feb. 5
Fireside Chat with Msgr. Sork	Feb. 7
Lenten Soup Suppers	Feb. 24
Food Pantry Bag Distribution	Feb. 25 & 26
Food Pantry Bag Collection	Mar. 4 & 5
SJF Lenten Retreat	Mar. 12 - 14



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!



Adult Faith Formation & Pastoral Care

Connect Group Bible Study - Jesus

Series: Great Adventure by Jeff Cavins

Dates: 2nd & 4th Wednesdays until May 25

Time: 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Location: Cityside Room

Facilitator: Stephanie Reilly – Connect Groups

Catholicism - The Pivotal Players

Series: Bishop Barron

Dates: Thursday, Dec. 8

Time: 7 - 8:30 pm

Location: Fireside Room

Facilitator: Hanan Tanios

St. John Fisher Book Club

Title: *Winter Street* by Elin Hilderbrand

Date: Tuesday, Dec. 13

Time: 7 pm

Location: Cityside Room

Dawn Unity - "Noah and the Flood"

Date: Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2023

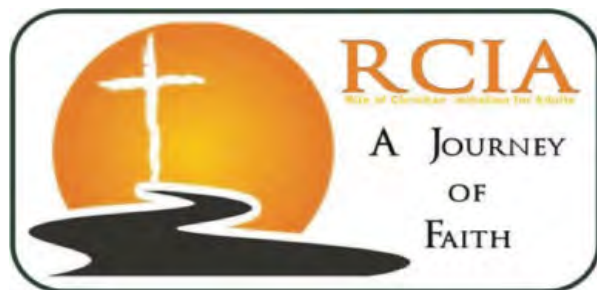
Time: 7:30 pm

Location: Congregation Ner Tamid

5571 Crestridge Road,

Rancho Palos Verdes

Facilitator: Bob Rothman



Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic? The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) begins with Adult Inquiry sessions, which are offered year around. Our RCIA Inquiry group generally meets the first Sunday of each month at 10 am in the Parish Conference room (except in December). All are welcome to Inquiry Sessions. Are you missing a sacrament of initiation such as First Communion or Confirmation? For questions about RCIA or the Sacrament of Confirmation for adults, please call or email the office of Evangelization: Misty Jesse, mjesse@sjf.org, (310) 377-4573 x130.

Stewardship Reflection



"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."
- Matthew 3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Jesus? Do you spend time in prayer or do you waste it with mindless

activity? Do you use your talent to help others or are you too busy? Do you use your treasure to support the Church or do you buy more things that go unused? Our time, talent and treasure are gifts from God. What we do with these gifts is our gift back to Him. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

Focusing the Gospel Matthew 3:1-12

This week's gospel introduces one of Advent's main characters: John the Baptist. We are provided a vivid description of him in that we know what he wears, what he eats. He is rough. He is unkempt. He is blunt. In other words he is a bit strange. And yet, people are drawn to him, listening to his preaching and going to be baptized. Throughout Advent and Christmas seasons, we hear stories of God coming in ways we didn't expect, from a bizarre desert preacher to an infant born in poverty. The season insists on reminding us to keep our eyes open to the truth that God often comes disguised in interruption and inconvenience (Living Liturgy, 2022)

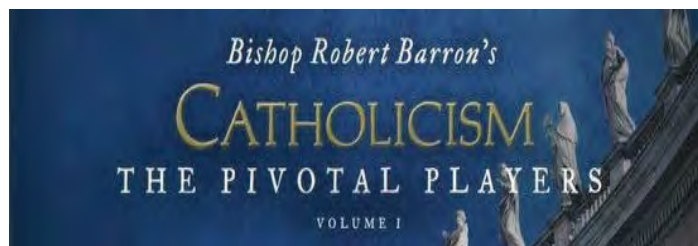


Faith Sharing Dialog Starters

- The gospel describes John's eccentricities with some detail. Who or what in your life do you write off as odd? How might God be present to you through them?
- Paul names God as "the God of endurance and encouragement." Where do you need endurance and encouragement this season? How can your community help?
- The psalm speaks of rescuing the poor; how can you be part of God's work of supporting those who live in poverty this Advent?

Catholicism: The Pivotal Players

Join us next week for Bishop Barron's Pivotal Players series. Our program takes place on Thursday, Dec. 8 at 7 pm in the Fireside Room. This month's presentation is on the life of Michelangelo, the artist. All are welcome; bring a friend.





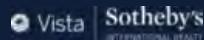
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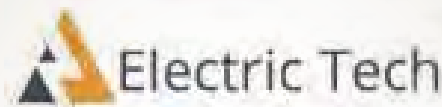
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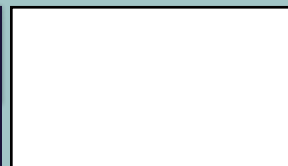
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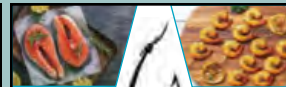
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