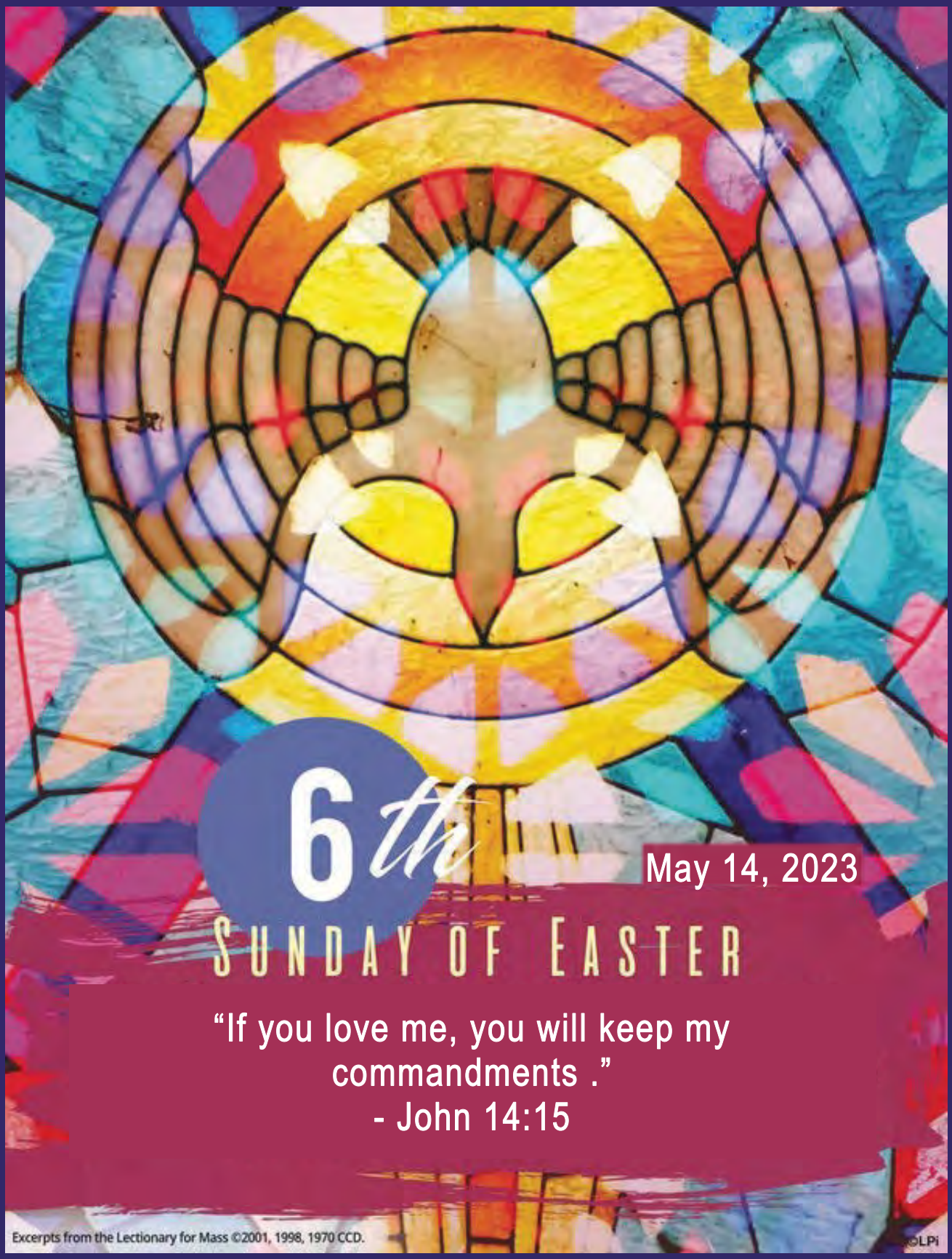
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Please stop by the Parish Office for lost items. Our shelf is filled with items such as eye glasses, umbrellas, cell phones, etc. Items not picked up will be donated to PV Resale.

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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.

Farewell From Fr. Kalu

Almost eight years ago, I recalled promising to contribute in terms of value in the service of your souls. Since then, that service has been confirmed both as a student priest in residence and as an Associate Pastor to date. Now that my mission is about to end, I would like to thank you, the good people of SJF, for your love, support, and enrichment. I thank our pastor Msgr. David Sork, members of the staff, pastoral council, and the faithful army of volunteers. Thank you for enriching my life with your holiness of life, your devotion to the Lord and people. In you and with you, our faith, love, and hope grew.

As I move to my next assignment wherever duty calls, I carry you in my heart and the memories we shared in the service of the Lord. I entrust us all to the Divine Mercy of God and Blessed Mother Mary, the most holy. May the good Lord bless us as we continue to pray for one another.

Fr. Bernard Kalu
Associate Pastor

Farewell Reception For Fr. Kalu - Saturday May 20

Join us to wish Fr. Bernard Kalu farewell on Saturday, May 20, after the 5:00 pm Mass in Barrett Hall. It will be a celebration of his time here at St. John Fisher, with light refreshments, sharing memories, and fruitful fellowship.

New Parishioners Luncheon - Sunday, May 21

St. John Fisher and the Pastoral Council are hosting a luncheon for new parishioners next Sunday, May 21, beginning at 12:15 pm after the 11:00 am Mass in the Plaza Room. Join us for food, fellowship, and an opportunity to meet other new parishioners and parish staff and learn more about your parish. Postcard invitations have been mailed to all parishioners who registered since our last luncheon in June 2022. If you did not receive one, please contact the parish office. RSVPs are requested by May 14; please use the QR code to RSVP or call the office at **310-377-5571**. For more information, email us at pastoralcouncil@sjf.org.



Mothers Day Novena

In honor of all mothers, we will be celebrating a novena of Masses starting Sunday, May 14, Mothers Day. To remember your mother, whether alive or deceased, you may pick up an envelope in the narthex or in the parish office. Please return the envelope provided with your donation and drop it in the collection basket or in the mail slot by the parish office door by Mothers Day.

Mass Intentions: May 13 - May 21, 2023

May 13, Saturday		
8:00 am	Pat Santucci†	
5:00 pm	Rosanne O'Callaghan†	Fr. Kalu
May 14, Sunday		
7:30 am	Parishioners	Fr. Kalu
9:00 am	Ernestina A. Valenzuela†	Msgr. Sork
11:00 am	Rosanne O'Callaghan†	Fr. Kalu
5:00 pm	Mother's Day Novena	Msgr. Sork
May 15, Monday		
8:00 am	Jim Whelehan	
5:15 pm	Mother's Day Novena	
May 16, Tuesday		
8:00 am	Casey Bright†	
5:15 pm	Mother's Day Novena	
May 17, Wednesday		
8:00 am	Mother's Day Novena	
5:15 pm	Casey Bright†	
May 18, Thursday		
8:00 am	Roquita Yabut†	
5:15 pm	Mother's Day Novena	
May 19, Friday		
8:00 am	Mother's Day Novena	
5:15 pm	Justo De Guzman - Barganza†	
May 20, Saturday		
8:00 am	Melody Ying - Ying Chang	
5:00 pm	Mother's Day Novena	Msgr. Sork
May 21, Sunday		
7:30 am	Ed & Rosa Koretzry	Msgr. Sork
9:00 am	Parishioners	Fr. Kalu
11:00 am	Sr. Jane Dunwell	Msgr. Sork
5:00 pm	Mother's Day Novena	Fr. Kalu

Weekly Readings

Monday:	Acts 16:11-15, John 15:26 - 16:4a
Tuesday:	Acts 16:22-34, John 16:5-11
Wednesday:	Acts 17:15, 22 - 18:1, John 16:12-15
Thursday:	Acts 18:1-8, John 16:16-20
Friday:	Acts 18:9-18, John 16:20-23
Saturday:	Acts 18:23-28, John 16:23b-28
Sunday:	Acts 1:1-11, Ephesians 1:17-23, and Matthew 28:16-20

Sharing SJF Parish Life on Social Media

We invite you to share your parish activities with us on social. You can submit your photos and a brief caption to info@sjf.org or simply tag us in your photos (@sjfrpv on Facebook or @StJohnFisherRPV on Instagram). We will choose a few photos to highlight each week on our channels!

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**.

Eucharistic Adoration

Spend an hour in the Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament in the presence of Jesus. Regular adorers are needed Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; and Thursday from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm. For more 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.

FAITH FORMATION

CHILDREN

Camp Fisher Registration Now Open!

Camp Fisher is a fun-filled, exciting program that is much more than a traditional Vacation Bible School. Children will have a great time with lively songs, skits, crafts, games, Bible stories and snacks. On top of that, children will be encouraged to grow in their love for God as they learn about Jesus. Sign up your children in grades K-6 for 5 days of fun, July 10 - 14, 2023 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. You can register by going to the Religious Education Office or by contacting Justin Fontenot at jfontenot@sjf.org.

Camp Fisher Volunteers Needed!

Camp Fisher is looking for teen and young adult volunteers to be camp counselors! This is a great opportunity to complete service hours and give back to the community. Scan the QR code to signup as a volunteer today! Camp Fisher will take place July 10 - July 14, 2023 from 9:00 to 2:00 pm. For additional information please contact Justin Fontenot.

SCAN ME



Edge End of the Year BBQ!

It's been a full year since our new Edge Ministry began for junior high students. To celebrate this milestone Edge is hosting a BBQ with LifeTeen Friday, May 19, 5:30 - 7:30 pm in the School Courtyard. All 6th-8th graders are welcome, and for the first time current 5th graders can join as well! Join us for food, fun outdoor games, and learn about all the fun events happenings this Summer! For more information contact Justin Fontenot at jfontenot@sjf.org.

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

HIGH SCHOOL TEENS



Gospel Recap: "You Have a Defender "

Life can be so difficult. Alcoholism, drug abuse, depression, and anxiety can affect many families. You, or someone you know, might suffer in this way. But John, this week's Gospel writer, reassures us that Jesus hasn't left us orphans. Jesus' Holy Spirit lives in us as an advocate, a defender who stands by, and stands for, all of us. That was important news for the early Christians who had heard stories about Jesus but never knew him. John's passage this week reassured them that Jesus' power would still be there to help them face their trials. If you ever feel orphaned or alone, try to imitate Jesus, since he always prayed to the Father, studied the Scriptures, and worshiped with his community. Jesus will stay close by you when you take up these habits. You'll also find him close by and reassuring you when you serve and sacrifice for other people, as he did. The more you do that, the more you'll build the self confidence that will help you weather any tough times you may have at home. It is still Easter, which is the time we celebrate how God brings hope and peace from suffering. Live Jesus' commandments, and you will see victory in homes where pain seems overwhelming.

Confirmation New Parent Meeting!

Any parents with students beginning 9th, 10th, or 11th grade in the Fall, are welcome to attend our **New Parent Meeting** on Wednesday, May 24, at 6:45pm in Gym. Lots of information and registration materials will be offered as well as summer events available for your students.

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

SJF 4th Graders Celebrate California Day at the Irvine Railroad



Last week, students enjoyed learning about the Old West on their field trip to the Irvine Railroad. Dressed in western attire, they learned about the gold rush while panning for gold, exploring the old mine shaft and Miner's camp, and learning about the waterwheel and other inventions that helped connect the East to the West.



Now Accepting Applications for the 2023-24 School Year

For Additional Information or for a school Tour please contact the school office!

SJF School Office | (310) 377-2800 | principal@sjf.org

Pray for Sick

Anthony Arroyo

Continue to Pray For...

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Christina Avila
Paul Belfy
Cheryl Benyi
Jane Bodine
Raymond Bodine
Erika Bosma
Michelle Clarke
Jingle Baldemor Cowden
Gloria Fink
Francisco Gomez, Jr.
Emmanuel Hernandez
Maureen Lai Yat
Nicole Ludwick
Cecilia Magaña
Bob Markl
Frank McCormick
Michael McCormick
Maura McGuinness
Thodd McNamara
Rosie del Fierro Mercado
Gregory Morris
Megan Renaud
Cliff Robson
Schmidt Family
Joan Sing
Bill Smith
Judy Ann Tan
James Urwin
Geraldine Van Niekerk
Bill Weldon
Rosalind White
Lavonah Wing Yip

Pray for Deceased

Arthur Bourgeois, father of Mark Bourgeois
Elly Esther, Aunt of Jacintha Knapp
Anthonius & Nelly Pangerapan, parents of Jacintha Knapp

Pray for Military Personnel & Families

Maj. Cesare Santarosa, USA
Maj. Christina Shelton, USA
Sgt. Jacob Arnold, USA
LCpl. John McElhone, USMC
Ben Soto, USAF
Kenny Soto, ARNG

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

May 7, 2023	$12,995
May 8, 2022	$16,232

Thank You for your continued generosity.

ICF - Mother's Day Celebration



Please join us this Friday, May 19th in the Auditorium for the Italian Catholic Federation's monthly general meeting and post Mother's Day Celebration. This meeting will be a potluck, so bring a dish to share. We will also share stories about our mothers and if possible, bring your mother to the event. A rose for each mother will be passed out. There is no door fee, but an at will donation to the charities we support can be made. All are welcome to our post Mother's Day celebration. Call Patty Hansen at **310-541-3816** for further information.

ACCW District Conference

The Southeastern District of the Los Angeles Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) invites all women of the parish to a day of prayer and fellowship with other Catholic Women of the area. The next gathering will be held on Thursday, May 25, 2023 at St. Matthew Catholic Church, 672 Temple Ave, Long Beach, CA 90814. The day begins at 9:30 am and includes speaker, Deacon Alberto Reyes speaking on "Blessed Virgin Mary," a Mass, lunch and concludes at 1:30 pm. Charge is $20.00 per person. For reservation, please make your check payable and mail to Alice Avery, 19126 Pricetown Ave., Carson, CA 90746. For information, call Alice Avery at **310-637-1364**.

Connect Groups -- Find Your Circle



Grow and be a better person in a circle. Get the encouragement of a Connect Group with practical help for your life from the Bible and each other, prayer and good companions. Join us on Wednesday afternoons or a time to fit your schedule. Contact Martha Newton at sjfconnectgroups@gmail.com or find a group on our website at https://sjfconnectgroups.wixsite.com/sjfconnectgroups.

Travel-Size Hygiene Items Needed

St. Margaret's Center is in urgent need of hygiene kit items to be placed in kits provided to those experiencing homelessness. Each year over 2,000 kits are distributed and have acted as a staple service of providing encouragement, hope, dignity and cleanliness to those unhoused. To allow us to continue dispersing hygiene kits, we could use your help! The need for travel-size donations of the following items has never been greater: shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, shaving cream, body wash, deodorant, razors, body lotion, and combs. Itemized donations can be dropped off directly to the St. Margaret's Center at 10217 S. Inglewood Ave., Inglewood, CA 90304. For questions, please call **310-672-2208**.

Did you Know?

Recognize Signs of Grooming Behavior

Many adult predators "groom" their victims, creating an emotional and psychological connection with a child to lay the groundwork for future sexual abuse. Some basic signs of child grooming can include taking an undue interest in someone else's child, or calling a child a "special friend." Groomers may give money or gifts for no reason, or invite a potential victim on isolated day trips or outings without the child's parents. For more signs of grooming behavior, read the VIRTUS® article "The Sometimes Hostile Community Response Regarding the Allegation of Child Sexual Abuse" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/. *Parish Safeguard the Children Contact: Justin Fontenot,* ***310-377-4573 x136,*** *jfontenot@sjf.org.*

Pro-Life Rosary - St. Lawrence Martyr



Join Saint Lawrence Martyr's Respect Life Ministry, on Monday, May 22, at 7:00 pm, as they host a pro-life rosary. It will take place in the church, located at 1940 S. Prospect Avenue, Redondo Beach, CA 90277. Come and pray with the Respect Life Ministry, as they join together for the protection of the unborn.

Christ Has Risen!

As His disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of Christ's Resurrection. The fruitful ministries at our parish are examples of how many of you have answered, and continue to answer, that call. To ensure such work can continue requires not only gifts of time, but also of financial help. Please prayerfully consider supporting our parish with electronic donations through Faith Direct. You can sign up today by scanning the QR Code, visiting Faith.Direct/CA436, or texting 'Enroll' to **424-352-7722.** Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

Thank you!

A heartfelt thank you to the St. John Fisher community for your generous contributions to the Food Pantry. Your contributions help nourish the less fortunate members of the local and San Pedro communities. A special thank you goes the Seekers Mens Group who volunteer to staple the envelopes and letters to the bags and to Chris in the office who provides the letters to be stapled. Finally, a great thank you to all the volunteers who, rain or shine, are there to hand out the bags one week and collect them the following week. We can always use additional volunteers for the distribution Food Pantry, as it takes place four times a year. If you are interested, please contact Anne Ruona at anneruona@cox.net or Frank Brown at fj.brown@verizon.net.



This Week At St. John Fisher

Sunday, 5/14

Mother's Day

Monday, 5/15

9:30 am - Families of Nazareth - Church Multipurpose Rm
4:00 pm - At Home with the Word - Parish Library

Tuesday, 5/16

8:15 am - Sandwich Ministry - Cityside Room
9:30 am - Senior Fitness - PAC Gym
10:30 am - Connect Groups - Parish Library
6:00 pm - Queen of Peace - Blessed Sacrament Chapel
7:00 pm - Families of Nazareth Tuesdays - via Zoom

Wednesday, 5/17

9:00 am - Eucharistic Adoration - Blessed Sacrament Chapel
6:00 pm - Adult Basketball - PAC Gym

Thursday, 5/18

9:00 am - Eucharistic Adoration - Blessed Sacrament Chapel
9:30 am - Senior Fitness - PAC Gym
10:00 am - Seekers - Cityside Room
5:50 pm - Divine Mercy - Church
7:00 pm - Connect Groups Short Story- Cityside Room
7:00 pm - Men's Corner Stone - Fireside Room

Friday, 5/19

9:00 am - Eucharistic Adoration - Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Saturday, 5/20

Military Ministry Collection - After 5 pm Mass
4:00 pm - Journey of the Saints Exhibition - PAC Gym
6:00 pm - Fr. Kalu's Farewell Reception - Barrett Hall
7:30 pm - AA - Hope on the Hill – Auditorium

Sunday, 5/21

Military Ministry Collection - After All Masses
9:00 am - Journey of the Saints Exhibition - PAC Gym
12:15 pm - New Parishioners Luncheon - Plaza Room



Save the Date!

Racism Task Force Panel	May 23
Anointing of the Sick Mass	June 3
Anne-Marie Hudani - Retirement Celebration	June 4
Pastoral Council Meeting	June 7
Volunteer Thank you Luncheon	June 10
Retirement Fund for Priest Collection	June 10
Food Pantry Bag Distribution	June 16 - 17
Food Pantry Bag Collection	June 24 - 25
Summer Concert	June 25
Camp Fisher	July 10 - 14
80's Music Concert on the Lawn	July 15

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

Racism Task Force Panel
Topic: Faith & Racism
Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2023
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Barrett Hall

Journey of Saints Exhibit
Topic: 23 Saints and their Lives
Date: Sunday, May 20 - Tuesday, May 23, 2023
Time: May 20, 4:00 - 6:00 pm
May 21-23, 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
Location: Parish Activity Center (PAC Gym)

Military Ministry - Memorial Day Collection
Dates: May 20 & 21, 2023
When: After All Masses
Location: Outside of the Church

Volunteer Thank You Lunch
Date: Saturday, June 10, 2023
Time: 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Location: Barrett Hall
RSVP: Office of Faith Formation, **310-377-4573**

RCIA
A JOURNEY IN FAITH

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 10:00 am in the Parish Conference room. 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.**

Armed Forces Day/Memorial Day Collection



Please help in remembering our military men and women who have served this country in the past and those who currently serve this country. Next weekend, May 20-21, after all the Masses, we will collecting items and donations in support of the Bob Hope LAX USO and other military support groups including: Operation Gratitude, Camp Pendleton, and the Archdiocese for the Military Services. Your donations make a difference, last year over 100,000 troops went through the LAX USO. Thank you for your support.

Today's Gospel Reading, John 14:15-21

Great joy came upon the crowds of Samaria who paid attention to the speech and signs pointing to Christ. Their witness reminds us that joy, profound Easter joy, can spark from simply paying attention. The world teems with resurrection moments: a brother's depression slowly lifts, warring countries call for a cease-fire, fresh buds bloom at the start of spring. Pay attention for resurrection moments in your life this week. When one happens, sink into the joy it evokes and give praise to God for the Easter victory that is ours. (Living Liturgy, 2023)

Faith Sharing Dialog Starter

- Reflect on your confirmation; what do you remember of that day?
- How do you experience the Holy Spirit's promised presence in your life?
- The gifts of the Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. Which of these do you need to increase in order to meet your current challenges in life?

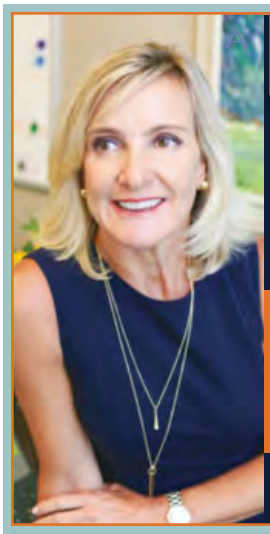
Racism Task Force Panel, May 23rd

Save the date, Tuesday, May 23, 7:00 pm, Barrett Hall. St. John Fisher will be hosting a task force panel from the Archdiocese focusing on the topic of Racism. Panel members include: Msgr. Timothy Dyer of St. Patrick Church; Michael P. Donaldson, Director of Life, Justice and Peace of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles; Sherry Hayes-Peirce and Heidi Villaluz, task force members. The panel will discuss several issues including defining racism, what our faith teaches us about racism and how we as a faith community can address racism. This is a free event with light hospitality. Friends and neighbors are welcome!

Journey of Saints Exhibit, May 20 - 23



This exhibition was commissioned by the late Bishop David O'Connell, as part of the work of the Task Force on Racism, to spark conversations around the universality of our Holy Catholic Church. It is a traveling exhibit that reflects the diversity in our Communion of Saints and we invite you to experience it for yourself. Hours of exhibit: Saturday, May 20, 4:00 - 6:00 pm; Sunday, May 21 to Tuesday, May 23, 9:00 am - 6:00 pm in the Parish Activity Center. Everyone is welcomed to join this free event.



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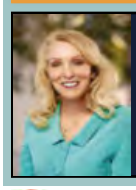
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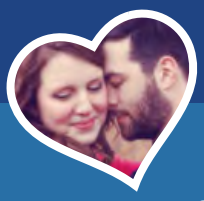


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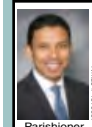


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