

St. John Fisher Church



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord." - Lk 2:10-11

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Love God. Love All People. Make Disciples.



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, whatever your past or present religious affiliation, whatever your personal history, age, background, race or color, sexual orientation, whatever your self-esteem: you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved, and respected by the Catholic Community of St. John Fisher.

A Message from our Pastor

Dear Friends,

If you relied on the message from the mall, the endless emails, or the newspaper ads, you would say that Christmas is the time to shop till you drop. Buy, buy, buy. Give, give, give. We give and receive gifts.

We know, however, that Christmas has a much deeper meaning. Several hundred years before Christ, Isaiah prophesied, "To us a child is born, to us a son is given" (9:5). On that day the mystery of Christmas is renewed: this child who brings salvation to the world is also born for the men and women of our own time, bringing joy and peace for all. God's gift to us was his own son, exceeding the world's fondest expectations. In the prologue of John's Gospel we read: "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory of the Father's own Son, full of grace and truth." (1:14)

Every Christmas we welcome people who are new to the parish or perhaps only come here on this day. It is my hope that they will find this an experience so spiritually beneficial that they will return soon, hopefully, the following Sunday. This is where I need your help. I ask that each of you consider yourself a minister of welcome. Share your pew. Show them the worship aid and help them find their place, so that they will know when and how to respond to the prayers and to join in the singing. Tell them how blessed we are that they are with us today. Let's together make them feel a part of the St. John Fisher family so that they will desire to be with us regularly. This is an opportunity for all of us.

May you have a happy and holy Christmas season and a blessed 2020.

Rev. Msgr. David A. Sork
Rev. Francis Aguilar
Rev. Bernard Kalu

MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



Interested in sharing your time and talent? St. John Fisher Church offers many ministries and opportunities where one can volunteer and spread joy while serving God. Stop by the parish office to pick up an Activity and Ministry Directory or call (310) 377-5571 and let us know your interest.

Know someone who needs the healing power of prayer?

Place their name in the Prayer Tree, a group of parishioners dedicated to praying confidentially for the healing power of God's grace for anyone in need and their special intention. If you are interested in having a name placed in the Prayer Tree, contact Bev Fink at penhimom@hotmail.com or (310) 377-5571. Please write "SJF Prayer Tree" in the subject line.



RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKEND

FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION

Rachel's Vineyard retreat is 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.

www.youtube.com/user/rachelsvineyard

January 17-19, 2020

Duarte, CA

Cost: \$300. per person

For registration or more information

please call and leave message:

323-577-5693

www.rachelsvineyard.org

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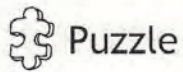
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WHEN YOU CAN'T
PUT YOUR PRAYER
INTO WORDS,

Call the Stephen Ministry at

(310) 541-1403



Puzzle

Circle the picture that is facing the **wrong** way.
Then color in all the pictures.



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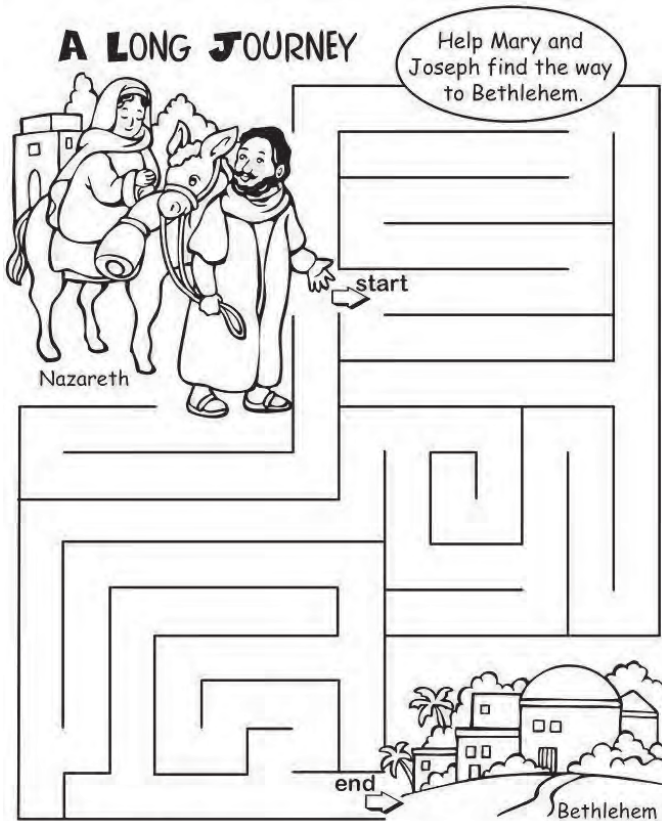


Read the Gospel and Color



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A LONG JOURNEY



Joseph and Mary went on a long journey from the town of Nazareth to the town of Bethlehem.
(Luke 2:1-5)

Every family is a
holy family.



Christmas blessings to all the holy
families of St. John Fisher!

HIGH SCHOOL

ST. JOHN FISHER LIFE TEEN

OUR GOAL IS TO LEAD OUR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH TO CHRIST BY COMMUNICATING THE GOSPEL MESSAGE THROUGH CURRENT CULTURE AND RELEVANT TESTIMONY.

ALL 9TH - 12TH GRADERS ARE INVITED TO
THESE EVENTS:

PLEASE BRING A FRIEND!

"DIGNIFIED" Life Night

How to explore the inherent dignity of the whole person body, mind, and soul.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2020

6:15PM-8:00PM

ST. JOHN FISHER GYM

"FORTIFIED" Life Night

*Come to a night where we learn how to put the stress away
and take care of our bodies fully.*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2020

6:15PM-8:00PM

ST. JOHN FISHER GYM

COME FOR:

- DELICIOUS DINNER
- FUN GAMES
- ENGAGING DISCUSSIONS
- CLOSING WORSHIP

"Having Life Teen at St. John Fisher is something I have wanted for a while. It's so amazing knowing that teens around the world are able to build a strong relationship through Christ by forming a community together. Bringing Life Teen to SJF has been a huge goal of mine and others in our parish. I'm so excited that the dream has become a reality!"

- Roya Adli

(Senior, Peninsula High School)



@SJFLIFETEEN

Looking for a School for your Child?

Why not enroll them at St. John Fisher School?

Reasons to Enroll your Child in St. John Fisher School

- Affordable Excellence
- Immersion in faith based school culture
- Discipline and structure
- Individualized attention
- Superior standardized test scores
- Faculty and staff are role models who share their faith, talents, and time
- Family input and involvement in the ongoing education of their children encouraged
- Special bond among the students, the home, and school, so that all share the strong sense of community



MUSIC

Music at St. John Fisher Church

Do you love to sing? Are you always humming during Mass?

Why not join the choir? New members are always welcomed. If interested, contact Grant Hungerford our Music Director at (310) 377-5571 x115 or sjfmusic@sjf.org.

Concert Series 2019-2020

Sunday, March 29, 2020

Requiem – Gabriel Fauré

Let your Lenten meditations be enriched
by this timeless work of beauty and hope.

Sunday, June 28, 2020

The Spirit of America

The spirit of America has been chronicled in
word and song since the nation's inception.
Renew your spirit with an inspiring and
eclectic array of American hymns, folk
songs, and spirituals.

EVANGELIZATION

St. John Fisher Parish

invites you, your family, friends, and neighbors to

a Winter Retreat

The Unexpected God

With Fr. EDWARD L. BECK

January 11 - 12, 2020

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January 11 and 12, 2020

Fr. EDWARD L. BECK

Father Edward L. Beck, C.P. is a Roman Catholic priest of the Passionist Congregation. He is an author, playwright and on-air media commentator on issues of religion, faith and spirituality.

Father Beck's three non-fiction books, *God Underneath*, *Unlikely Ways Home* and *Soul Provider* are published by Doubleday / Random House. He is a member of the Dramatist Guild of America and a regular on-air commentator for CNN. He has worked in mainstream media for 15 years.

Father Beck will be presenting at all the Masses the weekend of **January 11 and 12, 2020.**

On Sunday evening, January 12, St. John Fisher Church will offer a **free dinner in Barrett Hall from 6pm to 7pm** followed by an evening retreat **"The Unexpected God" from 7pm to 8:30p.m.**

The event is free of charge.

Questions? Please call the Parish Office at **310.377.5571**



Thank you for visiting St. John Fisher Church



SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Evening Vigil Mass

5:00 pm

Sunday

7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:45 am,
12:30 pm, 5:00 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday-Friday 8:00 am, 5:15 pm

Saturday, 8:00 am

HOLY DAYS

Vigil: 5:30 pm

Mass: 6:30 am, 8:00 am, 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.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Morning Prayer

Monday-Saturday 7:45 am

Chapel of the Blessed Mother

Hope to see you soon!