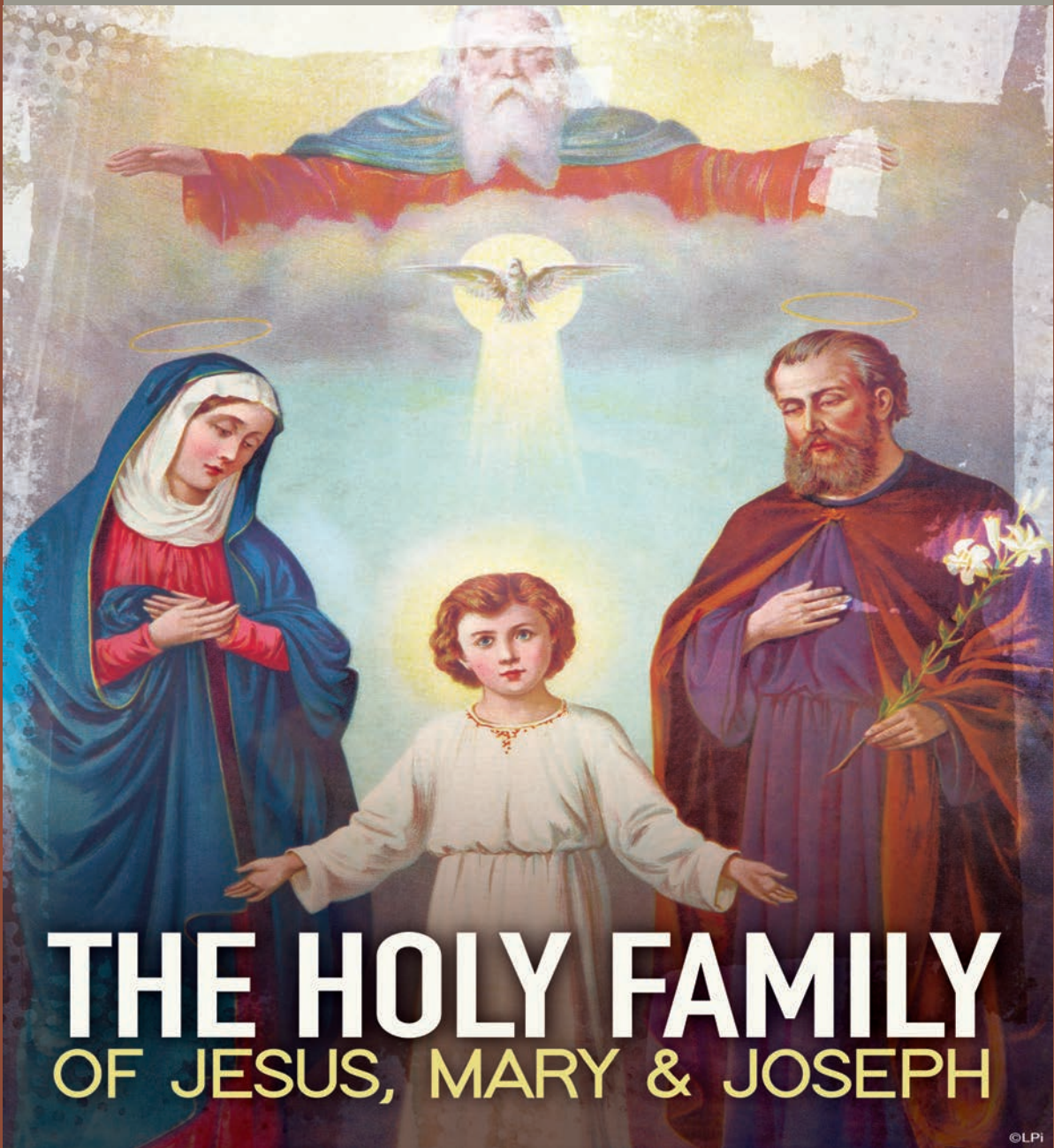


St. John Fisher Church

December 29, 2019



"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly...singing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God."

Colossians 3:16

Love God. Love All People. Make Disciples.

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8 am - 5 pm Friday

9 am - 3 pm Saturday

8:30 am - 2 pm Sunday

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

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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

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, 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.

Together in Mission needs our help!

We at St. John Fisher are very blessed to worship in such a beautiful church and rich liturgical environment. But other parishes within our own archdiocese do not have sufficient funds to cover basic operating expenses. In order to keep the doors open and the lights on at these churches and schools, the archdiocese instituted "Together in Mission." For many years, SJF has met or exceeded its Together in Mission goal. This year, however, we are behind. Please consider at this time how your resources can help a less fortunate parish. Visit www.ourmissionla.org or use an envelope in the pew.



Parish Goal:	\$228,900
Pledged to Date:	\$226,333
Paid to Date:	\$207,839

Faith Direct

You can link your mobile phone number to your credit/debit card for easier giving. Text a dollar amount to **424-352-7752** and complete the one-time registration page to enroll in the ability to text gifts to St. John Fisher through Faith Direct.



New Year's Eve and New Year's Day Schedule

There will be NO Eucharistic Adoration on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. There will be only one Mass at 9 am New Year's Day. Parish Offices will be closed New Year's Day.



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All Night Adoration This Friday

On this First Friday of the month (January 3), there will be all-night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Using the sheet located by the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, please sign up for an hour of prayer, especially during the late night and early morning hours.



Wedding Banns

Ryan Lynch-Mia Counts

Mass Intentions - December 28 - January 5

DECEMBER 28, SATURDAY

8:00 am Richard Zigrang, Sr.†
5:00 pm John Westenhaver† Fr. Aguilar

DECEMBER 29, SUNDAY

7:30 am Parishioners Msgr. Sork
9:00 am Coronacion Pelaez Ahumada† Fr. Caro
10:45 am Peter Bowen† Fr. Kalu
12:30 pm Mary Sheridan† Msgr. Sork
5:00 pm Felician M. Bognot† Fr. Aguilar

DECEMBER 30, MONDAY

8:00 am Friederike Poglitsch†
5:15 pm Raymond Bodine

DECEMBER 31, TUESDAY

8:00 am Maria Hwang†
5:15 pm Anthony Cosenza†

JANUARY 1, WEDNESDAY

9:00 am Parishioners

JANUARY 2, THURSDAY

8:00 am Bayani & Cleotilde Catamisan
5:15 pm Casiano Bermejo†

JANUARY 3, FRIDAY

8:00 am Richard Zigrang, Sr. †
5:15 pm Mary Stankey†

JANUARY 4, SATURDAY

8:00 am Wilson Cheng†
5:00 pm Russel D. Phillips, Jr.† Fr. Kalu

JANUARY 5, SUNDAY

7:30 am Brenda Patrick Lynch† Msgr. Sork
9:00 am Steve Puccio† Fr. Kalu
10:45 am Edwina Mangiameli† Fr. Caro
12:30 pm Parishioners Fr. Caro
5:00 pm Eugene† & Annette Cincotta Msgr. Sork

Weekly Readings

Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28

Friday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 [3cd]/Jn 1:29-34

Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [3cd]/Jn 1:35-42

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Evening Vigil Mass

5:00 pm

Sunday

7:30 am

9:00 am, Contemporary Choir

10:45 am, Parish Choir

12:30 pm

5:00 pm, Youth Choir

WEEKDAY MASSES

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

Saturday, 8:00 am

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Morning Prayer

Monday-Saturday 7:45 am

Chapel of the Blessed Mother

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.

BAPTISMS

Every 4th Sunday of the Month during the 12:30 pm Mass. 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**.

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 **310-377-5571** or carlynquinto@earthlink.net

NEED A CARING LISTENER?

Call the Stephen Ministry Hotline at **310-541-1403**.

PRAYER TREE

Contact Bev Fink at **310-377-5571** or penhimom@hotmail.com. Please write "SJF Prayer Tree" in the subject line.



Home is Holy: Feast of the Holy Family

Every year on the Sunday after Christmas, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. It is easy to think of the Holy Family as leading perfect lives. But when we speak of the Holy Family, we speak of a family that struggled and suffered, like so many of us. Mary was pregnant before she married. Joseph chose to marry a woman who was pregnant, although he knew the baby wasn't his. Soon after the birth of their child, the family became refugees, fleeing persecution. Their son was put to death as a criminal. Surely this isn't a picture-perfect family we would like to emulate! The Holy Family shares our burdens, but they also uplift us by their example. Jesus, Mary and Joseph were never alone. They endured through the grace of God. They prayed. They hoped. They trusted in God's will. Yet, through all their hardships, in a time of anxiety and difficulty, persecution and tragedy—a time very much like our own—they showed us how to be people of faith, people of forgiveness, people of

love. May God be just as close to your holy family today and throughout the coming year. Today children at the 9 am Mass will receive a "Jingle with Jesus" bracelet, to remind them to keep Christmas going!

Religious Education Class Schedule, Preschool-Grade 8

Religious Education classes, preschool-Grade 8, are on Christmas break. All classes will resume the week of January 12. The staff and catechists wish the students and families a joyful Christmas season!

Thank you to the Boy Scouts for their help with Christmas Eve Parking

We were blessed to have the Boy Scouts of Troop 658 helping us with parking on Christmas Eve. Many thanks to the boys and their families, who gave up their time to be of assistance to us!



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

HIGH SCHOOL TEENS

Thought for the Week: "Words to Live By..."

Here is a passage from author, Maria Valtorta, to reflect on...

"I see Mary with the newborn son in her arms. A little baby, flushed, bustling with his little hands, and kicking with his small feet, and crying with a thin trembling voice just like a newborn lamb. And he moves his small head that is so blond that it seems without any hair, a little round head that his mother holds in the hollow of her hand, while she looks at her baby and adores him, weeping and smiling at the same time. And she bends down to kiss him—not on his head, but on the center of his chest, where underneath there is a small heart beating for all of us... where one day there will be the Wound... 'Come, let us offer Jesus to the Father,' says Mary. And she lifts her baby in her arms and says, 'Here I am. On his behalf, O God, I speak these words to you: Here I am to do your will. And I, Mary, and my spouse, Joseph, with him. Here are your servants, O Lord. May your will always be done by us, in every hour, in every event, for your glory and your love.'"





St. John Fisher School students view the Nativity exhibits at the Mary and Joseph Retreat Center

Each year, students in all grades visit the Mary and Joseph Retreat center to view Nativity scenes from around the world.

At the retreat center, students listened to a presentation focused on year's theme: 'Who is Joseph.' Next, they took a guided tour of the Nativity scenes with a docent. Our gracious hosts gave students juice and cookies to enjoy while listening to a Christmas story.

This is a wonderful field trip to help remind students of the true meaning of Christmas.



Anne-Marie Hudani
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PRAY FOR SICK

Jim Chappuis, brother of Marianne David

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR...

Seyi Adisa	Dave and Joan Matson
Josephine Appel	Frank McCormick
Marcela Arechiga	Maura McGuinness
Paul Belfy	Janice McDermott
Jane Bodine	Thadd McNamara
Raymond Bodine	Manuel A. Morales
Matthew Bologna	Nancy Morales
Emma Breslin	Teresa Morales
Michelle Clarke	Clare Nolan
Ray Curran	Orlando Rebuena
Robert Denni	Frank Sabatasso
Don Duperon	Mary Lou Schmidt
Eugenia Eyherabide	William H. Sheridan
Rosemary Ferrell	Joan Sing
Gloria Fink	Odette Smith
Erik Fleming	Marie Lucas Soto
Sadru Hudani	Florencia Tan
Jeanne Leo	Judy Ann Tan
Mary Lindorfer	Alice Valdes
Margaret Majid	

PRAY FOR DECEASED

Juana Torres Vela, mother of Rosa Koretzsky

PRAY FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL AND FAMILIES

Private Miranda Grosso, USA
Sergeant Jacob Arnold, USA-Green Beret
Kenny Soto, AFRC
Ben Soto, AIRF
Sergeant First Class Teresa Perrin, USA
Chief Warrant Office McKinderee Perrin, 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**. 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.

Thanks and Gratitude to You All



The charities that received your gifts from the Parish Giving Tree express their most heartfelt gratitude and thanks to the parishioners of St. John Fisher for their compassion and generosity with gifts of toys, clothing, gift cards and diapers for those less fortunate. We estimate about 1,200 individual items were donated with an approximate cash value of \$35,000. The SJF members of the Christian Family Movement ministry also say “Thank You” to the parishioners who assisted us in the collection, organization and distribution of these gifts.

Eucharistic Adorers Needed

SJF needs adorers who could spend an hour in Eucharistic adoration in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, any day, Monday to Friday; anytime, from 8:45 am to 9 pm. We still need additional adorers for the following hours: Monday 12 pm, 1 pm, and 5 pm; Tuesday 11 am, 12 pm, 4 pm, and 5 pm; Wednesday 10 am, 2 pm, 3 pm, and 5 pm; Thursday 1 pm and 6 pm; and Friday 4 pm and 5 pm. We also need more substitute adorers. If you are interested in being a regular or substitute adorer, email carlynquinto@earthlink.net.



Food Drive Thank You



The Food Pantry Ministry would like to thank everyone who participated in the Holiday Food Drive. We collected 220 bags of food and 104 pink envelopes. These donations support Harbor Interfaith, Peter and Paul Poverty Programs and Rolling Hills Charity. Thank you to Bristol Farms who generously donated the grocery bags for our food drive. The Food Pantry Ministry is greatly humbled by the generosity of our St. John Fisher Community and your support of our neighbors. Our next collection will be in February 2020. If you would like to participate in the Food Pantry Ministry, or are in need of food or know someone in need of food please contact: Frank Brown fj.brown@verizon.net or Onyenauchea Ajufoh at ajufohifeanyi@yahoo.com.

Did You Know? Everyone is in charge of their own bodies

It is important to allow children to decline signs of physical affection if they are uncomfortable or don't want to receive them. It's also equally important to teach children that this rule works both ways — if someone does not want a hug or a kiss, that decision should be respected. For young children who may be grabby or touchy-feely, this can be a tough lesson to instill, but it sets the groundwork for a critical understanding of the word “no” and how to react to it. Remind children about their own boundaries, and the boundaries of others, and reinforce ways to express love and friendship while respecting those boundaries. For more information, <https://www.parents.com/parenting/better-parenting/advice/reluctant-hugs-why-you-shouldnt-force-kids-to-show-physical/> Parish Safeguard the Children Contact: Margaret Johnson, 310-377-4573 x136, mjohnson@sjf.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 example, Family Promise of the South Bay seeks to mobilize local faith groups and community resources to provide compassionate care, temporary housing, meals and case management for homeless families with children as they seek stable housing.



This Week At St. John Fisher

Sunday, 12/29
Monday, 12/30
7:25 & 8:30 am Rosary – Blessed Mother Chapel 7 pm Families of Nazareth: Men's Group – Rectory Meeting Rm
Tuesday, 12/31
7:25 & 8:30 am Rosary – Blessed Mother Chapel 9:30 am Senior Fitness – Gym
Wednesday, 1/1
New Year's Day Parish and School Office are closed
Thursday, 1/2
7:25 & 8:30 am Rosary – Blessed Mother Chapel 9:30 am Senior Fitness – Gym 10 am Seekers – Cityside Room
Friday, 1/3
7:25 & 8:30 am Rosary – Blessed Mother Chapel 6:30 pm Charismatic Prayer Group – Rectory Meeting Rm 7:30 pm Chinese Bible Study – Cityside Room
Saturday, 1/4
One Life Registration after 5 pm Mass 7:30 pm AA Meeting – Auditorium
Sunday, 1/5
One Life Registration after all Masses 10:30 am RCIA Inquiry Session – Church



Save the Date!

Great Adventure Bible Series: Psalms – January 7 – March 31
The Unexpected God with Fr. Edward Beck – January 12
Growing in the Word: Matthew – January 13 – March 2
One Heart LGBT Ministry – St. Lawrence Martyr – January 14
Grief Support Series #2: Reclaiming Life/Suicide/Loss – January 15
Word on Fire: Catholicism – January 22
Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast – January 26
Fireside Chat with Msgr. Sork – January 27
Festival of Faith 2020 with Jesse Manibusan – February 2-4
One Heart LGBT Ministry – St. Lawrence Martyr – February 11
Food Pantry Bag Distribution – February 15-16
Word on Fire: Catholicism – February 19
Food Pantry Bag Collection – February 22-23
Shrove Tuesday Luncheon – February 25
Ash Wednesday – February 26
Lenten Friday Soup Suppers – February 28 – April 3
One Heart LGBT Ministry – St. Lawrence Martyr – March 10
Growing in the Word: Revelation – March 16 – April 6
Word on Fire: Catholicism – March 18
Fireside Chat with Fr. Kalu – March 19
Lenten Concert – March 29
Lenten Presentation with Fr. Francis – March 30
Seven Last Words of Christ – April 2
Community Seder – April 7
One Heart LGBT Ministry – St. Lawrence Martyr – April 14
Word on Fire: Catholicism – April 15
Divine Mercy Sunday – April 19

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!



Rite of Christian Initiations 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 September through May with classes taking place on Sunday mornings. Adult Confirmation classes are offered in the fall. Adult Inquiry sessions are offered all year and take place the first Sunday of each month (except for Holidays) at 10:30 am in the Fireside Room. Our next inquiry session is on Jan. 5th and begins with a Tour of the Church. For questions, please email Misty at mjesse@sjf.org.

Adult Faith Formation & Pastoral Care

Bible Study: Great Adventure-Psalms

Date: Tuesdays, Jan. 7– March 31

Time and Location: 7-9 pm, Fireside Room

Presenter: Adult Faith Facilitator Team

Winter Retreat-The Unexpected God

Date: Sunday, Jan. 12

Time and Location: 7-8:30 pm, Barrett Hall

Dinner: 6 pm

Presenter: Fr. Edward Beck

Bible Study: Growing in the Word: Matthew

Date: Mondays, Jan. 13-Feb. 24

Time and Location: 7-8:30 pm, Auditorium

Presenter: Misty Jesse, PhD, DMin

Reclaiming Life – Grief Support

Date: Wednesday, Jan. 15

Time and Location: 3-5 pm and 7-9 pm, Fireside Room

Presenter: Misty Jesse, PhD, DMin

Fireside Chat #2– Msgr. Sork

Topic: Dialogue with the Pastor

Date: Monday, Jan. 27

Time and Location: 7-8:30 pm, Fireside Room

Presenter: Msgr. David Sork

Festival of Faith

Date: Feb. 2-4

Time: Dinner 6 pm. Presentation: 7 pm

Location: Barrett Hall

Presenter: Jesse Manibusan

Family Promise of the South Bay at St. John Fisher– Jan. 5-12, 2020

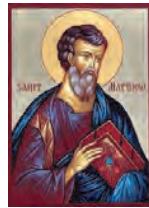
St. John Fisher will be hosting several homeless families on campus the week of Jan. 5-12. The families are participants in Family Promise of the South Bay. This program successfully helps local newly homeless families transition into permanent housing. The program is supported by thirteen faith communities in the South Bay. Throughout the year each faith community provides three to four weeks of shelter and food for these families. At St. John Fisher our ministry coordinators for this program are Dave and Yolanda Williams. We are always in need of volunteers to assist during the week the families are on site. Volunteers can help with meals, and set up and take down the housing facilities. We particularly need overnight chaperones (lodging is provided separately from the families). This is a wonderful ministry opportunity for all ages in our community. For more information or to volunteer please call Yolanda Williams at FamilyPromiseSJF@aol.com or **310-377-5571**

One Life LA—January 18, 2020



OneLife LA is a walk for life in downtown LA for all of Southern California. We celebrate the beauty and dignity of every human life from conception to natural death. OneLife ends with a festival, live music, food trucks, and inspiring speaker testimonies. Please join in for the Walk for Life on January 18, La Placita/Olvera Street to LA State Historic Park. OneLife LA works to build a civilization of love in LA! For more information and to register, please go to <https://onelifela.org>. If you are interested in hopping on a bus from Saint Lawrence Martyr Church, it usually departs about 10am and returns after the special Mass at the Cathedral after the walk, arriving at SLM about 7:30 pm. Please email Hanan Tanios at hanantanios@yahoo.com to RSVP for the bus.

Growing in the Word: Gospel of Matthew



The Gospel of Matthew is the first book of the New Testament, one which provides us with a unique faith portrait of Jesus. In this Gospel we learn important lessons on the formation of community and of Jesus as an authoritative teacher. This series is presented by Misty Jesse, PhD, DMin. Date and Location: Monday evenings, 7 pm to 8:30 pm, Jan. 13-Feb. 24th. To register or for questions about the program, please call or email the Office of Evangelization, or simply join us in the class.

Misty Jesse

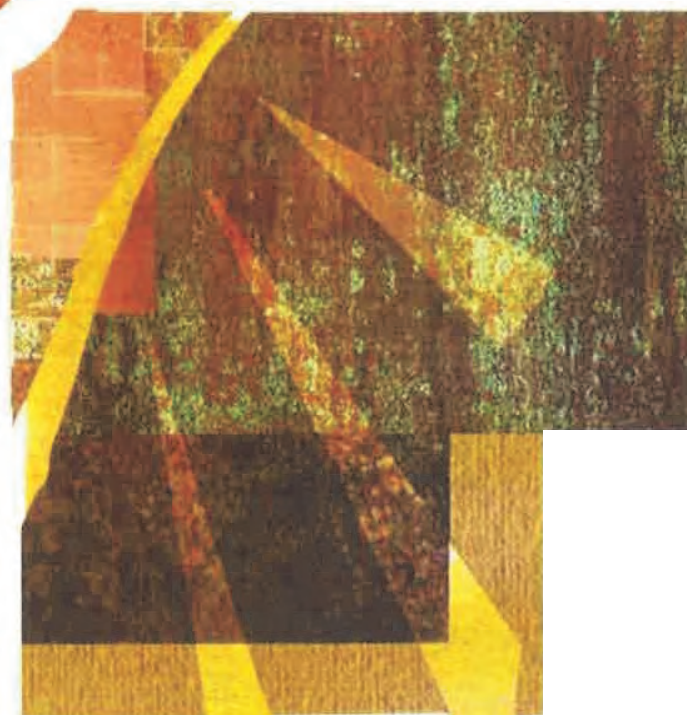
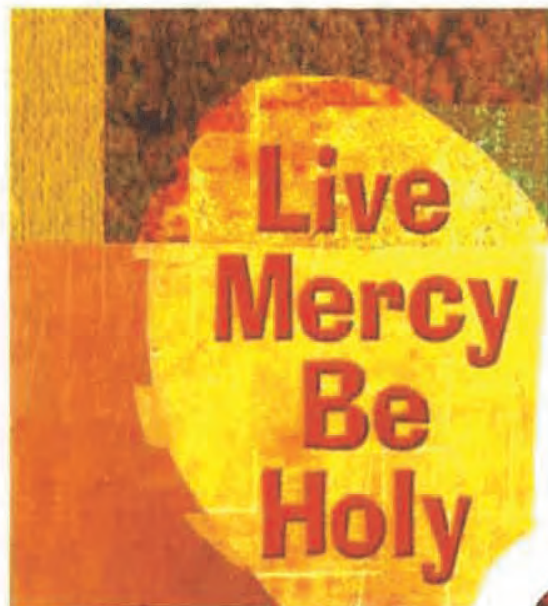
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