

St. John Fisher Parish

Activity and Ministry Directory

2023 - 2024



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Music Ministry (13)	Grant Hungerford	310-377-5571
One Heart LGBT Ministry (7)	Misty Jesse	310-377-5571
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SJF Parish School (8)	Colleen Guenther	310-377-2800
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Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW)

ACCW is an organization for all Catholic women in the L.A. Archdiocese. The mission is to educate in spirituality and leadership and also empower Catholic women to better serve as link between the women in the parish and the Archdiocese, their programs and resources.

Time commitment: Meets quarterly throughout the year.

Adult Faith Formation Committee

In collaboration with other ministries, committee members develop and assist with various adult formation events at St. John Fisher throughout the year.

Time commitment: Periodic meetings throughout the year.

At Home with the Word

Weekly faith-sharing group that reflects on the Sunday scripture using the text and questions found in *At Home with the Word*. All are welcome. Questions? Contact Luz Smith at 310-213-6914

Time commitment: Mondays from 4:00 PM - 5 PM in the Parish Library 108

Bible Studies

Great Adventure Bible Series: Facilitated DVD presentation offered in the fall and spring.

Growing in the Word: Adult Bible Study offered in the fall and spring.

Time commitment: Tuesdays 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM.

Called and Gifted

Discover your charisms and begin to discern God's call. Catherine Siena Institute now offers online resources to assist you with your personal Called & Gifted Discernment. Visit www.siena.org or call Bill Munday at 310-721-4093 to learn more.

Chinese Bible Study

A group of Chinese speaking parishioners meet every Friday at 7:30 pm in someone's home to read the scriptures and do some faith sharing using the Chinese version of the Bible.

Connect Groups

Life is better connected. Whether studying the Bible, finding wisdom in the Bible for our daily lives or sharing common interests, Connect Groups support each other's growing faith. Groups have three or more members and meet regularly, usually twice a month. Contact us to find a group that fits you.
SJFConnectGroups@gmail.com

Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy

Meet monthly after 5:15 pm Mass on Thursday evenings.

Faith Formation Small Groups

Gather together with small groups of parishioners to share faith, prayer, and scripture. Call for further information.

Families of Nazareth

Meet Mondays at 9:30 am and Tuesdays at 7:00 pm, for prayer, faith sharing, and reflection. Call the office for meeting locations.

Men's Cornerstone

Men's Cornerstone is a faith enrichment opportunity which brings men closer to God, to the Church community and to each other through sharing of faith, life, and fellowship in the presence of the Holy Spirit for the greater glory of God .
Contact Eric Cardenas for more information at ec000ec@gmail.com
Time commitment: Annual on-site retreat. Core team meets monthly.

Pre-Baptismal Preparation Team

Help families with children under the age of 6 prepare for baptism, 2nd Monday of the month.

Time commitment: Members conduct one-hour Zoom preparation classes.

RCIA: Christian Initiation for Adults

Sponsors companion candidates preparing to become Catholic or adult Catholics in need of Confirmation or First Communion. Team members plan and coordinate activities, hospitality, or learning sessions for candidates. Sponsors journey with a candidate, usually one to two years.

Time commitment: Varies depending upon one's gifts and availability; anywhere from one to two hours per month.

Faith Formation - Adult (con't)**310-377-5571**

Seekers

Retired men meet to study scripture and church teachings, pray, share life's faith journey, and discuss topics of members' choice.

Time commitment: Thursdays from 10:00 am - 11:30 am in the Cityside Room.

Word on Fire

A faith formation program, founded by Bishop Robert Barron, which uses media to reach out and draw back Catholics to the faith.

Time commitment: Meets every Thursday 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM.

Faith Formation - Children**310-377-4573**

Adult Volunteers – Junior High Ministry

Journey with our young people in grades 6-8 as they grow in their relationship with Christ. Adult volunteers needed to serve as mentors, chaperones, and assist with hospitality. Training provided.

Time commitment: once or twice a month.

Catechists (Teachers) - Elementary & Junior High Religious Education

Share the teachings of the Catholic Church with children who attend public or private schools. Training provided.

Time commitment: 1 1/4 hours per week for 25 weeks plus preparation time.

Catechists (Teachers) - Preschool Religious Education

Teach three-year-old through kindergarten-age children on Sunday mornings 8:45 am - 10:15 am. Training provided on-site.

Time commitment: School Year.

Religious Education Classroom Aides

Serve as parent aides in class.

Time commitment: Three times a year.

Faith Formation - High School Teens**310-377-4573**

Teen Confirmation Class and Retreat Leaders

Share your faith as a catechist for classes or be a guest speaker and tell your conversion story. Come with us on retreat weekends (Friday - Sunday) two to three times per year. Must be fingerprinted and receive Virtus training

Time commitment: One to three times per month for two hour classes (attend either Sunday or Monday) September through April.

Teen Confirmation Adult Volunteers

Adults willing to help the teens in our community. Assisting in special events such as hospitality, chaperoning and carpooling to youth events or retreats.

Time commitment: Depends on the events for which you would like to volunteer.

Faith Formation - High School Teens (con't) 310-377-4573

Teen Mentor Program

Open to high school students who have completed the two-year Confirmation process. Teen Mentors assist with teaching the candidates and being role models of leadership and development. Mentors are reviewed by the Confirmation Team.

Time commitment: Two-three times a month, or as often as your schedule allows.

Family Life and Social Groups 310-377-5571

Book Club

Meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm to discuss a chosen book. The book is usually a recent novel, but a year of reading includes a classic novel, a biography, an inspirational story for Lent and a fable for Christmas. Book information is at goodreads.com/group/show/140472-sjf-book-club. For more information, email Deborah Kagei at sjfbookclub@gmail.com.

Knights of Columbus Council 1990

Provide volunteer labor and financial support to local, state, and international programs. Support seminarians, community charities (e.g., House of Yahweh, STAR), parish and school fundraisers and events, pro-life activities, and family life through charity and service.

Time commitment: Support one event a year, one event a month, or more often.

One Heart LGBT Ministry

This ministry is open to members of the LGBTQ community, their families, friends or anyone who would like to be a part of this ministry. We are here to offer support, help and make everyone feel welcome regardless of their sexual orientation.

Please contact Deacon Don Burt at (310) 540-0329 X 381 or email at donbrt@verizon.net if you have any questions.

Time commitment: 2nd Tuesday of the month at St. Lawrence Martyr Church.

Family Life and Social Groups (con't)**310-377-5571**

Scouting

Please call Justin Fontenot at 310-377-4573 for information on Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

Senior Fitness Class

A fun and friendly class for seniors of all fitness levels; Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 am in the PAC Gym.

Operations**310-377-5571**

Communication Advisory Committee

Facilitates communication between St. John Fisher, parishioners, and the community. This encompasses the website, social media, print media, and the bulletin.

SJF Parish School

The Parish School offers other opportunities to volunteer. Please contact the School Office at 310-377-2800 for more information.

Health Room: Provide minor first-aid care to parish school students.

Traffic Control: Provide traffic control during drop-off at the school.

Time commitment: Mornings 7:15 am - 8:00 am.

Social Justice Ministries**310-377-5571**

Agape

Bring food, cleaning products, and clothing to the poor in Tijuana several times throughout the year. Helping hands, drivers with utility vehicles, and those willing to help with meetings are always welcome.

Cookie Ministry

Help the parish provide hospitality at parish functions and celebrations by baking cookies.

Family Promise of the South Bay

Their mission is to help homeless and low-income families achieve sustainable independence. If you would like to help with your time and talents, please contact Lori Eastman at office@familypromiseosb.org

Time commitment: Volunteer opportunities throughout the year.

Food Pantry

Food Drive: Assist after Mass in food drives or collection of donated money for needy individuals and families.

Time commitment: Two hours quarterly.

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity's (H4H) mission is seeking to put God's love into action by bringing people together to build homes, communities and hope.

Contact Maxim Ofina at maximofina@gmail.com to get involved.

Interfaith Ministry**Dawn Unity Group**

A South Bay Interfaith series that presents a moderated panel of religious leaders of different faith traditions on contemporary faith issues. Panel presentations are offered *three to four times a year*. Moderator- Bob Rothman, Congregation Ner Tamid, Rancho Palos Verdes.

South Bay Catholic-Jewish Women's Dialogue

A supportive venue in which Catholic and Jewish women have the opportunity to dialogue, promote friendships and develop understanding and mutual respect of each other's faith traditions and beliefs. *Monthly meetings and yearly panel*

Congregation Ner Tamid, Rancho Palos Verdes.

Italian Catholic Federation

Promotes and supports the Catholic Faith and encourages charitable works and celebrates the Italian-American heritage and all heritages of the community.

Time commitment: 3rd Friday of the month; 6:00 pm-9:00 pm.

Contact: Gina Albi - Gina.albi8@gmail.com

Military Ministry

Working together to support the men and women who defend and serve our country through special collections throughout the year and an annual Veteran's Day breakfast. They also provide an ongoing prayer list for those who are actively in service.

Mission Circle

To support Fr. Tony Coney's Mission of helping children in Lima, Peru.

Parish Giving Tree

An annual Outreach ministry offered during the Advent season. Items for infants and young children are collected at the parish and later distributed by local charities to families in need.

Time commitment: Every December

Peace and Justice Council

Seeks to raise awareness of social justice issues and support the parish's outreach efforts.

Time commitment: Meetings are event based.

PV Resale Thrift Shop - 2312 Pacific Coast Highway, Lomita, CA

Help with merchandising and sales. Volunteers earn a vote as to the distribution of the proceeds to charitable organizations.

Time commitment: No specific shift is required; the shop is open 10:00 am to 4:00 pm Tuesday to Saturday.

Respect Life

Inform parishioners on pro-life issues, encourage participation in pro-life activities, and sponsor speakers.

Time commitment: Meetings are event based.

Sandwich Ministry

Make sandwiches for distribution to the homeless in the South Bay. Drivers needed weekly to deliver the sandwiches.

Tuesday morning: Meets every Tuesday of the month at 8:15 am in Barrett Hall.

Friday afternoon: Meets the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month at 3:15 pm in Barrett Hall.

Family Sandwich Ministry: Meets the 1st Friday of the month (during the school year) at 3:30 pm in the Seaside Room. Contact Justin Fontenot.

SJF Meal Ministry

Buy and prepare nutritious meals for the homeless in Long Beach and for those who simply can't make ends meet.

Time commitment: 2-3 hours once a month.

Stewardship Council

Support the parish's stewardship events and activities.

Street Ministry

Prepare and distribute sandwiches to those in need in downtown Los Angeles.

Time commitment: 7:30 am to 11:30 am on Saturdays.

Contact: Gail and Rick Rodono - (310) 530-0890 or (310) 413-2586

Bereavement

Bereavement ministers support and assist parishioners in planning the liturgy for the funeral Mass.

Grief Support

Trained facilitators are available at Providence TrinityCare Bereavement, 5315 Torrance Blvd, Suite B-1, Torrance CA (310) 543-3437 or (310) 543-7267

Singing Samaritans

A group of talented singing men, called to help and brighten the days of loved ones who are homebound, aged, or disabled. Providing a diverse repertoire of songs, an absolutely free service in return for the smile of happiness and joy from those they are called to serve.

Transportation Assistance

The PV Dial-A-Ride provides transportation on the PV Peninsula and surrounding areas for adults unable to drive themselves. Call to register and purchase rides.

Altar Servers

Boys and girls from grades 5 to 12 assist the celebrant at Eucharistic celebrations; training is required.

Time commitment: Servers assist, on average, at two-three Masses per month, weddings and funerals.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC)

Assist the priest in distributing Communion at all Masses. Training required with an interview and an initial four-hour training class.

Time commitment: Varies.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) to Homebound

Bring the Body of Christ to parishioners unable to attend Mass because of illness or infirmity. Training required with an interview and an initial four-hour training class.

Time commitment: 1 1/2 hours for one Sunday a month.

Hospitality

Serve donuts and coffee after Masses or special church events.

Time commitment: Less than one hour every four to six weeks.

Lectors

Proclaim the Word of God at all Sunday and weekday Masses. Must be a confirmed Catholic; training is required.

Time commitment: Two Masses per month.

Liturgical Environment Committee

Decorate the church for liturgical celebrations.

Time commitment: A few hours a month for flower arranging and sewing. Extra help is needed before Advent, Christmas, Holy Week, and Easter.

Liturgical Movement (Dance)

Open to high school teens. Offering the glory and honor due to God through the medium of dance.

Time commitment: Six to ten Masses per year with practice sessions.

Liturgy of the Word for Children

Assist in proclaiming the Liturgy of the Word at the 9:00 am Mass in a manner appropriate for grades 1 through 6.

Time commitment: Serve during Mass once every two months. Materials are provided.

Martha Ministry

Prepare the church for Sunday and special liturgies; includes care of altar cloths, vestments, candles, etc.

Time commitment: One hour a month.

Mass Sacristan

Work behind the scenes to insure all is ready and goes smoothly at Sunday Masses.

Time commitment: 60 minute training, arrive half hour before Mass begins, twice each month.

Music Ministry

Children's Choir: Children, grades 2 to 6, support and enhance the liturgical song of the assembly one Sunday a month, Christmas and Easter celebrations.

Time commitment: Rehearsals are Mondays 4:00 pm - 5:15 pm from September through May

Contemporary Choir/Instrumentalists: Help lead the community at 9:00 am Sunday Mass.

Time commitment: Rehearsals are Thursdays with the Parish Choir, 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm starting Thursday, August 18th through June and Sundays at 8:30 am from September through June. July and August only Sunday AM.

Parish Choir/Instrumentalists: Support and enhance the liturgical song of the assembly at 11:00 am Sunday Mass.

Time commitment: Rehearsals are Thursdays 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm and Sundays at 10:30 am. Starting Thursday, August 12th through June.

Teen Choir/Band: Support and enhance the song of the assembly at the 5:00 pm Sunday Mass through singing, playing instruments, or by running sound equipment.

Time commitment: Rehearsals are Sundays at 4:00 pm for the 5:00 pm Mass. [6th grade and up]

Teen Ushers and Greeters

Teens, grades 9-12, serve as ministers of welcome and ushers at the 5:00 pm Sunday Mass or at other Mass times. One hour of training required.

Ushers

Provide assistance to the assembly before, during, and after 5:00 pm Saturday, and 7:30 am, 9:00 am, and 11:00 am Sunday Masses.

Time commitment: Serve at two or three Sunday Masses a month.

Divine Mercy

The Divine Mercy is a form of God's compassion, an act of grace based on trust or forgiveness. This is a special devotion which has its origin in the apparitions of Jesus Christ reported by St. Faustina Kowalska.

Time commitment: Thursdays after the 5:15 PM Mass in the Church.

Eucharistic Adoration

Spend time in prayer and meditation with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Time commitment: One hour a week.

Eucharistic Adoration on First Fridays

Spend time in prayer and meditation with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel during the 24-hour adoration on the 1st Friday of each month, from 8:00 am on Friday until 8:00 am on Saturday.

Time commitment: One hour a month.

Queen of Peace Prayer Group

Pray for vocations, peace, and other intentions.

Time commitment: One hour every Tuesday after the 5:15 PM Mass in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Prayer Tree

Pray for the healing power of God's grace for anyone in need and their special intentions.

Time commitment: A few minutes of daily prayer.

Unborn Jesus Apostolate and Rosary

Once a month in the nine months from March - December, a group rosary is prayed meditating on the unborn Jesus and what stage he was at in development.

Time commitment: Meets for one hour on approximately the 25th of each month in the church after the 8:00 AM Mass. Contact Fritz Baumgartner at 562-896-6284 or fbaumgartner12@gmail.com

Video Ministry

Assist in live streaming Daily 8:00 AM and Sunday 9:00 AM Masses and special events. Teams will be asked to work our video and sound equipment to capture one Mass each week.

Time commitment: One training session on our equipment (2 hours) and attendance at one Mass each week, operating the video equipment.

Walk with Christ (Outdoor Stations of the Cross)

Quiet moments of music, liturgical prayer, thoughtful meditation and silent reflection on Christ's journey to the cross.

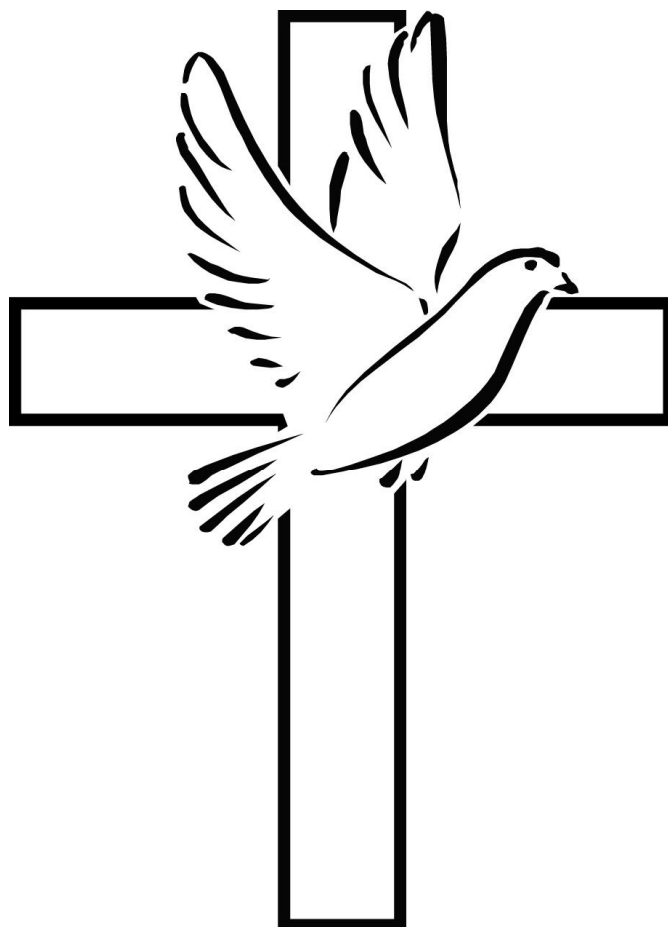
Time commitment: 1st Wednesday of the month after the 5:15 PM Mass.

Prayer of St. John Fisher Parish

God, our Father, in our deepest desire for union with you, we gather as a Eucharistic People to be nourished by your Word and the Body and Blood of your Son.

All we are and all we have are from you. As grateful stewards we commit our gifts of time, talent, and treasure to serve you and your people.

May our hearts be filled with your Holy Spirit as we go forth to make disciples by sharing the love of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.



Our Mission:

Love God.

“You shall love the Lord, your God, with your whole heart, and with your whole being, and with your whole strength.”

Deuteronomy 6:5



Love all people.

“I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

John 13:34-35



Make disciples.

Then Jesus approached and said to them, “All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:18-20



Love God. Love all people. Make disciples.

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