

St. John Fisher Church

August 30, 2020



22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” - Mt 16:24b-25

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Love God. Love All People. Make Disciples.

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8 am - 5 pm 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, 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.

Goodbye Message from Fr. Francis

Greetings to all you. As I write this '*goodbye love letter*' - I am both excited and sad - peaceful and nervous. I have no doubt that God directs every step that I take. Still - '*moving and saying goodbye*' is never easy. It's an adventure to take on my new assignment. But it's sad to leave behind the families here that I have come to *fall in love* with. You welcomed me with open arms and big smiles. You believed in me and supported my gifts all the way through. You taught me how to be a better - loving and caring priest. You have become *part of my life*. We've talked together - laughed together - cried together - hiked together - shared meals together. You shared with me your life - your homes - your challenges - your concerns - your worries - but also your joys and passion. I felt humbled by many of you who welcomed me into your homes - taking me in as one of your children - brother - close friend - and spiritual mentor.

Your friendship - your love - your vote of confidence - your vulnerability - your openness - kindness - generosity - your jokes and laughter - are but a few characteristics that I have come to '*fall in love*' with. As I write this letter, I can't help but sing Elvis Presley's song in my head, "*I Can't Help Falling in Love with You.*" Thank you for the ways that you have loved me. Thank you for inviting me into your homes. Thank you for the ways you have listened to my heart and gently encouraged me to keep doing what I'm doing. I love each of you so much, and am very sad to say goodbye. I have grown so much during my time here and I will be forever grateful.

I kindly ask you to keep me and the people I will be serving in your prayers as you are in mine. On my part - I encourage each of you to remain open to God's plan. Never lose your 'awe and wonder' when it comes to our loving and merciful God. For those of you that have requested my ongoing use of 'social media to evangelize' - you can find me at: <https://www.youtube.com/c/FrFrancisAguilar>. Remember that you always have a friend in Camarillo if you are ever in the area or you simply want to visit St. Mary Magdalen Church. I promise to make you feel right at home. I love you all and I will miss you. Until we meet again.

Humbly yours in Christ,

Fr. Francis

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Join us every day for Mass Outdoors and Online



St. John Fisher will continue to livestream Daily 8 am and Sunday 9 am Masses. To watch, visit our website at www.sjf.org. Communion will be distributed after all livestreamed Masses. The priest will announce where they will be distributing communion. Outdoor Masses will take place Monday-Friday 5:15 pm, Saturday 5 pm, and Sunday 11 am and 5 pm outside the church on the plaza. Parishioners are required to wear a face covering and maintain at least 6 feet distance from one another.

Labor Day Holiday Mass Schedule

Monday, September 7th is Labor Day. There will be one Mass at 9 am. The Parish and School Offices are closed as well as the Offices of Faith Formation.



Banns of Marriage

Ethaniel Rubio - Sophia Mohiuddin

Mass Intentions - August 29 - September 6

AUGUST 29, SATURDAY

8:00 am James D. Prendergast†

5:00 pm David Strand† Fr. Aguilar

AUGUST 30, SUNDAY

9:00 am Donna Daly Nissan† Msgr. Sork

11:00 am Parishioners Fr. Aguilar

5:00 pm Chester Brown† Fr. Aguilar

AUGUST 31, MONDAY

8:00 am Maria Torres de Bayardo†

5:15 pm Judith Dahlman Rhodes

SEPTEMBER 1, TUESDAY

8:00 am Judith Dahlman Rhodes

SEPTEMBER 2, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am Judith Dahlman Rhodes

5:15 pm Refaat Bakhoun†

SEPTEMBER 3, THURSDAY

8:00 am Mike MacDonald

SEPTEMBER 4, FRIDAY

8:00 am Corrine Willkom†

5:15 pm Donna Davis†

SEPTEMBER 5, SATURDAY

8:00 am William Andrew†

5:00 pm Josephine Garofalo† Fr. Kalu

SEPTEMBER 6, SUNDAY

9:00 am Rosario Braggiotti† Msgr. Sork

11:00 am Parishioners Fr. Kalu

5:00 pm Patricia Meehan† Fr. Park

Weekly Readings

Monday: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 and Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 2:10b-16 and Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 and Luke 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Corinthians 3:18-23 and Luke 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5 and Luke 5:33-39

Saturday: 1 Corinthians 4:6b-15 and Luke 6:1-5

Sunday: Ezekiel 33:7-9, Romans 13:8-10, and Matthew 18:15-20

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil

5:00 pm (outside church)

Sunday

9:00 am (livestream only)

11:00 am (outside church)

5:00 pm (outside church)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday-Friday

8:00 am (livestream only)

5:15 pm (outside church)

Saturday

8:00 am (livestream only)

HOLY DAYS

Vigil: 5:30 pm

Mass: 6:30 am, 8:00 am, 7:30 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS) - OUTSIDE NEAR CHURCH

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. 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 -

TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

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: Following Jesus

Jesus told his disciples “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” But Jesus wasn’t literally telling us to carry a cross. Jesus wants us to make the right choices, even when they are hard. Making the right choice is not always easy. We are all familiar now with the idea of denying ourselves—for the past six months, we have had to make hard choices to help limit the spread of coronavirus. It isn’t fun to wear a mask everywhere. It is hard to miss out on parties, vacations, and special celebrations. Everyone misses the time spent with friends and family who we haven’t seen in a while. But making these choices, even when they are hard, is the way that we can live our lives for others, just as Jesus did. We are not all called to give up our lives, but we are called to love others and to follow Jesus by living in ways that help others see Jesus through us and our actions.

Religious Education Registration is now open!

Registration is now open for Religious Education 2020-2021. We will begin the school year for grades 1-8 in a home-school only format. Materials and support will be provided. The program will begin in late September/early October. We will be very careful about resuming in-person classes when we have permission to do so, and will continue to make the home-school format available throughout the school year. Unfortunately we are unable to offer our Preschool and Kindergarten program at this time. Families who were registered in 2019-2020 have been sent the link for registration: <https://tinyurl.com/SchoolSpeak>

SJF2020-21. New families: To start your registration, follow the link and then click on “Request account.” You will be sent login information and additional registration instructions.

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

HIGH SCHOOL TEENS

Gospel Recap: Finding Honor Even in Shame

With all the violence in our world with school shootings, gang activity, police brutality, and looting and rioting, how did we get here? Now violence and revenge—even murder, have become “honorable” in some circles. Some people say you can’t back down in a fight, so get even. Or hazing is okay—you can humiliate a new teammate because you were humiliated when you joined the team. We all have so much to learn from Jesus in this week’s Gospel. The cross was a symbol of shame in the time of the early Christians. That’s why Jesus’ prediction about his death shocks Peter to the core. Peter is experiencing a loss of honor by following a teacher who would accept such a shameful death. But God transformed the cross from a symbol of SHAME, into a symbol of HONOR. And God honors those who bear a cross by forgoing vengeance or violence, by forgiving and respecting even the people who hurt or tormented them. When you stand with Jesus and pick up the cross of peace, you built inner strength. You break free from those who want to control your actions, and you shine more light into a world darkened by sin. So, get your honor by following God’s laws, not man’s decrees.



High School Confirmation Registration Available Now Online

You may register your teen via Schoolspeak for our virtual Confirmation program, starting this Fall. Please email our Faith Formation Assistant, Ricardo Mata, to get started or with any questions at rmata@sjf.org.



Alumni News



Gabriel Hungerford graduated from SJF School in 2003, and Bishop Montgomery in 2007. After high school, he attended Cal State Northridge and is currently enrolled in the MBA program at USC.

He is vice-president at Trammel Crow and was recently chosen as one of California 2020 Next Generation Award winners. Connect Media's fourth annual Next Generation Awards recognize young leaders in the commercial real estate industry who are likely to be influential for years to come.

In just four fast years, Hungerford has developed an acumen on issue management, deal shaping, deal structuring and deal making that has far exceeded the normal expectations of a professional with his tenure or experience. He now leads the day-to-day deal document coordination on some of the SoCal region's most complex transactions, including the TCC's District NoHo development, a \$1.5 billion, nine-site, two-million-square-foot public/private partnership with the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority.

Congratulations Gabriel! We are so proud of you!



PRAY FOR SICK

Mike MacDonald
Judith Dahlman Rhodes, sister of Amy D'Ambra
Michael Friedman, brother of Katie Dante

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR...

Seyi Adisa	Dave and Joan Matson
Paul Belfy	Frank McCormick
Cheryl Benyi	Maura McGuinness
Jane Bodine	Thadd McNamara
Raymond Bodine	Betty Mullen
Emma Breslin	Clare Nolan
Pening Chacon	Schmidt Families
Michelle Clarke	William H. Sheridan
Joel Cossette	Peter W. Smith
John & Jackie DeLuca	Joan Sing
Sammy DeLuca	Marie Lucas Soto
Don Duperon	Joseph Spells
Eugenia Eyherabide	Residents and Staff at
Gloria Fink	HN Senior Home
Sadru Hudani	Florencia Tan
Crystal Kzmark	Judy Ann Tan
Jeanne Leo	Alice Valdes
Margaret Majid	Tom Villardi

PRAY FOR DECEASED

Gloria Bradley
Donna Daly, daughter of Ron and Marie Davis
Sil Quirarte, wife of Vic Quirarte
Patricia Richelli, grandmother of Zack Zuvich
Adriano Saura, husband of Zenaida Saura

PRAY FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL AND FAMILIES

Private Miranda Grosso, USA
Sergeant Jacob Arnold, USA-Green Beret
Maj. Cesare Santarosa, USA
Maj. Christina Shelton, USA
Kenny Soto, AFRC
Ben Soto, AIRF
Sergeant First Class Teresa Perrin, USA
Chief Warrant Office McKinderec 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.

STEWARDSHIP OF OUR TREASURE

August 23, 2020 \$18,375.00

August 24, 2019 \$16,966.29

Thank You for your continued generosity

Face Coverings Required



Face coverings are required for all outdoor Masses and when coming to receive communion for everyone over the age of 2. This is crucial in preventing the spread of COVID-19. They must cover the mouth and nose at all times except when you place the Eucharist in your mouth.

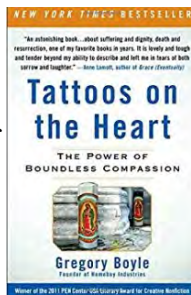
Please keep at least 6 feet distance from one another at all times.

Update on Parish Office and Church closure

The Parish Office is partially open. A receptionist is available Monday through Friday to answer any questions or schedule appointments. Just call **310-377-5571** during business hours. At the moment, no one is allowed inside the Parish Office but we can assist you at the door. The Church remains closed. Please check our website, www.sjf.org, for further notices.

Tattoos on the Heart Virtual Book Club

You are invited to an amazing Virtual Book Club on September 10 at 5:30 pm with Father Gregory Boyle, author of the New York Times best-selling book, *Tattoos on the Heart*. Father Greg is the founder of Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles. Please sign-up at: www.milagrosmiracles.com For questions call Maria Cancino at **310-508-7042**. The cost is \$15.00 to join the virtual book club. The money will be donated to Homeboy Industries After you sign-up, you will receive a confirmation email with the virtual (Zoom) link. You will also need to purchase the book: available at Amazon, bookstores, and at Homeboy Industries. Proceeds from the sale of the book will go to Homeboy Industries. I know that reading this book will leave a tattoo on your heart!



Support your Parish Electronically!!



With attendance at in-person services still restricted, St. John Fisher is depending on online donations to continue our ministry. Please consider enrolling in our eGiving program and setting up your recurring donation. You can use eGiving from your computer,

smartphone or tablet for recurring and one-time gifts. Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/CA436, or text 'Enroll' to **424-352-7722**.

Did you Know? Teach children about dealing with disappointment

Many young children are facing a whole new world: fewer playdates, fewer in-person classes, changing sports requirements, wearing masks, waving instead of giving hugs. While this is hard, it's a great time to talk to your children about how to handle disappointment when things change. Talk to your children about God's love for us and how even if we struggle to understand what is happening, God is with us through it all. For more tips, visit <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>. *Parish Safeguard the Children Contact: Margaret Johnson, 310-377-4573 x136, mjohnson@sjf.org.*

Remember in your Prayers

All those working on the frontlines during the Coronavirus pandemic throughout the world, especially,

Linda Anderson, RN
David Anderson, Respiratory Therapist
Michael Anderson, Fire Fighter
Christina DeLuca, RN
Ken Hashimoto, MD
Lindsay Kew, MD
Veronica Lock, Rehab/long term care staff
Kaya Ochoa, RN
Angel Olvera, RN
Mercedes Perez, RN
Kaitlyn Prossor, RN
Geraldine Van Niekerk, RN
Camille Washowich, RN

COVID-19 and Home Deliveries for Seniors



Dear St. John Fisher Senior Parishioners, if you need assistance with someone doing the grocery shopping for you and bringing the delivery to your doorstep, volunteers from the Parish and the Knights of Columbus are here to help. Please leave a voice message at 323-3-TO-B-FED (**323-**

386-2333) or an email at SJFfood2U@gmail.com, and someone will get back to you.

Hearts to Serve Hotline

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles, in partnership with Saint Vincent De Paul and the Knights of Columbus, is helping to connect people with available resources during this period of COVID-19. Hearts to Serve is a hotline to serve families in need but most importantly our elderly community who are homebound during this difficult time. Visit lacatholics.org/hearts-serve or **855-423-6780**.





Upcoming events cancelled or postponed

All meetings and events, including the weekly Divine Mercy chaplet, are suspended at this time. Please check our website sjf.org, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for further notices.

LA County Road to Recovery

YOU COULD HAVE COVID-19 AND NOT KNOW IT
PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19



WEAR a cloth face covering in businesses & around others from outside your household



MAINTAIN Physical Distancing of at least 6 feet



WASH your hands frequently for 20 seconds & avoid touching your face with unwashed hands



SELF-QUARANTINE for 14 days if you are exposed or in close contact with an infected person



For more information, visit: publichealth.lacounty.gov/coronavirus



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 end of August through May with classes taking place on Sunday mornings. Adult Confirmation classes are offered in the fall. Adult Inquiry sessions are offered year around. Currently because of pandemic restrictions we are offering Inquiry through the Zoom platform on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7 pm. Our next Zoom Inquiry session is Tuesday, September 1 at 7 pm, the subject: Questions Asked About the Church. If you would be interested in joining our next Inquiry session, please email Misty at mjesse@sjf.org.

Adult Faith Formation & Pastoral Care

SJF Online Bible Studies

Series: Growing in the Word

Currently Available: Revelation, Gospel of Matthew

Location: SJF Website – www.sjf.org – Faith Formation– Online Bible Studies

Presenter: Misty Jesse, PhD, DMin

Bible Study: Growing in the Word: Book of Ruth

Location: Zoom

Presenter: Misty Jesse, PhD, DMin

Date and Time: Monday, September 28, 7-8:30 pm

Contact: mjesse@sjf.org for Zoom invite

Great Adventure Series: The Prophets

Location: Zoom

Facilitator: Misty Jesse, PhD, DMin

Date: September 23 - November 25

Time: Wednesdays, 10 am-11:30 am

Registration Required: cacherman@sjf.org

Cost: \$30, includes a workbook

A-Men and Women Faith Sharing

Location: Zoom

Facilitator: Hanan Tanios, M.D.

For Zoom invite contact Hanan at **310-377-5571**

RCIA Inquiry

Location: Zoom

Topic: “Questions Asked About the Church”

Date: 1st Tuesday of the Month, September 1, 7 pm

Facilitator: RCIA Ministry Team

Stewardship Reflection

“What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Matthew 16:26

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given. How often do we give at the minimum level required? Remember, the Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts He has given us, especially the one that means the most to us.

Growing in the Word: Book of Ruth

The book of Ruth is one of only two books of the Bible to be named after women. Even though it is a short book of four chapters the lessons are profound and impact our lives today. A journey of two women takes us from loss to joy and redemption. Several things are learned along the way including God’s concern for all people; men



and women are equally important to God; God uses little things to accomplish great plans; and God has a Redeemer in place who can rescue us from emptiness and desolation. To join us for this one night Zoom presentation on Monday, September 28 from 7-8:30 pm, please email Misty at mjesse@sjf.org or call the Office of Evangelization, **310-377-4573**. Deadline to register: September 24th.

Great Adventure Series: The Prophets



Join us this fall for the ten-week Great Adventure series on the “The Prophets: Messengers of God’s Mercy”. This on-line facilitated study will be offered Wednesday mornings September 23 - November 25 from 10 am to 11:30 am via Zoom. Registration is \$30 and

includes a workbook. Check payable to St. John Fisher, include “Adult Faith” in memo line. To register please contact the Office of Evangelization at **310-377-4573**, or email Chris Acherman at cacherman@sjf.org. Deadline to register: September 14th.

Called & Gifted

The Called & Gifted Discernment process helps Catholics discern the presence of charisms in their lives. Charisms, or spiritual gifts, are special abilities given to all Christians by the Holy Spirit to give them both power to represent Christ and to be a channel of God’s goodness for people. For more information please call: **323-386-2333**.

SJF SCHOOL WELCOMES STUDENTS BACK TO SCHOOL

