

St. John Fisher Church

April 12, 2020



EASTER SUNDAY

"Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay." - Mt 28:5b-6

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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.

Parish Office is closed



In accordance with Governor Gavin Newsom's order and by request of Archbishop Jose A. Gomez, the parish and school offices have been closed. Parish staff are still available through email assist you. During this difficult time, we encourage all parishioners to continue giving their Sunday offerings. St. John Fisher Church depends on your Sunday offerings to pay our bills and support those in need. Please visit our website, Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter for further notices.

Support your Parish Electronically!!

St. John Fisher needs your support now more than ever! Join the parishioners who are using Faith Direct for automated giving to St. John Fisher. Faith Direct offers a safe and secure way to donate to our parish in this time of uncertainty. There is no cost to you, and the program provides a great benefit to our parish. Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/CA436, or text 'Enroll' to 424-352-7722.



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Join us everyday for Mass online

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles has announced the temporary suspension of all public Masses. St. John Fisher is livestreaming daily 8 am and Sunday 9 am Masses. To watch, visit our website at www.sjf.org. Each of our three priests will be offering one of the daily Mass intentions at the 8 am Daily Mass and at the 9 am Sunday Mass.



Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions

At this moment, all church gatherings for Eucharistic adoration and confessions have been cancelled. The church will no longer be open for personal prayer. We ask for your understanding and to visit our website for further notices.

Mass Intentions - April 11 - April 19

APRIL 11, SATURDAY

8:00 pm Gerhard Fischer†

APRIL 12, SUNDAY

9:00 am Parishioners
Teri Mostero
Joseph P. Devlin IV†

APRIL 13, MONDAY

8:00 am Anne Fisch†
A. Grace Purol†

APRIL 17, FRIDAY

8:00 am Kay Bourgeois†
James P. Murphy†

APRIL 18, SATURDAY

8:00 am Perry Fann†

APRIL 19, SUNDAY

9:00 am Parishioners
Joseph Wellington†
Pearse Cashman†

Weekly Readings

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33 and Matthew 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41 and John 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10 and Luke 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26 and Luke 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12 and John 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21 and Mark 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47, 1 Peter 1:3-9, and John 20:19-31



SUNDAY MASSES

9:00 am, Livestream only - www.sjf.org

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday-Friday 8:00 am, Livestream only - www.sjf.org

Saturday, 8:00 am, Livestream only - www.sjf.org

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: He is Risen! Alleluia!

How difficult it is to celebrate Easter when we are still in the midst of what might feel like the longest Lent ever. If you usually celebrate Easter with family and friends, you are missing them this year. We are like the disciples on Easter morning, before they came to the tomb—fearful, sad, and worried. Unlike the disciples, however, we know that Christ conquered sin and death for all time. We have faith in God's love, goodness, and mercy even at this difficult time. When Jesus first appeared to his disciples after his resurrection, he told them "Do not be afraid!" (Matthew 28:10) and "Peace be with you." (John 20:21). Remind your children that they do not need to be afraid, because God is with us always. Find peace in your hearts this Easter, and remember that even in the darkest times, we know that God is working to bring us to a better place.

Keep your children in touch with their faith!

Although Religious Education classes have been suspended, you can still keep your children in touch with their faith. The 9 am Mass at St. John Fisher is live-streamed every Sunday at sjf.org. The recording is saved, so you can watch at other times too. Gather your family together to watch, sing, and pray along with us!

Children's Faith Formation resources on SchoolSpeak!

Looking for help sharing your faith with your children? Check out the resources on SchoolSpeak. We have Children's Worship Bulletins for each Sunday, Easter activity sheets, prayer suggestions, and links to other resources online. Contact Margaret Johnson (mjohnson@sjf.org) for more information.

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HIGH SCHOOL TEENS

Gospel Recap: "See and Believe"

Today we celebrate God's victory over death. The Resurrection proves that nothing can keep us from following Jesus if we call out for God's strength. We can stand up for what's right, though others may attack us. A life of sacrifice for others is possible and meaningful, though society says otherwise. Peace and freedom can be ours even though we might feel controlled by pain, fear, or bad habits. This Easter, when we can't even celebrate the holiest day of the year together as a church family, be like the disciple who entered the tomb and "saw and believed." Reflect on how God's power has elevated others you know toward a personal Resurrection. Where do you need strength or a new start? Where do you need courage to stand up for what is right, or to fix a broken relationship? Ask God to hear your plea, because just like anything worthwhile, Resurrection doesn't happen in an instant. Try by saying the following prayer...



Prayer of the Week: "Prayer During Difficult Times"

God of love and mercy, assist me in this time of trouble and anxiety.

Ease my burdens and strengthen my faith.

Increase my trust and confidence in your compassionate care.

Give me the courage I need, Dear Lord, to face the difficulties before me, knowing that with your help, miracles happen, and lives are restored.

I pray for a share in Your healing graces, and ask that You surround me with Your comforting goodness, for health in mind and body.

and for a heart filled with hope and peace. Amen



A Brand New Day Notes from an SJF Teacher



Hello SJF parish families! As we complete our third week of distance learning, let us give you an insider's perspective. When the shut down was first announced, we all raced to the Internet for any and all platforms that might work for our students. At this writing, we have developed a system that works for us.

Our community is important to us, and we knew we needed to meet in some way. School families can begin the school day by viewing the Morning Assembly produced by Mrs. Guenther and the student council. We pray, listen to the Reading of the Day, and say the Pledge of Allegiance as a community.

Our communication hub is School Speak, where teachers post video tutorials, assignments, worksheets, and assessments. Parents and students also receive emails and other communication from Mrs. Hudani and the faculty.

Students are learning in a variety of ways, including receiving live direct instruction, working within their textbooks, completing written assignments, reading aloud, taking Kahoots quizzes, completing BrainPop online exercises, and many more. Students already use the online IXL Learning for Math, and we have added Science, Social Studies, and Language exercises to the mix.

Teachers are holding weekly Zoom classes. All classes begin with prayer and a check-in to see how everyone is faring. From there, classes vary according to subject and grade level. It is so nice to see those very eager faces; they miss us as much as we miss them!

Going forward, we pray, God,
Continue to bless our St. John Fisher Family.
Be with us each day.
Fill our hearts with joy.
Fill our minds with learning.
Fill our hearts with peace.
Fill our lessons with fun.
Fill our friendships with kindness.
Fill our community with love.
Amen.

Anne-Marie Hudani
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PRAY FOR SICK

Mia Counts Lynch

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR...

Seyi Adisa	Marie Lindgren
Msgr. John Barry	Margaret Majid
Paul Belfy	Helene Marhefka
Jane Bodine	Judith Martinez
Raymond Bodine	Dave and Joan Matson
Matthew Bologna	Frank McCormick
Emma Breslin	Maura McGuinness
Pening Chacon	Thadd McNamara
Michelle Clarke	Betty Mullen
Don Duperon	MaryJo Nieger
Eugenia Eyherabide	Clare Nolan
Rosemary Ferrell	Schmidt Families
Gloria Fink	William H. Sheridan
Vivian Gallup	Peter W. Smith
Lita Gonzalez	Joan Sing
Sadru Hudani	Marie Lucas Soto
Rosalinda Jarvina	Florencia Tan
Edward J. Koretzky	Judy Ann Tan
Jeanne Leo	Alice Valdes
Patrick Lightman	

PRAY FOR DECEASED

Dan Finnegan, husband of JoAnn Fallon and long-time parishioner, passed away Tuesday, March 17th.

Alfred Lubisich, husband of Rada Lubisich and long-time parishioner, passed away Saturday, March 28th.

Robert Mucha, long-time parishioner, passed away April 1. Their funeral Masses will be announced after the pandemic restrictions are lifted.

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 McKindereee 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.

Holy Land Pilgrimage - October 4-15

Join us for an amazing adventure as we travel the footsteps of Jesus Christ in the Holy Land. Our journey will take us on a pilgrimage, led by Msgr. Sork, which promises to be inspirational and transformative. Dates for the pilgrimage are October 4-15. Visit our parish website (www.sjf.org) to obtain a brochure containing a detailed itinerary and pricing or contact the parish office.



Need to speak with someone?



Feeling lonely or frustrated due to the Coronavirus? Call a Stephen Minister. They are trained professionals in the art of listening. During this time, a Stephen Minister can talk with you over the phone in the comfort of your own

home. Just call **310-541-1403**.

Did You Know? The Archdiocese continues helping survivors of sexual abuse and their families

During National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and on behalf of Archbishop José H. Gomez, we affirm our continued commitment to report allegations of sexual misconduct to law enforcement, support victim-survivors in their healing journey, and protect children and the vulnerable. The Archdiocese has created a new website, LACatholics.org, to serve as a comprehensive resource containing resources, programs and services for protecting children and reporting abuse. If you, or someone you know, is a victim of sexual misconduct by someone affiliated with our Church, please contact law enforcement and Archdiocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator at (213) 637-7650 or visit <https://lacatholics.org/reporting-child-abuse/>, for help and support. Parish Safeguard the Children Contact: Margaret Johnson, 310-377-4573 x136, mjohnson@sjf.org.

Hearts to Serve

This is an opportunity for us as a Catholic community to come together in prayer and service. For this reason, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles is launching in partnership with Saint Vincent De Paul and the Knights of Columbus, Hearts to Serve, a hotline to serve our families in need but most importantly our elderly community who are homebound during this difficult time. To learn more, visit lacatholics.org/hearts-serve.



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. If you are interested in volunteering for this ministry, please use the same contact information.



Remember in your Prayers

All those affected by the Coronavirus
throughout the world



Upcoming events cancelled

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

Save the Date!

One Heart LGBT Ministry – St. Lawrence Martyr – May 12

Military Ministry Memorial Day Collection – May 16-17

Word on Fire: Catholicism – May 20

Anointing of the Sick – June 6

One Heart LGBT Ministry – St. Lawrence Martyr – June 9

Women's Council Luncheon – June 10

Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon – June 13

Word on Fire: Catholicism – June 17

Summer Concert – June 28

EASTER



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 year around and take place the first Sunday of each month (except for Holidays) in the Fireside Room at 10:30 am. Our next Inquiry session on May 3rd will be on Books of the Church. Please note that the April 5th Inquiry is cancelled because of COVID-19. For questions, please email Misty at mjesse@sjf.org.

Adult Faith Formation & Pastoral Care

Bible Study: Growing in the Word: Revelation

Location: Unit 1, Unit 2—SJF Website—[Online](#)

Presenter: Misty Jesse, PhD, DMin

Fireside Chat #3— Father Kalu

Topic: The Church's Universal Mission

Date: [Postponed](#)

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

Presenter: Father Bernard Kalu

Word on Fire: Communion of Saints

Date: [Postponed](#)

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

Facilitator: Hanan Tanios

Dawn Unity: Jesus Through Christian and Jewish Lenses

Date and Time: Wednesday, June 3, 7:30 pm

Location: Rolling Hills United Methodist Church

Presenters: Rev. Krauss, Rabbi Rembaum

Please confirm with Rolling Hills United Methodist Church. ***

COVID-19 and SJF Adult Programming

Dear Parishioners, following government and Archdiocese guidelines in regards to health and safety, scheduled events have been cancelled or postponed through the end of April. Please check the bulletin and the SJF website for current updates.

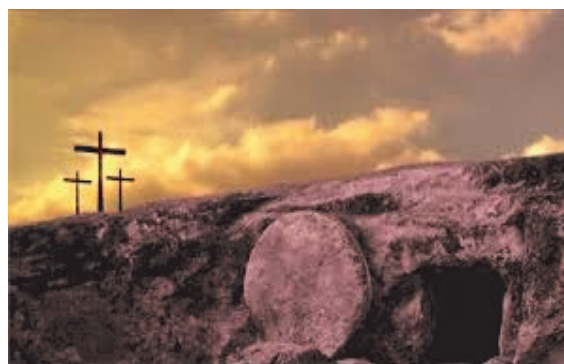
Stewardship Reflection

"Set your minds on the things that are above, not on things that are on earth." Colossians 3:2

Do you put God first in all things? Possessions, money, power, ego can easily become gods to many of us. Do a quick check of what is important to you. Is God at the very top of the list? If not, your priorities need to be readjusted. Don't let earthly things become a god before God. This is also the first commandment, I am the Lord your God, you shall not have any strange gods before me.

Reflecting on the Gospel

Much as it may sound surprising to us, the resurrection of Jesus seemed to be a surprise to his disciples. Mary of Magdala's first reaction is logical: the body was stolen. Peter and the Beloved Disciple see for themselves that the tomb is empty, but only one believes. They did not understand the Scripture. We are reminded that we live by faith and we seek understanding. Easter morning gives us our north star, the guiding light by which we live our lives. The death of Jesus is not the end. He was raised in a wholly unexpected way to new life. His destiny is ours; his new life will be shared by us who seek to follow him. On this Easter morning, may we be open to the unexpected ways that God may work in our lives.



Growing in the Word: Book of Revelation

As the final book in the New Testament the evangelist's focus is on the need for conversion and a message of warning and consolation for the first churches in Asia Minor within the context of their historical and cultural world. The four week series is presented by Misty Jesse, PhD, DMin. Due to COVID-19 we are restricted to offering the class online. To view please go to the SJF website and the Growing in the Word Banner.

Dear Parishioners,

A Happy Easter to all of you!

It saddens me that I cannot be with you personally on the day in which we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. I look forward to seeing throngs of people coming in their Easter best clothing to celebrate the central mystery of our faith. I love greeting all of you coming and going. It seems that right now we are in our own tombs as we practice social distancing and isolate ourselves from others to limit the spread of this terrible virus that has beset our world. We are like Jesus on Holy Saturday as he lay in the tomb.

Easter reminds us that his time was only temporary. Jesus came out of that tomb. His body was glorified. He became present to all in a much greater way than he was during his time on earth. On this Easter morning two disciples walked away from Jerusalem in mourning. Their hopes were dashed. Jesus had died, and his body was missing from the tomb. However, Jesus was present to them on that road although they did not at first recognize him. It was only when they arrived at Emmaus and Jesus broke bread with them that they recognized him.

They returned to Jerusalem with good news to share. When they arrived they were greeted with the words, "The Lord is risen. It is true. He has appeared to Simon." Then they shared their story of how they had encountered Jesus in the breaking of bread. Though we cannot now break bread together, don't lose hope. This time will past. Jesus is with us in our struggles just as he was with the disciples on the road to Emmaus.

Your priests through live streaming will continue to celebrate for you the Mass, the "Breaking of Bread", for as long as the church is required to remain closed. Please continue to be with us on our parish website, www.sjf.org. May we sustain our presence with one another with our faith in the Risen Christ. Alleluia!

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. David A. Sork
Pastor

