St. John Fisher Church



THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

August 6, 2023

"And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light." - Matthew 17:2

Love God. Love All People. Make Disciples.

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310-377-5571

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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

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.

Faith Formation Assistant Needed

The Offices of Faith Formation at St. John Fisher are seeking an Administrative Assistant to support the Coordinators of Religious Education and Confirmation/Youth Ministry. Requirements include an attitude of hospitality, excellent computer skills, and a team spirit, with the ability to work independently. This is a full-time position



with benefits available. Must be able to work on Sundays when classes are in session. If you would like to request a complete job description or submit your resume, please email Gayle Plecha, Parish Administrator, at gplecha@sjf.org.

From Mission to Mission - This Weekend!

From Mission to Mission assists people in their preparation and processing of their cross-cultural, ministerial, and life transitions to continue their Christian call to mission. Every year hundreds of missioners and volunteers return "home" after having lived and served in another culture for an extended period of time. For a variety of reasons, many find this transition called "re-entry" transition to be challenging. In 1980 From Mission to Mission was formed to offer support to returning missioners and volunteers as they deal with this unique transition. Gerry and Aimee Doran are both returned lay missionaries who served in Zambia and Papua New Guinea, Gerry as a teacher and pastoral worker and Aimee as a pediatric nurse.

Shine His Light! Not Your Average Appeal

Together in Mission is not the average diocesan annual appeal. While many annual appeals across this country support a diocese's Chancery office, Together in Mission directly and exclusively supports the poorest parishes and schools in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, demonstrating our faith in and love for one another – and that we truly are one Church. Throughout the entire Archdiocese of Los Angeles, the light penetrates and illuminates the shadows falling over our cities not in one solid blast but in thousands of little rays, reflecting off of good men and women like yourself. You can help us shine the light of Christ by making a gift at https://timgive.org/

Our 2023 Parish Goal:	\$201,833
Amount Pledged to Date:	\$103,114
Amount Paid to Date:	\$86,844

BECOME A MEMBER, VISIT SJF.ORG!

W O R S H I P

Mass Intentions: August 5 - August 13, 2023

AUGUST 5, SATURDAY

8:00 am	Yvonne Carroll†	
5:00 pm	Joe DiSaverio†	Fr. Dakurah
AUGUST 6, S	UNDAY	
7:30 am	Natalie Perry†	Fr. Dakurah
9:00 am	Catalina Castellion	Msgr. Sork
11:00 am	Carmen Gonzalez†	Fr. Dakurah
5:00 pm	Parishioners	Msgr. Sork
AUGUST 7, N	Ionday	
8:00 am	Antoinette Jonas†	
5:15 pm	Jaime Ruiz†	
AUGUST 8, T	UESDAY	
8:00 am	George Fink [†]	
5:15 pm	Eileen Edwards†	
August 9, V	Vednesday	
8:00 am	Jeffery Heston [†]	
5:15 pm	Richard Castillon†	
AUGUST 10,	Thursday	
8:00 am	Jennifer Mascole†	
5:15 pm	Art & Kay Bourgeois†	
AUGUST 11,		
8:00 am	Matthew Moll [†]	
5:15 pm	Maximo Ong†	
AUGUST 12,	Saturday	
8:00 am	Sean Battad†	
5:00 pm	Douglas Bodine†	Msgr. Sork
AUGUST 13,		
7:30 am	Rev. John O'Leary†	Msgr. Sork
9:00 am		Fr. Dakurah
11:00 am	Eugene Kinaman†	Msgr. Sork
5:00 pm	Parishioners	Fr. Dakurah

Weekly Readings

Numbers 11:4b-15, Matthew 14:13-21
Numbers 12:1-13, Matthew 14:22-36
Numbers 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35,
Matthew 15:21-28
2 Corinthians 9:6-10, John 12:24-26
Deuteronomy 4:32-40, Matthew 16:24-28
Deuteronomy 6:4-13, Matthew 17:14-20
1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a, Romans 9:1-5, and Matthew 14:22-33

Sharing SJF Parish Life on Social Media

We invite you to share your parish activities with us on Social. You **HEARING ASSISTANCE HEADSETS AVAILABLE** can submit your photos and a brief caption to info@sjf.org or simply tag us in your photos (@sjfrpv on Facebook or @StJohnFisherRPV on Instagram). We will choose a few photos to highlight each week on our channels!

Follow us on Facebook & Instagram



@StJohnFisherRPV

SUNDAY MASSES Saturday Vigil

5:00 pm Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am * 11:00 am 5:00 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday-Friday 8:00 am * 5:15 pm Saturday 8:00 am *

* Also Livestreamed

HOLY DAYS

Vigil: 5:30 pm Mass: 8:00 am, and 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

Contact the Parish Office or visit our website at https://sjf.org/sacraments/ 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**.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Spend an hour in the Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament in the presence of Jesus. Regular adorers are needed Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; and Thursday from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm. For more information, contact Carlyn Quinto at 310-480-**2291** or carlynquinto@earthlink.net

PRAYER TREE

Contact Bev Fink at 310-377-5571 or email receptionist@sjf.org.

Audio Headsets are available for use in the Narthex for all who are in need of assistance.

FAITH FORMATION

CHILDREN

Preschool thru Grade 8 Religious Education classes begin September 24. Have you registered your children? *Please register by September 13th!* Classes meet:

- Sundays, 9-10:00 am (Preschool and Kindergarten only)
- Sundays, 10:45am -12:00 pm (Gr. 1-8)
- Tuesdays, 4-5:15 pm (Gr. 1-5) (First day is September 26th)





CHILDREN'S LITURGY SUNDAY 9 AM MASS

Justin Fontenot | Coordinator of Religious Education K-8 | 310-377-4573 ext 136 | jfontenot@sjf.org

HIGH SCHOOL TEENS

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Teen Confirmation Registrations

High School students 9th, 10th, or 11th grade in the Fall



are welcome to register for our 2year Confirmation program, which starts in September. We can get you registration materials and connect you with LifeTeen Youth Ministry events being offered for high school students.

Volunteer Opportunity

The life of the youth needs you; adults interested in helping out with the Confirmation program, or Lifeteen.

Volunteers needed for:

- * Teaching teens in Confirmation
- * LifeNights (Youth Group Nights)
- * Hospitality (Teen Hang out nights)
- * Chaperoning for youth events out of Parish (Youth Day, Inspiration, Knotts)

There are many ways that you can help with the youth of St. John Fisher. For more information please call or email Ricardo Mata.

Blessed Carlo Acutis

Born: 1991 ~ Died 2006 ~ Age: 15 Beatified: 2020

Born in London and raised in Milan, Carlo's wealthy parents were not particularly religious. Upon receiving his

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first communion at age seven, Carlo became a frequent communicant, making a point of praying before the tabernacle before or after every Mass. In addition to Francis of Assisi, Carlo took several of the younger saints as his models, including Bernadette Soubirous, Jacinta and Francisco Marto, and Dominic Savio.

At school Carlo tried to comfort friends whose parents were undergoing divorce, as well as stepping in to defend disabled students from bullies. After school hours he volunteered his time with the city's homeless and destitute. Considered a computer geek by some, Carlo spent four years creating a website dedicated to cataloguing every reported Eucharistic miracle around the world. He also enjoyed films, comics, soccer, and playing popular video games.

Diagnosed with leukemia, Carlo offered his sufferings to God for the intentions of the sitting pope - Benedict XVI and the entire Church. His longtime desire to visit as many sites of Eucharistic miracles as possible was cut short by his illness. Carlo died in 2006 and was beatified in 2020.

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SJF SCHOOL

Please join us as St. John Fisher School welcomes three new faculty members

Mrs. Candice Fernandez Kindergarten

Mrs. Fernandez has ten years of teaching experience. She holds a California Teaching Credential, a Bachelor of English from UCLA, and a Master of Teaching from UC-Irvine.





Ms. Genevieve Holston Second Grade

Ms. Holston earned her Bachelor of Elementary Education from Loyola Marymount University and holds a California Multiple Subject Teaching Credential. She has taught first and third grades in public school while volunteering at her local Catholic parish and has been called to continue her teaching career in Catholic education.

Ms. Nehanda Kuumba Fourth Grade

Ms. Kuumba earned a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology from UC Santa Barbara, and she will complete her California Teaching Credential and a Master of Teaching from Loyola Marymount University this October.



These fine teachers strengthen the St. John Fisher faculty, and we look forward to the collaboration that awaits in the upcoming school year. May God continue to bless all our dedicated teachers as they model the Catholic faith, integrate Catholic values and morals, and develop the spiritual life of their students.



Colleen Guenther | 310-377-2800 | cguenther@sjf.org

Pray for Sick

Continue to Pray For...

Seyi Adisa Ben Alcantar Paul Belfy Cheryl Benyi Jane Bodine Raymond Bodine Michelle Clarke Gloria Fink Nancy Friedman Emmanuel Hernandez Nicole Ludwick Steve Ludwick Cecilia Magaña Maria Theresa Manalo Bob Markl Frank McCormick Michael McCormick Maura McGuinness Thodd McNamara Patricia Meichtry George Padovan Megan Renaud Schmidt Family Joan Sing Judy Ann Tan Bill Weldon

Pray for Deceased

Melissa Haus, wife of Edward Haus Geraldine Merlander Lloyd Yuan

Pray for Military Personnel & Families

Maj. Cesare Santarosa, USA Maj. Christina Shelton, USA Sgt. Jacob Arnold, USA LCpl. John McElhone, USMC Ben Soto, USAF Kenny Soto, ARNG

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** or Howard Schneider **310-378-2665**. 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.

C O M M U N I T Y

Stewardship of Our Treasure

July 30, 2023	\$8,882
July 31, 2022	\$16,388

Thank You for your continued generosity.

Join the Summer Choir

All are invited to join in singing in the 9:00 am & 11:00 am choirs. If you have been too busy, a member of another choir, or just want to give it a try, Summer Choir is perfect for you!



These choirs are open for both adults and children who wish to explore thier musical gifts for the community and have fun too. Practice will be held at 8:30 am for 9:00 am Mass or 10:30 am for 11:00 am Mass on Sundays. The music will consist of the familiar songs, and they will be repeated through the summer. For more information please contact the Parish Office, or stop by before Mass.



One Heart LGBTQ Ministry

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

sexual orientation. Meetings take place the 2nd Tuesday of the month at St. Lawrence Martyr Church, 1940 S Prospect Ave, Redondo Beach, CA. Please contact Deacon Don Burt at **310-540-0329 x 381** or email at donbrt@verizon.net if you have any questions.

Summer's Here!

Did you miss a weekly offering while on summer vacation? EGiving through Faith Direct is the easiest and most convenient way for our parish to receive your weekly offering and other Church support. EGiving through Faith Direct will also save you time while helping St. John



Fisher reduce our expenses. Getting started with eGiving is easy. Here are the ways to sign up:

- Visit faith.direct/CA436
- Call Faith Direct Customer Service at **424-352** -7722
- Scan the QR code
- Text "Enroll" to **424-352-7722**

Holy Land Articles Sale - Next Weekend



Family from the Holy Land (Bethlehem) will be selling religious, handcrafted items made from olive wood, after Saturday 5:00 pm Mass and all Sunday Masses. Proceeds from the sale of these items will go towards support of Catholic families there who are experiencing political strife. Due to the violence and discrimination towards Christians in the Holy Land, most of the families left their country to different parts of the world. They are now less than 1.2 percent of the population. Please support these families.

Did you Know? Healthy boundaries to create an environment of trust

Adults have a responsibility to share information about themselves in age and scenario-appropriate ways to the children in their care. Being authentic does not necessarily mean sharing every detail but rather being approachable, honest, and caring. Oversharing information, especially inappropriate information, can lead to boundary violations and inappropriate behavior. For more information on setting boundaries, read the VIRTUS® article "Barriers to Implementing Strong Boundaries" at lacatholics.org/did-you -know/.*Parish Safeguard the Children Contact: Justin Fontenot*, **310-377-4573 x136**, jfontenot@sjf.org.

Is God Calling you to be a Sister?

The Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul invite you



to join us for a Religious Vocation Experience in the Bay Area, Sept 29 to Oct 1, 2023. This retreat is meant for single, Catholic women, ages 18-40. For additional information, please visit www.Daughters-Of-Charity.com, or contact Sr. Lisa Laguna, D.C. srllaguna@doc1633.org.

ONE MOTHER, MANY PEOPLES

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2028

Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels 555 West Temple Street Los Angeles 90012

Join Archbishop José H. Gomez and representatives of the many cultures, papal orders, and fraternal service orders to pray for peace and unity through the intercession of Our Lady of the Angels, the patroness of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

3:00 p.m. – Cultural Dances 3:30 p.m. – Holy Rosary 4:00 p.m. – Votive Mass with Archbishop Gomez

For more information go to: lacatholics.org/one-mother-many-peoples





COMMUNITY CALENDAR

This Week At St. John Fisher

Sunday, 8/6

Mission Cooperative Appeal at all Masses 10:00 am - RCIA Inquiry - Parish Conference Room

Monday, 8/7

4:00 pm - At Home with the Word - Parish Library **Tuesday, 8/8**

8:15 am - Tuesday Sandwich Ministry - Barrett Hall
9:30 am - Senior Fitness - PAC Gym
10:30 am - The Chosen Series Presentation - Fireside Room
6:00 pm - Queen of Peace - Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Wednesday, 8/9

9:00 am - Eucharistic Adoration - Blessed Sacrament Chapel **7:00 pm - Adult Basketball -** PAC Gym

Thursday, 8/10

9:00 am - Eucharistic Adoration - Blessed Sacrament Chapel 9:30 am - Senior Fitness - PAC Gym 10:00 am - Seekers - Cityside Room 5:50 pm - Divine Mercy - Church

Friday, 8/11

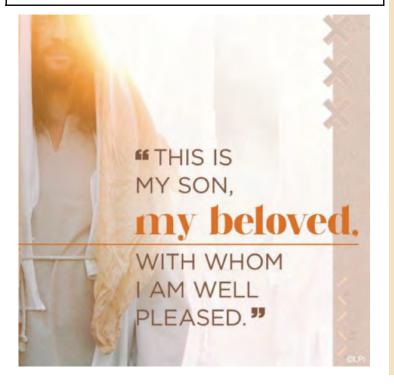
9:00 am - Eucharistic Adoration - Blessed Sacrament Chapel **3:15 pm - Friday Sandwich Ministry -** Barrett Hall

Saturday, 8/12

Holy Land Article Sale after 5:00 pm Mass 7:30 pm - AA - Hope on the Hill – Auditorium

Sunday, 8/13

Holy Land Article Sale after all Masses



Men's Faith Formation: St. Augustine	e's Confessions Aug. 23
Word on Fire: Mystery of God	Sept. 7
Pastoral Council	Sept. 9
Food Pantry Bag Distribution	Sept. 9 & 10
KOC BBQ Pre-sale Orders	Sept. 10
Connect Group: Follow Me	Sept. 13
SJF Jazz Concert	Sept. 16
Food Pantry Bag Collection	Sept. 16 & 17
Eucharistic Miracles: 1996-2008	Sept.18
Mustard Seed Bible Study: Genesis	Sept. 25

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 \rightarrow News & Media (pull-down menu) \rightarrow Publicity Protocols. Your Pastoral Staff representative is ready to help!

E VANGELIZATION



Adult Faith Formation & Pastoral Care

Saint Augustine's Confessions

Series: Men's Faith Formation Day: Wednesdays, Starting August 23 Time: 6:30 - 8:00 pm Location: Rectory Meeting Room Facilitator: Chris Ratliff

The Mystery of God

Series: Bishop Barron-Word on Fire Unit 1 - Atheism and what we mean by "God"
Date: Thursday, Starting September 7
Time: 7:00 - 8:30 pm
Location: Fireside Room
Facilitator: Hanan Tanios

Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John

Series: Jeff Cavins, Great Adventure Dates: Wednesdays, Starting September 13 Time: 6:30 - 8:30 pm Location: Cityside Room Facilitator: Stephanie Reilly, Connect Group

Eucharistic Miracles 1996-2008

Date: Monday, September 18 Time: 7:00 pm Location: Barrett Hall Presenter: Father Robert Spitzer

Book of Genesis

Series: The Mustard Seed Bible Study Date: Mondays, September 25 Time: 6:30 - 8:00 pm Location: Fireside Room Facilitator: Misty Jesse

Online Bible Studies

Online at www.SJF.org - Available 24/7 to Enjoy! Under Faith Formation – Bible Studies



Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic? The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) begins with Adult Inquiry sessions, which are offered year around. Our RCIA Inquiry group generally meets the first Sunday of each month at 10:00 am in the Parish Conference room. Are you missing a sacrament of initiation such as First Communion or Confirmation? For questions about RCIA or the Sacrament of Confirmation for adults, please call or email the Office of Evangelization: Misty Jesse, mjesse@sjf.org, **310-377-4573 x130**.

Stewardship Reflection

...then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." - Matthew 17:5

When Peter, James and John heard this they immediately fell prostrate to the ground and they "were very much afraid." We, too, may respond the same way when we hear God's voice. How many times do you become fearful when invited to participate more fully in the life of the church? Or, when someone says something negative about the Church, are you afraid to respond? Remember, we too, are beloved sons and daughters.

Adult Confirmation

Are you looking to complete your rites of initiation? Our next Adult Confirmation class starts on Sunday, August 27. Classes are held on Sunday mornings, 10:30 - 11:30 am. Classes run through early December. The rite is completed at a special Mass in January. To register or to find out more please call Misty at **310-377-4573** or email: mjesse@sjf.org.

St. Augustine's Confessions

A Men's Faith Formation intense eleven-week guided study. During this time they will dive deeply into the life and spiritual awakening of one of the most familiar doctors of the Church, Saint Augustine. The study will provide an opportunity to examine and interpret a cherished work of western philosophy, theology and Catholic apologetics: Augustine's Confessions. The group meets weekly starting August 23 - November 1 at 6:30 pm in the Rectory Meeting Room. Please contact Chris Ratliff at ratlifes@hotmail.com.

The Mystery of God

Bishop Robert Barron teaches us how to turn the tide of secularism and draw people back to God using the insights of St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas, and Pope Benedict XVI in this DVD-based study program. Join us on September 7, 7:00 pm in the Fireside room for the first presentation titled, *Atheism and What we mean by "God"*. Facilitator: Hanan Tanios.

Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John

Jesus wants you to be more than just a believer. He wants you to be his disciple and friend. In this Great Adventure series on the Gospel of John, you will be guided to a personal encounter with Christ. This eight-week bible study features Dr. Edward Sri in DVD presentations along with a guided study. To sign-up, please contact Stephanie Reilly at satellez13@hotmail.com

Book of Genesis

The Mustard Seed, a small group faith formation series, will study the Book of Genesis, including the stories of creation, the fall and the great flood. We will learn about the patriarchs and matriarchs of the Israelites, their adventures and journeys as they respond to the call of God in their lives. The group meets weekly to fellowship, study, pray and reflect on God's great works. Mondays, starting September 25 at 6:30 pm in the Fireside Room. Contact Misty for additional information or to sign up, at **310-377-4573**, or mjesse@sjf.org.





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Reasons to Enroll your Child in St. John Fisher School:

- Affordable Excellence
- Immersion in faith-based school cultures
- Discipline and structure
- Individualized attention
- . No student cell phone usage during the school day
- 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

If interested, please call the school office at (310) 377-2800 or stop by the school office Monday - Friday for an application and tour of the school.

