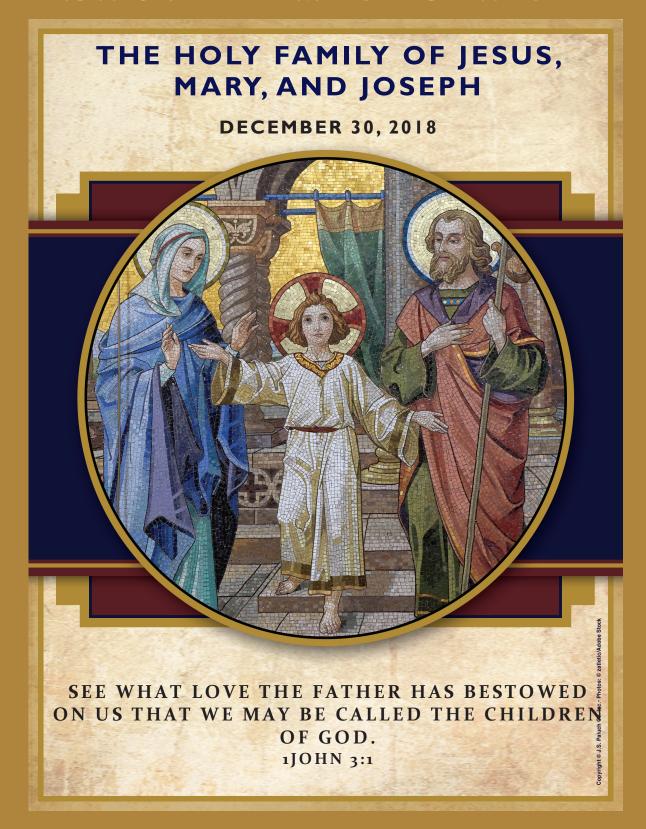
St. John Fisher Church



Love God. Love All People. Make Disciples.

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x154

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8 am - 5 pm Friday

9 am - 3 pm Saturday

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Chair

Bernie Maynard, wcouncil@sif.org

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, St. John Fisher through Faith Direct. 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.

Stewardship Program Final Report

The commitment phase of the Stewardship Program has concluded. Thank you to all who responded. 142 parish households have made a commitment of their time and talent in support of our parish and community. 344 households have made a financial commitment in support of the parish totaling \$974,331 for the year 2019. In addition, approximately 403 parishioners are enrolled with FaithDirect and have committed to support our parish electronically. This reflects how our parish families are considering giving the first portion to the Lord. If you have not responded to the commitment process and would like to join your fellow parishioners and make a pledge, please contact the parish office to obtain a commitment card or to get more information about electronic giving. By giving back in gratitude to God the first portion of the gifts He has given to you, you will enable your parish to continue numerous ministries and outreach programs within our Parish community and the South Bay communities. Thank you and God Bless! - Msgr. David A. Sork

Together In Mission - Last Call for 2018!

Through Together in Mission, we are changing lives and bringing hope. This year, our generosity is serving more than 525,000 families in 80 parish communities, as well as 12,000 students in 63 schools. Please respond as a generously as you can by using the special envelopes in the pews or giving online at www.OurMissionLA.org.

> Our Parish Goal: \$218,971 Pledged to Date: \$217,115 Paid to Date: \$205.532



FaithDirect Text-to-Give



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

Recently Baptized

Michaela Rose Meierhans, daughter of Chris Meierhans and Erica Alterwitz

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram









All Night Adoration This Friday



On this First Friday of the month (January 4), there will be all-night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. 5:00 pm 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.

Fr. Aguilar

Fr. Kalu

Banns of Marriage

Christopher Valenzona-Michelle Español Michael Angel Avitia-Maura Angelica Villaseñor

Eucharistic Adoration Schedule

There will be NO Eucharistic Adoration on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. There will be only one Mass at 9:00 am New Year's Day. Parish offices will be closed New Year's Day.

Mass Schedule

DECEMBER 29), SATURDAY
8:00 am	Veronica McDonnell†

5:00 pm Mary Ann Santos† Fr. Aguilar **DECEMBER 30, SUNDAY** 7:30 am Herbert Mailander† Msgr. Sork 9:00 am James Prendergast† Fr. Kalu Msgr. Sork

10:45 am Friedrik Poglitsch† 12:30 pm Dr. Antonio Nucum† 5:00 pm Parishioners

DECEMBER 31, MONDAY

8:00 am Mary Ann Santos† 5:15 pm Mary Ann Santos†

JANUARY 1, TUESDAY 9:00 am Parishioners JANUARY 2, WEDNESDAY

> 8:00 am Dougal "Duke" McAlpine†

5:15 pm Danuta Szulc† **JANUARY 3, THURSDAY** 8:00 am Arthur Soto† 5:15 pm Phillipus Herkata†

JANUARY 4, FRIDAY

8:00 am Richard Zigrang, Sr† 5:15 pm Mary Ann Santos†

JANUARY 5, SATURDAY 8:00 am Carol Rojo†

Fr. Kalu 5:00 pm Steve Puccio†

JANUARY 6, SUNDAY

7:30 am James Harrer† Msgr. Sork 9:00 am Tom Chacon† Fr. Kalu 10:45 am Francis Winiarski† Msgr. Sork 12:30 pm Parishioners Fr. Kalu 5:00 pm Ernesto Mendoza† Fr. Aguilar

Weekly Readings

Monday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Tuesday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28 **Thursday**: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

Friday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42 **Saturday**: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Evening Vigil Mass

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

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**.

EUCHARISTIC 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.

FAITH FORMATION

CHILDREN



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 Bell necklace, to remind them to keep Christmas going!

Religious Education Class Schedule, Preschool-Grade 8

All Religious Education Sunday classes, Preschool-Grade 8, are on break and will resume the week of January 13. 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

Confirmation Classes

Year 1 Confirmation Classes

Sunday, January 13, at 2:50 pm Candidates Only in Barrett Hall <u>OR</u> Monday, January 14, at 6:50 pm Candidates Only in Barrett Hall Year 2 Confirmation Classes

Sunday, January 27, at 2:45 pm Candidates Only in Barrett Hall OR Monday, January 28, at 6:45 pm Candidates Only in Barrett Hall

Gospel Recap: "Even Holy Families Aren't Perfect"

In this week's Gospel, Jesus takes off without telling his parents, and his parents seemingly don't understand him. Mary speaks firmly to Jesus when they finally find him, and Jesus responds with what sounds like a smart remark. It would seem that the original Holy Family wasn't a perfect family. Just as in our own experience, Jesus grew up in a family that had its own share of normal conflicts and misunderstandings. But Jesus' family was holy because God was so much a part of daily family life. It was during a religious trip to Jerusalem that Jesus was lost. We know that all families are under a lot of stress and pressure, but what we need to remember is that whatever your family situation is, you can make your family more holy by involving God in your relationships. Go faithfully to Mass each Sunday, and work through difficult situations by praying together. Call on God's strength to keep harmony and to encourage forgiveness during the tough times. So it's not necessary to try to have a perfect family. Just try to your best to have a holy family.





Continuing the Tradition

Continuing a St. John Fisher School tradition, students from all grades took turns visiting the Nativity exhibits at the Daughters of Mary and Joseph Retreat Center. After a brisk walk over to the center, students were treated to a video presentation, story time and Christmas treats. The highlight of the trip is always the viewing of the



beautiful nativity scenes, donated temporarily, from all over the world. The scenes are fashioned from varied materials, from banana fiber, to glass beads, to beautiful polished natural wood. Students spend time reading about the exhibits and picking their favorites. At the end of the visit, students receive a craft to complete back in their classrooms. We encourage everyone to plan a visit – it will put you in the Christmas spirit!





Anne-Marie Hudani St. John Fisher School Principal (310) 377-2800 principal@sjf.org

PRAY FOR SICK

Edwina Mangiameli, Wife of Carl Mangiameli

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR...

Seyi Adisa
Josephine Appel
Raymond Bodine
Sylvia Cheong
Robert Denni
Blessie Dolores
Don Duperon
Lenny & Gloria Fink
Erik Fleming
Msgr. Eugene Gilb
Maria Gilbert-Kempf
Sadru Hudani
Ilana Jesse

Margaret Majid
Dave and Joan Matson
Frank McCormick
Mary McDonaugh
Maura McGuinness
Thadd McNamara
Josephine Montera
Robert Mucha
Clare Nolan
Richard Ramirez
William H. Sheridan
Joan Sing
Hy Sing
Marie Lucas Soto

PRAY FOR DECEASED

Edith Talon Bermejo, Cousin of Cristina Baldemor Kathleen Mattis, Widow of Tom Mattis

PRAY FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL AND FAMILIES

Major Cesare A. Santarosa, 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.

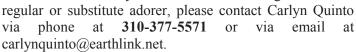
COMMUNITY

STEWARDSHIP OF OUR TREASURE

December 16, 2018 \$76,896.59 December 17, 2017 \$33,150.75 Thank You for your continued generosity

Eucharistic Adorers Needed

We still need additional adorers for the following hours: Monday 9 am; and Thursday 10 am, 11 am, 12 pm, and 1 pm. We also need more substitute adorers. If you are interested in being a



Thank you from the Music Guild

The Messiah concert was a huge success. Thank you to the Pastoral Council for helping to host it and especially to all of you who attended and invited friends and neighbors to attend. The choirs and musicians deeply appreciate your support.

The Giving Tree – Thank You!



The nine charities that received your gifts from the Parish Giving Tree express their most heartfelt 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 than ourselves. The SJF members of Christian Family Movement ministry also say "Thank You" to the parishioners who assisted us in the collection, organization and distribution of these gifts.

Bereavement Ministry Training, January 15

If you have a compassionate and listening presence and a desire to help others, please consider volunteering to be a Bereavement Minister. This is a ministry of presence to those facing loss. At St. John Fisher, Bereavement Ministers extend support and assistance to families throughout the funeral process. Introductory training will be offered on Tuesday, January 15 from 9 am –12 pm in the Fireside Room. Please call or email the Office of Faith Formation to sign-up for training 310-377-4573 or email Misty at miesse@sif.org

Thank You from the Sisters of Charity-Rolling Hills



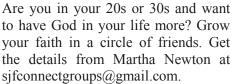
On Behalf of the families we serve; we wish to thank you for your generous

support of canned and packaged food all during this past year and years. May God bless your kindness toward them. May your Christmas and New Year be showered with blessings. Sisters of Charity-Rolling Hills

Did You Know? Always keep your blind spots in mind

Each week, more than 50 children are killed or injured when a driver backs up a vehicle. In an overwhelming number of those cases, a parent, relative, or close friend is behind the wheel. It's devastating to think that a simple action could cause such harm to your child, but it happens far too frequently. Be aware of your 'blind spots' when you're behind the wheel — those areas you know are there, but can't see clearly from your mirrors. Check out what's happening around your vehicle before you get in. Make sure you know where your children are before you start your car. For a copy of the complete VIRTUS® article, "A Preventable Accident," visit http:// www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx. Parish Safeguard the Children Contact: Margaret Johnson, 310-377-4573 x136, mjohnson@sjf.org.

Young Adult Connect Groups





Stephen Ministers: The After People



We are there after your family and friends have heard your story one too many times but you still need to talk it out or after the nursing home director shakes your hand and says "Welcome to your new home."

We are ready to come alongside you and provide comfort and support. Our Stephen Ministry number is **310-541-1403**.

The Power of 7

A Pro-Life tutorial, Friday, Jan. 11th at 7 pm in St. Lawrence Martyr Catholic Church (19140 S. Prospect, Redondo Beach). Join us for the evening and learn how to confidently engage in a peaceful and effective dialogue with a person who supports abortion. You'll



learn 7 of the most common pro-abortion arguments and how to debunk them and the 5 attitudes that will help keep you focused and calm and become "a bold and active voice for the unborn."

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

This Week At St. John Fisher

Sunday, 12/30
Monday, 12/31
7:25 & 8:30 am Rosary – Blessed Mother Chapel
Tuesday, 1/1
Parish Office and School are closed
9 am Mass – Church
Wednesday, 1/2
7:25 & 8:30 am Rosary – Blessed Mother Chapel
7 pm Adult Basketball – Gym
Thursday, 1/3
7:25 & 8:30 am Rosary – Blessed Mother Chapel
9:30 am Senior Fitness – Gym
10 am Seekers Men's Group – Cityside Rm
5:50-6:15 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy – Church
Friday, 1/4
7:25 & 8:30 am Rosary – Blessed Mother Chapel
9 am The Bible Timelines: The Story of Salvation –
Cityside
6 pm Charismatic Prayer Group – Rectory Meeting Rm
Saturday, 1/5
Food Pantry Bag Distribution after the 5 pm Mass
7:30 pm AA Meeting – Auditorium
Sunday, 1/6
Food Pantry Bag Distribution after all Masses
10:30 am RCIA Inquiry Sessions – Parish Conf. Room

New Year's

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NEWYEARSDAY
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 HAPPYNEWYEAR

Save the Date!

Grief Support: Reclaiming Life/Suicide/Loss – January 8

Food Pantry Bag Collection – January 12-13 **Dawn Unity "Heaven and Hell: Reward and**

Punishment" – January 15

First Corinthians – January 15-April 9

Word on Fire: The Mass – January 16-June 12 **Young Adult Connect Group** – January 20

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast – January 27

Word on Fire: The Mass – February 20 **Shrove Tuesday Luncheon** – March 5

Ash Wednesday - March 6

Lenten Soup Suppers – March 8-April 12 **Teen Speaker: Joe Melendrez** – March 10

Dive-In USS – March 11-29

Word on Fire: The Mass – March 20

Food Pantry Bag Distribution – March 30-31

Festival of Faith with Roy Petitfils – March 31-April 2

Food Pantry Bag Collection – April 6-7

Lenten Concert – April 7

Growing in the Word: Romans & Galatians – April 8-May 6

Seven Last Words of Christ – April 16

Easter Sunday – April 21

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 Initiation 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 April with classes taking place on Sunday mornings. Adult Confirmation classes are offered in the fall. Inquiry sessions are offered all year and take place the first Sunday of each month (except for Holidays) at 10:30 am in the Parish Conference Room. Our next Inquiry class on January 6th will be a presentation on Salvation History. All are welcome, reservations are not needed. Questions, please email Misty at mjesse@sjf.org.

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph



The family has been called the "domestic church" as it is the first encounter children have with the Gospel, and it is the dwelling place of faith and lived Christian relationships. In today's Gospel reading, Luke provides us with an image of family life that relates to many of our own

families in that even the Holy Family had their share of challenges. We know from experience that we learn more by imitation and example than we do by preaching and teaching. How we live the gospel message in the midst of family life reveals more of our faith commitment than what we say about the Gospel. Our homes and families ought to be places of security, welcome, love, care, concern and forgiveness. Speaking such things does not mean as much as living them. The behavior of the Holy Family spoke more loudly than their words. Today on this feast of the Holy Family, we might pause to consider what message we convey by our actions.

Stewardship Reflection

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." 1 John 3:1

During this season of giving, let us remember the most important gift we have received, being children of God. As God's children, it's important that we express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children and other family members and friends that you love them, frequently.

Dawn Unity, January 15th, Ner Tamid

Congregation Ner Tamid, 5721 Crestridge Rd., will host "Heaven and Hell: Reward and Punishment" at 7:30 pm Tuesday Jan. 15. Different faiths have their own views, including: How important is the promise of eternal paradise in convincing people to live a moral and ethical life; How terrifying is the possibility of spending eternity suffering for grievous sins, and which is the greater incentive? Can ethical conduct be expected absent reward and punishment? Our panel includes: Rev. Jonathan Chute, Rabbi Brian Schuldenfrei, Fr. Alexei Smith, and Professor Jihad Turk.

Reclaiming Life-Suicide Loss-Grief Support, Jan. 8

Each year, over one million people end their lives by suicide. All death unsettles us, but suicide causes a very distinct set of emotional, moral and religious scars. It brings with it an ache, a chaos, a darkness, a stigma that only one who has survived it can understand. This presentation provides powerful firsthand experience and offers hope to those who have experienced suicide loss. The program will be offered on Jan. 8th, 3 pm-5 pm and repeated in the evening 7pm-9pm. Location: Fireside Room. Questions call Misty: 310-377-4573 x130.

Great Adventure Series-First Corinthians

This thirteen week bible study will be offered on Tuesday evenings, 7 pm to 9 pm in the Fireside Room beginning January 15th. The presentations will show how the issues



of the early Christians relate to today's Church, and Christ's gift to us, the Eucharist. The format for the study includes a weekly DVD, a workbook and facilitated group discussions. To reserve a seat please call the Office of Evangelization at **310-377-4573**.

Healing Hearts: A Grief Support Series

Join us for the second of four facilitated series of presentations providing Grief Support.

"Reclaiming Life: Faith, Hope, and Suicide Loss."

Each year over one million people end their lives by suicide. All death unsettles us, but suicide causes a very distinct set of emotional, moral and religious scars. This presentation provides powerful firsthand experience and offers hope to those who have experienced suicide loss.

Tuesday, January 8, 2019
St. John Fisher
Fireside Room
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM or 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM