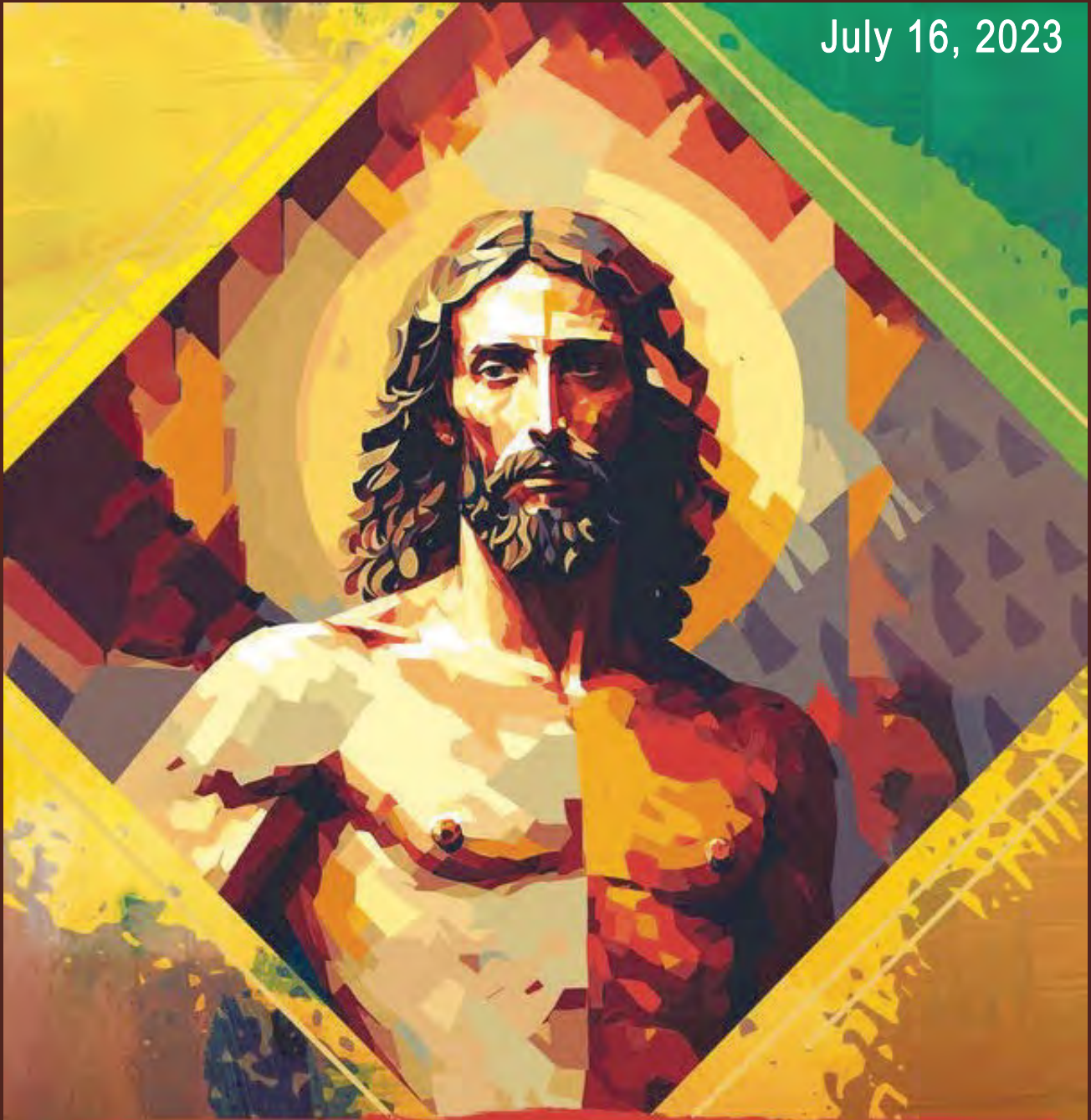


# *St. John Fisher Church*

July 16, 2023



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever has ears ought to hear.”  
- Matthew 13:9

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8:00 am - 5:00 pm Friday

9:00 am - 3:00 pm Saturday

8:00 am - 1:00 pm Sunday

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## **PASTORAL COUNCIL**

**Chair**

Sheila Bloodgood, pastoralcouncil@sjf.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, 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.

## **National Needs Combined Collection - Today**

Your generosity helps to strengthen Catholic faith, values, and education through the Catholic Communication Campaign's television, radio, and print messages. It helps support some of the poorest dioceses in the country that depend on annual collections. It ensures the highest standards of quality Catholic education through The Catholic University of America's exceptional programs. This collection strengthens the Church at home, and helps to provide pastoral resources and services to needy ethnic communities in scattered areas through Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Please be as generous as you can!



## **Administrative Assistant Needed at SJF**

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.

## **Summer's Here!**

St. John Fisher asks that before you begin your vacations, travels and other summer plans, consider eGiving to ensure your support for our parish remains consistent even when you're away. Your recurring gifts will not only sustain our parish throughout the summer months, but will help our staff steward God's resources well by reducing our costs for envelopes, paper, and staff time processing cash and checks, allowing more time for missions and ministries. Getting started with eGiving is easy! Here are the ways to sign up:



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

## **Our Lady of Fatima Statue**

Our Lady of Fatima Statue is available for a one week stay in your home. For more information, please contact the coordinator for Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrim Statue Visitation Program, Jan Kelly at **310-377-3151**.



BECOME A MEMBER, VISIT [SJF.ORG](http://SJF.ORG)!

## Mass Intentions: July 15 - July 23, 2023

### JULY 15, SATURDAY

8:00 am Art Bourgeois†  
5:00 pm Jennifer Mascola Fr. Enriquez

### JULY 16, SUNDAY

7:30 am Msgr. Francis "Frank" Wallace† Fr. Dakurah  
9:00 am Jaime Cariño† Fr. Enriquez  
11:00 am Rasida & Lubisich Family Fr. Dakurah  
5:00 pm Parishioners Fr. Enriquez

### JULY 17, MONDAY

8:00 am Robert O'Leary†  
5:15 pm Richard Joseph Scandaliato†

### JULY 18, TUESDAY

8:00 am Barbara Bamic†  
5:15 pm Helga Kane†

### JULY 19, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am Maria Araos  
5:15 pm Johnny Candella†

### JULY 20, THURSDAY

8:00 am Pauline Baniqued†  
5:15 pm Peggy Santos†

### JULY 21, FRIDAY

8:00 am Felix Ople†  
5:15 pm Miro Bonilla†

### JULY 22, SATURDAY

8:00 am John S. Drag†  
5:00 pm Raymond John Hall† Fr. Enriquez

### JULY 23, SUNDAY

7:30 am Harvey Spiro† Fr. Dakurah  
9:00 am Richard & Francesca Castillon† Fr. Enriquez  
11:00 am Wally & Yessie Castelo Fr. Dakurah  
5:00 pm Parishioners Fr. Enriquez

## Weekly Readings

**Monday:** Exodus 1:8-14, 22, Matthew 10:34-11:1  
**Tuesday:** Exodus 2:1-15a, Matthew 11:20-24  
**Wednesday:** Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12, Matthew 11:25-27  
**Thursday:** Exodus 3:13-20, Matthew 11:28-30  
**Friday:** Exodus 11:10-12:14, Matthew 12:1-8  
**Saturday:** Song 3:1-4b, John 20:1-2, 11-18  
**Sunday:** Wisdom 12:13, 16-19, Romans 8:26-27, and Matthew 13:24-43

## Sharing SJF Parish Life on Social Media

We invite you to share your parish activities with us on Social. You can submit your photos and a brief caption to [info@sjf.org](mailto: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!

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## 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**.

## EUCCHARISTIC 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](mailto:carlynquinto@earthlink.net)

## PRAYER TREE

Contact Bev Fink at **310-377-5571** or email  
[prayertree@sjf.org](mailto:prayertree@sjf.org).

## HEARING ASSISTANCE HEADSETS AVAILABLE

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



### Religious Education Registration Now Open!

Registration for Religious Education classes, preschool - Grade 8 is now open. You can register by scanning the QR Code or going to this link: <https://tinyurl.com/SJFSchoolSpeak2023-2024>. New registering families please click "Request Account" to begin your registration process.

Preschool/Kindergarten classes meet 9:00 to 10:00 am on Sundays, Grades 1-8 meet 10:45 am to noon on Sundays, and Grades 1-5 meet 4:00 - 5:15 pm on Tuesdays. Families who were registered for Religious Education classes in 2022-23 will be e-mailed the link for registration. New families wishing to register can contact the Religious Education Office for further assistance. Please register early! Registration closes on September 10!



## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

## SUNDAY 9 AM MASS

**Justin Fontenot | Coordinator of Religious Education K-8 | 310-377-4573 ext 136 | [jfontenot@sjf.org](mailto:jfontenot@sjf.org)**

## HIGH SCHOOL TEENS



### Teen Confirmation Begins in September

Any parents with students beginning 9th, 10th, or 11th grade in the Fall are welcome to register for our 2-year 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 this summer. Please contact Ricardo Mata at [rmata@sjf.org](mailto:rmata@sjf.org).

### Volunteer Opportunity helping the teens!

Looking for Adults interested in helping out with the Confirmation program, or Lifeteen! There are many ways that you can engage with the youth of St. John Fisher!

Volunteers are needed for:

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

For more information please call or email Ricardo Mata.





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## SJF School Is Hiring!

St. John Fisher School is seeking a dynamic and professional Technology Coordinator and Computer Teacher for the upcoming school year.

This position could be filled with part or full-time employment and would include:

- Teaching computer and digital citizenship skills to students in TK through eighth grade, including keyboarding skills, Google applications, and grade-appropriate coding
- Collaborating with fellow teachers to integrate subject-area curriculum
- Managing Mac computer lab and student iPads
- Providing technology support to staff
- Managing schoolwide online resources including standardized testing program

Applicants should have an undergraduate degree from an accredited university, a California Teaching Credential, and teaching experience.

If interested, please email a cover letter and resume to Principal Colleen Guenther at [principal@sjf.org](mailto:principal@sjf.org).

## Pray for Sick

Steve Ludwick, husband of Karen Ludwick  
Maria Theresa Manalo

## Continue to Pray For...

Seyi Adisa	Bob Markl
Elizabeth Alex	Frank McCormick
Emilia Bailey	Michael McCormick
Paul Belfy	Maura McGuinness
Cheryl Benyi	Thodd McNamara
Jane Bodine	Patricia Meichtry
Raymond Bodine	George Padovan
Peter Bueno	Megan Renaud
Michelle Clarke	Schmidt Family
Gloria Fink	Joan Sing
Nancy Friedman	Judy Ann Tan
Emmanuel Hernandez	Jim Urwin
Marline Holland	Bill Weldon
Nicole Ludwick	Yong Zhou Zhang
Cecilia Magaña	

## Pray for Deceased

## 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.

## Stewardship of Our Treasure

July 9, 2023	\$22,348
July 10, 2022	\$12,003
June 2023	\$ 129,440
June 2022	\$ 136,383

Thank You for your continued generosity.



### Soles4Souls

The Saint John Fisher Military Ministry is again teaming up with local Rotary Clubs to

collect shoes for the charity Soles4Souls. Parishioners are asked to help the less fortunate by donating their extra pairs of shoes of any size. There will be a box outside the church before and after Masses on July 15th and 16th. The box will then be in front of the parish office until Thursday, July 20th. We have done this twice before and our parish has generously given a total of 613 pairs. If you have questions or need shoes to be picked up call C. J. "Kit" Ruona at **310-541-1758**.

### Become a Homebound Eucharistic Minister

We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers to the Homebound for our parishioners who are unable to come to Mass. If you are a commissioned EMHC at St John Fisher, please consider joining this ministry and bringing the joy of Christ's presence to our homebound brothers and sisters. For more information, please call Cecilia Park at **310-541-0777**.

### The Chosen

Connect Groups will be hosting Tuesday morning viewings of the hit Bible series, The Chosen. The series provides the opportunity to consider the backstories and context of the people and events of the gospels. Viewings will be held on Tuesdays, in the Fireside room, at 10:30 am, through August 29<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome, bring a friend!

### Scam Alert

Beware of any emails and text messages posing as Msgr. David Sork, or any SJF staff member, especially those asking for favors. Please ignore them as it is a scam.

While the name may appear as Msgr. Sork, the email address and text number from which the scam originates are not from our parish. If you are ever in doubt, please call the parish office at **(310) 377-5571**. If you have become victim to this scam, please call the Lomita Sheriff's office at **310-539-1661**.



### Mary Star of the Sea - Parish Fiesta, July 21-23



Join Mary Star of the Sea in San Pedro, in celebrating their 75th annual Parish fiesta. Bring the entire family for a weekend full of Fun, Food, Bingo, and Carnival Rides. Entry to the fiesta is free! For more information, or to purchase raffles and ride tickets, scan the QR code, or visit [www.Marystar.org/Fiesta](http://www.Marystar.org/Fiesta).

### Did you Know? Protect children with disabilities

Children living with disabilities are nearly three times more at risk for abuse and maltreatment, compared to children who do not have special needs. This mistreatment can range from physical, sexual, or emotional abuse or neglect. Safe adults can help prevent this abuse, by recognizing the higher risk for these children and being alert to any signs of abuse. Because parents and caregivers of these children are at increased risk of stress and isolation, abuse may be harder to spot. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "Children Living with Disabilities and Risk for Child Maltreatment and Victimization" at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/). Parish Safeguard the Children Contact: Justin Fontenot, **310-377-4573 x136**, [jfontenot@sjf.org](mailto:jfontenot@sjf.org).



### Fall Softball Season is Near

The South Bay Catholic League is looking for players (18+) to join a co-ed slow pitch league. Games are played at McMaster and Wilson Park on Sunday afternoons starting late July. For more information or to sign up

please contact Jay Suarez at **310-925-2908** or via email at [JJsmb@yahoo.com](mailto:JJsmb@yahoo.com).

### Travel-Size Hygiene Items Needed

St. Margaret's Center is in urgent need of hygiene kit items to be placed in kits provided to those experiencing homelessness. Each year over 2,000 kits are distributed and have acted as a staple service of providing encouragement, hope, dignity and cleanliness to those unhoused. To allow us to continue dispersing hygiene kits, we could use your help! The need for travel-size donations of the following items has never been greater: shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, shaving cream, body wash, deodorant, razors, body lotion, and combs. Itemized donations can be dropped off directly to the St. Margaret's Center at 10217 S. Inglewood Ave., Inglewood, CA 90304. For questions, please call **310-672-2208**.

### What is Obra Buena?

St. John Fisher Obra Buena (Good Works) financially supports the charitable outreach efforts of our parish.



Your generous contributions make a significant difference in the lives of those in need. Obra Buena provides much needed funding to several local charities, including the House of Yahweh. The House of Yahweh is an organization serving the economically exploited and impoverished, especially women and children, so they can attain greater fullness of life. To accomplish this end, the House of Yahweh commits to provide food, clothing, shelter, and other supportive services to these people and to direct and guide them along the path into independent living. Donations for Obra Buena may be dropped off in the Parish Office or placed directly in the collection basket during Mass. For more information on this charity or one of the other 9 charities this fund helps, please call Misty Jesse at **310-377-4573** or you may email [mjesse@sjf.org](mailto:mjesse@sjf.org).



## This Week At St. John Fisher

<b>Sunday, 7/16</b>
<b>National Needs Combined Collection at all Masses</b> <b>“Soles for Souls” Shoe Collection After all Masses</b>
<b>Monday, 7/17</b>
<b>4:00 pm - At Home with the Word - Parish Library</b>
<b>Tuesday, 7/18</b>
<b>8:15 am - Tuesday Sandwich Ministry - Barrett Hall</b> <b>9:30 am - Senior Fitness - PAC Gym</b> <b>10:30 am - The Chosen Series Presentation - Fireside Room</b> <b>6:00 pm - Queen of Peace - Blessed Sacrament Chapel</b> <b>7:00 pm - Book Club - Fireside Room</b>
<b>Wednesday, 7/19</b>
<b>9:00 am - Eucharistic Adoration - Blessed Sacrament Chapel</b> <b>7:00 pm - Adult Basketball - PAC Gym</b>
<b>Thursday, 7/20</b>
<b>9:00 am - Eucharistic Adoration - Blessed Sacrament Chapel</b> <b>9:30 am - Senior Fitness - PAC Gym</b> <b>10:00 am - Seekers - Cityside Room</b> <b>5:50 pm - Divine Mercy - Church</b> <b>6:30 pm - Connect Groups Bible Story- Library</b>
<b>Friday, 7/21</b>
<b>9:00 am - Eucharistic Adoration - Blessed Sacrament Chapel</b>
<b>Saturday, 7/22</b>
<b>7:30 pm - AA - Hope on the Hill – Auditorium</b>
<b>Sunday, 7/23</b>

## Save the Date!

<b>Pastoral Council Meeting</b>	Aug. 2
<b>Mission Cooperative Appeal</b>	Aug. 5 & 6
<b>Men’s Faith Formation: St. Augustine’s Confessions</b>	Aug. 23
<b>Food Pantry Bag Distribution</b>	Sept. 9 & 10
<b>KOC BBQ Pre-sale Orders</b>	Sept. 10
<b>Connect Group: Follow Me</b>	Sept. 13
<b>Word on Fire: Mystery of God</b>	Sept. 7
<b>Food Pantry Bag Collection</b>	Sept. 16 & 17
<b>Eucharistic Miracles: 1996-2008</b>	Sept. 18
<b>Mustard Seed Bible Study: Genesis</b>	Sept. 25

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- 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](http://www.sjf.org) → News & Media (pull-down menu) → Publicity Protocols. Your Pastoral Staff representative is ready to help!



## Adult Faith Formation & Pastoral Care

### Online Bible Studies

Topics include:

The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke  
Book of Revelations  
Salvation Story  
Archaeology and Holy Land  
Book of Ruth

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### Pre-Baptism Class

Location: Zoom

Facilitator: Pre-Baptism Team

Date: 2nd Monday of the Month

Time: 7:00pm-8:00pm

Call: Parish Office for Registration

### A New Day

Topic: Grief Support Group

Days-5 weeks on Tuesdays, 2:00pm-3:30pm

Registration: Office of Evangelization, 310-377-4573



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 10:00am 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](mailto:mjesse@sjf.org), 310-377-4573 x130.

## Stewardship Reflection

*"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of the riches choke the word and it bears no fruit." - Matthew 13:22*

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in earthly activities that you have no time for God? Gratitude and generosity are virtues that we should strive to do on a daily basis. Every decision we make either takes us one step closer to God or one step further away. What we receive at Mass every Sunday should be shared with others all the other days of the week as well.

## Gospel Reading, Matthew 13:1-23

In the gospel parable of the sower and the seed, Jesus lays out a variety of options for where the seeds can land and for how people can receive God's word. Some people are not prepared to absorb the word of God, like seeds on a path. Others find great joy in God's word at first but cannot sustain it. They are like seeds sown on rocky ground. Still others deal with anxieties and temptations that make it nearly impossible to truly take in the word of God, like seeds sown among thorns. The word of God does not change, but the context of the hearer makes a big difference in how well it will be received. How might you cultivate rich soil to truly hear the word of God this week? (Living Liturgy, 2023)

## Faith Sharing

- Jesus names three dangers in this gospel: lack of understanding, lack of rootedness, and worldly anxiety can all prevent us from bearing fruit for Christ. Which of these feels like it carries the most risk for you?
- What anxieties do you have that threaten to smother your faith? How can you set them aside to make space for God's word to take root in your heart?

## Opportunities to Serve at St. John Fisher

We are blessed to have such a vibrant and active faith community at St. John Fisher. We offer many different opportunities to serve and participate including: outreach ministries, prayer ministries, and faith formation ministries.

### Outreach and Social Justice Opportunities:

- 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.  
Contact: Dave & Yolanda Williams 310-373-9918
- PV Resale Thrift Shop - Help with merchandising and sales. Volunteers earn a vote as to the distribution of the proceeds to charitable organizations.  
Contact: Shop Manager at 310-534-1722
- Sandwich Ministry - Make sandwiches for distribution to the homeless in the South Bay. Groups meet Tuesday and Fridays.

Contact:

- Tuesday: Dave & Yolanda, 310-373-9918
- Friday: Margaret Schell 310-377-5080
- Friday Family Sandwich Ministry:

Justin Fontenot 310-377-4573





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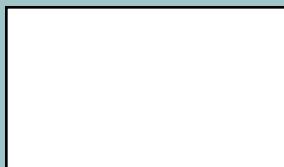
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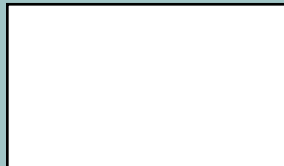


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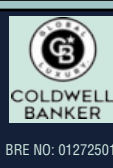


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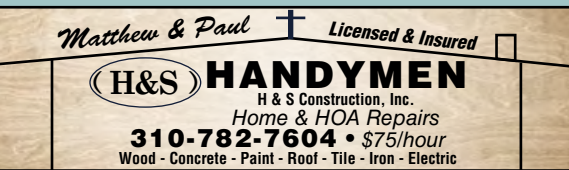
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