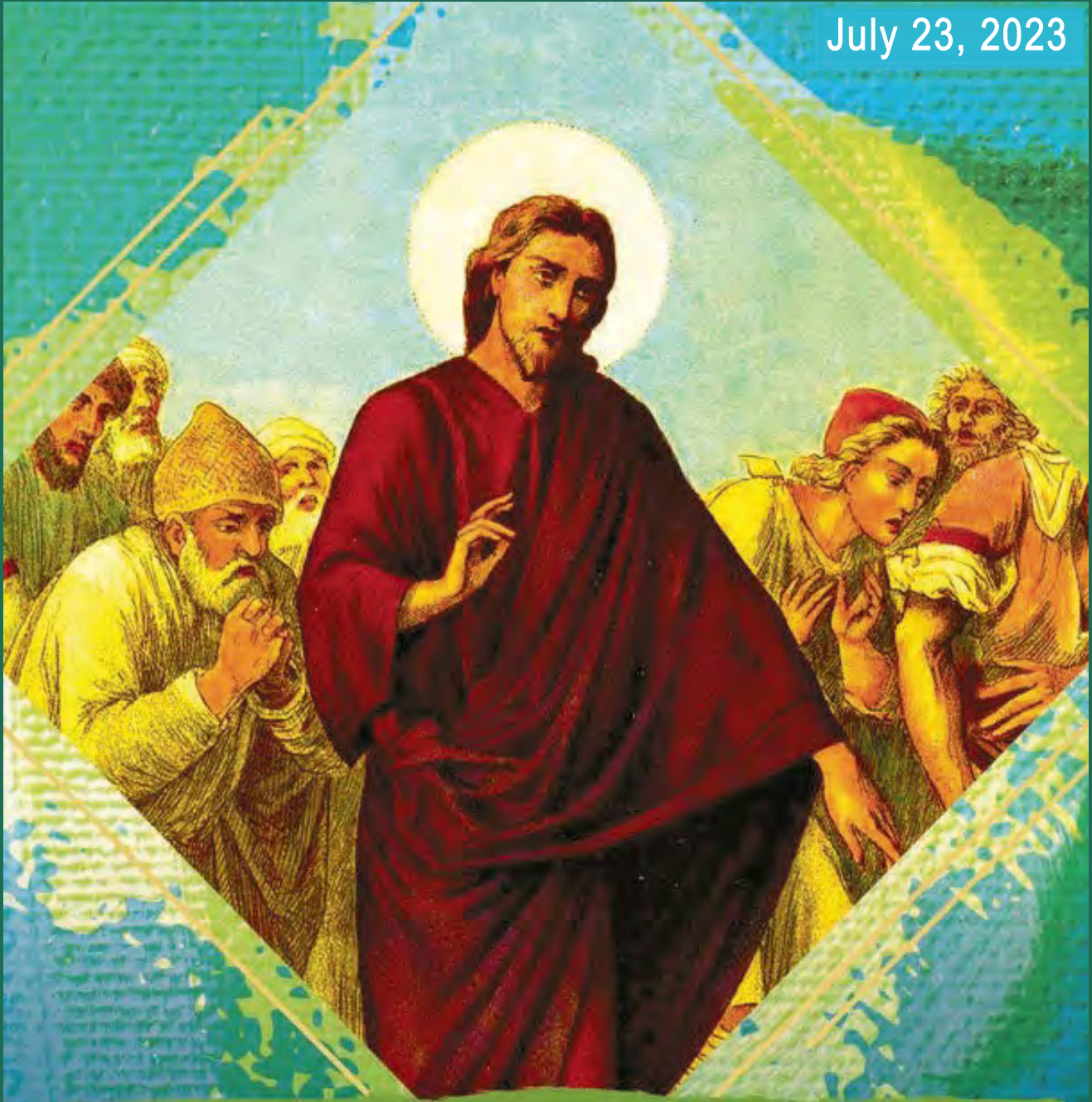


# *St. John Fisher Church*

July 23, 2023



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.” - Matthew 13:43

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*Love God. Love All People. Make Disciples.*

# ADMINISTRATION

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8:00 am - 5:00 pm Friday

9:00 am - 3:00 pm Saturday

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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.

## **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.



## **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**

## **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**.



## **Free SJF "Forward in Mission" T-Shirts**

The Parish Office has various sizes of our SJF "Forward in Mission" T-shirts. The shirts are first come and will be available as supply lasts. If you are interested in picking up a free shirt, please stop by the Parish Office during regular office hours.

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





## Banns of Marriage

Jack Beckwith - Marie Delcarson

### Mass Intentions: July 22 - July 30, 2023

#### 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

#### JULY 24, MONDAY

8:00 am Clark Haggans†  
5:15 pm Beth Johnson†

#### JULY 25, TUESDAY

8:00 am Timothy Hammond†  
5:15 pm Joseph Al-Hosri

#### JULY 26, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am Jose & Monina Cortes†  
5:15 pm Ely Baltazar†

#### JULY 27, THURSDAY

8:00 am Dr. Kenneth Sax†  
5:15 pm Richard J. Scandaliato†

#### JULY 28, FRIDAY

8:00 am Christy Fair  
5:15 pm Lolita Garcias†

#### JULY 29, SATURDAY

8:00 am Ernesto & Baldomera Medrano†  
5:00 pm Brian Leamy† Fr. Enriquez

#### JULY 30, SUNDAY

7:30 am Parishioners Fr. Dakurah  
9:00 am Keenan Wildy† Msgr. Sork  
11:00 am Ed Hamlin† Fr. Dakurah  
5:00 pm Judy Daponte† Msgr. Sork

### Weekly Readings

**Monday:** Exodus 14:5-18, Matthew 12:38-42  
**Tuesday:** 2 Corinthians 4:7-15, Matthew 20:20-28  
**Wednesday:** Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15, Matthew 13:1-9  
**Thursday:** Exodus 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b, Matthew 13:10-17  
**Friday:** Exodus 20:1-17, Matthew 13:18-23  
**Saturday:** Exodus 24:3-8, John 11:19-27  
**Sunday:** 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12, Romans 8:28-30, and Matthew 13:44-52

### 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!

#### Follow us on Facebook & Instagram



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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.



### Camp Fisher a success!

Thank you to everyone who supported our summer VBS camp! Over 40 campers enjoyed a week of arts & crafts, music & dance, sports, Bible stories, and theme days! The campers were led by 20 teen counselors who brought lots of energy and creativity to the camp each day! Photos from the camp will be up on the parish website soon. We hope your children join us again for next year's Camp Fisher!



**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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## Capital Improvements at SJF

This summer the SJF school community saw the fruits of our fundraising labors in the long awaited resurfacing of the school playground.

Thank you to our generous school families for making this improvement a reality!



Look for more improvement projects coming soon!



Colleen Guenther | 310-377-2800 | [cguenther@sjf.org](mailto:cguenther@sjf.org)

## Pray for Sick

Ben Alcantar, brother of Monica Victoriaño

## Continue to Pray For...

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

## Pray for Deceased

Jennifer Mascola

Jennie Porrata, mother of Jeanette Adamowicz

Diane Shneer, friend of Beverly Beatty

## 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 16, 2023	\$8,487
July 17, 2022	\$13,717

Thank You for your continued generosity.

## 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 [JJsinmb@yahoo.com](mailto:JJsinmb@yahoo.com).



## 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!

## Ignatians West - Volunteer Opportunities

Are you a mature adult (50+) looking for meaningful service opportunities? Share your lifetime of skills, wisdom and life experiences with poor and marginalized members in one of the Ignatians West partner agencies. We will match your interests and talents with the needs of children, adults and seniors in a variety of non-profit settings. Volunteers work 1-2 days/week from September through June in schools, food pantries, hospitals, etc. In addition, volunteers also meet once a month and attend two inspiring retreat days per year for group sharing and reflection in the Ignatians tradition. This Jesuit-affiliated ministry invites you to assist those in need, work for a more just society, care for the earth and grow deeper in your faith. For additional information contact Anne Hansen at [ahansen@ignatianswest.org](mailto:ahansen@ignatianswest.org), or you can visit [www.ignatianswest.org](http://www.ignatianswest.org).

## St. Kateri Tekakwitha Circle Retreat

The St. Kateri Tekakwitha Circle at St. Lawrence Martyr Church in Redondo Beach is pleased to host Jacob Finkbonner, on Saturday, August 5, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. It will begin with prayer and include Jacob's presentation of his miraculous cure through the intercession of St. Kateri Tekakwitha. Also present will be Jacob's family members, as well as Sr. Kateri Mitchell, who placed the relic on Jacob. This event is free and open to the public and lunch is also included; however, donations are gratefully accepted. After the retreat, goers are invited to join Sunday's 4:00 pm Mass, which will include various Native American aspects, including the blessing of the four directions, shawl dancer and drummer. For additional information or to register, please call Mary Meier at **310-901-2432**, or e-mail: [slm.katericircle@gmail.com](mailto:slm.katericircle@gmail.com).



## Did you Know? It's all about the behavior

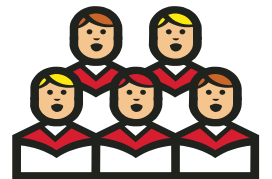
"It's all about the behavior" is a common reminder for safe adults to be aware that abuse can happen anywhere, and to anyone. Parents and caregivers must be vigilant to any warning signs of inappropriate behavior, even if a suspected abuser does not fit a stereotypical profile. The same is true of abuse victims - there is no demographic "failsafe," such as age, race, gender, background, income, etc., that prevents a certain person from being abused. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "It's All About the Behavior" 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).

## 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 Pregnancy Help Center. The Pregnancy Help Center is an organization which provides women and men with a free and confidential, up-to-date information so they can make informed decisions about their health. With a small staff and volunteers, everyone who walks through the doors receives the same level of attention and compassion, with no pressure or judgment. 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).

## Join the Summer Choir

All are invited to join in singing in the 9:00 & 11:00 am choir. 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 your 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.

## Summer at the Sisters

It's that time of the summer again for the Sisters of Charity of Rolling Hills (on Palos Verdes Dr. East) to be closed for the month of August. The closure will begin Saturday, July 29 and last until Tuesday, August 29; opening to the community Thursday, August 31. Donations will not be accepted during most of this time.

*"We want to thank all of you who so kindly donate food, clothing, furniture, and so many other items throughout the year. Your generosity truly helps lighten the burdens of the families with whom we work. We could not do this work without your loving generosity. Thank you, and may God bless you." - Sisters of Charity*

## This Week At St. John Fisher

<b>Sunday, 7/23</b>
<b>Monday, 7/24</b>
<b>4:00 pm - At Home with the Word - Parish Library</b>
<b>Tuesday, 7/25</b>
<b>8:15 am - Tuesday Sandwich Ministry - Barrett Hall</b>
<b>8:45 am - Unborn Jesus Apostolate and Rosary - Church</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>Wednesday, 7/26</b>
<b>9:00 am - Eucharistic Adoration - Blessed Sacrament Chapel</b>
<b>7:00 pm - Adult Basketball - PAC Gym</b>
<b>Thursday, 7/27</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>Friday, 7/28</b>
<b>9:00 am - Eucharistic Adoration - Blessed Sacrament Chapel</b>
<b>Saturday, 7/29</b>
<b>7:30 pm - AA - Hope on the Hill – Auditorium</b>
<b>Sunday, 7/30</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

REPENT, THEN,  
AND TURN TO GOD,  
SO THAT YOUR SINS  
MAY BE WIPED OUT.

ACTS 3:19

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If you'd like your meeting or event listed in the bulletin, please email to [info@sjf.org](mailto: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](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  
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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: 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Call: Parish Office for Registration

### A New Day

Topic: Grief Support Group

Days-5 weeks on Tuesdays, 2:00 - 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 kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom." - Matthew 13:24, 37-38*

As children of God, we are all "good seeds". We are blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God's plan when we spend time in prayer every day, use our skills to help others and share our financial gifts to help build God's kingdom on earth. Through our example of gratitude and generosity we sow "good seeds" on earth and ultimately help each other get to heaven!

## Gospel Reading, Matthew 13:24-43



This Sunday's parable points to the reality of evil in the world. Jesus is acknowledging that there are forces at work that want to see good falter, and often, these forces persist. Like pesky weeds that will not stop spreading, forces of evil continue to

wreck havoc on our world. We need only consider the realities of racism, sexism, violence, and the many other forms of hate to realize how widespread the weeds have grown (Living Liturgy, 2023)

## Faith Sharing

- God cares for us as a farmer cares for the crop. How do you experience God's care in your life? In what ways do you long for God's care?
- What is the fruit that your life is bearing? What do you have to offer to God at the harvest?
- How have you experienced God's mercy? Where do you still need it?

## 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.

### Pastoral Care Opportunities:

- Bereavement Ministers support and assist parishioners in planning the liturgy for the funeral mass. For training call the Office of Evangelization at **310-377-4573**
- Singing Samaritans a group of talented singing men, called to help and brighten the days of loved ones who are homebound, aged, or disabled. The group provides a diverse repertoire of songs. A free service in return for the smile of happiness and joy from those they are called to serve.

Contact: Don Wynne **310-377-3426**





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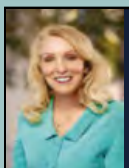
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