

St. John Fisher Church



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

— July 30, 2023 —

“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field”- Matthew 13:44

Love God. Love All People. Make Disciples.

ADMINISTRATION

Msgr. David A. Sork, Pastor

dasork@sjf.org x123

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PARISH OFFICE

310-377-5571

8:00 am - 7:30 pm Monday - Thursday

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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310-377-4573

8:00 am - 5:00 pm - Monday - Friday

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Coordinator of Confirmation and Youth Ministry

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Director of Evangelization

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MUSIC MINISTRY

310-377-5571

Music Director

Grant Hungerford, sjfmusic@sjf.org x115

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

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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.

Pastoral Council Meeting – August 2

All parishioners are invited to attend the Pastoral Council meeting on Wednesday, August 2 at 7:00 pm in the Fireside Room. For more information, contact Gayle Plecha at gplecha@sjf.org.

Pastor:

- First 15
- Parish Life:
 - Volunteer Thank you Luncheon
 - Faith & Hope Art Show
 - Summer Choir Concert, “American Harmonies”
 - “Camp Fisher” Summer Kid’s Camp
 - Summer Music Concert
- Capital Campaign/Building Committee Update
- Looking Ahead:
 - Feast of St. Phoebe
 - 2023 Jazz Concert

Chair/Vice-Chair:

- Approval of June minutes
- Staff representative brief:
 - Colleen Guenther, SJF Parish School Principal
- Discussion:
 - “Instrumentum laboris”, October 2023 Synod Assembly FAQ/Executive Summary
 - PC Objectives for the 2023-2024 term
 - Recognition of PC Members completing their terms

Next Meeting: Saturday, September 9

2023-2024 Pastoral Council Formation Day and New Member Commissioning

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://tingive.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](https://sjf.org)!



Banns of Marriage

Jack Beckwith - Marie Delcarson

Mass Intentions: July 29 - August 6, 2023

JULY 29, SATURDAY

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

JULY 30, SUNDAY

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

JULY 31, MONDAY

8:00 am Colette Gifford†
5:15 pm Richard J. Scandaliato†

AUGUST 1, TUESDAY

8:00 am Max Ong†
5:15 pm Christina Avila†

AUGUST 2, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am Carol Ritscher†
5:15 pm Ann Hayes†

AUGUST 3, THURSDAY

8:00 am Robert Beh†
5:15 pm Dr. Gerald M. Fisch†

AUGUST 4, FRIDAY

8:00 am Sean O'Conner† & Mary Quinn†
5:15 pm Sean O'Conner †

AUGUST 5, SATURDAY

8:00 am Yvonne Carroll†
5:00 pm Joe DiSaverio† Fr. Dakurah

AUGUST 6, SUNDAY

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

Weekly Readings

Monday: Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34, Matthew 13:31-35
Tuesday: Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28, Matthew 13:36-43
Wednesday: Exodus 34:29-35, Matthew 13:44-46
Thursday: Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38, Matthew 13:47-53
Friday: Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37, Matthew 13:54-58
Saturday: Leviticus 25:1, 8-17, Matthew 14:1-12
Sunday: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14, 2 Peter 1:16-19, and Matthew 17:1-9

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 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

PRAYER TREE

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

HEARING ASSISTANCE HEADSETS AVAILABLE

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

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*)



IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BECOME A CATECHIST?



Do you want to help children grow in their faith? Consider being a catechist! Catechists (Religious Education teachers) are needed for Preschool/ Kindergarten & Grades 1-8th (Sundays) and Grades 1-5 (Tuesdays). Training, resources, and lots of support are provided, and you can work in a team with your friends. Contact Justin Fontenot at jfontenot@sjf.org

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

HIGH SCHOOL TEENS



Teen Confirmation Registrations

High School students 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.

Volunteer Opportunity

The life of the youth needs you. Interested Adults in helping out with the Confirmation program, or Lifeteen.

Volunteers needed for:

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



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

Young Saints

St. Jose Sanchez del Rio

Born: 1913~ Died 1928~Age: 14
 Canonized: October 16, 2016



St Jose Luis Sanchez del Rio was born in Sahuayo, in Michoacan, Mexico. He was the third out of four children to his parents.

He grew up with a strong faith, and a particularly strong devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe. When he was young, the Cristero Wars broke out throughout his country, where the government was trying to dismantle the Catholic hold and influence on Mexico.

Several rebel forces formed across Mexico, and rose up against the tyrannical government. Jose also wanted to join the cause, but was too young. However, this persistent child remained adamant in his demand to join the rebel forces, and was eventually allowed to join as a flag bearer.

St. Jose del Rio was captured during the war, and tortured terribly. The undersides of his feet were cut off, and he was forced to walk through the streets. Despite this terrible torture, Saint Jose del Rio refused to give up on his faith and the Cristero cause.



Introducing Principal Colleen Guenther

We proudly welcome Mrs. Colleen Guenther into the principal position at St. John Fisher School.

Mrs. Guenther has served our faith community for twenty years as our second grade teacher, middle school math teacher, leadership team member, Student Council moderator, volleyball coach, and parent volunteer in a variety of areas. She cares deeply about the success of our school and is fully committed to providing the structures and support our community needs to enable our students to achieve the three pillars of our Schoolwide Learning Expectations: Believe, Learn, and Care.

A product of Catholic education, Mrs. Guenther attended Saint Barnabas School in Indianapolis before graduating from Indiana University with a Bachelor of Arts in Business. She worked in technology consulting in Chicago and southern California before returning to school to obtain her teaching credential and then a Master of Arts in Literacy from Loyola Marymount University.

Mrs. Guenther commented on her new position, "I am honored to have the opportunity to lead this wonderful school. Our esteemed faculty and I are committed to providing rigorous, standards-based curriculum in a faith-filled environment. We recognize each student in our care as a unique child of God, and we are committed to supporting our students in their spiritual, academic, and social-emotional development. In short, we partner with parents to shepherd students along their journeys to Believe, Learn, and Care."

Pray for Sick

Geraldine Merlander

Continue to Pray For...

Seyi Adisa	Maria Theresa Manalo
Ben Alcantar	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

Pray for Deceased

Dave Borelli
Patricia Kinion

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 23, 2023	\$12,818
July 24, 2022	\$11,904

Thank You for your continued generosity.



All night Adoration, August 4

Join us August 4, as we celebrate the First Friday of the month! St. John Fisher, will be holding a all-night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. If you are interested in signing up for the overnight Adoration, please sign up by using the sheet located by the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. We are in need of additional adorers to sign up for an hour of prayer, especially during the late night and early morning hours. If you're unable to commit to a overnight hour of adoration, we still need additional volunteers throughout the month who could spend an hour in Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday: noon, and 1:00 pm; and Friday: 9:00 am, 10:00 am, noon, and 1:00 pm. For additional information or if you are interested in being a regular or substitute adorer, please contact Carlyn Quinto at **310-480-2291** or email carlynquinto@earthlink.net.



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.

Widows of Wisdom

Widows of Wisdom invites other women who are widows to gather for Mass, a meal and community to support one another on our unique grief journeys. Please bring a dish, dessert or something to drink to the meeting. RSVP at <https://bit.ly/WidowsofWisdomRSVP>. For more information please contact Sherry.Hayes.Peirce@gmail.com.



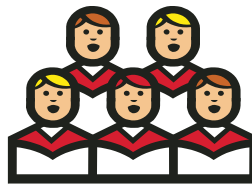
Shoes4Soles Thanks You!

The SJF Military Ministry recently requested parishioners donate shoes for the less fortunate. The parish responded by giving 213 pairs of shoes to this worthy cause. The Military Ministry did this in concert with the organization Soles4Souls, which distributes shoes to the needy around the world. Your generosity makes lives just a bit more comfortable for many souls.



Did you Know? Why is it important to screen volunteers and staff?

A screening process for hiring new staff members or volunteers is critical to protecting children, because this process makes it harder for abusers to gain access to potential victims. When organizations are careful about screening, it sends a message that they are committed to preventing child abuse. Screening practices can include requiring standard application information, or thorough references and criminal background checks. For more information on screening processes, read the VIRTUS® article "The Importance of Screening and Selecting Employees and Volunteers" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/. Parish Safeguard the Children Contact: Justin Fontenot, **310-377-4573 x136**, jfontenot@sjf.org.



Join the Summer Choir

All are invited to join in singing in the 9:00 am & 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

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.



This Week At St. John Fisher

Sunday, 7/30
Monday, 7/31
4:00 pm - At Home with the Word - Parish Library
Tuesday, 8/1
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, 8/2
9:00 am - Eucharistic Adoration - Blessed Sacrament Chapel
6:00 pm - Walk with Christ - Outdoor Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm - Adult Basketball - PAC Gym
7:00 pm - Pastoral Council Meeting - Fireside Room
Thursday, 8/3
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, 8/4
9:00 am - Eucharistic Adoration - Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Saturday, 8/5
Mission Cooperative Appeal at 5:00 pm Mass
7:30 pm - AA - Hope on the Hill – Auditorium
Sunday, 8/6
Mission Cooperative Appeal at all Masses
10:00 am - RCIA Inquiry - Parish Conference Room

Save the Date!

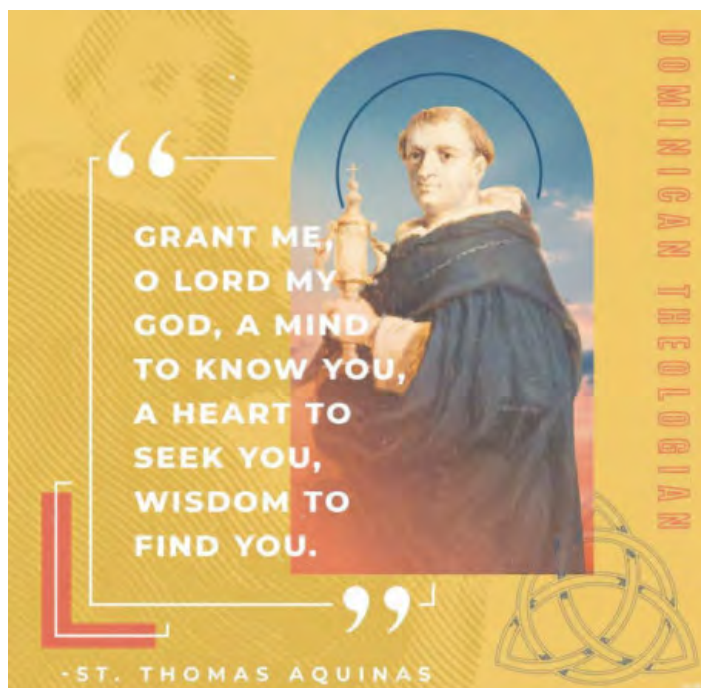
Men's Faith Formation: St. Augustine's Confessions	Aug. 23
Word on Fire: Mystery of God	Sept. 7
Pastoral Council	Sept. 9
Food Pantry Bag Distribution	Sept. 9 & 10
KOC BBQ Pre-sale Orders	Sept. 10
Connect Group: Follow Me	Sept. 13
SJF Jazz Concert	Sept. 16
Food Pantry Bag Collection	Sept. 16 & 17
Eucharistic 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 → 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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Under Faith Formation – Bible Studies

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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 10:00 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

"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." - Roman 8:28

Do you really trust God? Do you really believe that God will provide all that you need? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting your trust in God, in everything we do, in good times and in bad, means that God's plan for our lives may be quite different than what we planned. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.

Gospel Reading, Matthew 13:44-52



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

- What do you truly value? Consider where you spend your money, your time, and your attention. Do they align with what you claim is important to you?
- Where and when have you encountered God in such way that it brought you great joy and wonder?
- What have you been called to sacrifice for your commitment to the Christian life? How does that make you feel?

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.

Liturgical Ministries Opportunities:

- *Liturgical Movement (Dance)* Open to high school teens. Offering the glory and honor due to God through the medium of dance. Time commitment: Two to four Masses per year with practice sessions.
- *Liturgy of the Word for Children* Assist in proclaiming the Liturgy of the Word at the 9:00 am Mass in a manner appropriate for grades 1 to 6. Materials are provided. Time commitment: Serve during Mass once every two months.
- *Martha Ministry* Prepare the church for Sunday, weekday and special liturgies; includes care of altar cloths, vestments, candles, etc...Work behind the scenes to ensure all is ready and goes smoothly at Masses.

Music Ministry

- *Parish Choir/Instrumentalists* Support and enhance the liturgical song of the assembly at 11:00 am Sunday Mass.
- *Contemporary Choir/Instrumentalists* Help lead the community at 9:00 am Sunday Mass.



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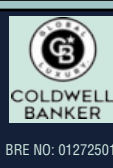


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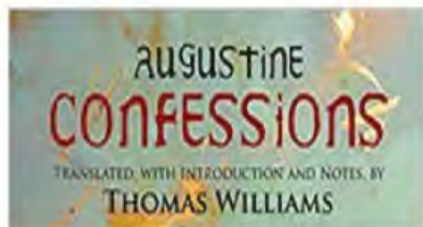
Men's Faith Formation Group:
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Wednesdays, August 23 -
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6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Rectory Meeting Room

Facilitator: Chris Ratliff



Word on Fire:
The Mystery of God

Thursdays, September 7 -
November 16, 2023

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Fireside Room

Facilitator: Hanan Tanios



Connect Group Bible Study:
Follow Me - Gospel of John

Wednesdays, September 13 -
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6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Cityside Room

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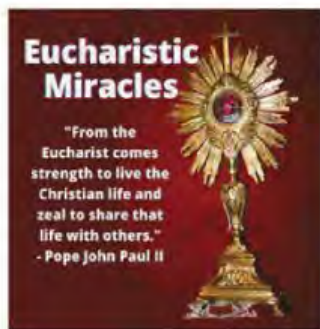


Eucharistic Miracles:
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Monday, September 18, 2023

7:00 PM

Barrett Hall

Presenter: Fr. Robert Spitzer

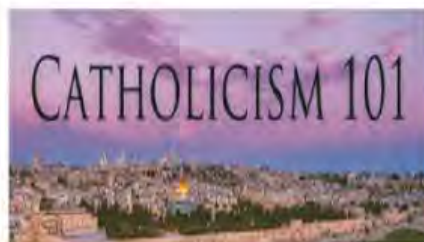


Catholicism 101
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10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Parish Conference Room

Facilitators: RCIA Team



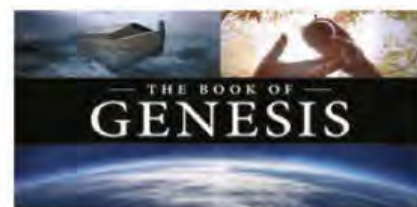
The Mustard Seed

The Book of Genesis
Mondays, September 25 -
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6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

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