



SAINT JOHN FISHER PARISH

February 15, 2019

Dear Parishioners:

Lent will begin much later than last year. Ash Wednesday takes place March 6. If you haven't decided on your penitential practice for the Lenten season, I have some suggestions.

We are offering daily 6:30 am Mass in addition to the 8:00 am and 5:15 pm Masses. Like last year, I encourage you to take advantage of the sacrament of Penance during the penitential season of Lent. If you look at our parish bulletin, you will see that confessions are available every day except Sunday.

On Shrove Tuesday, March 5, the Women's Council will be sponsoring their annual luncheon. The guest speaker is Monsignor Kevin Kostelnik, pastor of St. Joseph, Long Beach, and former associate pastor here. His topic is: "Our Christian Life and Dying--Training Ground for all Saints." The cost is \$25 per person. Members of the Council will be selling tickets outside of Mass. Tickets will also be available at the parish office.

Once again St. John Fisher parish will be part of a multi-parish program of adult formation called Dive-In Lenten Series. Thirteen parishes are participating. It is in its seventh season. The talks will take place from March 11-21. We will be hosting speakers at our parish over three evenings in Barrett Hall from 7:30-9:00.

On Tuesday, March 19, Dr. Christopher Kaczor will speak on: "Adam and Eve: What Genesis Really Means." On Wednesday, March 20, Father Jim Clarke will speak on: "The Art of Aging Gracefully." On Thursday, March 21, Father Alexei Smith will speak on: "Christians, Muslims, and Mary." On Monday, March 18, from 7:30-9:00 at St. Lawrence Church, Redondo Beach, our own staff member, Dr. Misty Jesse, will speak on: "Historical Geography and Peoples in the Holy Land." Admission per session is \$5 at the door, but I recommend that you get a season pass to enable you to see a variety of talks in different parishes. Brochures describing the workshops and parish venues are available. Passes to all the events will be sold after all Masses on February 23-24: \$25 for a pass, good for two people. These are also available at the Parish Office. There are some excellent talks in our neighboring parishes, so venture forth.

This year's Festival of Faith will take place in Barrett Hall from March 31 to April 2. The evenings begin with dinner in Barrett Hall at 6:00 followed by the speaker presentation at 7:00. This year's speaker is Roy Petitfils, whose theme is: "Blessed, Broken and Shared: Discovering God in our Everyday Lives." You will hear him first at the weekend Masses of March 30-31 to invite you to the Festival of Faith.

May this Lenten season be an opportunity for growth in your faith.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. David A. Sork
Pastor