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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.

Pastoral Council Meeting - February 3, 2021

All parishioners are invited to attend the Pastoral Council meeting on Wednesday, February 3, at 7 pm via Zoom. For more information or for a Zoom invitation, contact Gayle Plecha at gplecha@sjf.org.

Pastor:

- First 15
- Parish Life
  - * Feedback and Updates
    - COVID-19 Restrictions & opening the church
  - * Looking ahead
    - Ash Wednesday
    - SJF Lenten Retreat

Chair/Vice-Chair:

- Approval of January meeting minutes
- Staff rep brief: Margaret Johnson
- 2020-2021 Pastoral Plan Objectives Review
- PC Nominating Committee update
- Next meeting: March 3 at 7 pm

Other
Closing Prayer of St. John Fisher

All Services Now in Church

Beginning this week, all services will take place in Church. I have only made this decision after wide consultation and personal experience presiding at daily Masses in Church. Because of the extensive ventilation in church and the procedures in place to sanitize the furnishings and restrooms on a regular basis, I feel confident that we can provide a safe environment for worship. Moreover, in church it is much easier to assure social distancing than when Mass is celebrated outdoors. We only moved outdoors last July because of the directive of the governor. However, due to a court decision, Los Angeles County has allowed churches to open, if we provide the same safeguards as other venues. We are certainly doing that.

Please know that if you do come into the church, you are to wear face coverings throughout Mass, the same requirement when people were worshipping outdoors. Moreover, you are expected to maintain social distancing from those who are not part of your household. We will have hand sanitizers available for you as you enter church. The only confessional room available will be the larger one, for it can provide social distancing.

I am aware that many may still not feel comfortable coming to Mass. Therefore, we will continue to offer Mass via livestream and distribute Communion to those viewers who wish to come after Mass. The general dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation is still in place, but I want to provide for you as much as I can the spiritual opportunities of the sacraments.

Msgr. David A. Sork
Pastor

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General Dispensation

In light of restrictions on large gatherings, the general dispensation from Archbishop Jose Gomez of all Catholics in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles from obligation of attending Sunday Mass remains in effect until further notice. We ask everyone to continue to proceed with prudence, caution and concern. Elderly, high-risk and vulnerable individuals are advised to remain home. If you feel sick or are experiencing any symptoms of illness we urge you to stay home. For more information, please call the parish office at **310-377-5571**.

Join us every day for Mass

St. John Fisher will continue to livestream Daily 8 am and Sunday 9 am Masses. To watch, visit our website at www.sjf.org. Communion will be distributed after all livestreamed Masses. Mass will take place Monday - Friday 8 am and 5:15 pm, Saturday 8am and 5pm, and Sunday 9 am, 11 am and 5 pm. Parishioners are required to wear a face covering while attending Mass and must maintain at least 6 feet distance from those who are not part of your household at all Masses.

Mass Intentions - January 31 - February 7

January 30, Saturday

8:00 am	Robert Barry†	
5:00 pm	Edward & Ruby Moore†	Fr. Kalu

January 31, Sunday

9:00 am	James D. Prendergast†	Fr. Kalu
11:00 am	Parishioners	Msgr. Sork
5:00 pm	Blessie Dolores †	Fr. Park

February 1, Monday

8:00 am	Joseph Margate†	
5:15 pm	Gregoria Palting†	

February 2, Tuesday

8:00 am	Jeanne & Jim Sloan	
5:15 pm	Blessie Dolores†	

February 3, Wednesday

8:00 am	Blessie Dolores†	
5:15 pm	Blessie Dolores†	

February 4, Thursday

8:00 am	Allyson, Amy, Claire	
5:15 pm	Odette Smith†	

February 5, Friday

8:00 am	Edolia Arzate†	
5:15 pm	Domingo Nieto-Polo Morales†	

February 6, Saturday

8:00 am	Rhys Bernal†	
5:00 pm	Carmen Gonzales†	Fr. Kalu

February 7, Sunday

9:00 am	Grace Lusk†	Msgr. Sork
11:00 am	Loraine Weber	Fr. Park
5:00 pm	Parishioners	Fr. Kalu

Weekly Readings

Monday: Hebrews 11:32-40, Mark 5:1-20
Tuesday: Malachi 3:1-4, Hebrews 2:14-18,& Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Wednesday: Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15, Mark 6:1-6
Thursday: Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24, Mark 6:7-13
Friday: Hebrews 13:1-8, Mark 6:14-29
Saturday: Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21, Mark 6:30-34
Sunday: Job 7:1-4, 6-7, 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23, & Mark 1:29-39

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil
5:00 pm
Sunday
9:00 am (livestream)
11:00 am
5:00 pm

Weekday Masses

Monday-Friday
8:00 am (livestream)
5:15 pm
Saturday
8:00 am (livestream)

Holy Days

Vigil: 5:30 pm

Mass: 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

Every 4th Sunday of the month. 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 honor of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Regular adorers are needed Wednesday through Friday from 9 am to 5 pm. For information, contact Carlyn Quinto at **310-480-2291** 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: Teaching with Authority

Today's Gospel story tells us that everyone was amazed at how Jesus "taught with authority." Almost everyone teaches at some time. We could teach math, or cooking, or even religion. But we also teach by the examples we give in our lives, as well as by the words we speak. But what does it mean to teach with authority? When Jesus taught about God, he spoke from his own experience of his Father's love. Jesus taught us how to live good lives—unlike the scribes, who taught how to follow the rules. This is why Jesus had many followers. His "outside"—the words he spoke and actions he performed—matched his "inside"—the things he truly believed deep in his heart. When our outsides match our insides, we too can teach with authority.

First Reconciliation Reminder!

Students preparing to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time should be learning their prayers and working on their *First Reconciliation* materials. Parents, remember to sign up online for First Reconciliation interviews. You should have received an e-mail with details earlier this month.

Liturgy of the Word for Children

Did you know that Liturgy of the Word for Children is celebrated online every Sunday? This is a wonderful way for you and your children to celebrate the Scriptures together. Follow the link under "Liturgical Resources" on our website (sjf.org), or just click on the YouTube icon at the top of the page to be taken to our parish YouTube channel. There you will find resources for all ages!

Margaret Johnson | Director of Religious Education K-8 | (310) 377-4573 ext 136 | mjohnson@sjf.org

HIGH SCHOOL TEENS

Gospel Recap: "Taking on the Demons"

Today's Gospel tells about Jesus liberating a man held hostage by a demon. The people who witnessed this were amazed seeing Jesus remove the evil spirit and they believed Jesus, because he stood against those forces that compete with God for control over people's lives. They saw how Jesus' words were able to powerfully change other people. Nowadays, we might see demons in a different way, but they still exist by holding some people hostage. Sex, fear, drugs, alcohol, racism, greed all of these can be very destructive if you've ever seen anyone lose control and be consumed by any of these unholy forces. And these forces can hurt those afflicted, as well as others. Try to live your life standing up against all those evil forces that compete with God for control over your life and the lives of others. Pray for the courage to speak up like Jesus did. In this way you can challenge others who are held hostage by modern-day demons, and you can help to free them.

LifeTeen Online Activities -- Open to All High School Youth

This is an opportunity for SJF high school youth to connect with God and to go over some topics pertinent to this age group. We encourage all teens to be connecting with other Catholic youth during this tough time of COVID-19 19. Here is the link to the SJF Life Teen Youtube:

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Race to the White House!

SJF 5th graders learned all about the election and inauguration process during their social studies class and tried running their own campaign!

Teachers are using various mediums as they continue teaching virtually. This includes videos, music, various news websites for kids and more. Fifth Grade teacher, Mrs. Kroeger, taught the class about the election process using an interactive slide deck. Using this (as opposed to a regular power point presentation) allows the teacher to embed slides with quizzes, drawing components, and surveys. Students love these because it allows them to fully interact with what they're learning. The class then read an article on NewsELA about the inauguration process and annotating, keeping an eye out for the main idea and details.

Students logged on to a free website/app called iCivics: Race to the White House. This is a fully interactive, educational game where learners choose a political party and the issues they'd like to focus on. The game guides students through the election process as they raise money, campaign, and poll each state, as they compete against their game-generated opposition. The "race to the White House" takes about 45 minutes, but students don't always win! 5th grader Catherine B said, "It took six tries, but I finally won!" Sofi K lamented, "I ran about 3 times, and my strategy was always to go for the big electoral votes states."

Not only did students learn about the election process, they got to try on their own by playing a video game. WIN WIN!

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

Pray for Sick

Irene Jenner, sister in law of Donna Curran

Continue to Pray For...

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Paul Belfy
Cheryl Benyi
Jane Bodine
Raymond Bodine
Leo James Bourgeois
Emma Breslin
Michelle Clarke
Edward and Ray Curran
Terry & Joe Doyle
Don Duperon
Eugenia Eyherabide
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Mary Lou Schmidt
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Joan Sing
Florencia Tan
Judy Ann Tan
Alice Valdes
Rolando Ventura
Mika Ventura
Pat Zigrang

Pray for Deceased

Rev. Richard Burchell
Elvira Catamisan
Paul Caro
Michael Chen
Chato Gaytan
Carlita Vanoni

Pray for Military Personnel and Families

Private Miranda Grosso, USA
Sergeant Jacob Arnold, USA-Green Beret
Maj. Cesare Santarosa, USA
Maj. Christina Shelton, USA
Kenny Soto, AFRC
Ben Soto, AIRF
Sergeant First Class Teresa Perrin, USA
Chief Warrant Office McKinderee Perrin, 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** 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

January 24, 2021	$18,627
January 26, 2020	$18,263

Thank You for your continued generosity

Eucharistic Adoration

We need more adorers who could spend an hour in Eucharistic Adoration in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration is held at the outside alcove off the Plaza Room every Wednesday to Friday from 9 am to 5 pm. We still need additional adorers for the following hours: Wednesday, 10 am, 11 am, 12 pm, 1 pm, 2 pm, and 3 pm; Thursday, 11 am and 1 pm; and Friday 10 am and 2 pm. If you are interested in being a regular or substitute adorer, please call **Carlyn Quinto at 310-480-2291** or email at carlynquinto@earthlink.net

Converging Roads

The St. John Paul II Foundation in conjunction with the Archdiocese of Los Angeles invites everyone to Converging Roads, a half-day virtual conference on Saturday, February 27th from 8 am to 1 pm. The conference will be focused on the theme of Comprehensive Care in Times of Crisis, with presentations on corporal works of mercy as a healthcare professional; moral distress; mental health issues in medicine; and more! Continuing education credits for healthcare professionals will be offered, but the conference is open to anyone regardless of profession. Registration is now open. For more information or to register, please contact Amelia Arth at **832-779-1070** or you can email amelia@forlifeandfamily.org.

Scam Alert

We are aware of email and text messages circulating supposedly coming from Msgr. David Sork. Please ignore them as it is a scam. The email address and text number from which the scam is coming are not ours. 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.**

Support SJF Electronically

This new year is filled with hope and promise. Opportunities abound to grow our vital ministries, explore new ways to share the good news of Christ's love, and reflect His care and mercy to those in need throughout the community. To continue to make a difference in 2021, St. John Fisher depends on online donations from caring individuals like you. We prayerfully request that you consider signing up for eGiving and setting up your recurring donation. You can use eGiving from your computer, smartphone or tablet for recurring and one-time gifts. Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/CA436, or text 'Enroll' to **424-352-7722.**

Did you know? Do you know what to do if someone is choking?

Choking is one of the leading causes of accidental death, but many people do not know what to do if someone is choking near them. If a person is coughing, grabbing his or her throat, or passed out with no explanation, he/she could be choking. Utilizing abdominal thrusts, also known as the Heimlich maneuver, could prevent suffocation. Parents should be knowledgeable as to how to perform this maneuver, and if possible, should attend a CPR training course so they are prepared, in the event that a child or adult is choking. For more information, visit https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/. Parish Safeguard the Children Contact: Margaret Johnson, 310-377-4573 x136, mjohnson@sjf.org.

St. John Fisher 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 which are vetted annually by the Stewardship Committee and approved by the Peace and Justice Council. For more information, please call Misty Jesse at **310-377-4573** or email mjesse@sjf.org.

Who is a friend?

A friend is someone who comes in when the rest of the world has gone out. If you could use a friend in your time of need, call the **Stephen Ministry at 310-541-1403.** We are here for you.

Knights of Columbus Tri-Tip Fundraiser – Sunday, February 7 (Super Bowl)

The Knights of Columbus are preparing tri-tip steak meals for contactless pickup or delivery on Sunday, February 7, which is the day of the Super Bowl. Whole cooked tri-tip (feeds 3-4 people), with or without green beans and mashed potatoes, are available now for online presale through February 2nd. Proceeds go to support our seminarians at St. John's Seminary in Camarillo. Please help us with this worthy cause and visit www.kofc1990.org today to complete your preorder.

Face Coverings are Required

Face coverings are required when visiting the parish office, for all Masses and when coming to receive communion for everyone over the age of 2. This is crucial in preventing the spread of COVID-19. They must cover the mouth and nose at all times except when you place the Eucharist in your mouth. Please keep at least 6 feet distance from one another at all times.

This Week At St. John Fisher

Sunday, 1/31
6:15 pm Virtual Life Night – via YouTube
Monday, 2/1
7pm - RCIA Inquiry - via Zoom
Tuesday, 2/2
7 pm - Bereavement Support workshop - via Zoom
Wednesday, 2/3
9 am Eucharistic Adoration – Outside Church Plaza **6 pm - Walk with Christ** - Outdoor Stations of the Cross **7 pm Pastoral Council Meeting** - via Zoom
Thursday, 2/4
9 am Eucharistic Adoration – Outside Church Plaza **10 am Seekers –** via Zoom
Friday, 2/5
9 am Eucharistic Adoration – Outside Church Plaza **7:30 pm Chinese Bible Study –** Skype
Saturday, 2/6
Sunday, 2/7
6:15 pm Virtual Life Night – via YouTube

Save the Date!

Knights of Columbus Super Bowl Fundraiser - February 7

Ash Wednesday - February 17

Food Pantry Bag Distribution - February 27-28

Walk with Christ - Outdoor Stations of the Cross – March 3

Food Pantry Bag Collection - March 6-7

SJF Lenten Retreat 2021 - March 14-16

RCIA Easter Vigil Retreat at DMJ April 3

Growing in the Word: Gospel of John & Johannine Letters- April 6 - May 4

Walk with Christ - Outdoor Stations of the Cross - April 7

South Bay Catholic- Jewish Women's Dialogue Conference - May 4

Walk with Christ- Outdoor Stations of the Cross- May 5

Military Ministry Collection - May 22-23

Walk with Christ - Outdoor Stations of the Cross - June 2

Food Pantry Bag Distribution - June 19- 20

Food Pantry Bag Collection - June 26- 27

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 end of August through May with classes taking place on Sunday mornings. Adult Confirmation classes are offered in the fall. Adult Inquiry sessions are offered year around and take place the first Monday of each month (except for Holidays). Currently because of pandemic restrictions we are offering Inquiry through the Zoom platform. Our next Zoom Inquiry session is Monday, February 1, at 7:00pm, the subject: The Mass. If you would be interested in joining our next Inquiry session, please email Misty at mjesse@sjf.org.

Adult Faith Formation & Pastoral Care

SJF On-Line Bible Studies
Series: Growing in the Word
Current Offerings: Revelation, Gospel of Matthew, Book of Ruth, Gospel of Mark
Location: SJF Website –www.sjf.org – Faith Formation– Bible Studies

RCIA Inquiry
Location: Zoom
Topic: The Mass
Date: 1st Monday of the Month, February 1st 7:00pm.
Facilitator: RCIA Ministry Team

Pre-Baptism Class
Location: Zoom
Facilitator: Pre-Baptism Team
Date: 2nd Monday of the Monday
Time: 7:00p.m.– 8:30 p.m.
Call: Parish office for registration

A New Day
Grief Support Workshop
Location: Zoom
Facilitator: Misty Jesse
Dates: Tuesdays, Jan. 19-Feb.16
Time; 7:00pm-9:00pm
Registration: Office of Evangelization, 310-377-4573

Walk with Christ
Outdoors: Stations of the Cross
Date: 1st Wednesday of the Month
Time: After 5:15pm Mass
Contact: Hanan Tanios, 562-972-4120

Stewardship Reflection

"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties." 1 Corinthians 7:32

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this, use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future. Then pray for things instead of worrying about them.

Growing in the Word: Gospel of Mark

Jesus heals hemorrhaging woman (catacomb painting)

Despite the brevity of this Gospel the details provided of Jesus' ministry are often more extensive than either Matthew or Luke. Mark provides a quickly moving narrative which stresses Jesus' message about the good news of the kingdom of God and Jesus himself as the gospel of God. This five -week series is presented by Misty Jesse, PhD, DMin. New units are added every two weeks. The class is available online at the St. John Fisher website beginning Jan. 6, 2021. To view please go to: www.sjf.org, then click on the Faith Formation tab at the top of the page. On the drop down menu click on Bible Studies, this will take you to a listing of Growing in the Word online Bible classes. Enjoy!

A New Day: Grief Support Workshop

Everyone grieves differently; for some it is a very private process, others have networks of friends and family that meet their needs. But many people benefit from participating in a group with others who are grieving. Such an experience can also be a way to honor your loved one as you begin the healing journey. St. John Fisher will be offering a five-week Bereavement Support workshop titled a "A New Day". Currently the workshop will be offered through Zoom. The maximum number of participants for the workshop is 10 individuals. To register please call the Office of Evangelization at 310-377-4573. The workshop will be offered Tuesday evenings, 7pm to 9pm, Jan. 19th- Feb.16th.

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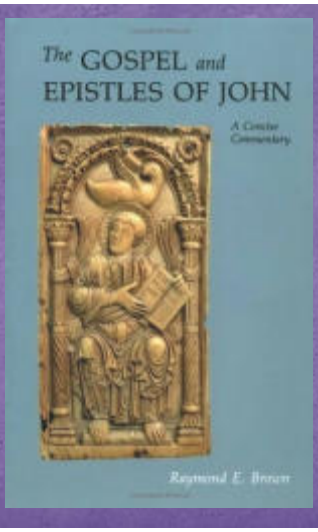

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