

St. John Fisher Catholic Church

7007 SW 46th Avenue ❖ Portland, Oregon 97219

Rev. Richard B. Thompson, Pastor

Palm Sunday ~ April 9, 2017



Mass Schedule

Saturday...4:30 PM

Sunday...9:00am, 11:00 AM, 5:30 PM

Daily Mass:

Monday-Saturday...7:15 AM

School Mass on Wednesday...8:30 AM

Wednesday Mass at 8:30am only during school year

Holy Days...7:15 AM, 6:00 PM

Confession: Saturday...3:30-4:15 PM

Rosary:

Sunday...8:30 AM

Monday, Wednesday-Saturday...7:45 AM

Adoration : Tuesday 7:45-9:30 am

Parish Staff

Pastor:

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Welcome to St. John Fisher Parish!

Parish Registration

Please contact the Parish Office, or go to our website to register.

Sacraments

Baptism: Please contact the parish office for baptisms and baptismal prep

Preparing for Marriage: You must contact the parish at least six months in advance.

Reconciliation and First Communion: Preparation classes are offered annually for 2nd grade and older.

Confirmation: Preparation classes are offered annually for incoming 10th-12th grade. Classes begin in summer.

RCIA: Classes are held annually, starting in the fall, with the anticipation that candidates and catechumens will enter the Church during the Easter Vigil Mass.

Sacrament of the Sick/Anointing of the Sick: Call the Parish Office.

Prayer Requests: sjfprayer@hotmail.com

School Office 503-246-3234

Principal..... Merrit Holub

Administrative Assistant..... Michele Wasman

Development Director..... Kelly Corrigan 503-708-0070

Capital Campaign

Kelly Corrigan 503-708-0070, kcorrigan@sjfschool.org

A list of Parish Ministry contacts can be found on our website.

PARISH OFFICE

503-244-4945

church@johnfisher.org

www.johnfisher.org

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 am - 5 pm

Our Mission

To enthusiastically gather as a parish family to celebrate the Love of Christ through the sacraments, liturgy, and prayer.

We grow in knowledge and wisdom of the Catholic Faith which bears fruit in hospitality and service to others.



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Mass Intentions

4/8 Sat	4:30 pm	Maurice Knoepfle +
4/9 Sun	9:00 am	Elizabeth & Frank Humphrey
	11:00 am	AJ Santiago
	5:30pm	for the people of SJF
4/10 Mon	7:15 am	William John Hamilton +
4/11 Tue	7:15 am	Stephen Carter +
4/12 Wed	7:15 am	Brian & Frank Perri +
	8:30 am	
4/13 Holy Thu	7:15 am	<i>NO morning Mass</i>
	7:00pm	Kathryn Thompson +
4/14 Good Fri	7:15 am	<i>NO morning Mass</i>
4/15 Easter Vigil	7:15 am	<i>NO morning Mass</i>
	9:00 pm	
4/16 Easter Sun	9:00 am	
	11:00 am	for the people of SJF
	5:30pm	<i>NO morning Mass</i>

Servers/Greeters Schedule

Saturday, April 15, 2017 (Easter Vigil)

9:00pm See Sister Dorothy for Easter Vigil schedule
Greeters

Sunday, April 16, 2017 (Easter Sunday)

9:00am Dominic Feliz & Sydney Martin
Greeters Gilchrist/Einwaller

11:00am Morgan Olsen & Reese D'Abrosio
Greeters Meneghello Family

5:30pm *No 5:30pm Mass on Easter*

For your calendar...

- Apr. 9**.....Palm Sunday (regular Mass schedule*)
*11am Mass with St. Luke Lutheran Church
CLOW, 9am
Faith Formation, 10am
Faith Formation Lenten Retreat, 3rd-6th grade parents,
12:30-2:30pm, Parish Hall
Faith Café
Youth Group, 3:45-5:15pm
- Apr. 11Scrip orders due to the Parish Office by 11am
Apr. 12Altar Guild Meeting, 9:30am in Parish Hall
Apr. 13Fisherman (Ralph Dieker & crew)
Apr. 14Scrip for sale in Parish Office, 8:15am-10:00am

Apr. 17.....Easter Vigil Mass, 9:00pm

Apr. 16.....Easter Masses 9:00am, 11:00am (no 5:30pm Mass)
NO CLOW, Faith Formation or Youth Group
Have a blessed Easter!

Apr. 17Senior Lunch, SW Loaves & Fishes, at 11:30am

Apr. 20Fisherman (John Keppel & crew)

Apr. 21Scrip for sale in Parish Office, 8:15am-10:00am

Apr. 22Oregon Right to Life Conference
Rose Festival Blessing & Memorial at SJF, 11am-12:30pm
Wine & Cheese after 4:30pm Mass

Apr. 22/23..Second Collection: SJF Renewal Fund

WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

There is a hymn with the refrain, "Soon and very soon we are going to see the Lord." These words describe well where we are in our journey to Easter. With Palm Sunday (aka Passion Sunday) we begin Holy Week. We begin with Jesus entering Jerusalem with fanfares and gestures of respect & honor. The people sing psalms, wave palm branches, throw their cloaks and palms into the road where Jesus is passing, riding on a donkey. The liturgy for Palm Sunday begins with triumphant song, has a greeting and blessing of the psalms. We go into a first Gospel from Matthew describing this entry into Jerusalem. A procession of the faithful enters the sanctuary singing and carrying their blessed palms. The presider reverences the altar and begins with the collect. The liturgy of the word begins. The Gospel is the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. It begins with the Apostle, Judas arranging (for money) to betray Jesus. Others prepare for the Passover meal. Jesus then blesses the bread and says, "Take and eat; this is my body." He passes the bread to the disciples and similarly blesses the wine, inviting them to drink "my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins." They then proceed to the Mount of Olives.

Jesus prepares his disciples for what is to come. Peter says his faith will not be shaken. Jesus replies, "...this very night before the cock crows, you will deny me three times. Jesus experiences the Agony in the Garden and is betrayed by Judas arrested and taken away as a criminal. They take him to the High Priest. The people call for his death. Peter denies Jesus three times as had been predicted. They precede to Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor, who 'washes his hands' of the affair but allows the Roman soldiers to take him to be crucified. They mock him, scourge him, place a scarlet cloak on him, and a crown of thorns. He commences the "Way of the Cross" and is crucified. After his death a Pharisee, Joseph of Arimathea, buries him in a tomb carved into stone, covered by a heavy stone. The Romans guard the tomb lest the Christians steal his body. The Mass continues. On Thursday after Evening Prayer, Lent is over and the Triduum (Three Days) begins with the Mass of the Lords Supper. There is no morning Masse Thursday, Friday or Saturday. Good Friday, after Jesus dies, there is a liturgy (not a Mass) and veneration of the Cross. The body of Christ, consecrated on Thursday, is distributed and the congregation leaves in silence. Saturday Jesus is still in the tomb until the great Vigil of Easter, celebrated after dark (one hour after sunset.)

Faith Formation, Sacraments & Youth Ministry

Faith Formation

- We have classes today — Sunday, April 9th.
- TODAY (Sunday) is the Faith Formation Family Lenten Retreat is **this Sunday, April 9th from Noon - 2:00 p.m.** You and your families are invited to a **bring-your-own** picnic lunch and enjoy some family time, while exploring family prayer. SJF will provide drinks and desserts, plus a short presentation on family prayer and how all members of your family can get the most from our most glorious prayer, the Mass. The retreat will end with a special time of family prayer.

First Holy Communion Preparation

First Holy Communion Retreat (Parents & Children) on **Sunday, April 23rd 12:30 - 2:30 pm** in Parish Hall & Church.

Youth Ministry

- Thank you to all who participated in the Shadow Stations last Friday: Timothy Fryer, William Weber, Ronan Dolan, Patrick Dolan, Michael Weber, Katelyn Paulsen and Anna.
- Youth group this **Sunday, April 9nd** from 3:45-5:15pm. Confirmation Candidates are welcome!

Confirmation 2017

- You are invited to youth group this Sunday, April 9th.
- Remember to check Sign Up Genius for Confirmation Service Hours opportunities!
- **April 23** we will have the Rite of Entrance for all candidates at the 5:30 p.m. Following Mass, we will have a short meeting and Confirmation interviews.

Parents of Graduating High School Seniors

Please call the Parish Office at 503.244.4945 and give your son/daughter's name and school so we can invite you to our Graduating Seniors' Mass in May. Thank you!

Stations of the Cross

SJF School 8th graders will be presenting a living Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, April 14th at 2:15pm in the church. Please feel free to join us!

Holy Week and Easter, April 9-16

- April 9.....**Palm Sunday:** normal Mass times
St. Luke Lutheran will join us at 11:00 am, for the Liturgy of the Word, as is tradition at SJF.
Please turn in your **Rice Bowls**
Use basket on right side of altar, by Holy Family statue.
- April 13.....**Holy Thursday Mass:** 7:00 pm
- April 14.....**Good Friday Liturgies:** 7:00 pm
- April 15.....**Easter (Saturday) Vigil Mass:** 9:00 pm
- April 16.....**Easter Sunday Masses:** 9:00 am & 11:00 am
(no 5:30 pm Mass)



Capital Campaign Update

When making payments against your pledges to the Capital Campaign don't forget to inquire about employer company matching programs. Many corporations will match your donations; we have seen some special promotions up to 200%! We are currently receiving matches from donors working at Nike, Intel, Tektronix, Adidas, Microsoft, Wells Fargo, PGE and others totaling more than \$73,000. Please inquire to take advantage of your company's matching program! As you can see the proceeds to date are awesome.

Thanks,
Kelly Corrigan, Development Director
503.708.0070 kcorrigan@sjfschool.org

SVDP Food Room Requests

- Jelly & Jam (especially sugar free)
- Oatmeal
- Small bottles of laundry detergent

There is a barrel at the back of the church for your donations. Thank you for your generous support!

SW Hope Food Drive

The food drive is nearly over but there are still ways to show your support. On April 22 there will be a 5K and 1K walk/run at Gabriel Park. To register for this visit swhope.org. Also available on the website is information about "Dine Out to Donate" options.

Altar Guild

The next Altar Guild meeting is this week — **Wednesday, April 12th at 9:30am** in the Parish Hall.

Renewal Fund Collection

The Renewal Fund monthly collection, usually scheduled for the 3rd Sunday, will be postponed to April 23rd due to Easter weekend. If you use envelopes, feel free to drop your Renewal envelope in the offertory basket at any time. Thank you!

Weekly Financial Report

Last Week's regular offertory
April 1/2 Offertory.....\$ 5,095.60

Collection YTD..... **\$376,437.76**

Church Budget\$566,750.00
Average Monthly Needed.....\$ 47,230.00

Thank you for your faithful support!
Our fiscal year runs July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017

Walk of the Cross on Good Friday

April 14, 2017, 10:00 AM - Noon

We are gathering a group of parishioners to join a one-mile interdenominational pilgrimage carrying the cross on Good Friday. Our parish has been asked to carry the cross during the 9th station and read the scripture, reflection, and prayers focusing on peace and justice. Kirsten Meneghello is coordinating the group from our parish. If you are interested in joining, please call or text **Kirsten at 503-703-7989** so she knows how many people to expect. This is a wonderful way to be prayerful and reflective on Good Friday. The walk begins at Bethel Congregational UCC at 5150 SW Watson Avenue in Beaverton and ends at St. Cecelia Catholic Church.

Thank You!

Dear Friends,

On behalf of Transition Projects staff and clients, thank you for your *donations this last winter of clothes, blankets, etc.*

Your gift makes success stories possible. Each year, Transition Projects is able to assist more than 10,000 people in the Metro area as they strive to end their homelessness and secure permanent housing. Your generosity helps!

Thank you!
With best wishes,
Lauren Holt
Development Associate

Sign Up Genius for Liturgical Ministers

We will be using Sign Up Genius site starting May/June to enable ministers to sign up for the times & days they would like to serve. This is a great option for this type of sign ups. People could simply sign up for the times and days they want to cover and if people had to switch day/times they could make the changes on this site.

We will start serving Eucharist wine at 4:30 pm Mass from May/June. We need more Eucharistic Ministers to sign up to assist. If you are willing to help contact Sr. Dorothy at dradoli@johnfisher.org

First Supper

Thank you to all who came to supper last Sunday! Thank you to Allison for making such yummy meatballs and for all who brought food.

Small Group

We have concluded our small group "Joy of the Gospel" sessions. Thank you to all who helped with meals, hospitality and email communications.

Mater Dei Radio 2017 Spring Sharathon

Mater Dei Radio – KBVM 88.3 FM will broadcast its Spring Sharathon 2017 on May 1st through the 5th. Help them in "Building a Bridge of Mercy" by tuning in for a variety of special guests, inspiring conversion stories, special gifts, and an opportunity for you to support the region's only Catholic radio station. Find out more about Spring Sharathon 2017 at MaterDeiRadio.com or call 1-888-823-5286.

Eucharistic to Homebound

We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers to visit homebound Catholics. We have many faithful who are unable to attend Sunday Masses and would greatly appreciate the blessings of receiving Communion. This is a wonderful ministry and a fulfilling way to provide outreach.

If you are interested, please talk to Gordon Growden 503.245.5497 or call the Parish Office.



First 1000 Days... A Catholic Culture of Life Initiative

Where All Are Welcomed and Loved With Mercy - Day 756

There are many women with children under age 5 who must work and who lack affordable, high quality childcare.

SJF goes to Broadway! Well, sort of

We discussed in our "Small group" last week organizing some events that parishioners can attend together. This gives us a chance to get to know one another and meet new friends.

You are invited to attend JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice — Wednesday, April 19th, 7:30pm at University of Portland's Mago Hunt Theater. We will be ordering tickets on April 10th at 9:00 a.m. so we can get a section together. Tickets are \$10. Please email Mary Jane if interested. Email: mjweber@johnfisher.org

A little web info: *The musical started as a rock opera concept album before its Broadway debut in 1971. The musical is sung-through, with no spoken dialogue. The story is loosely based on the Gospels' accounts of the last week of Jesus's life, beginning with the preparation for the arrival of Jesus and his disciples in Jerusalem and ending with the crucifixion. It highlights political and interpersonal struggles between Judas Iscariot and Jesus that are not present in the Bible narratives. The work's depiction offers a free interpretation of the psychology of Jesus and the other characters. A large part of the plot focuses on the character of Judas, who is depicted as a tragic figure dissatisfied with the direction in which Jesus steers his disciples. Contemporary attitudes and sensibilities, as well as slang, pervade the lyrics, and ironic allusions to modern life are scattered throughout the depiction of political events.*

POPE FRANCIS: BE COURAGEOUS, GO TO CONFESSION

By Kerri Lenartowick

Vatican City, Feb 19, 2014 / 04:57 am ([CNA](#)).- During his Wednesday audience, Pope Francis encouraged the pilgrims filling St. Peter's Square to receive the sacrament of reconciliation.

"Everyone say to himself: 'When was the last time I went to confession?' And if it has been a long time, don't lose another day! Go, the priest will be good. And Jesus, (will be) there, and Jesus is better than the priests - Jesus receives you. He will receive you with so much love! Be courageous, and go to confession," urged the Pope on Feb. 19.

Acknowledging a popular objection to the sacrament, Pope Francis noted, "someone can say, 'I confess my sins only to God.' Yes, you can say to God, 'forgive me,' and say your sins. But our sins are also against our brothers, against the Church. This is why it is necessary to ask forgiveness of the Church and of our brothers, in the person of the priest."

"While the celebration of the sacrament is personal, it is rooted in the universality of the Church," which "accompanies us on the path of conversion," he explained.

"Forgiveness is not something we can give ourselves," cautioned the Pope. "One asks forgiveness, one asks it of another person, and in confession, we ask forgiveness from Jesus."

"Forgiveness is not a result of our efforts, but is a gift. It is a gift of the Holy Spirit who showers us with mercy and grace that pours forth unceasingly from the open heart of Christ crucified and risen."

The Pontiff went on to recognize that many people feel ashamed at the idea of confessing their sins and might say, "but Father, I am embarrassed!"

"Even embarrassment is good. It's healthy to have a bit of shame... it does us good, because it makes us more humble."

"Don't be afraid of confession," Pope Francis stressed. "When someone is in line for confession he feels all these things - even shame - but then, when he finishes confessing, he leaves (feeling) free, great, beautiful, forgiven, clean, happy."

"The sacrament of reconciliation is a sacrament of healing," he pointed out.

"When I go to confession, it's for healing: healing the soul, healing the heart because of something that I did to make it unwell."

The Pope pointed to the biblical story of Jesus healing a paralyzed man, which expresses the "profound link" between "forgiveness and healing," since "the Lord Jesus is revealed at the same time as the physician of soul and body."

He also recounted the parable of the prodigal son, who sought his father's forgiveness and was welcomed home with open arms.

"But I say to you," he stressed to the many pilgrims, "every time we go to confession, God embraces us."