

St. John Fisher Catholic Church

4567 SW Nevada Street ❖ Portland, Oregon 97219

Rev. Richard B. Thompson, Pastor

*Welcome to
St. John Fisher Parish!*

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil...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

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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 16, 2018



Sacraments

Baptism: Call ahead to schedule a Baptism preparation class.

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 9th-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.

PARISH OFFICE 503-244-4945

Email: church@johnfisher.org

Website: johnfisher.org

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 am - 5 pm (closed Fridays)

Temporary Parish Office (physical location):

6426 SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy, Portland 97221

(off Beaverton-Hillsdale on SW 65th Ave, in the Belrose Realty building)

Church mailing address: 4567 SW Nevada Street, Portland 97219

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.

Mass Intentions

9/15 Sat 4:30 pm Merlin & Virginia Haldorson+
9/16 Sun 9:00 am David Cecchi +
11:00 am
5:30pm **for the people of SJF**
9/17 Mon 7:15 am *int. of* Mike & Sheryl
9/18 Tue 7:15 am
9/19 Wed 7:15 am Dr. Margaret Dobson +
8:30 am
9/20 Thu 7:15 am *int. of* Anne & Tim
9/21 Fri 7:15 am Joe & Bernie +
9/22 Sat 7:15 am
4:30 pm Maurice Knoepfle +
9/23 Sun 9:00 am "For the Poor Souls in
Purgatory, those who I pray
for and those who have no
one to pray for them."
11:00 am **for the people of SJF**
5:30pm *int. of* Jim Salmon

For Your Calendar

Sep 15/16 . Second Collection: Parish Reserve Fund

Sep 16..... Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Confirmation Prep Class, 6:30-8:30 pm, Parish Hall

Sep 20Fisherman (Ralph Dieker & crew)

Sep 22Wine & Cheese Social after 4:30pm Mass

Sep 23..... Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catechetical Sunday commissioning at 9am Mass

Sep 27Fisherman (John Keppel & crew)

Sep 29/30 . Second Collection: Archdiocesan Seminarian Appeal

Sep 30..... Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Faith Formation classes begin for K-6th grade

Faith Café, 4:30-6pm

Oct 2 Adoration & Pro-life Rosary, hosted by Knights of Columbus

Oct 4Fisherman (Ralph Dieker & crew)

Second Collection

September 15/16 ... Parish Reserve Fund

September 29/30 .. Archdiocesan Seminarian Appeal

Words from the Pastor ❖ September 16, 2018

"Who do people say that I am?" Jesus asks this question to the disciples. At face value it seems like an odd question that could be answered, "Jesus of Nazareth." But people had other ideas. Some said John the Baptist, Elijah, or another prophet brought back from the dead. Jesus then asks, "But who do *you* say that I am?" Peter is inspired and responds, "You are the Christ." Peter gets it right. Not long, after that, Jesus relates "that the Son of Man will suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days." Peter takes Jesus aside and tells him that he will not let that happen. Peter is not inspired—he does not understand the necessity for the Messiah to suffer and to die in order to bring the hope for eternal life to all humanity. This is God's plan. Jesus, the Son of God would freely, out of love, offer his life on the cross as a ransom for many. As the Son of God he was without sin, so did not have to offer a sacrifice for himself, then one for the people. Jesus concludes that if we wish to follow Jesus we too will suffer and take up our cross. There is a cost to discipleship.

Some Christians claim that we will be saved by faith alone. Catholic Christians believe that faith alone is not enough—we must also do good works. It is not either/or but both/and. This understanding is the basis for our Catholic Social Teachings. The parable about the separation of the sheep and the goats establishes the basis for the Corporal Acts of Mercy. The Great Commandment makes a connection between love of God and love of neighbor. The disciples are sent out to go into the whole world and share the good news, minister to the sick and care for the widows and orphans (the poor or disenfranchised.)

September 16, 2018

Join us next Sunday...



Respect Life Corner

Upcoming Events in the Archdiocese

9/22 — 40 Days for Life Opening Mass with Bishop Peter Smith on Saturday, Sept. 22 at 5:30 PM at St. Rose of Lima.

9/23 — Down Syndrome Network Oregon's 16th Annual Buddy Walk at Millennium Plaza Park in Lake Oswego at 9 AM.

9/23 — 40 Days for Life Opening Prayer Vigil at 2 PM outside Lovejoy Surgicenter, 933 NW 25th Ave, Portland

9/26 to 11/3 — 40 Days for Life Campaign:

Eugene, Portland, Salem & St. Helens

<https://40daysforlife.com/browse-campaigns/>

10/7 — Respect Life Sunday

POPE FRANCIS, Via Vatican Secretariat of State: "The Holy Father greatly appreciates the dedicated work that you and everyone involved in 40 Days for Life are engaged in to promote respect for the lives of all unborn children. His Holiness assures you of his prayerful support for you, your colleagues and all those whose prayer, fasting and sacrifices are saving countless lives and giving glory to God."

Service

Faith Café

We will be serving dinner at the Faith Cafe soup kitchen in Beaverton on **Sunday, Sept. 30**. We need about 25-30 volunteers to help setup and serve the meal. Please contact Chris Loberg if you can help for 2 hours — 503-819-9543.

St. Andre Bessette Requests

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| Deodorant | Toothpaste & Toothbrushes |
| Combs | Shampoo & Conditioner |
| Blankets | Socks |
| Underwear (men's and women's M-L) | |

Please leave your donations in the bins at the back of church.

SVDP Food Room Requests

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| canned fruit | canned chili |
| pasta | peanut butter |
| shampoo | |

There is a barrel at the back of the church for your donations.



St. John Fisher

Growing to Serve Capital Campaign

In January 2014, St. John Fisher launched a strategic planning and visioning process to identify the needs of our 21st century church and school. To stay relevant, inviting and vital, that plan matured into the Growing to Serve Capital Campaign.

As part of the Campaign's Master Plan Phase I, St. John Fisher School was renovated over the 2015 summer break, with work completed on time and under budget. A new HVAC system was installed to replace the school's 50+ year old boiler and new plumbing replaced water pipes that had burst. Classrooms and hall interiors received new flooring, ceilings, lighting and paint. The upgrades resulted in efficient utility costs and, most importantly, a better learning environment for students and teachers.

Phase 2 of the Master Plan, constructing the Corrado Family Center, is underway. The main level will feature a large gathering space that will include a commercial kitchen and seating capacity for >300. It will function as the school cafeteria and serve as a flexible meeting area for community events. Essentially, many of the activities we host in the current school cafeteria, Back to School Night, BINGO, PTC meetings, Graduation Reception, Spaghetti dinner and School Auction, will now be held in our new Corrado Family Center. The lower level will feature meeting space, additional multi-use rooms and a community food pantry. An elevator will make the new building completely accessible.

To date, parishioners and school families have pledged approximately \$4.3 million towards the Growing to Serve Capital Campaign. A recent withdrawn pledge of \$600K, combined with other pledge reductions totaling over a \$100K, and elevated construction costs (approximately 25%), leave the campaign currently \$1M+ underfunded. We need to raise this amount in order to finish The Corrado Family Center.

It will take great effort from our whole community to reach the campaign's goal. We are grateful to those who have generously given to date, we wouldn't be where we are without you. But, if you haven't made a pledge yet, please thoughtfully consider the financial role that you can play in helping us complete this last campaign phase. When contacted by our fundraising team, please give them a warm welcome.

I will be chairing this new phase of the fundraising campaign and look forward to speaking many of you at Back To School Night. If you would like to be a part of the committee please contact either myself or Kelly Corrigan, Development Director.

Let's work together to improve the spiritual, social and learning environments for all who come to St. John Fisher Parish.

Thank You,
Ted Fettig
Capital Campaign Committee & SJF School's SAC Chair

Sacrament Preparation

Confirmation

The next class will be TODAY Sunday, **September 16th at 6:30-8:30pm** in the school

Confirmation Retreat is schedule for October 6-7.
Confirmation Mass is scheduled for Sunday, October 28.

Questions? Please reach out to Maura Timoney-DeVilIe at mtimoneydeville@johnfisher.org.

Reconciliation & Communion

Classes for Reconciliation begin on **Sunday, October 14 at 12:30-2:00pm—parents only** for this first meeting.

Students who wish to complete their sacrament prep for First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation are also asked to fill out the google registration form, as well as the supplemental Sacrament form. A link to both can be found on the website: johnfisher.org (under the Sacraments tab). A calendar for sacrament prep is also on the website.

RCIA—Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA classes will begin on **Thursday, October 11th at 7pm** in the Parish Hall with Fr. Richard Thompson. If you'd like to register, please contact Elizabeth at the Parish Office—503.244.4945 or emillager@johnfisher.org

RCIA is for those interested in Catholicism. Candidates are gradually introduced to aspects of Catholic beliefs and practices. Sacraments are received at the Easter Vigil Mass.

Faith Formation

Kindergarten - 6th grade

Registration for Faith Formation is officially open! Classes begin **Sunday, September 30th at 10-11am** with a family brunch and orientation.

Please email Maura Timoney-DeVilIe at mtimoneydeville@johnfisher.org for registration documents or check out the SJF webpage for the link to the online google form — johnfisher.org

A calendar for Faith Formation is also on the website.

School & Parish Volunteers

Called to Protect Training

SJF will be offering **Called to Protect** training for school and church volunteers who work with children. There will be three opportunities on **Tuesday, September 25th** at 8:30 and 1:30 in the school cafeteria, then at 6:00 pm in the school library.

This training is required by the Archdiocese of Portland for all church/school staff, and for all volunteers who work with children 3 times or more per year.

Feel free to call Elizabeth in the Parish Office, if you have questions.

Liturgy

Fr. Richard

Q Where in the world is Fr. Richard this weekend?

A Boise, Idaho

Q What's in Boise, Idaho?

A The 2018 Annual Meeting of the Northwestern Lieutenantcy Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.

Q What the heck is that?

A "The Equestrian Order, which dates from the time of the crusades [over 900 years], is one of the oldest organizations in the Catholic Church. Today, the Order fosters in its members the practice of an active Christian life; is zealous for the preservation and spread of the Faith in the Holy Land, and champions the defense of the rights of the Christian Community in Israel, the Palestinian Territories and Jordan."

Q How did Fr. Richard get involved with this group?

A Evidently, Archbishop Sample suggested to Msgr. O'Donovan that I be nominated. Msgr. O'Donovan and Sir Leonard Vulsteke did so. I was approved by the Archbishop and by somebody in Vatican City. I am interested in the important work the Order does in the Holy Land including support for schools, clinics, Bethlehem University, camps for children and youth and other projects.

Visiting Priests

This weekend, we welcome **Fr. Anthony Nguyen, CSsR**, who will be celebrating the Masses with us and will tell us about the work of Unbound, a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 20 developing countries.

We also thank visiting priests:

Fr. Charlie McCoy, CSC, Univ. of Portland (Sat. 9/15 at 7:15am) and **Fr. Fred Nkwasiwe**, The Apostles of Jesus (Mon. 9/17 at 7:15am)

We appreciate their time and willingness to share the celebration of the Mass with us at SJF.

CLOW—Children's Liturgy of the Word

CLOW is offered at 9am Mass during the school year. Children ages 3 through first grade are invited up after the Gloria, return during the Prayers of the Faithful.

Program Goals

1. To engender in our children a love for attending Mass at St. John Fisher, and foster their active and lifelong participation in the Catholic faith.
2. To encourage families with young children to attend Mass on a regular basis.
3. To create a welcoming environment for all families, especially those with young children.

For more info, visit the website: johnfisher.org under the "Formations" tab.