St. John Fisher Catholic Church

4567 SW Nevada St., Portland OR 97219
Rev. Richard B. Thompson, Pastor

November 7, 2021
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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...9:00 AM
School Masses are celebrated on Wednesdays for students only, a this time.
Holy Days...9:00 AM, 6:00 PM

Confession: Saturday...3:00-4:00 PM
Rosary:
Sunday...8:30 AM
Monday, Wednesday-Saturday...9:30 AM
Adoration : Tuesday 9:30-10:30 AM

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Sacraments

Baptism: Call ahead to schedule a Baptism preparation class.

Preparing for Marriage: Please 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.

RCIA: Classes are held annually, starting in the fall and ending on

Find us on Facebook: **St. John Fisher Portland, Oregon**

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We are located in the Corrado Family Center

Email: church@johnfisher.org **Website: johnfisher.org**
Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 am - 5 pm (closed Fridays)

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.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OFNOVEMBER 7, 2021

Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10 [24b]/Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/ Jn 2:13-22

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175 [89a]/ Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab [2a]/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43 [5a]/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 7, 2021

Sunday: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time;
National Vocation Awareness Week; Daylight Saving Time Ends

Tuesday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Wednesday: St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Thursday: St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; Veterans Day

Friday: St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

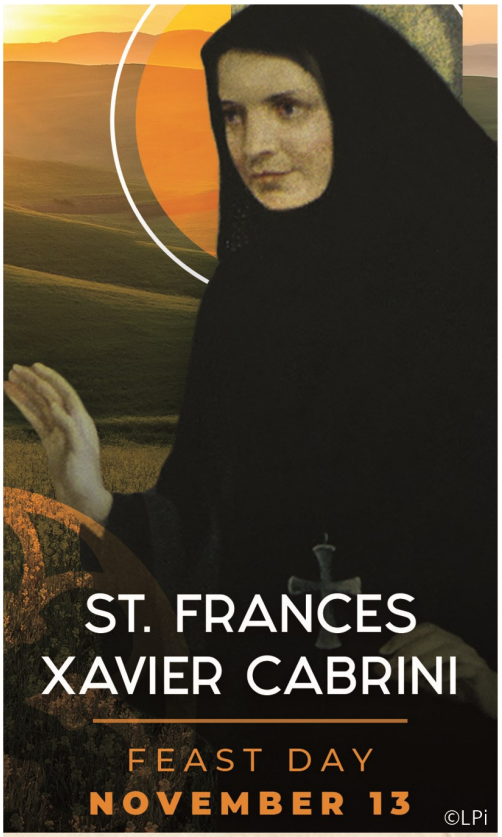
Saturday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

Next Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

It all really boils down to a matter of the heart, and actions do speak louder than words. We cannot hide from the truth. A problem with religion is that it is possible for someone to make everything appear to be right when actually it is not. We can say all of the right prayers, perform all of the proscribed rituals, claim that we adhere to orthodox doctrines and still lead a distorted, empty and sometimes pitiful life. Only actions springing from true and deep sacrifice demonstrate true integrity. Without sacrifice, even the noblest looking actions can amount to nothing. It is no wonder, then, that the widow who contributed from her poverty received great admiration from Jesus. While it may not always appear to be the case, God has a special care and regard for those who depend upon him in times of trouble and want. Only the person who is truly poor is the only one who can see this. Because of a lack of trust, the one who has much is afraid to take a risk and sees only what they possess as their only security.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

You may recognize the name St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (1850 – 1917) as the first United States citizen to become a saint. Known for her deep trust in God, she was a courageous woman doing the work of Christ.

Her life of service began when she was first refused admission to the religious order which had educated her to be a teacher. Not one to take things face value, she instead focused her charitable work at the House of Providence Orphanage in Cadogno, Italy, and in 1877, professed vows there and took the religious habit.

When the bishop closed the orphanage in 1880, he named St. Frances Xavier Cabrini prioress of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart. However, she had a dream she was determined to fulfill. Since her early childhood, she had dreamed of being a missionary in China. Pope Leo XIII, however, urged her to see the need in the west. She traveled with six of her fellow religious sisters to New York City, where they worked with the thousands of Italian immigrants residing there.

Although she experienced many disappointments during this time, she persevered. When she arrived in New York, the house intended to be her first orphanage in the United States was not available. Rather than come back to Italy and the order she oversaw, she instead found a way to establish that orphanage elsewhere — plus a few more. Throughout her life, she is known for founding 67 institutions dedicated to caring for the poor, the abandoned, the uneducated, and the sick. She died of malaria in her own Columbus Hospital in Chicago in 1917.

November 7, 2021 – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

Widows had very little power in biblical days. When their husbands were alive, they were dependent on them. If they had a son who married, the son and his wife were expected to take care of the widowed mother. This week we have two readings about widows. In the first, a widow with a young son, was foraging for fuel to bake a small loaf of bread for their last meal. There was a famine in the land, and she would be using her last flour and oil. The prophet Elijah came along and asked her to provide a bit of bread for him. She explained the situation, but Elijah told her that the Lord would provide for her and her son. The jar of flour never went empty, nor the bottle of oil. She provided food for Elijah, her son, and herself for a year.

In the Gospel, we find Jesus and the disciples observing people making offerings to the Temple. Some of the rich were putting in large amounts. A poor widow came by and put in two coins worth a few cents. He tells the disciples that the poor widow's contribution was greater than the large offerings of the rich because she gave all she had, trusting in the Lord. The rich gave from their surplus.

Recently we put out a financial report for the previous year. Even with the pandemic, we brought in close to the income we had budgeted for. Because of large repair expenses (mainly heating and cooling) and somewhat diminished income, we ended the year in the red. Many of us have given the same amount for many years. Fifty dollars does not cover as much as it did 10 0r 20 years ago. Please consider joining me in increasing your weekly or monthly income. I find it convenient to have funds withdrawn monthly from my checking account. Please help out if you are able.

Items Still Needed for SAFES :

Things needed most at the shelter currently:

- Pants- both men and women
- Shoes- both men and women
- New underwear- both men and women
- Coats- both men and women
- Sleeping bags
- Tents, tarps

Thank you so much for your generosity!

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Congratulations to…

Luke Bryan Gibbs

and parents, J.B. & Susan Gibbs

on his baptism on October 28, 2021

and

Congratulations to…

Leo Lee Edmondson

and parents Ken & Tiffany Edmondson

on his baptism on October 30, 2021

PRAYER TREE UPDATE!

The power of prayer is needed now more than ever and SJF has updated our Prayer Tree Requests so our parishioners are able offer up all of their special intentions. Once an intention is submitted, our community prayer group will include your request in their prayer offerings to our Holy Lord Christ Jesus.

There are 3 ways that parishioners can submit their prayer requests.

1. Email Elizabeth Hamilton at ehamilton@johnfisher.org

2. Call Kathleen Birrell, SJF Parish Administrative Asst. at 503-244-4945 Ext. 100 - Safe to leave a message

3. Submit a written request in the Prayer Tree Request box located in the back of the church

We look forward to serving all of SJF parishioner prayers needs. Thank you!

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference is asking for food donations for the Christmas Boxes to be delivered in December. Each week will highlight a different food request.

This week we are asking for donations of:

- **Brown & White Rice**

More items will be added every week so please stay tuned. Thank you for your participation!

Let us pray for more vocations

Workshop Opportunities

The Northwest Catholic Counseling Center is offering the following virtual workshops:

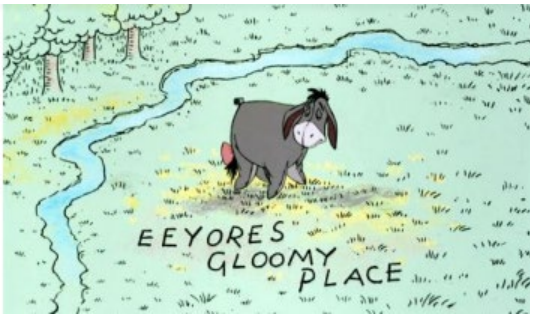
All will be virtual over the Zoom platform, and participants will be emailed the links and log-in information before the workshop.

November 12th and 13th: Marriage Preparation Workshop for Engaged Couples

Pre-registration: https://www.nwcounseling.org/product-category/marriage-preparation/

November 13th: Stages of Change
Come explore the Stages of Change Model and gain practical guidance for supporting gradual progress with change
Pre-registration: https://www.nwcounseling.org/product/stages-of-change-virtual-workshop/

December 11th: Understanding Depression
Come for a support session from knowledgeable therapists to learn about the different types of depression and walk away with a couple coping tools!
Pre-registration: https://www.nwcounseling.org/product/understanding-depression-virtual-workshop/



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Upcoming Mass Schedule:

Thanksgiving Day Mass:
Thursday, Nov. 25th - Mass at 9am

Christmas and Holy Days of Obligation Mass Schedule:
Wednesday, Dec. 8 - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Mass (Holy Day of Obligation) - 9 am & 6 pm
Friday, Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve "Family Mass" - 4 pm
Friday, Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Mass - 6 pm
Friday, Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve "Mass at Night" - 10 pm
Saturday, Dec. 25 - Christmas Morning Masses - 9 am & 11 am
Saturday, Dec. 25 - Vigil Mass for Sunday Dec. 26 (not a Christmas Mass) - 4:30 pm
Sunday, Dec. 26 - Masses at 9 & 11 am, 5:30 pm
Saturday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Mass (Holy Day of Obligation) - 9 am

ST. JOHN FISHER ALTAR GUILD ANNUAL NUT SALE

2021 NUT SALE PRICES—Per Pound

Almonds, slivered - *raw*	8.00
Almonds, whole - *raw*	8.00
Cashews - *salted, roasted*	9.00
Filberts - *raw*	8.00
Mixed Nuts - *salted, roasted*	10.00
Pecans - *raw*	10.00
Pistachios - *salted, roasted*	9.00
Walnuts - *raw*	8.00

Sales begin the weekend of November 6 & 7.
If anyone wants to order a large amount, please call
Ann Kelly 503-452-3639
Marge Meneghello 971-708-5716

Dear Friends,

We're excited to tell you that Blanchet House is selected to participate in *Willamette Week*'s Give Guide, Nov. 1 - Dec. 31!

This opportunity will help us raise critical funding for our programs. A donation via Give Guide goes directly to support our meal, clothing, and supportive housing services AND it gives you the chance to receive great gifts.

Give a Little, Get a Little *or* a Lot!

What's unique about Give Guide is that every donor receives thank you gifts and can enter to win big gifts with a minimum donation of $10.

Gifts come in a few forms like:

1. Local freebies from Give Guide with the Kuto app.

2. Big Give Day raffle prizes when you donate $10. (See the list of Big Give Days.) Many people spread out their donations so that they can enter to win multiple Big Give Days.

3. Exclusive Blanchet House gifts like farm honey, Arium plants, Ground Up nut butter, a stay at Society Hotel Washington, Alaska Airlines plane tickets, and more. These gifts vary by day and amount donated.

Help us meet our goal of $75,000 so we can offer aid to our neighbors in need. As always, our services are completely free for anyone who may need them because of your generous support. Thank you for serving with us.

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WORSHIP & MEDITATION

FIRST READING

She left and did as Elijah had said.
She was able to eat for a year,
and he and her son as well;
the jar of flour did not go empty,
nor the jug of oil run dry,
as the LORD had foretold through Elijah.
(1 Kgs 17:15-16)

PSALM

Praise the Lord, my soul! (Ps 146)
or: Alleluia

SECOND READING

But now once for all he has appeared
at the end of the ages
to take away sin by his sacrifice. (Heb 9:26)

GOSPEL

"Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more
than all the other contributors to the treasury.
For they have all contributed from
their surplus wealth,
but she, from her poverty, has contributed
all she had,
her whole livelihood." (Mk 12:43-44)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

On December 10, 1979, a very petite holy woman known as Mother Teresa of Calcutta spoke these words in her Nobel Peace Prize Acceptance Speech, "But I am sure in the families and many of our homes, maybe we are not hungry for a piece of bread, but maybe there is somebody there in the family who is unwanted, unloved, uncared, forgotten, there isn't love. Love begins at home. And love to be true has to hurt. I never forget a little child who taught me a very beautiful lesson. They heard in Calcutta, the children, that Mother Teresa had no sugar for her children, and this little one, Hindu boy four years old, he went home and he told his parents: I will not eat sugar for three days, I will give my sugar to Mother Teresa. How much a little child can give. After three days they brought into our house, and there was this little one who could scarcely pronounce my name, he loved with great love, he loved until it hurt. And this is what I bring before you, to love one another until it hurts, but don't forget that there are many children, many children, many men and women who haven't got what you have. And remember to love them until it hurts."

Living authentically and walking with holiness always involves sacrifice. It has to hurt. Only actions springing from true and deep sacrifice demonstrate true integrity. Without sacrifice, even what is apparently a generous gesture can be nothing. It is no wonder that the widow who contributed from her poverty received great admiration from Jesus and the young child in our story above the interest of Mother Teresa. It is easy to make the houses of our lives look like they are in perfect order when in fact they are in shambles within. Religion can sometimes make this hypocritical masquerade easy to accomplish. We can find ourselves in all the right holy places, reciting all of the correct prayers, participating in community collections, and reciting the proper doctrines only to find ourselves empty, shallow, self-focused, and overly anxious about personal concerns.

The one who learns to discover their inner poverty, their spiritual poverty, is the only one who can truly place him or herself at the mercy of God. It is only when we allow ourselves to be empty that we realize Who we actually need to fill us. This is the real meaning of trust. Many of us are afraid to take the plunge. We allow ourselves to detach from only so much, always keeping a watchful eye on the protection of our securities. We understand the value of poverty, but we do not want to become too poor. As long as we are able to recognize this tension, our reluctance to let go and our struggle, we can continue our journey of humbly learning how to love so deeply that it hurts. God understands and waits.

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