St. John Fisher Catholic Church

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

July 24th 2022
17th 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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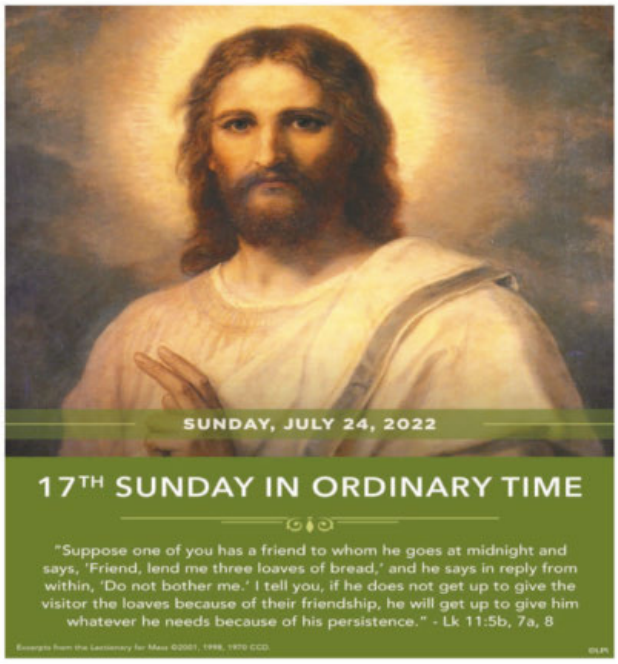

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Sacraments

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 Easter Sunday.

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 OF JULY 24, 2022

Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 [3a]/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

Monday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17-18/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 [1]/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 24, 2022

Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest

Monday: St. James, Apostle

Tuesday: Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday: St. Martha

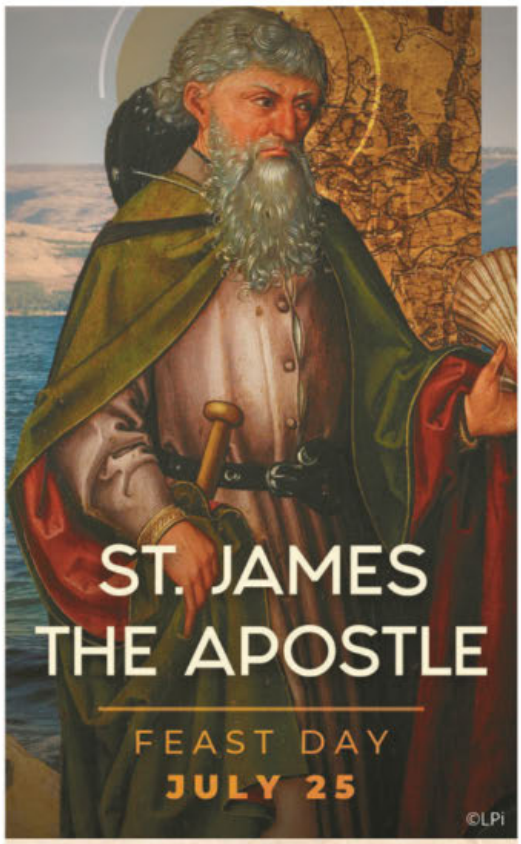
Saturday: St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Ultimately, what does God promise to give us when we pray? The short answer to that question is God. God promises to give Himself to us in prayer. Prayer is about union with God, not receiving favors. When God comes to us in prayer, His presence comes with faith, hope, and love. When we find these virtues enhanced and nurtured, we know that our prayer has been heard and answered. When we seek out, listen to, and live by these virtues we find ourselves led back to God and more united with the Divine Presence. We struggle with what we want God to do and how we want our prayer validated. That's what makes Jesus' prayer, the Our Father, so perfect. It celebrates a deepening intimate relationship of trust between our Creator and us. When we persistently cry out for God in love, how can that prayer go unanswered?



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint James the Apostle is also called James, son of Zebedee, or James the Greater to distinguish him from the other James in Jesus' group of twelve. Most of what we know about Saint James is recorded in the New Testament. He and his brother John were collected by Jesus along the sea of Galilee. Matthew 4:18-22 tells the story of Jesus calling first Simon Peter and his brother Andrew and then the sons of Zebedee. In Mark 3:17 the brothers receive a nickname from Jesus who calls them "sons of thunder" because of their many extreme reactions, like that in Luke 9:54 when they offer to call down fire on a Samaritan village.

Saint James was part of Jesus' intimate circle, a witness to the Transfiguration, the resurrection of Jarius' daughter, and the agony in the garden of Gethsemane. In A.D. 44 Herod Agrippa had "James, the brother of John, killed by the sword." (Acts 12:2) He is the only apostle whose martyrdom is written of in the New Testament.

According to Spanish tradition, his body was taken to Santiago de Compostela, Spain where his relics were rediscovered in 9th century. This tradition has sometimes been attributed to a passage in the Song of Roland which tells of St. James appearing to Charlemagne in a dream, prophesying that Charlemagne would conquer the Moors in Spain. This was followed by a vision of stars which if followed would lead to the saint's lost tomb. In the Middle Ages Compostela was a hugely popular pilgrimage site. The saint's relics continue to rest in the cathedral there and one can still undertake the pilgrimage.

July 24, 2022 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

In many parts of the world it is expected that you barter for a price on an item. I'm not very good at it. I can get too invested, and take it personally. Some take to it naturally. It is not so much adversarial but a conventional way of doing business. In the first reading, The Lord has heard about the sinfulness of Sodom and Gomorrah. Among other things, they practiced banned sexual acts. They did not follow God's commandment on the appropriate use of the gift of sexuality. The Lord intended to find out, and his representatives, the three strangers who had visited Abraham's camp, and were headed to Sodom to check out the allegations. Abraham, the mortal human being, negotiates with the Lord God. He starts out asking if the Lord would punish all the people if there were fifty innocent people. Then forty-five, forty, thirty, twenty, and finally ten.

The Gospel goes back to the theme of hospitality. First the disciples ask Jesus how they are to pray, and Jesus offers them the Lord's Prayer. He offers a parable about a neighbor who had unexpected visitors asking for help from his neighbor. The neighbor is not initially helpful, but helps the man because of his persistence. The Lord will provide gifts, including the Holy Spirit. Ask and you shall receive, Knock and the door will be opened.

THE TRAVELING CRIB IS HERE FOR ONE MORE WEEK

Needed Donations:

Urgent Items needed are disposable diapers in sizes 3-6, Diaper Wipes, Baby Wash & Shampoo, and Diaper Cream.

New Items Only: Fitted Crib Sheets, Fitted Crib Mattress Pads Baby Bottles, Teething Rings & Pacifiers, Breast Pumps and Car Seats, new in box with tags attached.

New or Gently Used Items:
Bassinets, Front Baby Carry Packs and Slings, Baby Carry Back Packs, Bouncy Seats, Umbrella Strollers, Diaper Bags, Pan-n-Plays, baby Blankets, Receiving Blankets, Baby Bath Tubs, Baby Towels & Wash Cloths, Maternity Clothes, Nursing Pillows, and Baby & Children's Books.

Things They Are Not Allowed to Accept:
Potty Chairs, Used Sheets, Bumper Pads, Used Car Seats, Used Diaper Pails & Used Cloth Diapers, Used Bottles & Nipples and Used Breast Pumps.

For questions about Donations please call Catholic Charities Family Support Program at 503-238-5196.

Thank you in advance for your help and support.

Newly Baptized

Congratulations to…

Kamila Cortes

and her mother

Karla Cortez

on her baptism on July 16, 2022

Our food pantry is still in need of the following items:

Soup	**Dry Cereal**
Toilet Paper	**Canned Fruit**
Spaghetti Sauce	**Jelly**

Thank you for helping your brothers and sisters in need!

SAFES is seeking donations for men & women of new or gently used:

Socks– Sleeping Bags- Shoes- Pants- Shirts - Blankets- Underwear

Thank You

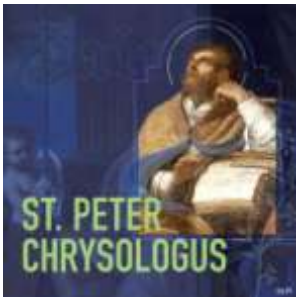
Do you know someone who is homebound and would like to receive our Bulletin and the Catholic Sentinel?

We would be happy to add them to our mailing list! Simply:

1. Email Elizabeth Hamilton at ehamilton@johnfisher.org or
2. Call Kathleen Birrell, SJF Parish Administrative Asst. @ 503-244-4945 Ext. 101 (Safe to leave a message)

In Loving Memory

Please pray for the soul of Phyllis Weber who passed away last Sunday. Phyllis's funeral will be held in August at St. Anthony's in Tigard. No exact date has been set yet. May Phyllis rejoice with the angels in heaven and may the Holy Spirit bless all who miss her.



July 30th

Feast of St. Martha

What's on your calendar this week? On July 29th, we celebrate the feast of St. Martha, unofficial patron of workaholics and busybodies everywhere. Martha appears several times in Scripture. One passage we heard in our recent Sunday Gospel. Jesus has visited the home of Martha and Mary. Mary sits at the feet of our Lord, soaking in his teaching. In the meantime, Martha is washing dishes, preparing hors d'oeuvres, and playing the hostess. Sound familiar? John's Gospel doesn't shy away from Martha's active nature either. After the death of their brother Lazarus, Martha is the first to greet Jesus, and while she's quite confident in Jesus' power to heal, she's the first to warn him of the possible smell should the tomb be opened. While Mary often gets the credit for contemplative holiness, we can't forget that pragmatic is a saint, too! As we strive to place Jesus in the right perspective, making him king of our hearts and over all our daily tasks, we can know that we're in good company. St. Martha, pray for us!

Prayer Requests: If you have prayer requests we are waiting to help pray with you. Requests are posted anonymously and there are three ways to submit a request:

1. Email Elizabeth Hamilton at ehamilton@johnfisher.org
2. Call Kathleen Birrell, SJF Parish Administrative Asst. @ 503-244-4945 Ext. 101 (Safe to leave a message)
3. Submit a written request in the Prayer Tree Request box in the back of the church.

Are you single and over age 55? SOLO SENIORS is a catholic-based social organization, for single men and women over age 55 in the greater Portland area. It primarily provides social and recreational programs in a safe and friendly environment for its members. For more information, a Solo brochure or a copy of our monthly newsletter, call Ann Buchholz 503 235-9047.

It's Almost Here…

Our Lady of Peace Retreat Annual Family BBQ & Sweepstakes Drawing will be held on Sunday, August 7th from 11am to 3pm – You Choose: Take-Out, Drive Thru or Eat on Premises. In-person diners can visit the Franciscan Store & Dessert Booth : Cotton Candy, Popcorn & Snow Cones will be available.

Our Lady of Peace Retreat House
3600 SW 170th Ave.
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COMING SOON…

Women's Silent Retreat
September 23-25, 2022

"Abide with me- Living the Mass we Celebrate"

Retreat Master : Rev. Gregory Dick, O.Praem

The Retreat Includes: Conferences and Holy Mass each day. Quiet time for Reflection, Eucharistic Adoration, Opportunity for Confession.

Suggested donation $242

The retreat begins with dinner on Friday and concludes Sunday after a late-morning brunch.

Includes single room with private bath and meals. (Commuter rates available)

To Register please email sisters@olpretreat.org or call 503-649-7127

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Is God Calling you to be a Sister? Do you wonder what being a Sister is all about? Come & See! The Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul invite you to join us for a Religious Vocation Discernment Retreat in the **Bay Area Sept. 30 – Oct. 2, 2022.** For Single Catholic Women ages 18-40. FOR DETAILS: Sr. Lisa Laguna, D.C./650-949-8890/213-210 9903/ srllaguna@doc1633.org/ www.Daughters-Of-Charity.com

WORSHIP & MEDITATION

FIRST READING

"Please, let not my Lord grow angry if I speak up this last time.
What if there are at least ten there?"
He replied, "For the sake of those ten, I will not destroy it." (Gn 18:32)

PSALM

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me. (Ps 138)

SECOND READING

He brought you to life along with him, having forgiven us all our transgressions. (Col 2:13)

GOSPEL

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive;
seek and you will find;
knock and the door will be opened to you.
For everyone who asks, receives;
and the one who seeks, finds;
and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened." (Lk 11:9-10)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Meister Eckhart asks, "Who is the man whose prayers God always hears?" He answers, "God hears the man who appeals to God as God. When, however, man appeals to God, hoping for some worldly good, he is not appealing to God at all, but to what he is asking of God. He is trying to make God his servant. On this point, St. Augustine says: 'You pray to what you love, for true whole prayer is nothing but love!' Thus, we pray to what we love, and no one rightly prays to God but he who prays for God and has nothing on his mind but God." We struggle with what we want God to do and how we want our prayer validated. Meister Eckhart is correct. We often want God to be our servant. We further struggle with trusting that God knows what we need and that His will is best.

God's will is not some predetermined outcome of events that we must simply suggest. "Thy will be done" is not an invocation beckoning us to accept a particular state of affairs passively. Rather, it is the humble and confident placement of ourselves in the presence of the God we seek, whom we call "Father." We must remember that God is the God of life and light. It is from nothing that God brings something and from the darkness that God brings life. Prayer allows us to seek the One we love with the assurance that all will be well regardless of what course the events of our lives take. God is not about passive submission but the humble trust of love.

That's what makes the Lord's Prayer the perfect prayer. It provides us with proper disposition and focus, putting in line all of the essential relationships of our lives. It celebrates and fosters the ever-deepening relationship of trust we have with our Creator. It also calls us to keep open the doors of love between our brothers and sisters with the power that comes with forgiveness. If in one's darkest hour they can find the resolve to fervently pray this perfect prayer of Jesus' conviction, then there is no doubt that God will hear their plea, reach out in love, and bring them ever closer to His heart. What more does one need to weather the storms of life besides faith, hope, and love? These are God's most perfect gifts and all we really need.

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