
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 4, 2004

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

— Galatians 6:14

NEW KID ON THE BLOCK— You may see a friendly new face in the crowd these days. **Fr. Vlatko Poljicak** who was ordained in Croatia in 1965, has arrived at St. Matthew's with the status of "senior priest." Fr. Vlatko will primarily be ministering to the Hispanic community and will celebrate some of our weekday Masses as well. Most recently, Fr. Vlatko has served as Pastor at St. Joseph's parish in Pomona. We will have a reception in the parish hall for Fr. Vlatko on Sunday morning, July 11 after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Parishioners are asked to bring assorted goodies...finger foods such as cookies, cup cakes, cut fruit, cheese platters, egg rolls, small sandwiches, etc. to the hall between 10:00-10:25a.m. Let's give Fr. Vlatko a great welcome!

ANNUAL OFFERING OF LETTERS—Please stop by after Mass to sign a letter to our congressional members asking them to support the US commitment to help reduce global poverty. This will be done by fully funding the millennium Challenge Account (MCA) and the Emergency Plan for AIDS relief.

PEACE AND JUSTICE—and St. Vincent de Paul groups thank everyone who supported the Bake sale in any way. Your generous donations will help the needy in our parish and the Holy Name Mission in Lesotho, Africa.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK —Each of us who participate in Mass by receiving the Body and Blood of Christ is not only nourished for our journey in life by also strengthened in our commitment to loving service. One very meaningful way of offering this service is by taking the Eucharist to those who are not able to come to church. **We are currently in need of more Eucharistic ministers to the sick.** If you are able to help with this ministry, please call **Sandi Balling 562.856.0806**. Also, if you are in need of a Eucharistic Minister to bring holy communion to a sick person during the next month, please contact Sandi.

Please pray for our Sick
Mary Anne Ramsden, Bob Keast,
Judy Williams, John Gonzales

MY STAY HERE HAS BEEN A BLESSING! Thank you for your kindness to me during my time at St. Matthew's. My brother Gil, preceded me here and remains as occasional "supply priest" after I leave. I am glad for the continuing connection. I welcome you to Sunday Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe parish in Palm Springs (204 S. Calle El Segundo, Palm Springs 92263, but don't forget to get your Sunday offering to St. Matthew's! Peace and blessings!

Fr. Juan Romero

COMUNIDAD MEETING—We will celebrate Independence Day on Tuesday, July 6 7:00 p.m. We will provide hamburgers (meat and veggie) plus hot dogs, buns and condiments as well as soft drinks and ice. You are to bring a friend, as well as your favorite salad, side dish, or dessert to share. (Some people make a cash donation instead.) We plan to have our own special presentation for your entertainment and spiritual growth.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION—Thank you for your generous contributions to last week's collection for the Works of the Holy Father. Your participation in this work of justice and kindness strengthens our parish's commitment to the poor and needy. May God bless you.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING on the second Sunday of each month after the 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Mass (classroom #2).

THOUGHT ABOUT GIVING yourself or a loved one a birthday party? Instead, think about gifting the **Elizabeth Ann Seton Residence**, a homeless shelter for families. We can help you do it by sending a speaker or brochures to your party. Call Anna Totta, Regional Director for Catholic Charities if you are interested in letting us celebrate with you — 562.591.1641.

15TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME — JULY 11

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

Please pray for our Deceased
John Ambrose, Robert Ris