



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 1, 2004

Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart.

—Psalm 90:12

ABUNDANCE IN CHRIST — “Keep your eye on the main chance” is advice for gamblers and followers of Jesus. The pessimists who say, “all is vanity,” the rich man in today’s Gospel, and we need to follow that simple rule. Living in the presence of God is truly the only security necessary—all the rest will be filled in later and better. Paul tells us to think about the life we have hidden with Christ and how we will be revealed in all our glory with him. “There is only the Christ: He is everything and in all.” He is our main chance of holiness!

ADULT EDUCATION BOARD—will be meeting on Monday, August 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory. Besides immediate preparations for September and October events, we will be looking forward to spring and planning our annual parish renewal. Please come with ideas.

JOURNEY TO JOY—Join parishioner Joe Naylor for a fun-filled spiritual presentation about his recent pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela, Spain. Photos of the camino, art treasures and the Cathedral will enhance Joe’s narrative. Sponsored by St. Matthew’s Adult Ed Board, this hour long presentation will be offered on Sunday, August 22 following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Be sure to invite your friends!

COMUNIDAD MEETING—This Tuesday, August 3, 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Special speaker on AB 205 The New California Domestic Partner Law. Learn about the rights, responsibilities and what it does and does not cover.

COME SEPTEMBER, ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY will meet after the 10:30 a.m. Mass on the first and third Sunday of each month in Room #1 of the Education building. If you would like more information about St. Vincent De Paul Society, you may phone Ivan at 562.591.6667 or Celestine at 562.621.0106. Please join us at our next meeting, September 5th.

 Pray for ... Bill Brenna, Marilyn Brain
Viki Sparks

Only 2 more sessions!

THEOLOGY ON TAP is a speaker conversation program that takes God out of the confines of a church building and into the daily lives of young adults (singles and couples in the 20’s and 30’s) by offering topics that young adults care about in a relaxed and fun environment. If you are trying to make sense of your life and want to meet other Catholic young adults asking the same questions, then “Theology-On-Tap” may be just what you need...

St. Raymond Parish—Msgr. Gipson Hall
12348 Paramount Blvd. Downey
(Imperial Hwy and Paramount Blvd.)

Tuesday, August 3
The Relationship Quest.
Deacon W. Scott Palmer

Tuesday, August 10
Love, Lust & God: How Do They Fit Together?
Bill Shaules

Doors open at 7:00 p.m. and sessions begin at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free—donations are accepted.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS—Soon we will be planning the new liturgical ministry schedule. Please let Sr. Dolores know what dates you are not available from August 28 through the month of October. 562.439.0931. x 5. or barling@stmatthewlb.org. Thank you.

PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US

Please join us each Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m. in the church as we pray for peace.

THANKS TO OUR PARISH NURSING PROGRAM—headed by **Lucille Seigny**, you may have your blood pressure conveniently checked on the second Sunday of every month after the 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Masses in classroom number 1.

19TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME — AUGUST 8

First Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9
Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19
Gospel: Luke 12:32-48