



# NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



August 8, 2004

Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen. —Hebrews 11:1

**B**E READY—Faith is based on witness. Abraham and Sarah had faith because God kept his promise and they saw his works. The people in exile had faith because God kept his promises and they remembered his works. Our faith requires remembering God's works with our ancestors. They lived and died in the light of the resurrection of Jesus—the way, the truth, and the life leading to the New Jerusalem our heavenly homeland. We must stand ready to meet the Lord when he returns! *Maranatha!*

**A**DULT 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.

**S**ACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK — One of the more notable activities of the Lord's public life was healing the sick. Healing was one of the explicit ministries entrusted to the 72 disciples when they went on mission. Communal services that celebrate God's healing mercy experienced through the sacrament of anointing the sick call to mind, for both the sick and the well, the healing power of God's love and the challenge for each of us to be instruments of healing in the midst of so much suffering in our fragile world.

We hope that all who suffer serious illness, those who are elderly, and anyone about to have surgery will come to receive the Anointing of the Sick on Saturday, August 28, at 5:30 p.m. Mass. Please arrive by 5:15 p.m. and sit in the places reserved for you at the front of church.

## PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US

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

**L**ITURGICAL 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](mailto:barling@stmatthewlb.org). Thank you.



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

## **N**ATIONAL NEEDS COMBINED COLLECTION —Next Weekend, August 14-15—

This collection

- ◆ Makes it possible for us to continue strengthening Catholic faith, values and education through the **Catholic Communication Campaign's** television, radio, and print messages.
- ◆ Helps support some of the poorest dioceses in the country that depend on annual collections. Through vital evangelization programs, the **Black and Indian Home Mission** provides aid to some of the neediest African-American and Native American communities.
- ◆ Enables us to insure the highest standards of quality Catholic education through The **Catholic University of America's** exceptional programs of scholarship, research and service.
- ◆ Strengthens the Church at home, and helps to provide basic pastoral resources and services to needy ethnic communities in scattered and isolated areas through the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**.

**PLEASE BE GENEROUS**

**L**ITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING—Monday, August 30th at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory. We will plan for St. Matthew's Feast Day and other fall celebrations. It is hoped that all members will be able to attend.

**C**ENTER FOR RELIGION AND SPIRITUALITY at Loyola Marymount University is now taking registration for Fall 2004 classes and certificate programs. Certificate programs offered include: Christian Initiation, Parish Administration, Pastoral Care, and Pastoral Studies in Spanish. For more information, or to register, please see <http://extension.lmu.edu/religion>, or e-mail [CRS@lmu.edu](mailto:CRS@lmu.edu) or call 310-338-2799.

**B**LOOD PRESSURE SCREENING—TODAY—after the 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Masses in classroom number 1.

## 19TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME — AUGUST 15

**First Reading:** Revelations 11:19a:12:1-6a, 10ab

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:20-27

**Gospel:** Luke 1:39-56