
TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 22, 2004

Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet,
that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed.

— Hebrews 12:12-13

ENTER—“*Will there only be a few saved?*” This is a hard question with a hard answer—“Enter by the narrow door for many will try and will not succeed.” The Lord came to save the “nations of every language,” each and every one of us—but even the Lord relies on our free response to the offer. So “hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you will tread” when following the lead of our Savior. There is hope—“those now last will be first.” Can you step out onto the way of the Lord?

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SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK—**NEXT SATURDAY EVENING**—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 next Saturday, August 28, at 5:30 p.m. Mass. Please arrive by 5:15 p.m. and sit in the pews reserved for you at the front of church.**

PRAY THE ROSARY

Saturday Mornings—8:30 A.M.

Join us as we pray for world peace.

PEACE AND JUSTICE MEETING tomorrow, Monday, August 23 at 7:00 p.m. in classroom #1. Planning for Voter Registration Drive in Parish on September 18/19 and 25/26. We need at least 4 helpers per Mass and Spanish speakers after the Spanish Masses. Please come to this meeting or call Claire Marmion if you can help 597.4030. Our aim is to register all eligible voters and encourage everyone registered to vote in November.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK...

Bob Keast, Helen Parkin, Xavier Briseno,
Bill Brenna, Mary Barling



CATHOLIC CHARITIES—In collaboration with SER Jobs for Progress-South Bay is recruiting low income seniors ages 65 and older to work twenty hours a week in the following positions: In Wilmington: teacher’s aid in after school program at Saint Peter and Paul, clerical assistant at Mahar House, janitor at Mahar house. In Long Beach: clerical assistant and janitor at Community Services Center. Call Anna Totta, Regional Director, 562.591.1641.

ADULT EDUCATION BOARD—will be meeting tomorrow, **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.

CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS—practicing Catholics who wish to receive the sacrament of Confirmation are asked to contact Sr. Dolores. Usually regional classes begin in September.

LITURGY 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.

THANKS TO THE LITURGICAL MINISTERS who called in your non-availability dates.

All ministers should have received a ministry schedule for Sept/Oct this week via e-mail or regular post. If for some reason you did not receive a copy, please contact Sr. Dolores, 562.439.0931 or barling@stmatthewlb.org.

Lectors: a few extra copies of the Lector Workbook for Year A (which begins the last Sunday of November) are available. Contact Sister if you would like one (\$20.00). Thank you!

22ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME — AUGUST 29

First Reading: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED...

Delorese Calvert, Elaine Quinlivan
Terry McManus