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# TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 5, 2004

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days.

— Psalm 90:14

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**B**APTISMAL CROSS—“Onesimus” means “useful,” a slaves’ name—and yet we are each called by God to be useful to the divine plan. The baptized Onesimus is equal to any one of us. Because of Jesus, we are all brothers and sisters in God’s family. We are not the same; each is different and with different gifts of the Spirit, but we all serve “in our place” the wisdom of God’s intentions. Our baptismal cross is the key to a true disciple of the one Master, Jesus. He says: “Follow me!” Do you take up your cross?

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## **V**OTER REGISTRATION AT ST. MATTHEW’S SEPT. 18/19 AND 25/26 BEFORE AND AFTER ALL MASSES

You may register to vote if you meet the following criteria:

- *You are a United States citizen.*
- *You are a resident of California.*
- *You are at least 18 years of age (or will be by the date of the next election.)*
- *You are not in prison or on parole for a conviction of a felony.*
- *You have not been judged by a court to be mentally incompetent to register and vote.*

You will need to re-register to vote when:

- *You move.*
- *You change your name.*
- *You change your political party affiliation.*

**C**OMUNIDAD MEETING—Tuesday, September 7th at 7:00p.m. in the parish hall. It promises to be a very informative meeting about *Bienstar*, a preventative agency for persons affected/infected with HIV/AIDS. Margaret Babb, the educational coordinator, will present an overview of the agency and share the many resources available through *Bienstar*. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

### TIME TO RETREAT

Join us for a great spiritual experience: Comunidad’s 13th annual retreat—“*Anointed Messengers*,” September 24—26 at the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange Retreat Center in Orange. Fr. Jim Clarke is directing. To sign up or for more info contact Steven Nadolny at 714.536.5172 or nadolny@chapman.edu.

**S**UDAN DISASTER—Catholic Relief Services is bringing aid to the Sudanese refugees who are facing lack of food and water as well as adequate shelter. If you would like to assist these refugee, you may send financial donations to

Catholic Relief Services/Sudanese Relief  
Office of Justice and Peace  
Archdiocese of Los Angeles  
3424 Wilshire Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90010

**R**EVERENCE DURING THE LITURGY—Members of the Liturgy Committee have two requests which hopefully will make our participation in Mass more reverent and prayerful. First, please make a special effort to **TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES AND PAGERS BEFORE ENTERING CHURCH**, and secondly, please try to **HANDLE THE KNEELERS WITH THE LEAST NOISE POSSIBLE**. If we all make efforts to do these things, we can better focus on the beauty and meaning of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

**S**T. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY—YOU are welcome to join us today as we meet after the 10:30 a.m. Mass in Room #1 of the education building. If you cannot come today but would like more information about this organization, please call Ivan at 562.591.6667 or Celestine 562.621.0106. We will meet again on September 19th after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

### PRAY FOR OUR SICK...

*Eileen Cooper, Janice Hodge, John Smith, Helen Parkin*

### PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED...

*Vicente Buenvenida, Isabel Diaz, Eddy King*

### PRAY THE ROSARY

Saturday Mornings—8:30 A.M.  
Join us as we pray for world peace.

### 24TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME — SEPT. 12

**First Reading:** Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

**Second Reading:** 1 Timothy 1:12-17

**Gospel:** Luke 15:1-32