
TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 12, 2004

A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me.

— Psalm 51:12

COME HOME—"The Golden Calf" is a strong image, from the Bible to the Faustian legends, for rejecting God. But God is faithful and patient in allowing the prodigal to come back home. When we do, Jesus says all creation rejoices because the lost is found. We have sacramental healing of the sinner and the sick, through penance and anointing of the sick, to lead us back to the "Great Feast of Heaven." You are invited to share in the wedding banquet of God. Are you coming back to where you should be?

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COMUNIDAD 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 obtain more info contact Steven Nadolny at 714.536.5172 or nadolny@chapman.edu.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING TODAY—and every second Sunday of each month in classroom #1 after the 10:30 a.m. Mass and 12:30 p.m. Mass.

ACCW DISTRICT MEETING—(Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women) Thursday, Sept. 23, 9:30a.m.–1:30p.m. St. Albert the Great Parish, Compton. Reservation deadline is Sept. 17th. For info please call St. Matthew's representative, Estelle 562.439.2561.

WELCOMING THOSE WHO WANT TO BE BAPTIZED—If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic (or if you or someone you know is baptized but has not yet been confirmed or received First Holy Communion), please call Sister Dolores, 562.439.0931 x 5

PRAY FOR OUR SICK...

Mary Barling, Helen Parkin, Viki Sparks, Rose Mayo

25TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME — SEPT. 19

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

VOTER 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 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.*

To find out where the presidential candidates stand on a wide range of issues, including many which directly relate to church teaching, log on to

www.votinginfo.org

HAVE YOU BEEN TO TRADER JOE'S LATELY? The next time you are standing at the checkout stand you might want to glance at the counter. There you will find Trader Joe's Mission Statement. It tells who the company is and how it's members hope to serve us. St. Matthew Church also has a Mission Statement; written by parishioners about 15 years ago and now appearing on our website. Are you curious about who we say we are and how we hope to live our Catholic life here in this parish? Come to one of our St. Matthew Feast Day Masses on the weekend of Sept. 18/19. You will receive a card with our Mission Statement. You will be surprised at how much we are living this, even though, perhaps, you were unaware of the written statement.

COMMISSIONING OF LITURGICAL MINISTERS will take place on September 18/19, as we celebrate the feast day of St. Matthew at all of our Masses. After the homily, please be prepared to come forward as you ministry is called out. Also, please have your *Mission Statement card* with you as all of us will recite this together at the end of the commissioning ceremony.