



## TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 19, 2004

God ... wills everyone to be saved  
and to come to knowledge of the truth.

— Mark 9:37

**G**ENUINE RICHES—Cheating and “sharp dealing” in our lives serve no good. Only sorrow is to be found that way. But there is a bargain we regularly make before God to “forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.” We can be astute in order to find our salvation. We can gain trust before God and our neighbors and find the genuine riches of the “tents of eternity” and of our grace-full share in divine life. We can reach full knowledge of the truth, Christ Jesus, the mediator between God and humankind.

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### **V**OTER REGISTRATION AT ST. MATTHEW’S **TODAY, 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](http://www.votinginfo.org).

**C**OMUNIDAD 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](mailto:nadolny@chapman.edu).

PRAY FOR OUR SICK...

*Mary Barling, Petra Juarez, Rose Mayo, Don Hogan*

**C**OMMISSIONING OF ALL involved in ministry at St. Matthew’s will take place this weekend as we celebrate the Feast of St. Matthew. This will include the various parish groups—Peace and Justice, Comunidad, St. Vincent de Paul etc. Please be prepared to stand as your ministry/group is announced. Also, please have your Mission Statement card with you, because all of us will recite this together since we all participate in the Mission of St. Matthew’s Parish.

**N**EW COORDINATOR FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY TO THE SICK—We welcome **Sandi Balling** to this position and thank her for her concern for those who are unable to come to our celebration of the Eucharist here at church. At this time of transition, we have three requests for parishioners:

- WHEN YOU OR SOMEONE YOU LOVE IS SICK AND IN NEED OF SOMEONE TO BRING HOLY COMMUNION, PLEASE CALL SANDI AT **562.856.0806**.
- WHEN A RELATIVE OR FRIEND IS FIRST ADMITTED TO A CONVALESCENT CENTER WITHIN OUR PARISH BOUNDARIES, PLEASE NOTIFY SANDI. SHE WILL SEND A MINISTER PROMPTLY.
- IF YOU WISH TO BE INVOLVED IN EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY TO THE SICK, PLEASE CALL SANDI.

For those who are Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick, please take note of Sandi’s phone number so that you may call her when you need to. Thank you!

**W**ELCOMING 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.

26TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME — SEPT. 26

First Reading: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 11-16

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31