



TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the Lord who made us.

October 3, 2004

— Psalm 95:6

GATE TO HEAVEN—Today faith, faithfulness, and due service are tied together. These are parts of the bargain between God and humankind. It is ordinary to do what you are supposed to do, witnessing to the Lord and relying on the power of God. Jesus did the same. Extraordinarily, God is relying on us to continue the work of the Messiah, bearing hardships for the sake of the Good News in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. We have something precious to look after and proclaim—the Holy Spirit living and working in us.

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CROP HUNGERWALK—Sunday, October 24. Sign up to walk (10K and 5K routes) or to sponsor walkers. Charities that benefit from this event include Catholic Charities, St. Francis Center and Su Casa. Peace and Justice committee members will be in the patio area the weekends of October 10 and 17 to accept donations or sign you up to walk.

THANK YOU!!—to all who participated in the Parish Voter Registration Drive. We appreciate those who spent extra hours to help at all the Masses.

PRECIOUS LIFE SHELTER BABY SHOWER—Once again it is time for our annual baby shower to benefit the Precious Life Shelter, a facility that assists pregnant women who have been abandoned by the father of their baby. **Throughout this month, Respect Life Month,** we will have a baby bassinet at the side altar to collect items to benefit the moms and babies at the shelter. Suggested needed items include: receiving blankets, quilted or crocheted blankets, newborn diapers, nightgowns, sleepers, T-shirts, bibs, baby powder, shampoo, lotion, baby wipes. Checks are welcome and should be made out to *Precious Life Shelter*. Cash donations should be put in an envelope marked *Precious Life* and dropped in the regular collection. Thank you for your help.

28TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME — OCT. 10

First Reading: 2 Kings 5:14-17

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING NEXT SUNDAY—after the 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Masses in classroom number 1. We are happy to have Laura Molino, RN join our Parish Nursing Program staff. Laura is a nursing supervisor at two skilled nursing facilities in Long Beach. She is bilingual and will be especially helpful to our Spanish speaking parishioners who come after the 12:30 p.m. Mass to have their blood pressure checked. Thank you Lucille, Velma and Laura for your very generous and valuable volunteer time!

BY POPULAR DEMAND—Fr. Dick Benson, a Professor of Moral Theology at St. John's Seminary, will speak on **Stem Cell Research and Cloning: a Catholic Moral Analysis**. This topic, scheduled for Sunday, October 17, following the 10:30 A.M. Mass is particularly pertinent at this time since we will be voting on *Proposition 71* in the November election. We hope many parishioners will plan to attend.

LITURGICAL FORMATION EVENING FOR NEW MINISTERS—who have begun service during the last year are encouraged to attend an evening of prayer and discussion about ministry on Monday, October 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Also we welcome any parishioners who may want to begin Eucharistic Ministry at the Altar or Eucharistic Ministry to the Sick.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS—Soon we will be making out a new schedule for November and December. Please e-mail or call in your non-availability dates for these two months by Friday, Oct. 15th. If you know your Christmas plans, please let us know that specifically, since so many ministers travel at that time and it is difficult to assign people for the holidays. Thank you so much.

COMUNIDAD MEETING—Tuesday, October 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Our guest speaker will be Fr. Gary Clemins of St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Fr. Clemins will share with us the "*State of the Ministry with Lesbian and Gay Persons in the Episcopal Church.*"