

## TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

If we have died with Christ Jesus we shall also live with him; if we persevere we shall also reign with him. **October 10, 2004**  
— 2 Timothy 2:11-12a

**P**RAISE AND THANKS—Naaman the Syrian leper-general washes clean, following the instructions of God's prophet Elisha. Jesus heals the lepers by his own Word and again a foreigner returns to give thanks. Naaman hauls away dirt from the Holy Land to make a holy place. The healed Samaritan leaves, praising God and full of faith in the Messiah. For Christians, God's presence is not confined but is wherever we gather to praise the Lord. There we are nourished and healed in the Eucharist, our "thanksgiving." How do you praise God?

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**C**ROP 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.

**K**ERMES—Sunday, October 24 1:00—6:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Spanish ministry groups of St. Matthew's parish. Come to enjoy delicious tamales, enchiladas, flutes, and other good foods. There will be many games and contests for all ages along with a raffle to win a computer.

**P**RECIOUS LIFE SHELTER BABY SHOWER—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 *Precious Life 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: Exodus 17:8-13

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14 — 4:2

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8


**B**LOOD PRESSURE SCREENING TODAY—after the 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Masses in classroom number 1.

**L**ITURGICAL 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 tomorrow, 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.

**L**AST CALL FOR 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 Nov/Dec. by this Friday, Oct. 15th.* If you know your specific Christmas plans, please let us know. Many ministers travel at that time of year and it can be difficult to assign people for the holidays.

**H**AITI RELIEF FUND—Many are dead, hundreds are without shelter and basic necessities. We ask for special prayers and invite you to consider making a contribution for the many people who are suffering. Contributions may be sent to HAITI RELIEF FUND, Catholic Relief Services, Office of Peace and Justice, 3424 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90010

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 *The Embryo Cloning and Stem Cell Research Bond Act*

**Proposition 71:**

- Funds both the *creation and destruction of human embryos* in the name of research;
- *Obligates* taxpayers for \$6 billion over 30 years;
- Grants scientists a *constitutional right* to conduct stem cell research; and
- *Diverts funding away from adult and cord blood stem cells*—the areas in which successes have occurred.

The Catholic bishops have expressed their opposition to Proposition 71. The Catholic Common Good Foundation of California, the bishops' social welfare advocacy organization, is a member of the opposition coalition, *Doctors, Patients & Taxpayers for Fiscal Responsibility*. For more information, to contribute to the campaign or to become directly active, go to [www.NoOnProp71.com](http://www.NoOnProp71.com).