

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

I lift up my eyes toward the mountains; whence shall help come to me?
My help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

— Psalm 121:1-2

October 17, 2004

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY—Next Sunday.

Our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, calls every Catholic to celebrate, at the Eucharist, our vocation to help the Missions. As Catholics around the world—here at home and in the Missions—gather at the Eucharist around the table of the Lord, let us...

- **PRAY** for the Church's worldwide missionary work.
- **OFFER** financial **HELP** through the *Propagation of the Faith* for more than 1,100 dioceses throughout Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands.

Fr. Arturo Aguilar will be here next weekend to speak at all of our Masses about missionary work.

CROP HUNGERWALK—NEXT Sunday, October 24. Today you may sign up to walk (10K and 5K routes) or to sponsor walkers. Charities that will benefit from this event include *Catholic Charities*, *St. Francis Center* and *Su Casa*. Peace and Justice committee members are in the patio area today to accept donations and register walkers.

KERMES—NEXT Sunday, October 24, 1-6:00 p.m. here at St. Matthew's. 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.

PRECIOUS 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.

30TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME — OCT. 24

First Reading: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18


Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

PEACE AND JUSTICE MEETING—Monday, October 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory. We invite any parishioners who would like to help plan the Advent and Christmas projects as well as our next bakery sale. Call Claire for more information—562.597.4030.

CONCERN AMERICA CRAFTS—are coming back on November 7th. Many brand new selections this year, all handmade by women's cooperatives in materially poor communities in rural El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Honduras, Bangladesh and Ecuador. The sponsoring organization, Concern America, is an international development and refugee aid organization based in Santa Ana, CA. 714.953.8575.

VOTE NO



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.

LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING—Thursday, October 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory. Members are asked to bring ideas for our Thanksgiving celebration and for Advent.

COMMUNION TIME—When is the correct to be seated after Communion? You may recall that at the beginning of Advent we introduced a few liturgical changes in line with the General Instruction on the Roman Missal. One of these instructions asked that everyone stand during the entire communion rite and then *be seated at the same time when the last person receives Holy Communion*. It is not necessary to wait for the tabernacle door to be closed. Nor it is necessary to wait for the priest to be seated. By standing and sitting at the same time we express that we receive the Eucharist as a people, the People of God.