



THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give.



June 12, 2005

CLOUD OF WITNESSES

What proves that God loves us is that Jesus, the Messiah, died for us while we were still sinners. Jesus chooses the twelve to carry on his work as Messiah. He sends them—and us—out to the rich harvest. Pray to the Lord to send more laborers for the harvest. We have heard and seen what the Lord does for the people he has chosen. God has given each one of us a job to do for the growth of his kingdom of priests, the consecrated gathering of his people. Will you respond to his call; will you follow him?

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THANK YOU FR. MEISEL

Approximately 25 years ago, Fr. Gerald Meisel came to St. Matthew's Church to serve as Associate Pastor under the leadership of Fr. Lawrence Dunphy. Upon Fr. Dunphy's sudden death in 1983, Fr. Meisel became Pastor and has been a dedicated shepherd for the past 22 years. During his tenure, Fr. Meisel has provided outstanding leadership in promoting excellent liturgies, a variety of peace and justice programs, outreach to gays and lesbians, a thriving RCIA program, and exemplary adult education opportunities while meeting the needs of a growing Hispanic population, and of other diverse members of our local Catholic (read "universal") community. Also, he has been a conscientious steward of our parish buildings and grounds. We, the Parish Finance Council, pray in thanksgiving for Fr. Meisel's priesthood and for his long and healthy retirement!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NEEDS YOUR HELP

Catholic Charities is in need of 20-25 matching *waiting room chairs* for clients who come for help. Tax deductible. Need chairs in good condition. Please call Anna Totta, Regional Director, at 562-591-1641 if your company has them to donate.

BRIGHTEN THE LIFE OF A LONELY SENIOR...

Catholic Charities seeks adults who are interested in volunteering for homebound seniors in Long Beach. Call Jill Gravois at 562.591.1351.

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-15

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING TODAY

We will have Blood Pressure Screening available to all parishioners after the 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Masses in classroom #2. All are welcome!!

SUPPORT AIDS WALK

Once again St. Matthew's will be sponsoring a walking team for the Aids Walk Long Beach to be held on Saturday, June 25. Members of Comunidad will be collecting donations to sponsor our walking team after all the Masses through June 18/19. Your past generosity has been greatly appreciated.

You are welcome to join the parish team by picking up walking papers after Mass and asking family, friends and co-workers to sponsor you.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Please let Sr. Dolores know your July/August non-availability dates by this Friday, June 17th. Barling@stmatthewlb.org or 562.439.0931 x 5

PARISH LIBRARY available on Sundays before and after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

ST. MATTHIAS CLASS OF 1980 HIGH SCHOOL REUNION—

Will have its 25th reunion this July. We need help locating some missing classmates. For more information please call 562.861.2271 ext. 1102.

ST. ANTHONY HIGH SCHOOL 1981, '82, '83 GRADUATES —

Summer picnic on Saturday, June 18th at St. Anthony's Clark Field from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Pizza and beverages provided. No charge. For information please send an e-mail to sahs_picnic@yahoo.com.

MINISTRY WITH LESBIAN AND GAY CATHOLICS

Archdiocese of Los Angeles

Catholic Parents Support Group

Meets the second Thursday of each month — 7:00 p.m.

Robert & Carolyn Aldapa at 310.835.1481.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Quan Le, Claire Marmion, Marcia Bared, Fred Gecan, Dorre Rhett, Delores Mc Combs, Max Berry