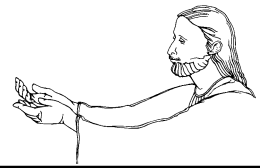


THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Come to me all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest.*

Matthew 11:28

July 3, 2005



HE'S BACK!!!!!!!!!!!!

Can you imagine loving a parish so much that 13 years of ministering in it is not enough? Well, it seems our beloved former Associate Pastor of 13 years, Fr. Guillermo Rodriguez, did *not* get enough of us and is now our extra-beloved Administrator/Pastor! Father was born in El Salvador, was ordained in 1969 and immigrated to the U.S. in 1979. He has a delightful personality which includes a very keen sense of humor. He is known for his compassion, understanding and empathy for all people.

Father Guillermo will introduce himself at all three of our English Masses this weekend. In the future he plans to rotate Masses with Fr. Meisel, Fr. Jack, Fr. Don and Fr. Frank.

Let us all welcome Father with a handshake, a hug and a sincere offer of help as he takes on this very big responsibility as Administrator.

RETIRED!!

"I ENJOY WAKING UP AND NOT HAVING TO GO TO WORK
SO I DO IT THREE OR FOUR TIMES A DAY."

GENE PERRET

As you can see from the cover of this bulletin, I am now officially retired. Thanks to everyone who attended my official retirement Mass last Sunday. It was wonderful to have my friends Fr. Jim, Fr. Jack, Fr. Don and Fr. Vivian concelebrate. I enjoyed seeing and talking with many parishioners and former parishioners at the beautiful reception held after Mass in the Parish Hall that now bears my name! I am still adjusting to that surprise!

Thanks also for your beautiful sentiments and generous gifts. As you all know, I will be around so I will see you at Mass.

Thank you again and God bless.

Fr. Gerald Meisel
Pastor Emeritus

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Will meet today after the 10:30 a.m. Mass in Room #1 of the Education building. Join Us!

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Can you help???

- 1) Provide transportation for people to go to Mass or to doctor's appointments.
- 2) Provide your help with various tasks—household work, lawn and garden, clerical help, etc.
- 3) Eucharistic Ministers to take communion to the sick.

I make a special appeal to those of you who perhaps have a little extra time and feel called to this ministry. Sometimes these needs are only occasional or if they are regular, you might be able to help out just one parishioner. Or perhaps you could team up with someone and take turns helping.

Sandi Balling (562.856.0806), Coordinator of Ministers to the Sick, currently needs more helpers. These other services do not currently exist but could if we have volunteers to help and coordinators to phone. How about you? Are you good on the phone? Could you volunteer for "ride connections" or "job connections?" If you feel the Holy Spirit nudging you to serve in any of these ways, please let me know; Sr. Dolores, 562.439.0931 x 5 or Barling@stmatthewlb.org. I leave you with this message from Albert Schweitzer:

*"One thing I know; the only ones among
you who will be really happy are those
who have sought and found how to serve."*

St. Matthew's Peace and Justice 20th Anniversary Celebration!! WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

Collecting Items Today and Next Weekend

Items to be sold will be collected in classroom #2 before and after Masses this weekend and next weekend, July 9/10. Please look in your cupboards, closets and garages for clean, NON-CLOTHING items in good repair to donate to the sale. Proceeds will benefit the Lesotho Mission of the Holy Names Sisters. No furniture please! If you have questions please call Linda at 562.493.9898.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING NEXT SUNDAY

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!!

PRAY FOR OUR SICK...

Eileen Thompson

PRAY FOR OUR DEAD...

Alicia Romero, Asucena Leon, Mary Mattson

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23