



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 10, 2005

*You have crowned the year with your bounty,
and your paths overflow with a rich harvest.*

Psalm 65:12

RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

Parables put things or events side by side so that something profound can be seen and understood. Jesus uses parables to open our eyes and ears to his good news. At baptism, the priest opens our ears to receive the faith and our mouths to proclaim it. Today's Gospel does just that for the Apostles and for us. Receiving the seed of God's Word is our best way to richness and fruitfulness beyond our imaginings. Are we, are you good ground for God? Hear God's Word and keep it!

ST. MATTHEW'S PEACE AND JUSTICE CELEBRATES 20 YEARS!

PLEASE SEE TODAY'S INSERT FOR ALL THE
PEACE AND JUSTICE EVENTS

WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

One's man's junk is another man's treasure

Today, in classroom #2, we are collecting your **donated items** before and after Mass. Please look in your cupboards, closets and garages for clean, clever, cute, not-so-cute, still-useful, non-clothing, items in good condition to donate to the sale. Please—no furniture.

Proceeds will benefit the Lesotho Mission of the Holy Names Sisters. If you have questions please call Linda at 562.493.9898.

PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE

(more detailed information next week)

Physician-assisted suicide bill AB 654 could not pass the State Assembly, so its authors hijacked another bill (AB 651) and replaced its contents with that of AB 654. Your help is needed:

Phone, fax, or write and urge State Senator Alan Lowenthal and Gov. Schwarzenegger to reject AB 651 legalizing physician-assisted suicide; it cannot be controlled, victimizes the vulnerable and causes doctors to help kill patients.

Sen. Alan Lowenthal: -Ph: 562.495.4766 or 916.651.4027. Fax: 562.495.1876 or 916.327.9113.

Gov. Schwarzenegger: State Capitol Bldg. Sacramento, CA 95814, Ph: 916.445.2841, Fax: 916.445.4633, www.govmail.ca.gov

Where can you attend Mass while on vacation? For nationwide Mass times and locations, call 1-800-MassTimes (1-800-627-7846) or www.Masstimes.org.

BENEFIT CONCERT AND CLASS REUNION NEXT SATURDAY

Concert to benefit local St. Joseph High School alumni. Everyone is invited to the "Summer Lovin" concert to benefit Linda Schorr Coryell (SJHS Alumnus 1980). The concert will include the soulful sounds of Susan J. Paul and standup hilarity of Paula Faust (both SJHS Alumni 1980). All are welcomed! Mark it in your calendar: Saturday, July 16, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. For more information contact www.susanjpaul.com or Kathleen Leong Compton 562.431.1678.

In addition to the concert, a 25th reunion get-together of St. Joseph and St. John Bosco High Schools will immediately follow the concert.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Are you a young adult (single or couple in your 20s or 30s?) Are you trying to make sense of your life? Do you want to meet other Catholic young adults asking the same questions? Are you thirsty for Christ? Coming again this summer, "Theology-On-Tap" Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. July 19th, 26th, August 2nd and 9th at St. Bernards' Church in Bellflower. For more information please call Suzanne Gibson at 310.739.5978 or Bettyrae Reyes at 562.630.2111.

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 #1. All are welcome!!

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Mike Fair, Eileen Thompson

PRAY FOR OUR DEAD

Alice Rogokos

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27

Gospel: Matthew 13: 24-43