



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The righteous will shine like the sun.

—Matthew 13:43

July 17, 2005

ST. MATTHEW'S PEACE AND JUSTICE

*What does the Lord require of you,
but to act justly, to love tenderly,
and to walk humbly with your God?"*

Micah 6:8

WHITE ELEPHANT SALE TODAY

For the past several weeks your fellow parishioners have contributed household items, collectibles and other treasures which **will be sold in Fr. Gerald Meisel Parish Hall today, before and after all the Masses.** All proceeds will benefit the Lesotho Mission of the Holy Names Sisters.

NEXT WEEKEND—JULY 23RD AND 24TH OFFERING OF LETTERS

Parishioners will have an opportunity after all the Masses next weekend to sign letters in support of Bread for the World's "Make Hunger History" campaign.

HOLY CROSS MISSIONARIES

Next weekend we will welcome Fr. John Connor and Fr. James Banas from the Holy Cross Missions. They will make an appeal for the very important missionary work they provide throughout the world.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK

Each of us who participates in Mass by receiving the Body and Blood of Christ is nourished and strengthened for our journey in life. Those who are ill or homebound also desire the Eucharistic presence in their lives. If you know someone who is unable to come to Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact Sandi Balling 562.856.0806. The parish is grateful to Sandi and to the twenty-five ministers who provide this service.

JOIN US TO PRAY THE ROSARY on Saturday mornings at 8:30a.m. in the church.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

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

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Saul Salomon

THIRSTY FOR CHRIST??

Contemplate new ways of seeing God in your live and quench your spiritual thirst in a relaxing and fun environment!

TUESDAYS

July 19 —*Lights! Camera! Action! Catholicism in the Media.* Speaker: Fr. David Loftus

July 26—*Men! Women! Can't live with them! Can't live without them: The Relationship Quest.*

Speaker: Petr Canavan, MFT

August 2—*Religion in an Age of Science: Special Bioethic Concerns.* Speaker: Fr. Richard Benson, C.M.

August 9— *A Purpose Driven Life in a Purpose Driven Church.* Speaker: Fr. Joe Shea

LOCATION

St. Bernard Catholic Church (Parish Hall)

9647 E. Beach St. Bellflower, CA 90706

(One street north of the 91 fwy. at the Bellflower exit)

Doors open at 7:00p.m. — Sessions begin at 7:30
Admission free, refreshments will be served, donations welcome.

Contact Information:

Suzanne Gibson 310.739.5978 or Bettyrae Reyes 562.630.2111.

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LISTEN

Today's parables show how the good news changes and enlarges all it touches. We respond to the revealing of things hidden with awe, prayer, faith and action. When awe tongue-ties us, the Holy Spirit speaks for us and in us, leading our witness and actions toward the light of the kingdom of the Father. Listen, anyone who has ears to hear!

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

Gospel: Matthew 13: 44-52