



## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*All you who are thirsty, come to the water!*

*-Isaiah 55:1a*

July 31, 2005

### RSVP

Nothing can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord, Paul assures us. Today the Lord calls us to eat with him. He is so generous and overwhelming in hospitality that there are twelve baskets (one for each of the Apostles) left over for the nourishment of the church throughout time and space. The nourishment we receive from the Lord is not only food and drink, but also food for divine life. Welcome to the table of the Lord. RSVP.

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### ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS

The schedule for September and October will be made up soon. Please let Sr. Dolores know what dates you are NOT available during September and October. She will be grateful to have this information no later than August 12. 562.439.0931 x 5 or [barling@stmatthewlb.org](mailto:barling@stmatthewlb.org)

### COMUNIDAD MEETING

**Tuesday, August 2, 2005**

The next Comunidad meeting will be held Tuesday, August 2nd at 7 PM in the Fr. Gerald Meisel Parish Hall. We are pleased to have Sheilah Jones, Ph.D. in Theology, back by popular demand. Dr. Jones is always a thought provoking speaker and her topic "*Plaçage: A Model for Catholic Alternatives to Marriage?*" should prove to be intriguing. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

### THIRSTY FOR CHRIST??

St. Bernard Catholic Church (Parish Hall)  
9647 E. Beach St., Bellflower, CA 90706

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

August 2—*Religion In An Age of Science*: Special Bioethics Concerns. Speaker: Fr. Richard Benson

*"Theology on Tap"* is designed for couples and singles in their 20s and 30s.

### PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Tony Schrems, Ethel Watson

### NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading:** 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

**Second Reading:** Romans 9:1-5

**Gospel:** Matthew 14:22-33

### ST. MATTHEW'S PEACE AND JUSTICE ORGANIZATION

#### GIVES THANKS TO YOU!

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

Micah 6

The St. Matthew Peace and Justice Committee wishes to thank all the very generous and caring parishioners of our parish for your wonderful efforts to support us, and to promote peace and justice locally and internationally over the past twenty years!

If you are interested in learning more about our organization, please call Linda at 562.493.9898.

### NEW LIFE BEGINNINGS OF LONG BEACH

Shelter for homeless pregnant women has opened a collectibles/thrift shop called Treasure Hunt Boutique at 2650 E. Broadway (corner of Molino & Broadway) Hours are 10a.m.-4:00p.m. Tuesday—Saturday. Come look for 'treasures' and great bargains! For more info, call 562.987.2107. Volunteers are needed.

### RELIGION AND POLITICS IN AMERICA:

#### Past and Present

Instructor Carlos R. Piar, Ph.D.

Mary and Joseph Retreat Center

5300 Crest Road, Rancho Palos Verdes 90275

Tuesdays, Sept. 13—Dec. 13th 2005, 7:30-9:00p.m.

Carlos R. Piar is Chair and Professor of Religious Studies at California State Univ-L.B. He holds a Ph.D. in Religion/Social Ethics from U.S.C. He teaches courses in modern Christian thought, religious ethics, and religion in America. The course examines the relationship of religion and politics in American public life from the colonial period to the present. The course will analyze the causes and issues involved in this relationship as well as their impact today. Finally, the course will consider how religious groups can be involved in politics within the context of separation of church and state.

### PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Nicéforo Rodríguez Chávez,  
Andy Caldwell, David Corral

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