

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven;
and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.*

—Matthew 16:19

August 21, 2005



REIGN OF GOD

Who is the Son of Man? "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." Peter recognizes Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the living God." The reign of God is a dynamic event. God exercises saving power among humanity in a new way. When God's presence and action are made visible in unconditional love and compassion for others, the reign of God is realized. Are you building up the church founded on the rock of Peter?

Michael R. Prendergast 2001
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ADULT CONFIRMATION

Practicing Catholics who have received Holy Communion, attend Mass regularly and are in need of the Sacrament of Confirmation may contact Sister Dolores at 562.439.0931 x 5 about preparation for this sacrament. Regional classes begin in several weeks, so now is the time to register.

LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING

Members of the Liturgy Committee are asked to save Monday, August 29th 7:00p.m. for a meeting with our new pastor, Fr. Guillermo. Plans for celebrating St. Matthew's Feast Day will be discussed.

LECTOR WORKBOOKS

Many lectors now prepare for lecturing by accessing the readings on the internet; however, if you would like to purchase a workbook with the Sunday readings for Year B, which begins on Sunday, November 27th, please let Sr. Dolores know. The cost is \$20.00.

SCRC ANNUAL CONVENTION

(Southern California Renewal Communities)

Will be held Labor Day weekend, Sept. 2-4. Brochures are available in the vestibule of the church. *Liturgies*, held in the arena of the convention center *are open to the public—Friday and Saturday beginning at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m.*

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Maria Miranda, Richard Whaling

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

BACK BY POPULAR ACCLAIM:

FR. VIVIAN LIMA

Many of you recall the presentation on the Eucharist given by Fr. Ben Lima at the Masses on the Feast of Corpus Christi. Now Father returns to us on Wednesday, September 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the church to speak on the topic of *Challenges Facing Our New Pope, Benedict XVI*. He will speak on the worldwide concerns of the church, such as revitalizing the church in Europe, promoting unity with the Greek Orthodox, steps towards better relationships with Muslims and Jews, etc. Father's recent experience in Rome gives him insights that we may not have. We hope you will plan to come and bring friends.

ST. MATTHEW FEAST DAY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

In planning for our St. Matthew Feast Day celebration next month, we are combining some great ideas from both the English speaking community and Spanish speaking community. Following our 12:30 p.m. Sunday liturgy on the 18th, all parishioners are invited to attend a *Kermes* (Fiesta) in the afternoon.

After all Masses on the weekends preceding the 18th, we will be selling raffle tickets in our gathering area outside church. Raffle prizes include a laptop computer, i-pod, digital camera, and good old cash.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

If you would like to get away for some rest and encouragement, try a weekend at El Carmelo on a beautiful hilltop in Redlands, just over an hour from Long Beach. A team of three Discalced Carmelite Fathers—two new to the retreat house—will give talks Sept. 30—Oct. 3. The weekend starts with dinner Friday night and ends on Sunday after Mass and lunch. Cost for six meals, room with private bath and conference: \$95, double; \$115, single. Please call Margaret Lander 562.429.2897 or Margaret Dorsz 562.866.1196.

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Joseph Uranga

Maria Guadalupe Carranza



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