

March 26, 2006

Fourth Sunday of Lent

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him.

— John 3:17

CALIFORNIA NEEDS PARENTAL NOTIFICATION

THE PROBLEM: In California, a girl under age 18 can't get a flu shot, a cavity filled, or an aspirin dispensed by the school nurse without a parent knowing. *But a doctor can perform a surgical or chemical abortion on a young girl without informing a parent.*

THE SOLUTION: The PARENTS' RIGHT TO KNOW INITIATIVE will require that a physician notify in writing a parent or guardian at least 48 hours before performing an abortion on a minor girl.

California needs

THE PARENTS' RIGHT TO KNOW INITIATIVE because:

Parents know their children's needs best. Parents have invested time and attention in raising their daughter; they care about her future. Parents can help a minor daughter understand all her options rather than be pressured into a secret abortion.

A young girl who is pregnant needs the advice and support of a parent, not a stranger who profits from abortions.

We need several hundred thousand signatures to qualify the PARENTS' RIGHT TO KNOW INITIATIVE for the November, 2006 ballot. We are gathering signatures after all the Masses this weekend. You must be a registered voter in L.A. County to sign a petition.

YOU ARE INVITED

Please join us on the next three Monday evenings—March 27, April 3rd and April 10th at 5:30p.m. for the Stations of the Cross. After the Stations, we gather in the parish hall for a soup supper. This is a special season to share prayer and food with fellow parishioners. In the interest of ecology, please bring your own cup, bowl and spoon to the soup suppers.

At each of the soup suppers, there will be a basket available to collect hygiene items (*toothbrushes, tooth paste, deodorant, soap, etc.*) to give to Catholic Charities. We will also take up a *free-will offering* which will be given to various charities such as Catholic Relief Service, Catholic Charities, Seamless Garment Network, Sisters of Lesotho and Heifer International.

If you cannot attend the soup suppers but would like to make a donation toward these worthy causes, you may take it to the parish office located in the Rectory.

PEACE AND JUSTICE EASTER BASKET PROJECT

We invite anyone who would like to help with this project to **meet on Saturday, April 8th in St. Matthew's parking lot at 9:00 a.m. to go to the L.B. Catholic Charities office on 14th St.** We will be filling Easter baskets for homeless and needy children. We will complete this fun and worthy project before noon. Information: Claire — 597-4030.

CALLA LILIES NEEDED

As in the past, we will need calla lilies and leaves to decorate our altar for the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday). If you have callas growing in your yard, please share your beautiful flowers! You may bring them to the Rectory on **Tuesday, April 11th before 5:00 p.m.** Thank you!!

ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Please let Sister Dolores know your May and June non-availability dates by Monday, April 10th

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PLANNING AHEAD

For those of you who have not been able to attend our *Good Friday Service* in the past because it was scheduled too early in the day, we have scheduled it two hours later this year. Our Good Friday Service will begin at 3:30 p.m. We hope this will better accommodate your schedule. Please try to attend.

COMUNIDAD MEETING

The next meeting will be held April 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We will observe the Lenten tradition of walking with Jesus through the Stations of the Cross. The prayers and meditations have been adapted to address the hopes, concerns and needs of lesbian and gay Catholics. Those who have attended this program in the past have found it to be a meaningful experience. All are welcome.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 2

TURN YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR

During DST, clocks are turned forward an hour, effectively moving an hour of daylight from the morning to the evening. (...*Spring forward*...)

APRIL 2 — FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel: John 12:20-33