

April 2, 2006

Fifth Sunday of Lent

I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts;
I will be their God and they shall be my people.

— Jeremiah 31:33

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY, April 9

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY

April 10, 11, 12

Daily Mass at 8:00 a.m.

HOLY THURSDAY, April 13

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

6:00 p.m. Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

10:00 p.m. -Midnight Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament at the Altar of Repose

GOOD FRIDAY, April 14

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

3:30 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion

*(Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross
and Communion Service)*

HOLY SATURDAY, April 15

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Service and Mass

EASTER SUNDAY, April 16

Regular Sunday Mass schedule

CALIFORNIA NEEDS OUR HELP

You are encouraged to sign a petition available outside the church today that will qualify the PARENTS' RIGHT TO KNOW INITIATIVE for the November 2006 ballot. This is the final weekend that we will be collecting signatures here at the church. If you have not already included your name on the petition, please, please do so today.

LILIES NEEDED

As in the past, we will need calla lilies for decorating 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 take them to the Rectory on **Tuesday, April 11th before 5:00 p.m.**

EASTER BEAUTY

Easter Lilies will be gratefully accepted at the Rectory on Thursday, April 13th and Friday, April 14.

ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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

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PEACE AND JUSTICE

EASTER BASKET PROJECT

We invite anyone who would like to help with this project to **meet next 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.

EASTER SEASON PREVIEW

The Easter Season this year will be the occasion for our Parish Renewal. The theme, *Sharing Our Faith*, will be the basis for reflections offered at three weekend Masses beginning on Saturday, April 22nd. Our presenters include Ted Furlow, Director of Planning for the San Bernardino Diocese, Sister Kathy Bryant, Vocation Director for the L.A. Archdiocese, and Father Michael Harvey, Pastor at St. Simon and Jude Parish in Huntington Beach.

PLANNING AHEAD

For those folks who were not been able to attend our *Good Friday Service* in the past because it was scheduled too early in the day, you will be happy to know that we will start 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.

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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Please join us TODAY after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Our organization meets on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month in Room #1 of the Education Building.

APRIL 9 — PALM SUNDAY

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Mark 14:1 — 15:47