

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2006

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called children of God.

— 1 John 3:1

SHARING OUR FAITH

PARISH RENEWAL CONTINUES TODAY

Our final **Parish Renewal** presenter, Fr. Michael Harvey, is a Franciscan priest who will preside at our weekend Masses and speak about Sharing Our Faith. He has a Master of Divinity degree and Certificate of Ministry from the Franciscan School of Theology in Berkeley, CA and holds a Certificate of Mastery in the Martial Art of Aikido. Currently pastor of Sts. Simon and Jude Church in Huntington Beach, Father Michael has held numerous parochial, diocesan and community administrative and ministerial positions; this past year he gave the Comunidad Retreat which was greatly appreciated by those who participated. Having served as Secretary of the Evangelization Secretariate for the Franciscans, Fr. Michael is well-prepared to speak about **Sharing our Faith**.

FOR THE LOVE OF MOMS

Next Sunday, *Mothers' Day*, our Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be selling roses after all of the Sunday Masses in order to raise funds to continue our ongoing efforts in helping the poor among us. Roses will be \$2.00 each or \$5.00 for three. What a great way to honor MOM and at the same time assist those in need.

WELCOMING THOSE WHO WANT BAPTISM

This is a good time for those who are not Catholic to learn more about the Catholic Church and to begin preparing for the sacraments. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic (or if you are baptized Catholic but have to received First Holy Communion), please call Sr. Dolores 562.439.0931 x 5. Now is a good time to talk to your friends and family about joining our Church community. So start looking around for those you think might be interested in participating in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). They might be waiting for someone to ask them if they've considered joining the Catholic Church. A lot of people are searching for spirituality. You may help them find the answers they are looking for, and those answers may be right here at St. Matthew's! Call them today and find out.

MAY 14 — FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 9:26-31

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

Gospel: John 15:1-8

CARDINAL MCINTYRE FUND FOR CHARITY

Jesus' message to us is really very simple. He wants us to ...

Love one another ...

To help feed those who are hungry ...

To give drink to those who are thirsty ...

To welcome the stranger ...

To comfort the ill ...

Matthew 25:35-40

TODAY is our Parish Collection Sunday for the Cardinal McIntyre Fund for Charity.

Each day of the year, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered for the intentions of those who contribute and participate in the Cardinal McIntyre Fund for Charity.

100% of your contributions help our parish priests provide emergency assistance to mothers, children and individuals: Food and milk for three days. Lodging for the night. Emergency medical care. Rent to tide over a financial crisis and burial assistance. Envelopes will be provided in the pews. Thank you.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING LESOTHO

Frequently your generous donations help our parish Peace and Justice Organization to send money to the people of Lesotho, a small land-locked country surrounded by South Africa. I want you to know how grateful the Holy Name Sisters are for your help. The latest reports tell us that the Basuto Sisters are involved in fighting the AIDS pandemic, particularly caring for those who are orphaned by AIDS. One Sister has 56 children in her class — 30 of them are orphans! After consulting the chiefs in the village of Sekamaneng, these nuns visit the sick, helping them with food and clothing when possible and encouraging them to get medical treatment at the clinics. Your donations are such a blessing for their ministry. Thank you so very much!

Sr. Dolores, SNJM

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING TODAY

We will have Blood Pressure Screening available to all parishioners in classroom #2 after the 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Masses. All are welcome!!

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Michael Zuvich

Mary Madeline Richards

