



# Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2006



Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.

— 1 John 3:18

## THE TRUEST FRIEND

*A mother is the truest friend we have, when trials, heavy and sudden, fall upon us; when adversity takes the place of prosperity; when friends who rejoice with us in our sunshine, desert us when troubles thicken around us, still will she cling to us, and endeavor by her kind precepts and counsels to dissipate the clouds of darkness, and cause peace to return to our hearts.*

— Washington Irving (1783-1859)

## FOR THE LOVE OF MOMS



**Today** our Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be selling roses after all of the Masses in order to raise funds to continue our ongoing efforts in helping the poor among us. Roses will cost \$2.00 each or three for \$5.00. **What a great way to tell**

**Mom you love her and at the same time assist those in need!**

## LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, May 22 we will have a Liturgy Committee meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory. We will evaluate our Holy Week liturgies and plan for the upcoming Feast of Pentecost. All members are encouraged to attend.

## ACCW MEETING

The Southeastern District of the LA. Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women will have a district meeting on Thursday, May 25 at St. Bernard Parish, 9647 E. Beach St., Bellflower. The day begins at 9:30 a.m. and includes Sr. Gretchen Hailer, RSHM, speaking on "Mary the Model of 'yes.'" Mass, luncheon, and concludes at 1:30 p.m. Charge for the day is \$10.00 prepaid. For info please call Winnie Farmer at 562.886.3973.

## MAY 21 — SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**First Reading:** Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

**Second Reading:** 1 John 4:7-10

**Gospel:** John 15:9-17

## GOOD WINE

Vines and wines and vineyards, the rituals of tasting, and the good wine were shared by Jesus at Cana's wedding. Jesus is our vine and we his branches. The fruit we produce is the life of the Holy Spirit in us. "We know he lives in us by the Spirit he has given us." Taste and see how good the Lord is. Jesus himself gives the best wine of divine life to those who ask. Come to the wedding feast of God!

Philip J. Sandstrom, STD  
2000 Oregon Catholic Press

## RETIREMENT FUND FOR PRIESTS

This is your invitation to say thank you to our **current** (*he lives here and is near and dear to all of us!*) and **future** (*yep...got one of those too!*) **retired priests**. Over the next 10 years, 218 more priests will reach retirement age!

Please give generously to the **Retirement Fund for Archdiocesan Priests** collection next weekend. Envelopes are available in the pews today.

## FOR THOSE WHO WANT THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic (or if you are baptized Catholic and want to receive First Holy Communion), please call Sr. Dolores 562.439.0931 x 5.

## FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE MEETING

On **Monday, June 5 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Rectory, we will have a meeting of the Faith Formation committee. We will evaluate our recent Parish Renewal and plan other programs for the coming months.

## LETTERS FOR IMMIGRATION REFORM

Cardinal Roger Mahony has asked all parishes to participate in a campaign to help convince our legislators that we need just and humane immigration reform. This can be accomplished by signing letters this weekend that ask our Senate leaders to make immigration reform a priority. Letters to Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist and Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid are available outside the church today.

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## PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

*Denise (Benoit) Stebbing*

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