

The Ascension of the Lord

May 28, 2006

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.

— Mark 16:16

CLAP YOUR HANDS

“All you people, clap your hands, shout to God with cries of joy.” A member of our human team ran the race and won the prize, to be seated at the right hand of the Most High, sovereign of the earth. Together, the Most High and Christ Jesus promise us, “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes.” Resurrection, Ascension and Pentecost: can this three-in-one paschal mystery be glory for us, the answer to our cry for wholeness, our powerful key to justice and joy? Yes.

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COMUNIDAD MEETING

What does the bible say about homosexuality? At the next Comunidad meeting we are pleased to have Jeffery S. Siker, Professor and Chair of the Department of Theological Studies at Loyola Marymount University to help answer that question. Dr. Siker is the editor of “Homosexuality in the Church: Both sides of the Debate” as well as the forth coming “Encyclopedia of Religion and Homosexuality.” The meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 6th at 7:00p.m. in the Fr. Gerald Meisel Parish Hall. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome to attend and learn more about this challenging subject. Please bring a Bible to the meeting.

FEAST OF PENTECOST

Next weekend we will celebrate the presence of God’s Holy Spirit in the early church and in our lives. Wearing red for the feast is liturgically appropriate.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

This past Friday evening we had the pleasure of witnessing Bishop Alexander Salazar confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on 68 high school youths. It was truly a celebration of faith within the midst of our church community. We are very proud of these young adults. *Peace be with you!!*

JUNE 4 — PENTECOST

First Reading: Genesis 11:1-9
Second Reading: Romans 8:22-27
Gospel: John 7:37-39

LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING

CHANGE OF DATE

Due to unforeseen circumstances, it is necessary to postpone the Liturgy Committee Meeting. **The NEW DATE is Tuesday, June 13th at 7pm in the rectory.** We hope all members will be able to attend.

ROSARY

Three and a half years ago we formed a group to pray the rosary on Saturday morning to pray that there would be no war in Iraq.

We believe that more than ever we need to entreat the Lord through his Blessed Mother for peace in the Middle East. We recall our prayers for the solution to the Cold War and are strengthened to continue prayer “to Jesus through Mary.” Please join us on Saturday mornings at 8:30 a.m. in the church.

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.

AIDS WALK—LONG BEACH

St Matthew's will once again sponsor a walking team for *Aids Walk Long Beach*, which will take place on Saturday, June 24th. Beginning next weekend through June 17/18, members of Comunidad will be collecting sponsorship donations after all the Masses. Your generosity in the past has been greatly appreciated.

You are welcome to join Comunidad’s parish team by receiving your ‘walking papers’ after Mass. You may then ask family, friends, and co-workers to sponsor you. If you prefer, you are able to join the St. Matthew's team or contribute online at:

[http://awlb.kintera.org/faf/r.asp?
t=12&i+155772&g+1308007](http://awlb.kintera.org/faf/r.asp?t=12&i+155772&g+1308007)

(our team number is 3030)

You may want to enjoy a delicious brunch on Sunday, June 11th at Uncle Morty's New York Style Deli, 2030 East 4th Street. Morty’s has generously volunteered to donate 10% of their profits for that day to St. Matthew's walking team.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Pat Payne, Sherman Halstead, Mary Ann Large
