



Pentecost Sunday

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts by the same Spirit.

June 4, 2006

— 1 Corinthians 12:4

FR. GUILLERMO RODRIGUEZ NAMED PASTOR

Fr. Guillermo Rodriguez was named Administrator of our parish for a term of one year, July 1, 2005—June 30, 2006. Now Cardinal Roger Mahony has appointed Fr. Guillermo as Pastor of St. Matthew's parish, taking effect the first day of July 2006 and concluding at the end of the thirtieth day of June in the year 2012.

Let us keep Fr. Guillermo in our prayers as he takes up this new service as pastor. We are blessed to have Fr. Guillermo in this time of shortage of priestly and religious vocations. We will share his ministry, realizing the Church as the Body of Christ in Word and Sacrament.

A SIGNIFICANT DAY

“And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were” (Acts 2:2). The Holy Spirit's arrival on that first Pentecost was signaled by a rush of wind. We all know what it's like when our windows are open just as a summer storm rises up. Curtains fly, papers become airborne, house plants shudder, dust is scattered. A rush of wind disrupts the orderliness of our home. The coming of the Holy Spirit, as celebrated EACH YEAR AT Pentecost, can also disrupt ways that have become comfortable and orderly. The Church always needs Pentecost. We need the breath of God's Spirit to blow away any complacency or malaise that has settled into our faith. Jesus breathes on his disciples and they receive the Holy Spirit. With that reception comes the power to share the Good News of salvation. Today, this is no less true for us.

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JUNE 11 — THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

Second Reading: Romans 8: 14-17

Gospel: Matthew 28: 16-20

LITURGICAL MINISTERS...

Please let Sr. Dolores know the dates you are not available for service during July and August. These dates are needed by Wednesday, June 14th (562.439.0931 x 5) or barling@stmatthewlb.org.

FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Tomorrow, **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.

LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be a Liturgy Committee Meeting **on Tuesday, June 13th at 7pm in the rectory.** We hope all members will be able to attend.

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 this weekend through June 17/18, members of Comunidad will be collecting sponsorship donations after all the Masses. You are welcome to join Comunidad's parish team by receiving your 'walking papers' after Mass. Your generosity in the past has been greatly appreciated.

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.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Pat Payne, Mary Ann Large
