

# Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

JULY 16, 2006

**TRUTH SHALL SPRING OUT OF THE EARTH,  
AND JUSTICE SHALL LOOK DOWN FROM HEAVEN.**

— Psalm 85:12

## CALL AND RESPONSE

*“They preached repentance.”* Jesus sent out the Twelve on test missions to herald God’s coming reign and to heal all who heard them. He warned them to say and preach only where they were welcomed. They were to do this, not because they were lazy, but to show that God’s freely given gifts need to be freely received. This is God’s mysterious plan. The Lord of heaven and earth calls us generously, but we need to respond in kind. Will we answer the call to God’s reign?

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## THEOLOGY-ON-TAP

Contemplate new ways of seeing God in your life and quench your spiritual thirst in a relaxing and fun environment!

**For singles and couples in their 20s and 30s.**

**Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Sessions begin at 7:30 p.m.**

**Admission free. Refreshments will be served.**

Holy Family—Parish Hall Tuesday 7:30 p.m.  
18708 S. Clarkdale Ave.—Artesia, CA 90701

### July 18

Feeling Disconnected? Can You Hear me Now?

Logging into Christ!

**Sr. Kathy Bryant**

### July 25

The Relationship Quest

**Fr. Alexander Lewis**

### August 1

Catholicism 101: Christian or Catholic?

**Fr. David Loftus**

### August 8

De-Coding the DaVinci Code

**Fr. Edward Owens**

## PRECIOUS LIFE SHELTER

Provides quality care and safe living environment for homeless pregnant women. **562.431.5025**

**PARISH LIBRARY**—Before and after the Sunday 10:30a.m. Mass. Pick up a book to feed your soul and inspire you in your daily living.

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

## JULY 23 — 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 23:1-6

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 2:13-18

**Gospel:** Mark 6:30-34

## TOGETHER IN MISSION NEEDS YOU

As you may recall this past February was the kick-off of the *2006 Archdiocesan Together In Mission Appeal*. St. Matthew Parish was assigned a goal of \$38,142.30 to collect in support of this fund. As of today, you have pledged \$24,159.00 and the Cardinal thanks you for the \$16,446.00 paid toward those pledges thus far. Along with the \$7,713.00 still owed on those pledges, our parish is also responsible for the balance of \$13,983.30 in reaching our mandatory goal.

**Beginning next weekend and every 4th Sunday of the month we will take up a second collection that will go toward our *Together in Mission* goal. We need everyone’s help with this on-going effort in providing needed funds to disadvantaged parishes and schools.**

## INFORMATION MEETING FOR DIACONATE PROGRAM

There will be an information meeting for all single and married men who are interested in finding out more about becoming a permanent deacon in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Members of the Archdiocesan Diaconate Formation Office will be present at the meeting to explain the role of the deacon in the church, to explain the diaconate formation program, and to answer questions. Men must be between the ages of 30 and 60 to enter the diaconate formation program. Wives are also invited, and indeed encouraged, to attend this meeting. The meeting will be held on **Saturday July 29, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.**, at the Archdiocesan Catholic Center in Los Angeles.

For questions about the upcoming meetings, please call the Diaconate Formation Office at (213) 637-7383.

## REACHING OUT TO THOSE IN NEED

In January, the First Congregational Church of Long Beach located at 241 Cedar Ave. established a *Drop In Center* to serve the homeless population of L.B. They desperately need more volunteers to help at the Center. Each week 10 to 12 volunteers are required on Sundays from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. to set up and monitor activity at the food, game and movie stations. Volunteers with computer skills are also needed. If you are interested in volunteering at the Center on one or more Sundays please contact Janet Rhodes at 562.590.9520.

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## PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

*Betty Lee, Harry Ray, Santiago Ramirez*

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