



Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

JULY 23, 2006

**BEHOLD, THE DAYS ARE COMING, SAYS THE LORD, WHEN I
WILL RAISE UP A RIGHTEOUS SHOOT TO DAVID.** —Jeremiah 23:5a

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We all need rest and relaxation after a whole year of school or any other work. Sometimes we need it more often. Jesus gave the apostles time off; when they were being pursued, Jesus did the work for them, teaching the people at great length. God's work goes on despite human weakness. What a comfort to know that only one thing is necessary: to live in God's presence! Then the rest falls into place. Vacations are to discover that marvel in our lives, too.

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TOGETHER IN MISSION NEEDS ALL OF US
Beginning today and every 4th Sunday of the month we will take up a second collection that will go toward our Together in Mission goal. Why??

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. **We need everyone's help with this on-going effort in providing needed funds to disadvantaged parishes and schools.**

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.

HOLY LAND

Next weekend you may purchase hand-carved religious articles made of olive wood. The proceeds of this sale will create more work for the **Bethlehem Christian Families** to survive and stay in the Holy Land.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Julia Abboud

LITURGICAL MINISTERS PLEASE NOTE..

By now most of you have received a notice regarding a mistake in the ministry schedule, beginning with the weekend of July 29/30. **Your assignments remain the same, but please be careful to follow the correct version below in order to get the correct readings.** The mistake is in the **gray section** which designates which readings you are to do.

The corrections are as follows:

July 29/30: **17th** Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 5/6: **Feast of the Transfiguration**

August 12/13: **19th** Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 19/20: **20th** Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 26/27: **21st** Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 2/3: **22nd** Sunday in Ordinary Time

I apologize for this error and am grateful for your efforts to proclaim the correct readings according to the above plan. Thank you very much. Sister Dolores

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

COMUNIDAD NEWS

Thank you to the many parishioners who supported our *AIDS Walk Long Beach* team. Because of your generosity we were able to contribute \$2,860.00 to the cause.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 1 at 7:00p.m. in the Fr. Gerald Meisel Parish Hall. *"Love Your Neighbor as Yourself: Locally and Globally."* Come and explore the themes of catholic social teaching, specifically the option for the poor. Fellow parishioner, Jennifer O'Malley, recently returned from Nicaragua, where she met with coffee plantation workers and union leaders. She will share her experience with us and examine how we are called to live out the teachings of Jesus in our daily lives. We will see how our daily decisions affect the poor in our community and the world. All are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

JULY 30 — 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42—44

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

Gospel: John 6:1—15

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Sister Diane Grisilli, RSM, Kay Benson, Maria Escobar
