

# THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 27, 2006

HUMBLY WELCOME THE WORD THAT HAS BEEN PLANTED  
IN YOU AND IS ABLE TO SAVE YOUR SOULS

—James 1-21b

## MISSION APPEAL SUNDAY Welcome Fr. Rodolfo D'Agostino

### A LITTLE HISTORY ...

The Rogationists of the Heart of Jesus (RCJ) is a religious congregation of priests and brothers founded by Blessed Hannibal Mary Di Francia (1851-1927). Rogationist comes from the Latin word, "Rogate..." which means "Pray..." The spirituality of the Congregation is centered on the words of Jesus in the Gospel: *"The harvest is rich but the workers are few. Pray, therefore, the Lord of the harvest that He may send workers into His harvest"* (Mt.9:37-38/Lk.10:2). Hence, they carry out the mission of:

- *praying for Vocations to the priestly and consecrated life in the Church and propagating this prayer worldwide.*
- *caring and promoting the human and spiritual welfare of orphans, needy children and the poor.*

The Congregation of the Rogationists originated in Italy and spread to several other countries in Europe, United States, Brazil, Argentina, Rwanda, India and the Philippines. In the United States the Rogationists established their first community in 1967 assuming parish work in Mendota, California. At present, there are three Rogationist communities in California. Their houses are in Sanger, Van Nuys and in Camarillo.

## FATHER VIVIAN JOINS US ON WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 20TH - 7PM

All who have heard Father Vivian ben Lima speak have been filled with enthusiasm! We have another opportunity to learn about the foundations of our faith when Father presents **The Development of Doctrine in the Early Church**. We hope you will plan to attend this scholarly lecture and invite your friends to join us. All are welcome.

**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.

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**PRAY FOR OUR SICK**  
*Lena Hawley*

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## THE CHOICE

"What a hard saying! How can we accept it?" murmured Jesus' disciples. He insisted his word was Spirit and life, yet many could not see their way to follow him. That as their free choice. The great mystery for Christ and his bride, the church, is that we believe in him as he dies to give us real life—a share in divine life opened to us in baptism. We are his body: its living parts. Like Peter and the rest, we have no other place to go for eternal life. How do we choose?

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## FAITH FORMATION MEETING

Members are invited to our meeting on Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the rectory. Consideration will be given to ways of encouraging parishioners to reflect on the Gospel for the coming Sunday as well as suggested speakers we might invite for future presentations.

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

### September 1 – 3 SCRC

(Catholic Renewal Convention) held at the Anaheim Convention Center has a variety of speakers as well as a Young Adult Conference, Teen Conference, Children's Program and program for Young Families. Phone inquiries accepted through Tues. August 29<sup>th</sup> 818-771-1361.

### Seven Levels of Intimacy – September 14

Join Matthew Kelly at Our Lady of Refuge Church on Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, for a discussion about the challenges and opportunities that relationships present in our quest to become the best version of ourselves. For more information, call 562-498-6641.

### Lector Enrichment - September 16, 9am – 2pm

Rev. J. Patrick Mullen will present sessions providing scriptural based spirituality and formation for those who proclaim the Word. This takes place at the Cathedral (Ballroom at the Center at Cathedral Plaza. For more information please call 213-637-7262.

## ADULT PRACTICING CATHOLICS

who wish to receive the sacrament of Confirmation may call Sister Dolores for information about preparation. 562-439-0931, ext. 5.

## SEPTEMBER 3 - 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading:** Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

**Second Reading:** James 1:1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

**Gospel:** Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23