

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 3, 2006

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

—James 1-21b

LIP SERVICE

Of all the human frailties and foibles, faults and sins, the one that seems to elicit the worst howls is *hypocrisy*. When we profess to believe and practice one thing, and then are caught behaving in the opposite way, our shame is (or ought to be) profound. Religious hypocrisy is probably the worst. When we hold our actions and beliefs to a higher standard and then fail to live up to them, it is human and sinful and flawed. But when we proclaim that we are holding up that higher standard at the same time that we are knowingly violating it, there is a fundamental dishonesty, a breach of truth that is especially repugnant. It adds sin to sin and dishonors the very idea of virtue. It becomes a scandal.

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SCHOOL BASED CLINIC EXPANSION-OPPOSE

AB 2560, *Public School Health Center Support Program*, would expand school based clinics and health centers across California. School based clinics have proven to stimulate teenage promiscuity through confidential access to contraceptives and abortion referrals. Accountability to parents is lost.

Phone, fax, or write and urge Gov. Schwarzenegger to VETO AB 2560, which would further isolate parents from their child's health care and decision making. Schools are for education not medication and other agencies already exist for medical care.

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Note: Public outcry caused Gov. Gray Davis to veto an expansion of school based health clinics in 1999. Your action is vital and effective.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

will be closed September 4-16.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

*Lena Hawley, Betty Campos,
Gabriela Simancas, Paul Crawford*

SOMETHING NEW...

REFLECTING ON NEXT SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

In the coming months you will be hearing more about the spiritual journey all parishioners are being invited to take. It is very simple. Each week you are invited to open your bible and reflect on the Gospel for the coming Sunday. To find the correct Gospel, you may see this week's bulletin. You will also find a question of the week to prompt you to relate the Word of God to your life. Try it; you'll like it!

After reading the Gospel for September 10th, consider the following questions...

- 1) *Whom do you know who might be waiting for you to touch them and pray for their healing?*
- 2) *Do you live by the letter or spirit of the law?*

COMUNIDAD

This Tuesday, September 5, Comunidad will host an ecumenical panel with three guest panelists speaking about their faith's response to gay and lesbian persons. There will be a presentation from each panelist followed by a question and answer period. The social starts at 7:00 p.m. and the program at 7:30p.m. Bring your questions and an open mind. Light refreshments will be served.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITY

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.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

We will have Blood Pressure Screening available in classroom #2 after the 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Masses next Sunday. All are welcome!!

SEPTEMBER 10 - 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a

Second Reading: James 2:1-5

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Thomas M. Atkinson, Jorge and Blanca de Simancas