

THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 17, 2006

THE LORD GOD IS MY HELP, THEREFORE I AM NOT DISGRACED.

– Isaiah 50:7

MESSIAH

Jesus looks to his near and dear friends for a reading of the times. He learns that people who have seen and heard him are abuzz with news that he may be one of the great prophets finally returning to their once proud nation. This is the best people can hope for. It is no surprise that a subjected and humiliated people with a long memory of good times would look for a savior-king. They are vulnerable enough to snatch and make their leader anyone with boldness, arrogance, and power. This is a dangerous temptation, and Jesus knows it.

So who is he, then? Is he one of those great men of the past sent by God for deliverance? He is more. He is, by his own public admission, the Messiah, God's anointed one. That is the truth of his being. It is a quiet truth to be held by them until it reveals itself in God's own time.

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CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

The Church's social teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society.

Modern Catholic social teaching has been articulated through a tradition of papal, conciliar, and episcopal documents. The depth and richness of this tradition can be understood best through a direct reading of these documents. In future weeks we will highlight several of the key themes that are at the heart of our Catholic social tradition.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

In order to avoid confusion, it is good to know that the following churches are

**NOT recognized by the
Roman Catholic Church**

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY
LAKEWOOD, CA

GOOD SHEPHERD AMERICAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
LAKEWOOD, CA

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE OLD CATHOLIC CHURCH
CARSON, CA

SPIRIT OF PEACE
GLENDALE, CA

PATHFINDER COMMUNITY OF THE RISEN CHRIST
PALM DESERT, CA

ST. MATTHEW OLD CATHOLIC MISSION CHURCH
ORANGE, CA

REFLECTING ON NEXT SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

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.

After reading the Gospel for September 24th, consider the following questions...

- 1) *Who are the most vulnerable in my life and how am I called to "welcome" them?*
- 2) *Is the role of being a "servant for others" easy or difficult for me to embrace? Why?*

SEPTEMBER 24 - 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Second Reading: James 3:16, 4:3

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

ST. MATTHEW FIESTA NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend we will celebrate the feast day of St. Matthew. Please plan to join fellow parishioners next Sunday afternoon for delicious food, lively music entertainment and good old fashioned fun right here in our parking lot! You may purchase food and beverage tickets at a reduced rate after Mass today. Tickets are available in booklets of 5 or 10. Book of five is \$4.00 or ten for \$8.00.

RITE OF WELCOMING

Today at the 10:30am Mass we will have a *Rite of Welcoming* for catechumen, **Brandon Fuller**, and two candidates, **Walter Murdock** and **Armando Garcia**. Please keep them and our new inquirers in your prayers as they continue their spiritual journey to full membership in the Catholic Church.

ACCW

The Southeast district of ACCW will have a meeting on Thursday, Sept. 28th at St. Albert the Great Parish, 804 Compton Blvd. The day begins at 9:30 and includes Sister Jean Sholtz, S.P. as speaker, Mass, lunch and concludes at 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$10.00 For reservations call Alice Avery at 310.637.1364 or Emily Ford at 310.329.1069. Reservation deadline is Sept. 22. Great speaker, great food and Mass with childrens' choir! *All women of the parish are encouraged to attend.*