



EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 8, 2007

TO HIM ALL THE PROPHETS BEAR WITNESS, THAT EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL RECEIVE FORGIVENESS OF SINS THROUGH HIS NAME.

— Acts 10:43



My Dear Parishioners,

What a joyous day this is for our church and parish community. May this Easter season stir our faith to know that Christ is indeed alive and working with us in order to show the rest of the world our love for each other.

Our parish is very proud of our catechumens and candidates who received sacraments today. My prayer is that all of our new members will continue to worship with us in joy and consider this parish community their new home.

Sincerely yours,

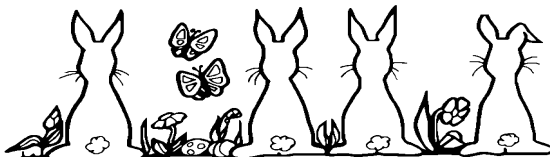
Father Guillermo Rodríguez

PEACE AND JUSTICE THANKS YOU

The Peace and Justice committee would like to thank everyone who supported the Lenten soup suppers in any way. Special thanks to Ron, Tom and Mike who faithfully set up every Monday, all those who cooked the delicious soups, and all who came and contributed to the Donation Basket. Thanks to all of you, and to a very generous donation made in memory of Leonard Palermo (who set up tables for many years.) We are able to send generous donations to Catholic Charities, the Mission in Lesotho, and Heifer Project. We are deeply grateful to all.

CHILI COOK-OFF NEXT SUNDAY

Here is your opportunity to taste some of the best chili in town and help our Society of St. Vincent de Paul in their mission to help the poor. The cook-off takes place from 12 noon to 3:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Sample each chili and decided which one will win first, second and third prize. Will one of our own parishioners win the blue ribbon? You be the judge!!



PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Rev. Don Kribs, Gene Portner

HEALTH HELP FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

SPONSORED BY ST. MARY MEDICAL CENTER

LOCATION: ST. MATTHEW PARISH

SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 9A.M.-2:00P.M.

Today, 45 million Americans have no health insurance, including more than 8 million children. Eight out of 10 insured Americans either work or are in working families. Being uninsured means going without needed care. It means minor illnesses become major ones because care is delayed. Tragically, it also means that one significant medical expense can wipe out a family's life savings. The problem is getting worse. It is a problem that affects all of us. That is why St. Matthew Church and St. Mary's Medical Center is helping with *Cover the Uninsured Week 2007*.

WHAT SERVICES WILL BE AVAILABLE?

Free Health Screenings ♦ Health Insurance Screenings ♦ Cholesterol testing ♦ Blood pressure checks ♦ Advance Directive information ♦ Body fat analysis ♦ Dental screenings.

A VARIETY OF SERVICES ARE FREE TO EVERYONE. For example, if you bring all of your current medication bottles to the Health Fair, an RN will fill out a medication card for you. You will then keep this card in your billfold. If you are ever taken to an emergency room, the doctor will have a clear knowledge of all the medications you are on. Great idea!!

Stop by during the day to gather more helpful hints on how to take better care of yourself!

REFLECTIONS....

In the coming week try to take time to sit and read next Sunday's Gospel. Afterwards, reflect on the following questions:

What are my "locked doors" of fear that Jesus wishes to pass through and bring comfort and assurance? When I doubt, what helps me regain the balance of faith?

— SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER ~APRIL 15—

FIRST READING: Acts 5:12-16

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

PRAY FOR OUR DEAD

Raimundo Delfin