



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 15, 2007

ONCE I WAS DEAD, BUT NOW I AM ALIVE FOREVER AND EVER.

— Revelation 1:18a



A THANK YOU NOTE

My Dear Parishioners,

I want to offer my deepest gratitude to everyone for helping to express the true spirit throughout Lent and Holy Week. Our church was so beautifully prepared for all of our liturgies. It is very difficult to single out names because *everyone* did a great job, but I would like to mention in particular, all the liturgical ministers, who, under the leadership of Cyndi Saiza, made our liturgies true expressions of our faith. Our musicians and choirs were at their best and by all means, thanks a million to those who decorated the church. Through simplicity they created grandeur! The Altar of Repose in our parish hall was such a great experience. We truly were in the Garden...with Him, in prayer. Special thanks to the Spanish team who took care of it.

I also want to take this opportunity to dedicate to you our beautiful newly-painted church. God, and you my parishioners, deserve it! Let us take good care of it. Now I pray that all of us will put all our efforts together to "create the soul" for this beautiful body. Thank you again.

May the Spirit of the Risen Lord be with you always,

Fr. Guillermo

CHILI COOK-OFF TODAY

Your tax return is in the mail!! Give yourself a well-earned treat and come to the parish hall from noon to 3:00 today to taste some of the best chili in town while at the same time **helping our Society of St. Vincent de Paul in their mission to help the poor.** Chili tastes range from mild to **SPICY!** After sampling, you decide who will win first, second and third prize.

REFLECTIONS....

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

What are the hungers I see most clearly in my own community? How can we be the voice of Christ, in our community and beyond, offering provision for the hungers of the spirit, as well as the hungers of the body?

— THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER ~APRIL 22 —

FIRST READING: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

SECOND READING: Revelation 5:11-14

GOSPEL: John 21:1-19

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Maria Miranda, Martha Magana

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR HEALTH FAIR ON APRIL 29

ST. MATTHEW PARISH HALL - 9:00A.M-2:00P.M.

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 can then keep this card in your billfold. If you are ever taken to an emergency room, the doctor will have a clear description of all the medications you are taking.

WHAT OTHER SERVICES WILL BE AVAILABLE?

free health screenings ♦ health insurance screenings ♦ cholesterol testing ♦ blood pressure checks ♦ advance directive information ♦ body fat analysis ♦ dental screenings.

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.*

ATTENTION LECTORS, SERVERS, AND MINISTERS

Please call in your non-availability dates for the months of May and June by April 23rd. Please e-mail your dates to csaiza@stmatthewlb.org or leave a message at 491.1217.

CARING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

One of the great concerns of people everywhere is the preservation of the beauty and viability of planet earth which God created. JOYCE COTTAGE, co-founder of *PARTNERSHIPS*, an organization dedicated to building mutually beneficial relationships locally and globally, will give a **presentation on Sunday morning, May 6th following the 10:30 a.m. Mass** in the Fr. Gerald Meisel Parish Hall. Practical suggestions for living this out will be included.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

APRIL 28, 5:30 P.M. MASS

We hope that all who suffer serious illness, those who are elderly, and anyone about to have surgery will come to receive the Anointing of the Sick.

PRAY FOR OUR DEAD

Mary Ann Selander