

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 29, 2007

"I HAVE MADE YOU A LIGHT TO THE GENTILES, THAT YOU MAY BE AN INSTRUMENT OF SALVATION TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH."

— Revelation 5:12

CARDINAL McINTYRE FUND FOR CHARITY

"We walked together in harmony in the house of God"

(Psalm 55:14)

Next Sunday, May 6th is our Parish Collection Sunday for the Cardinal McIntyre Fund for Charity. Since 1951 this special fund helps those in crisis situations from Santa Barbara, Ventura and Los Angeles counties. Your contribution goes directly toward emergency needs for children, adults, and families. You are their hope! Your gift provides a one-time emergency help such as food, utilities, transportation, medical, housing or funeral expenses.

Envelopes will be provided in the pews.

COMUNIDAD MEETING

Tuesday, May 1st at 7:00 p.m.

Join us in the Fr. Gerald Meisel Parish Hall for a social meeting celebrating *Cinco de Mayo* with carne asada as a main dish and your pot luck contributions to round out the menu. There will also be the traditional rousing games of Lotoria with fabulous prizes! Please bring your most unique white elephant gifts to add to the prize bank. All are welcome.

OFFERING OF LETTERS UPDATE

You may recall that our 2006 Letter Campaign urged Congress to increase poverty-focused development assistance for hungry and poor people around the world. In February 2007, Congress passed a resolution that increased funding for this cause, though some other worthy programs did not receive the needed increase. We need to continually speak out in behalf of our needy brothers and sisters. Our 2007 Offering of letters will focus on needed funding for agricultural programs. Thank you again for your support.

FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE MEETING (please note change of date)

Members of this committee are invited to come to the Rectory on **Monday evening, May 21 at 7:00 p.m.** for our planning meeting. Dave Kennedy will give a short presentation on the Archdiocesan Synod. We hope all members can attend.

LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING

May 7th, in the Rectory

We will be making plans for Pentecost Sunday among other important items. Please try to be there!

HEALTH FAIR TODAY 9:00—3:00 P.M.

FR. GERALD MEISEL PARISH HALL

THANK YOU FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The chili cook-off sponsored by St. Matthew's Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was a smashing success netting nearly \$500.00 to assist the Society in their mission to help the poor. Fifty dollars was donated to our church and a portion of the proceeds was used to purchase food vouchers which were distributed to some of the homeless people who live in downtown Long Beach. A big thank you to all of our parishioners who gave their support to this fundraiser.

REFLECTIONS...

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

Jesus' commandment to love another as I love myself is a challenge. What will you do this week to love yourself and others?

The world is full of examples of people who don't love others. What are the results of hate that you see in the world? How would the world be different if we followed Jesus' commandment?

— FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER —

FIRST READING: Acts 14:21-27

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-5a

GOSPEL: John 13:31-33a, 34-35

CALL, FAX OR EMAIL YOUR ASSEMBLYMEMBER ...

And say that **AB374**, (which would legalize physician assisted suicide) is **BAD PUBLIC POLICY**:

- ♦California law already allows the refusal of extraordinary end-of-life treatment.
- ♦Legalizing assisted suicide could seriously damage the relationship between patients and healthcare workers.
- ♦AB 374 is strongly opposed by the American Medical Association the California Medical Association, the California Hospice and Palliative Care Association, various disability rights, Latino civil rights and low-income worker advocates.

To find your assemblymember, go to www.leginfo.ca.gov/yourleg.html

PEACE AND JUSTICE MEETING

Tomorrow, April 30th, 7:00 p.m. classroom #1. Anyone interested in the issues of peace and justice is welcome.