

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

JUNE 3, 2007

THE LOVE OF GOD HAS BEEN POURED OUT INTO OUR
HEARTS THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT.

— Romans 5:5b

MISSION COOPERATIVE APPEAL TODAY

Sister Maria del Rey Pérezchica joins us today to speak to us about *The Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement* appeal for missions at home and abroad. This community was received into the Catholic Church in 1909 and continues to serve wherever it is most needed. In the United States, the Sisters are found in inner city and in rural areas where their ministries include religious education, pastoral outreach, social services, and community development programs among the marginalized and multi-cultural populations. Overseas, the Sisters are found in five countries, including Brazil where the focus of ministry is in the establishment of evangelization and human development programs and in the training of lay leaders for their own people.

The Franciscan Sisters need the support of our donations in order to continue their ministries in areas where the people are unable to either partially or totally support the Sisters who work among them. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated. Contribution envelopes are located in the pews.

RCIA WELCOME SUNDAY NEXT WEEKEND

In a variety of ways every parishioner is invited to be part of **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**. Some are sponsors, some team members, and many participate in **RCIA** by **INVITING OTHERS TO COME**. This week we all have the opportunity to invite spouses, friends, neighbors and co-workers to come to **“WELCOME SUNDAY”** on **June 10th** following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. This special welcome is for adults who are not Catholic but may want to learn more about the Catholic religion. It is also for Catholics who still need to receive First Holy Communion. Please take action this week to invite someone and plan to come with them to the Rectory following Mass.

CARDINAL MAHONY’S STATEMENT

In our continuing commitment to keep all parishioners of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles informed in regards to settling civil cases in which clergy abuse has been alleged; copies of Cardinal Roger Mahony’s May 15th statement are located in the vestibule of the church if you wish to take one as you leave today.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK
Doris Honour

THANKS TO PARISHIONER SANDI BALLING

With hearts full of gratitude we thank Sandi for the years she has coordinated Eucharistic ministry to the Sick here at St. Matthew’s parish. Her loving care for each sick person (whether at home or in our eleven convalescent centers) and her assistance to Eucharistic ministers, have been an inspiration to all who know her. May God bless her for the service she has given our parish.

Parishioner Jerry Reynolds will be our new coordinator. If you have sick relatives or friends who would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact Jerry at 562.496.0400 option 2.

COMUNIDAD NEWS MEETING

TUESDAY ~ JUNE 5 ~ 7:00 P.M. ~ PARISH HALL

“How can I be Gay and Catholic?” Fr. Eugene Herbert, pastor of Annunciation Catholic Church in Arcadia will speak at the next Comunidad meeting. He is a provocative and entertaining speaker and is well grounded in Catholic theology. The meeting will be held in the Fr. Gerald Meisel Parish Hall. All are welcome.

AIDS WALK

Once again St. Matthew parish will be sponsoring a walking team for *Aids Walk Long Beach* to be held on Saturday, June 23rd. Members of Comunidad will be collecting donations to sponsor our walking team after all the Masses for the next several weekends. You are welcome to join the parish team by picking up walking papers after Mass and asking family, friends, and co-workers to sponsor you. You can also join the St. Matthew’s team or contribute on line.

REFLECTIONS....

Try to take time this week to sit and read **next Sunday’s Gospel**. Afterwards, reflect on the following questions:

Jesus invites us to be fed at the Eucharist each week. In the coming weeks, how will you be fed and how will you feed someone who is without food?

What impact does the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist have on your life? How can you share with others what Eucharist means to you?

— **THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST** —

FIRST READING: Genesis 14:18-20

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

GOSPEL: Luke 9:11b-17