

THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

“BEHOLD, ONE IS COMING AFTER ME; I AM NOT WORTHY TO UNFASTEN THE SANDALS OF HIS FEET.”

JUNE 24, 2007

— Acts 13:25

HOPE AND FORGIVENESS

John, the dream of midsummer day, is one of three “births into this world” celebrated by the Church. Jesus’, at midwinter and Mary’s, in September, are the other two we celebrate. John, called the “greatest man born of woman” by Jesus himself, is the last of the dreams and promises that lead to the incarnation. Born in the high light of the Scripture, he points out the Savior to us and the world: “Behold the Lamb of God!” Once his job is well done, his light fades into the light of Christ. Look to the bright glory of God!

OFFERING OF LETTERS

Our annual Offering of Letters, "Seeds of Change", will take place this weekend. This year people of faith have a historic opportunity to reduce hunger and poverty both here in the U.S. and in poor countries of the world. The U.S. Congress will reauthorize the farm bill--something that happens only every 5 years. We need members of Congress to work to strengthen U.S. rural economic opportunities and small businesses so people can work their way out of poverty. Please stop by after Mass today to sign a letter to Congress.

LIFE IN GOD'S PRESENCE

CENTERING OURSELVES IN A MULTI-TASKING CULTURE

SUNDAY, JULY 1, 2007 1:00 TO 4:00 P.M.

JOHN PARR HEALTH EDUCATION CENTER

ST. MARY MED CENTER CAMPUS—1050 LINDEN AVE.

Centering prayer helps us to be more deeply aware of God's presence and the action of God's grace within us and all around us. Sister Adeline's extensive experience in leading retreats and facilitating centering prayer groups will be beneficial both as an introduction to centering prayer and as an enrichment opportunity for those already familiar with centering prayer.

For further information please call Don Carlos or Dr. Lu Martin-Carlos at 562.429.7830.

*God speaks in the
silence of the heart.
Listening is the
beginning of prayer.
~Mother Teresa~*

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED

Please join us on Saturday mornings at 8:30 a.m. in the church to pray the Rosary.

REFLECTIONS....

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

Are there places or situations that I am resisting at this time in my life, when, in fact, it may be God who is prompting me to go there?

How can I better respond when God leads me where I would rather not go?

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FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21

SECOND READING: Galatians 5:1, 13-18

GOSPEL: Luke 9:51-62

PETER'S PENCE 2007 COLLECTION

Next week, our parish will participate in the Peter's Pence Collection for the Works of the Holy Father. Please join in solidarity with the more than one billion Catholics worldwide in providing immediate emergency and disaster relief to our brothers and sisters through the pope's special appeal. Thank You!

2007 SUMMER INSTITUTE

*Building Inclusive Communities
Through Mindful Cross-Cultural Interaction
July 27, 28, 29*

BIC is a 3 day immersion experience that brings diverse peoples into a learning environment that values differences and addresses cultural and ethnic realities found within community and church settings.

The goals of this event are:

- To enhance the building of the community through respect and appreciation of people and the cultures within.
- To build an understanding of culture, ethnicity and other differences.
- To explore the process of transformation and change that is a necessary outcome of building inclusive communities.

More information is available at 213.637.7669 or 213.637.7346 or vreyes@la-archdiocese.org.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Cindi Eck, Doris Felton, Karina Cabañas