

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“NO ONE WHO SETS A HAND TO THE PLOW AND LOOKS TO WHAT WAS LEFT BEHIND IS FIT FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD.” — Luke 9:62

JULY 1, 2007

FOCUS ON THE MISSION

“There are so many things to do.” “We have so little time.” How many variations of these statements have you heard or even said yourself?

Actually neither statement is completely true. There are many things to do in this life, but really few things that are vitally important. Working, searching, conniving, and worrying our way to “gratifying the desires of the flesh,” as Paul relates in today’s second reading, are really non-productive. So little time? When we take on the freedom that Christ offers us, we have all the time we need in this world, and even more in the next.

Elisha, the prophet Elijah’s chosen servant, was slightly befuddled about what he should do. When Elijah called, he returned to bid farewell to his parents and provide food for his people. Only then did he follow.

Jesus demands something different, something more of his disciples. He calls us to a single-minded determination to drop everything and follow him. Now, not later.

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PETER’S PENCE 2007 COLLECTION TODAY

Today our parish participates 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. Envelopes are located in the pews.

AN OLYMPIAN IS AMONG US!

We are so proud of parishioner Joey Farrell who participated in the 2007 Special Olympics Southern California Summer Games just two weeks ago. Joey has been a Special Olympics participant since he was 10 years old, having competed in track and field events as well as gymnastics. This year Joey won two silver medals, one bronze medal and a 5th place ribbon!! Now that is what is called “*running the good race!*” Joey especially enjoyed running the 4x100 meter relay. Joey was one of 1500 participants in the Olympics ...an event which took place at Long Beach State University and required over 2000 volunteers to put on!

CONGRATULATIONS JOEY!!

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Doris Honour

COMUNIDAD UPDATES

Meeting

This Tuesday, July 3 at 7:00 p.m.

Fr. Gerald Meisel Parish Hall

This meeting will be an *Independence Day Celebration Family Reunion Barbeque*. All past, present and future Comunidad members are invited to attend and bring their family and friends. Hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie-burgers, buns, condiments and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish and or a dessert to share. You are encouraged to invite any Comunidad members who may not see this announcement. This is a great opportunity to reconnect with our Catholic lesbian and gay community. All are welcome!

Thank you!!!

Once again, Comunidad extends a grateful “**thank you**” for the contributions you made in support of the Comunidad walking team in the Aids Walk Long Beach. Because of your generosity, the team donated over \$2,000 to this important cause.

REFLECTIONS....

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

Jesus instructs the disciples to bring peace and healing to the places they go. Who is waiting for me to be an instrument of God’s peace and healing?

What can I do to become more present, attentive, and affirming to those around me? Be specific — to who and how?

— THE 14TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME —

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

SECOND READING: Galatians 5:1, 13-18

GOSPEL: Luke 9:51-62

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING AVAILABLE NEXT WEEKEND

In classroom #2 after 10:30a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Masses.



FREE GOVERNMENT

No free government, or the blessings of liberty, can be preserved to any people but by a firm adherence to justice, moderation, temperance, frugality, and virtue, and by a frequent recurrence to fundamental principles.

—Patrick Henry

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!!