

# 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YOU WERE BURIED WITH HIM IN BAPTISM, IN WHICH YOU WERE ALSO RAISED WITH HIM  
THROUGH FAITH IN THE POWER OF GOD, WHO RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD.

JULY 29, 2007

— Colossians 2:12

## BLOOD DRIVE NEXT SUNDAY

*"It's about an hour of your time. It's about life."*

Please sign up after Mass today so that you may donate blood next Sunday between the hours of 8:00a.m.—2:30 p.m.

All blood donations will go to patients at Long Beach Memorial Medical Center and Miller Children's Hospital.

### BEFORE DONATING YOU MUST...

- ♦ Be in good health
- ♦ Must bring valid photo I.D.
- ♦ Weigh at least 110 lbs.
- ♦ Drink plenty of water
- ♦ Eat a nutritious meal
- ♦ Finish antibiotics 72 hours prior to donating.
- ♦ No tattoos within the last 12 months.

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING ALSO AVAILABLE NEXT SUNDAY

In the mobile unit in the parking lot

## PEACE AND JUSTICE REQUESTS YOUR HELP

Please contribute school supplies for Catholic Charities to distribute to homeless and needy children. The following items are needed: #2 pencils, crayons, safe-round top scissors with plastic handles, glue sticks, rulers, colored pencils, washable markers in primary colors, and notebooks. **Our collection will take place the next 2 weekends — Aug 4/5 and Aug. 11/12.**

### REMEMBER TO

open your bible every week to reflect on next Sunday's gospel reading. The readings for next week are listed below along with two questions to prompt you to relate the Word of God to your life.

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**FIRST READING:** Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

**SECOND READING:** Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

**GOSPEL:** Luke 12:13-21

- *When Jesus said "...though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions," is He speaking to me?*
- *Does the sum total of my life to date point to the end I desire? If not, how can I change?*

### PRAY FOR OUR DEAD

*Nancy Ates*

## NATIONAL NEEDS COMBINED COLLECTION

TODAY

*Sharing the Good News...your generosity*

- > This collection makes it possible for us to continue strengthening Catholic faith, values and education through The Catholic Communication Campaign's television, radio, and print messages.
- > Helps support some of the poorest dioceses in the country that depend on annual collections. Through vital evangelization programs, the Black and Indian Home Mission provides aid to some of the neediest African-American and Native American communities.
- > Enables us to insure the highest standards of quality Catholic education through The Catholic University of America's exceptional programs of scholarship, research, and service.
- > Strengthens the Church at home, and helps to provide basic pastoral resources and services to needy ethnic communities in scattered and isolated areas through the Catholic Home Missions Appeal.

## FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE INVITATION

Our Faith Formation committee invites leaders of parish ministry groups to attend a Monday night, August 13th, 7 p.m. meeting in the Fr. Gerald Meisel Parish Hall in order to prepare for our Parish ministry enrichment day on November 10th. All leaders of ministry groups as well as faith formation committee members are encouraged to attend.

## CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION 2007/08

Registration will take place on August 12 at 2:00p.m.

(one day only)

- The candidate must be a minimum of fourteen years of age, or must turn fourteen within the month of August.
- Family must be registered and active members of St. Matthew parish.
- Copies of certificates of Baptism, First Communion and birth must be turned in at registration.
- Parents must accompany the candidate to register.
- A fee of \$200.00 is due at registration (\$75 for registration and \$125 for mandatory retreat for all students)

### PRAY FOR OUR SICK

*Cyndi Eck*