

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YOU HAVE APPROACHED MOUNT ZION AND THE CITY OF THE LIVING GOD.

SEPTEMBER 2, 2007

— Hebrews 12:22a

HUMILITY

Have you ever been in a group—maybe on a tour, at a social gathering, or at church—and discovered that you have just been talking with a well-known author, corporate CEO, great scholar, or politician? Your first thought is the hope that you didn't say anything to embarrass yourself; but your second thought is how much they seemed like such "regular" folks. What is it that makes people seem so "regular?" Today's readings give us a clue when they stress the importance of humility.

It is so hard for us not to tell the first person who will listen how busy we are, how hard we work, how much money we donate, and how important our job titles are. We think these accolades make a difference to people, and if we don't tell them, how will they ever know? But if our actions demonstrate our values, people will recognize our worth on their own. The words of Jesus show us how much better it is to let someone else recognize our worth than to be embarrassed because someone did not.

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LABOR DAY MASSES

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH—8:00 A.M.

CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS—10:00 A.M.

Cardinal Roger Mahony will challenge the community to commit to faithful citizenship in order to address the issues of:

- Workers' rights and the right to organize
- Legalization and the right to higher education
 - for immigrant families
 - Healthcare for all
 - Affordable Housing

SAVE THE DATE!!

All those doing ministry in St. Matthew's parish are invited to a *Ministry Enrichment Day* which will be held at the Mary and Joseph Retreat Center in Palos Verdes on November 10. This is an important and special day that you do not want to miss!

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING AVAILABLE NEXT WEEKEND

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

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Cindi Eck, Theresa Fritz, Aurora Castro

MEETING FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE SICK

All ministers who have begun this ministry within the past year are asked to attend a meeting in the rectory on Monday, September 17th at 7:00 p.m. Any Catholic who would like to begin this ministry is also welcome. Ministers to the Sick take the Eucharistic to homebound parishioners and those in convalescent centers.

THANK YOU GALORE

On behalf of the Catholic Charities—Elizabeth Ann Seton Residence, our staff and residents would like to take this time to thank you for the generous donation of school supplies. The families were very pleased with all the wonderful school supplies, which our homeless children received. We at the shelter want you to know that without generous contributors like all of you, our contribution to the community would not be possible. We appreciate your support and will keep you updated on our program. Sincerely, Vicki Calhoun, M.A.

and.....

Our St. Vincent de Paul backpack drive held last weekend was a rousing success bringing in over \$370.00 and 37 backpacks. Once again St. Matthew parishioners have opened up their hearts and their pocketbooks to come to the aid of the needy. If you have a child or know of a child who needs a backpack for school, please call our St. Vincent de Paul Hotline at 562.338.7575 and leave a message. Someone will get back to you to handle your request.

Sincerely, St. Vincent de Paul Ministry

REMEMBER ...

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

— THE 23RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME —

FIRST READING: Wisdom 9:13, 18b

SECOND READING: Philemon 9-10, 12-17

GOSPEL: Luke 14:25-33

As a disciple of Christ reading this Gospel, which part seems most applicable to my life now and what action does Jesus want me to take?

PRAY FOR OUR DEAD

Carol Redkee