

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FILL US AT DAYBREAK WITH YOUR KINDNESS,
THAT WE MAY SHOUT FOR JOY AND GLADNESS ALL OUR DAYS.

SEPTEMBER 9, 2007

— Psalm 90:14

INVITED

The Good News is that we have been invited—invited to the Kingdom, invited to be disciples. It's a life-changing invitation, and like so many other such invitations, it requires a great deal of deliberation and discernment. Whether we choose marriage, ordination, single life, or community life, we know the serious planning and consideration that accompany these profound decisions. Like the tower-builder in the Gospel, we have weighed both the monetary and emotional cost. We have pondered and planned our lives in the direction to which we believe God has called us. And while we pray for guidance and acceptance of God's will, we often fail to understand so much. Like Solomon, we turn to God for wisdom and counsel in our life-changing decisions.

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ST. MATTHEW FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

SEPTEMBER 23, (first day of Autumn)

Please reserve the afternoon of Sept. 23 between the hours of 1:00-6:00p.m. to come and enjoy an afternoon filled with good food, good music and good people as we celebrate the Feast Day of St. Matthew. More information will follow.

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.

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 TODAY

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

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Cindi Eck, Theresa Fritz, Aurora Castro

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK PARDON THE MESS!!

ORDINARY TURNING INTO EXTRAORDINARY!

As you have all noticed by now, we are in a literal upheaval! Over the past few years we have grown more and more concerned about the safety of our walkways. We recently decided to improve and also create a beautiful gathering area and pathway on the south side of the church. Terracotta colored pavers are a practical solution that will be safer to walk on and will help create an appealing area to enter the church from and to visit the renewed Our Lady of Fatima Grotto.

In spite of securing a fair bid for this task, it is still expensive and I am therefore asking for your help. In the pews today, you will find donation envelopes designated for this improvement. Your generosity will lighten the burden of this expense. We hope to see it completed before St. Matthew's Feast Day! Please be patient and generous ...I promise it will be worth it!

Fr. Guillermo

DON'T FORGET ...

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 24TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME —

FIRST READING: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-32 [15:1-10]

What does today's gospel have to teach me about "seeking out the lost" in my life? How will I reach out to them?

Remembering September 11th

*God of tender mercy,
as we remember the tragedy of September 11, 2001,
may we find comfort
through the healing power
of your word.
Keep us close to you
in times of doubt and despair.
Keep our families safe
from all harm
and bring peace to our fragile world.
Amen.*