

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A CLEAN HEART CREATE FOR ME, O GOD,
AND A STEADFAST SPIRIT RENEW WITHIN ME.

SEPTEMBER 16, 2007

— Psalm 51:12

RECONCILIATION

True reconciliation is emotional, dramatic, and cleansing. When two people meet heart to heart and work through old hurts, misunderstandings and careless words, cleansing tears often flow and the encounter ends with an embrace that fills both with the warmth of love too strong to fade.

The readings this weekend assure us of this healthy release that comes with reconciliation. They give us the courage to reach out to someone with whom we need to reconcile ourselves, and give us the courage to ask for forgiveness from God, too.

In the reading from Exodus, we see how God refuses again and again to give up on the Israelites. Even though they grow impatient with God and turn to false idols, God still calls them back. Luke's Gospel assures us that God rejoices when we turn away from sin. Paul's letter to Timothy encourages us, like Paul, to look back on our lives and recognize where God's patient mercy has been shown to us.

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EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE SICK MEETING THIS MONDAY

All ministers who have begun this ministry within the past year are asked to attend a meeting in the rectory this Monday, September 17th at 7:00 p.m. Any Catholic who would like to begin this ministry is also welcome.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

This Sunday we rejoice with RCIA Candidate **Jackie Clark** as she makes a Profession of Faith, receives Confirmation and Holy Communion.

Welcome to full membership in our church, Jackie, and may you find peace and fulfillment as you deepen your relationship with God and the community.

REGISTRATION FOR MINISTRY

ENRICHMENT DAY ON NOVEMBER 10TH

This event, held at Palos Verdes' Mary and Joseph Retreat Center is an opportunity to hear our pastor **Father Guillermo** articulate his vision for **St. Matthew's Parish**, to be inspired by Paulist **Father Joe Scott** as he speaks about **"Being a Disciple of Jesus Christ"**, and to open our minds to **"The Gift of Cultural Diversity"**, presented by **Reverend Jake Pomeroy** of the United Church of Christ. We hope all ministers will register for this unique experience. You will receive forms this week and we ask that you return them to the rectory by Friday, October 19th

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Cindi Eck, Theresa Fritz, Aurora Castro

"JUST LIVES FESTIVAL"

Sunday, September 30th in Hollywood

Fair Trade L.A.'s *"Just Lives Festival"* is the first major festival in Los Angeles dedicated to supporting fair-trade, sweatshop-free, and local economies. Supported by the Office of Justice and Peace, Catholic Relief Services, and other organizations, Fair Trade L.A.'s *"Just Lives Festival"* unites consumers and advocates of fair trade in a day filled with educational exhibits, vendors, speakers, and entertainment. The festival aims to raise shoppers' awareness of fair trade and encourage local farmers' market consumers to look behind the label with their showcase of fair trade and sweatshop-free products. The festival will take place within Hollywood Farmers' Market (Ivar and Selma Sts.) in Hollywood on Sunday, September 30, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Ms. Jacqueline DeCarlo from Catholic Relief Services will be speaking at Groundwork Café, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on her book *"Fair Trade: A Beginner's Guide."* For further information, please contact Ms. Joan B. Harper at 213.637.7560 at (213) 637-7560 or at: mailto:jbharper@la-archdiocese.org

ACCW DISTRICT MEETING/LUNCHEON

Thursday, September 27

St. Pancratius Parish—Msgr. Keilty Hall
3519 St. Pancratius Place, Lakewood
9:30a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Reservation Deadline—September 20th
\$10 payable to Verna Hammer
3202 Wolfe St., Lakewood, CA 90712.

Information: Mary Ann Koppes 562.633.8637.

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 25TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME —

FIRST READING: Amos 8:4-7

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13

How in the last month have I shown that I am a trustworthy person? Who and in what ways have others inspired me to trust?