

# THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE PRAYER OF THE LOWLY PIERCES THE CLOUDS; IT DOES NOT REST UNTIL IT REACHES ITS GOAL, NOR WILL IT WITHDRAW TILL THE MOST HIGH RESPONDS

OCTOBER 28, 2007

— Sirach 35:17-18a

## NO COMPARISONS

How many times have we read or heard about someone who's gotten into trouble—maybe even fired from a job—because of a brush with the law? While our “Christian” minds tell us to be sorry and even pray for the person, a little voice inside our heads may also be saying, “I’m glad I would never do anything like that.”

And perhaps we wouldn’t. But are there some things we do that are still not pleasing in God’s eyes? Today’s readings caution us not to look so intently at someone else’s wrongdoing that we overlook our own weaknesses and shortcomings. When we measure ourselves against the worst people we can think of, we come out looking pretty good. There is a danger, however, in using someone else’s behavior as a way of reflecting our own goodness.

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## COMUNIDAD MEETING / PRAYER SERVICE

**Tuesday, November 6th**

Social time will start at 7:00p.m. in the Fr. Gerald Meisel Parish Hall followed by a business meeting at 7:30pm. This will include the election of officers for 2008. At the conclusion of the meeting we will adjourn to the church for a prayer service, remembering those we hold close in our hearts. There will be a memorial table to display pictures of family and friends who have died. In addition, please bring a list of your deceased loved ones who you would like remembered in prayer.

## OCTOBER — RESPECT LIFE MONTH

*“THE COMMON OUTCRY, WHICH IS JUSTLY MADE ON BEHALF OF HUMAN RIGHTS—FOR EXAMPLE, THE RIGHT TO HEALTH, TO WORK, TO FAMILY, TO CULTURE—IS FALSE AND ILLUSORY IF THE RIGHT TO LIFE, THE MOST BASIC AND FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT AND THE CONDITION OF ALL OTHER PERSONAL RIGHTS, IS NOT DEFENDED WITH MAXIMUM DETERMINATION”*

POPE JOHN PAUL

Please donate NEW receiving blankets, diapers, baby wipes, nightgowns, sleepers, booties and socks, onesies, shirts, baby powder, shampoo, lotion. to the Precious Life Shelter, a facility which provides quality care and a safe living environment for homeless pregnant women 18 years and older. You may place them in the bassinet which is in front of the Sacred Heart Altar or deliver them to the front door of the parish office. Monetary donations may be placed in an envelope marked “**Precious Life Shelter**” and dropped in the collection basket.



## HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Thursday, November 1

### MASS SCHEDULE

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31**

Vigil Mass 5:30p.m.(English)

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

8:00 a.m.(English), 7:15 p.m. (Spanish)

## CONCERN AMERICA, NEXT SUNDAY

Concern America Fair Trade Crafts returns with **THE MARKETPLACE OF FAIR TRADE CRAFTS**—just in time for early Christmas shopping! Please consider purchasing gifts that will not only be fun to give but will also promote justice and fair trade for the families in Central America and Bangladesh who produce the crafts. Through your appreciation of their handwork, many materially poor artisans will be able to earn a just wage, support their family and keep alive their cultural heritage.

## FEED THE HUNGRY

**COME TO OUR PEACE AND JUSTICE MEETING**  
**Monday, Nov. 5, 7:00p.m., Parish Hall**

We will have two speakers with us on Monday evening who will tell us about a meal program that will help feed the hungry and homeless in Long Beach.

Please plan to attend and find out how you can help. It will take lots of man/woman power to sustain this effort.

## BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS AND FLU IMMUNIZATIONS AVAILABLE NOVEMBER 11

On Sunday, Nov. 11 between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 2:30p.m. our parish nursing staff will administer a limited number of no-cost flu vaccinations to those who are at least 18 years of age. You may stop by classroom #2 and talk with the nursing staff after Mass on the 11th.

## QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION WHEN READING NEXT WEEK’S GOSPEL

*Think of a time when someone has shown you their goodness. What was your response?*

*Can you think of someone you consider a sinner? What can you do to call out their goodness?*



## NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

**Daylight-Saving Time ends...**  
**Turn clocks back 1 hour.**