

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 2 2008

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD; I SHALL NOT WANT. — Psalm 23:1

## 2008 CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION TODAY

### *One Human Family Caring for those in Need*

In more than 99 countries worldwide, CRS focuses on improving the lives of those in need by working with local communities and partners overseas. Examples of our programming areas:

**AGRICULTURE**—Teach farmers new techniques.

**HIV/AIDS**—Projects serve approximately 2 million people affected by HIV/AIDS.

**COMMUNITY HEALTH**—Provide opportunities for displaced children living in refugee camps to reclaim their childhood.

**EDUCATION**—We work with rural communities to bring education to all children.

**EMERGENCY RESPONSE**—Whether man-made or natural disaster, CRS quickly responds with assistance to those in need.

**PEACE BUILDING**—Activities involve changing attitudes and behaviors to promote peace and respect, and working towards reconciliation.

**MICROFINANCE (VILLAGE BANKING)**—Programs help female-headed households start businesses so they can support their families.

Please give generously to this collection...

**Contribution envelopes are  
located in the pews today.**



## PLEASE HELP THE HOMELESS

The 'SHOWER PROGRAM FOR THE HOMELESS' at St. Luke's Church in downtown Long Beach is in desperate need of men's clean and gently used pants, socks and undergarments. You may bring your contribution to St. Matthew's next weekend. There will be a collection bin located outside the south side door. You may also bring your donation to the soup supper this Monday or next Monday evening. Thank you very much from *St. Matthew's Peace and Justice Ministry*.

## LITURGY MEETING

There will be a Liturgy Committee meeting **THIS Monday, March 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory.**

## OPEN OUR EYES

Today Jesse's son David is called from his flock to serve the Lord and to shepherd his people. Today Jesus opens the eyes of a man to the wonders of belief in God's son. God also calls us from our ordinary work and opens our eyes, through baptism, to insight into his mighty works. He calls on us to believe, to worship and to follow the Lord Jesus, his son. We are made new, enlightened children of the light of God. We must discover what the Lord wants of us. Do we, do you, dare follow where Jesus leads? Philip J. Sandstrom, STD © 2001OCP

## COMUNIDAD MEETING

**TUESDAY, MARCH 4TH, 7:00P.M.**

Comunidad will meet in the Fr. Gerald Meisel Parish Hall. The program will be the Stations of the Cross. These Stations were written by Steven Nadolny, a past chairperson of Comunidad to be of particular meaning for gay and lesbian Catholics as we reflect on the meaning of Christ's passion in our own lives. All are welcome, light refreshments will be served.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND SOUP SUPPERS

Please join us for the Stations of the Cross **at 5:30 p.m. this Monday evening and next Monday. After the Stations, we will enjoy a soup supper** in our parish hall. A free-will offering taken at the dinner will be given to Catholic Charities, Manna Meals and First Congregational Church Homeless program.

## ...LENTEN REFLECTIONS...

You are encouraged to pray more during Lent, especially with Scripture. The readings for next week are listed below along with two questions to prompt you to relate the Word of God to your life.

— FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT —

**FIRST READING:** Ezekiel 37:12-14

**SECOND READING:** Romans 8:8-11

**GOSPEL:** John 11:1-45

- 1) "And Jesus wept." How often have we caused Jesus to weep? What should we do to alleviate his sorrow?
- 2) Do we find ourselves stumbling around in the dark spiritually? What can we do to walk confidently in the Light of Christ?