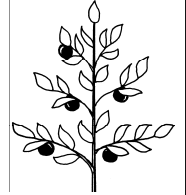


# NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 1, 2008

*Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock.* —Matthew 7:24



## CONGRATULATIONS REVEREND ANGEL CASTRO!

*"I will set shepherds over them [my sheep] who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed."* (Jer. 23:4)

Many of our parishioners saw the reality of this message yesterday at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels as **Deacon** Angel Castro answered the call to give great service to the church and became **Father** Angel Castro. After having spent the past 8 years in the Seminary preparing for this vocation, Fr. Angel now has the honor to reach out to the many communities he will live in and challenge others to serve one another as well.

Congratulations to you Fr. Castro! May you continue to grow in discipleship through your love of Jesus Christ and his people!

## ARE YOU CONSIDERING A RELIGIOUS VOCATION?

For help in choices please call Fr. James Forsen in the Vocation Office at the Archdiocese of L.A. 213.637.7248.

## ANNUAL OFFERING OF LETTERS

to our legislators on behalf of the poor and hungry worldwide will be June 21-22 after the Masses. This year's objective is to obtain more and better poverty-focused development assistance — that is — helping the people in poor countries develop skills and opportunities to break the cycle of poverty permanently. These include long-term investments in education, agriculture, nutrition, healthcare and clean water.

Please plan to sign a letter on behalf of these people.

## ...REFLECTIONS...

The readings for next Sunday, *The Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*, are listed below along with a question to prompt you to relate the Word of God to your life.

**FIRST READING:** Hosea 6:3-6

**SECOND READING:** Romans 4:18-25

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 9:9-13

**How is Jesus calling me in my daily life? How do I show mercy to others? How can I grow in mercy toward others?**

## GRADUATION ADDRESS

In this season of graduation, we have an ancient model for a brilliant graduation address. Moses exhorts the people of Israel to take the words of God—the commandments—to heart and make an earnest effort to pass them on to succeeding generations. This message applies to us as well. Superficial knowledge of the Lord's words will not do. To say over and over "Lord, Lord!" or "Yes, Lord!" while doing nothing is all too common, even today.

And Paul does not contradict Moses when he says that we are justified by faith apart from observance of the law. If we have faith in the Lord, then we love the Lord. Out of that love we will want to know God's will and act in accord with God's every word. Jesus' great love for us brings justification entirely out of proportion to the sins those who have faith in the Lord and try to keep God's word.

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## FR. BILL STOEGER HERE THIS MONDAY, JUNE 2 AT 7:00 P.M.

Bill Stoeger, S.J., brother of Fr. Jack, is a renowned astrophysicist at the Vatican Observatory, and will be speaking this **Monday, June 2nd at 7:00p.m.** His topic, **GOD AND THE UNIVERSE**, will explore the relationship of religion and science and will remind us that God is found not only in scripture but also in nature.

We find, experience, and come into communion with God through nature and through our acceptance of its beauties, joys, nourishment, sufferings, dyings and rebirths. **WHY NOT INVITE YOUR FRIENDS** to this rare opportunity to deepen your appreciation of 'God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?'

## COMUNIDAD NEWS

MEETING, JUNE 3, 7:00P.M.

FR. GERALD MEISEL PARISH HALL

Join us with our guest speaker Michael Nava, as he talks about healthy gay and lesbian relationships

## AIDS WALK

Comunidad members will be collecting for the AIDS walk before and after the weekend Masses during June. Please participate in this worthwhile cause.

