



## TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 8, 2008

*“I did not come to call the righteous but sinners.”*

—Matthew 9:13



### ADMITTING OUR NEED FOR GOD

As often as we hear the message of today’s scriptures, we seem to be able to resist it. The readings invite us, once again, to rely completely and utterly on God’s love and mercy in our lives. And, once again, we continue to find ways around that invitation. It’s for other people, not us. It’s for tomorrow, not today. We can make it on our own talents, goodness, money, hard work or wisdom. Yet, today’s scriptures call our bluff. They invite us to admit our need for God and put our lives in God’s hands. We who sit comfortably and smugly at the Lord’s Table are beckoned, once again, to follow Jesus in faith and gratitude and love.

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### THANK YOU ST. MATTHEW’S

A huge thank-you to all of our parishioners who purchased roses to honor their moms this past Mother’s Day weekend. Because of your support, the sale netted over \$500.00 which was used to help several clients with food vouchers, a refrigerator, a microwave and rental assistance. The mission of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is to help the poor. Your generosity has been instrumental in allowing us to continue this work of charity.

### OFFERING OF LETTERS INFORMATION

PART 2

In the year 2000, many nations signed on to the *Millennium Development Goals*, a set of eight goals to cut world poverty and hunger by half before the year 2015. The US and others have increased their aid and now more children are in school, fewer are dying of hunger and diseases and many more have access to clean water. Letter writers have helped achieve some of these objectives. But we are still behind.

On June 21/22 we will urge our legislators again to increase US assistance.

### ...REFLECTIONS...

The readings for next Sunday, *The Eleventh 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 have I been called to serve?**

**How can I give without cost in my daily life?**

### Prayer for Vocations

Father, in every generation you provide ministers of Christ and the Church.

We come before you now, asking that you call forth more priests to serve our Church.

Give us priests who will lead and guide your holy people gathered by Word and Sacrament.

Bless us with priestly vocations so that we can continue to be a truly Eucharistic Church, strengthened in our discipleship of Jesus Christ, your only Son.

Raise up, we pray, priests who are generous in their service, willing to offer their lives and all their gifts for your greater glory and the good of your people.

We make our prayer in the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.

### 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.

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Today, after the 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Masses, we will have blood pressure screening available in classroom #2.

### LITURGICAL REMINDER FOR ALL OF US

“When receiving Holy Communion, the communicant bows his or her head before the Sacrament as a gesture of reverence. After the Minister says *“The Body of Christ”* the communicant responds *“Amen”* in a strong voice meaning ‘yes, I believe in the presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist,’ and receives the Body of the Lord from the minister. When Holy Communion is received under both kinds, the sign of reverence is also made before receiving the Precious Blood”

### AIDS WALK

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

THE PAST DOES NOT BELONG TO ME; THE FUTURE IS NOT MINE; WITH ALL MY SOUL I TRY TO MAKE USE OF THE PRESENT MOMENT.