



## ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 15, 2008

*“Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give.”*

—Matthew 10:8b

### LABORERS NEEDED

Today’s scriptures employ mixed metaphors—images of sheep and shepherds, priests and people, harvest and laborers—all of which intermingle to create a web of meaning on which we have based our understanding of Christian vocations. Above all, these images help us see Christian vocations as an extension and expression of Jesus’ own ministry in the world. They lend themselves especially well to a reflection on the vocation to ordained priesthood. The scriptures for today help us understand the role of the ordained in the life of the Church. They also encourage us to pray for an increase in the number of candidates for priestly ordination for “the harvest is abundant but the laborers are few. (Matthew 9:37)

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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 3

Our letters will urge Congress to increase its funding for poverty-fighting efforts by \$5 billion a year. It should be aimed at programs that address the root causes of poverty and hunger. These programs need to encourage the participation of citizens from the targeted communities in creating their programs and setting priorities. A huge first step would be to pass the Global Poverty Act (S. 2433)

**Please plan to sign a letter next Sunday.**

### ...REFLECTIONS...

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

**FIRST READING:** Jeremiah 20:10-13

**SECOND READING:** Romans 5:12-15

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 10:26-33

**Jesus tells us “Do not be afraid.” How do I trust in the Lord in my daily life? How can I encourage others to put their trust in God?**

### FATHER’S DAY PRAYER

God, you are the giver of all life, human and divine.  
Bless our fathers. May they be the best of teachers  
for their children, bearing witness  
to their faith by what they say and do,  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### ATTENTION LECTORS, SERVERS, AND MINISTERS

Your non-availability dates for the months of July and August are due by June 23. Please e-mail your dates to [csaiza@stmatthewlb.org](mailto:csaiza@stmatthewlb.org) or leave a message at 491.1217. Thank you for your prompt response.

### MANNA MEALS BAG LUNCHES

Friday, June 20th, 9:00a.m.

Anyone wishing to help make 125 bag lunches for the St. Luke’s Shower Program is invited to the hall to join in on this project. Again, a huge thank-you to the parish for your generosity in giving funds and food to keep this bi-monthly program going. For more information please call Claire Marmion at 597.4030.

### AIDS WALK

On Saturday, June 21, Comunidad members and hundreds of others will march together in support of our brothers and sisters living and dying with HIV/AIDS. We are soliciting donations to support AIDS Walk Long Beach after all weekend Masses between now and the walk. Please be generous, and consider walking with us on June 21st. Visit [www.aidswalklb.org](http://www.aidswalklb.org) for more information.

### NATIONAL FILM RETREAT

The 9th annual National Film Retreat for young adults — adults, including catechists, pastoral ministers, and film lovers, will be held July 4-6 at the Pauline Center for Media Studies, Culver City. The theme of the retreat is “Melting Pots: Food and Family.” The film slate includes the Ang Lee film “Eat, Drink, Man, Woman” as well as “What’s Cooking?” and “What’s Eating Gilbert Grape?” Cost \$130.00 Visit [www.nationalfilmretreat.org](http://www.nationalfilmretreat.org) for complete information and to download the registration form. Contact Sr. Rose at 310.636.8385. Registration deadline is June 30.

# Happy Father's Day!!