



TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 22, 2008

Sing to the LORD, praise the LORD, for he has rescued the life of the poor.

—Jeremiah 20:13

FEAR NOT

How do people find hope in the face of suffering and death? That is the question addressed by today's scriptures. We hear of the suffering of Jeremiah and the psalmist. We hear of the death that "reigned from Adam to Moses" (Romans 5:14). We hear of the fears of the Twelve as Jesus sends them out into the world to preach and heal.

Through all this tribulation one message rings out loud and clear— "*Do not be afraid!*" The God who saved Jeremiah and the psalmist and Jesus is fully present to save us through the gracious gift of Jesus Christ. We have nothing and no one to fear.

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OFFERING OF LETTERS TODAY

Please stop by after Mass to sign a letter to our legislators asking them to increase poverty-based assistance to help fulfill the Millennium Challenge Goals and pass the Global Poverty Act. We are called to love and care for our neighbors in need and this is one way that we can fulfill that call.

ATTENTION LECTORS, SERVERS, AND MINISTERS

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

RCIA PROGRAM

This is a good time for those who are not Catholic to learn more about the Catholic Church and to begin preparing for the sacraments. Now is a good time to talk to your friends and family about joining our Church community. So start looking around for those you think might be interested in participating in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). They might be waiting for someone to ask them if they've considered joining the Catholic Church. A lot of people are searching for spirituality. You may help them find the answers they are looking for, and those answers may be right here at St. Matthew's! Call them today and find out.

Pray for our deceased...
Sandy Balling

CHRIST OUR HOPE Peter's Pence Collection June 28-29

The Peter's Pence Collection enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to our brothers and sisters in need throughout the world—those who suffer as a result of war, oppression, disease, and natural disaster. It is an opportunity for Catholics to stand in solidarity with the universal Church and to offer hope to those in need. **The 2008 Peter's Pence Collection is next weekend.** Please support the works of the Holy Father through the Peter's Pence Collection.

FORMING CONSCIENCES FOR FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

A CALL TO POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITY WORKSHOP

You are invited to attend the above workshop sponsored by the Office of Justice and Peace. Joan Rosenhouer from the US Bishops' Conference will present this important and timely matter. This workshop will help attendees understand the Bishops' message and learn ways to promote this statement in their community.

The workshop will be held on Wednesday, July 2, from 7-9p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church, 6657 W. Sunset Blvd., Hollywood 90028. To make a reservation, please contact Sr. Gail Young, S.S.S. at 213.637.7690 or email: Sr.GYoung@la-archdiocese.org. Please respond by June 27, 2008 and include your name, parish and city.

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 for complete information and to download the registration form. Contact Sr. Rose at 310.636.8385. Registration deadline is June 30.

50 YEAR REUNION

If you graduated from Pius X High School in Downey, CA between the years 1958-60, contact Judi Deckert Seel at seel5920@aol.com

Pray for our sick...
Paul Banes, Mary Ann Large, Joanne Stewart