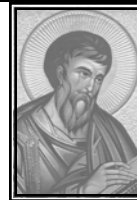


FEAST OF SAINT MATTHEW

SEPTEMBER 21, 2008



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Along with the reform of the Roman Canon and the redrafting of an ancient Roman prayer in Eucharistic Prayer II, two additional prayers were announced in 1969. Eucharistic Prayer III is a fresh composition. Unlike Eucharistic Prayer II, it has no preface of its own, but the presider chooses from a long menu of possible prefaces to become part of the prayer on a particular occasion. Also, like Eucharistic Prayer II it has a way to insert the name of the deceased in Masses for the dead such as funerals and memorials. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal views Eucharistic Prayer III as the best substitute for Eucharistic Prayer I on Sundays and feasts.

In practice, this prayer is used very often at Sunday Mass, and its texts are familiar to all members of the assembly. In this prayer, notice that the priest extends his hands over the gifts and calls down the Holy Spirit to change them into the Body and Blood of Christ. This call of the Holy Spirit is called the epiclesis, and Eastern Christians consider it to be the consecration. Latin Christians have long considered the “institution narrative” to be the consecration. Partly in response to a deep sensitivity to the East, the reformers took care to structure all our new prayers with a strong epiclesis. The poetry and images of Eucharistic Prayer III are fruitful sources of meditation. Why not take a sentence or two into your private prayer?

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CELEBRATION!!!

In celebration of our patron, St. Matthew, come and enjoy the company of friendly parishioners, good food, fun games and lively music at our outdoor festivities which will begin after our 10:30 a.m. Mass and end at 6:00 p.m.

ROSARY

Please join us at 8:30 a.m. Saturday morning to pray the rosary novena for our country and the coming elections.

TAKE TIME TO REFLECT ON GOD’S WORD

The readings for next Sunday, *The Twenty-sixty Sunday in Ordinary Time* are listed below along with questions for your quiet reflection throughout the coming week.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 18:25-28

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1-11

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:28-32

What healing, active loving, forgiving work needs to be done in God’s vineyard today? How can I be a part of that mission? Who do I know who is waiting for my presence?

MARKETPLACE OF FAIR TRADE CRAFTS 2008

Next Sunday, September 28, Concern America returns with the Marketplace of Fair Trade Crafts—just in time for birthdays, weddings, baptisms or any other special event you may celebrate. Please consider purchasing gifts that will warm the heart of the recipient and promote justice and fair trade for the families in Central America and Bangladesh who produce the crafts. Through your appreciation of their crafts and your generosity, many materially poor artisans will be able to earn a just wage, support their families, experience hope, and keep alive their cultural heritage. Concern America is an international development and refugee aid organization based in Santa Ana, CA 714.953.8575. You may view a selection of their crafts on their website: www.concernamerica.org.

WHAT IS FAIR TRADE?

It means that trading partnerships are based on reciprocal benefits and mutual respect; that prices paid to producers reflect the work they do; that national health, safety, and wage laws are enforced; and that products are environmentally sustainable and conserve natural resources.

CATHOLIC TEACHING ON MARRIAGE Archdiocese of Los Angeles

In compliance with Archdiocese Of Los Angeles instructions, we continue this week to include the teachings of the Catholic Church regarding values and principles in marriage:

MARRIAGE AND THE WELL BEING OF CHILDREN

“Same-sex unions are *not* the same as opposite-sex unions. The marriage of a man and a woman embraces not only their sexual complementarity as designed by nature but includes their ability to procreate. The ideal for the well being of children is to be born into a traditional marriage and to be raised by both a mother and a father. We recognize that there are parents who are single and we laud them for the great sacrifices they make in raising their children.”

—*The Catholic Bishops of California, 2008. For more information about the Catholic teaching on marriage, please visit: www.cacatholic.org.*

HELP THE POOR AND NEEDY

Help the poor and needy by volunteering for Catholic Charities in Long Beach. Call Cecilia for a volunteer application at 562.480.2506 to bring food and a friendly smile to the homebound elderly once a month. Contact her by email at: gatekeeperproject@hotmail.com.