

# TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 28, 2008

*Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus.*

—Philippians 2:5

## MARKETPLACE OF FAIR TRADE CRAFTS

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FAIR TRADE COFFEE

BEAUTIFUL HANDMADE CRAFT ITEMS  
FROM EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, MEXICO,  
HONDURAS, ECUADOR AND BANGLADESH  
FOR SALE AFTER MASSES TODAY

By purchasing these gift items today, you support the development work of Concern America and help to provide a fair and just wage for many materially poor families. We invite you to think about honoring your family and friends in a very special way by choosing gifts with meaning and purpose.

Concern America is an international development and refugee aid organization based in Santa Ana, CA 714.953.8575  
[www.concernamerica.org](http://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.

## RCIA PROGRAM

(Christian Initiation Program for Adults)

IF ANY OF THESE DESCRIPTIONS FIT YOU,

PLEASE JOIN OUR INQUIRY CLASS:

- 1) If you are a baptized Catholic but have not received Eucharist and/or Confirmation.
- 2) If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Church.
- 3) If you are married to a Catholic and would like to worship as a Catholic ...

please consider yourself invited to the program which meets after the 10:30 Mass each Sunday. Call the rectory and leave your name and number for Sister Sharon.

## PRECIOUS LIFE SHELTER BABY SHOWER

As in the past, we will highlight **Respect Life Month** with an on-going “baby shower” to benefit the moms and babies at the **Precious Life Shelter**, a facility which provides quality care and a safe living environment for homeless pregnant women 18 years and older. **Throughout October** you may donate items such as receiving blankets, diapers, baby wipes, nightgowns, sleepers, booties, etc. by placing them in the bassinet located in front of the Sacred Heart Altar. Monetary donations may be placed in an envelope marked “*Precious Life Shelter*” and dropped in the collection basket.

## 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:

### TRADITIONAL MARRIAGE IS THE FOUNDATION OF SOCIETY

“Marriage mirrors God’s relationship with us—and that marriage completes, enriches and perpetuates humanity. When men and women consummate their marriage they offer themselves to God as co-creators of a new human being. Any other pairing — while possibly offering security and companionship to the individuals involved—is not marriage. We must support traditional marriage as the source of our civilization, the foundation for a society that can be home to all human beings, and the reflection of our relationship with God.”

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

## COMUNIDAD MEETING

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 7th at 7:00p.m. in the Fr. Gerald Meisel Parish Hall. Our speaker will be Fr. Richard Benson, member of St. John’s Seminary faculty. His topic will be “*Primacy of Conscience*” as it relates to Church teachings, and promises to be very informative. All are welcome for the talk and light refreshments.

## GUEST CHEF PROGRAM

St. Matthew parishioners provide one dinner per month for the Catholic Charities Shelter **Guest Chef Program**. We prepare and serve the meal on the **3rd Thursday of every month**. We **need more volunteers** who are willing to make a salad, casserole or dessert. We are also in need of folks who are able to help serve the dinner from 5:45-6:45p.m. The people who receive these meals are most grateful. If you can help, please call Claire at 562.597.4030. Thank you!

## CROP WALK

The annual CWS CROP WALK will take place on October 19. Peace and Justice members will be outside the Church on October 5th and 12th with information and volunteer envelopes. Three members of Peace and Justice are walking this year! Please sponsor them or pick up forms to walk with them!