

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."

OCTOBER 26, 2008

—Matthew 22:37

BALANCE

Today's scriptures emphasize the fundamental link between love of God and love of our neighbors, especially those who are most in need. Love of God should compel us to love the people whom God cherishes. Conversely, work for justice and charity for those in need should be rooted in our love of God. That connection and balance, however, isn't always easy to maintain in our lives. Even in religious orders we find that some Christians are more oriented toward contemplation and prayer, while others are more active in reaching out to those who are oppressed. Today Jesus reminds us of the necessity for both in the live of faith.

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ALL SAINTS DAY....

Next Saturday, November 1 is the solemnity of All Saints. It is **NOT a holy day of obligation** this year because it falls on a Saturday.

COMUNIDAD MEMORIAL SERVICE

Tuesday, November 4

Remember to bring mementos of your deceased loved ones. The evening will begin in the Parish Hall at 7:00p.m.

JOIN US...

As we pray the rosary every Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m. in the Church for the special intentions of our country.

FOR THOSE WHO WANT THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic (or if you are baptized Catholic and want to receive First Holy Communion), please call Sr. Sharon 562.439.0931 x 5.

TAKE TIME TO REFLECT ON GOD'S WORD

The readings for next Sunday, *ALL SOULS*, are listed below along with questions for your quiet reflection throughout the coming week.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6, 7-9

SECOND READING: Romans 6:3-9

GOSPEL: John 6:37-40

How can we live out the mandate to embrace life from conception to natural death? What are some ways my community can become servant leaders to the wider community?

God's love does not distinguish between the infant in the mother's womb or the child or the youth or the adult or the older person. In each one God sees His image and likeness. Human life is a manifestation of God and His Glory.

Pope Benedict XVI

FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE

(RESERVE YOURS TODAY)

It's time to get your flu shots! St. Mary's Hospital, the Long Beach Health department and our caring parish nursing program will provide flu shots free of charge on Sunday, Nov. 9th from 9:00a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in classroom #2. **In order to provide sufficient staffing, we ask that you sign up after the 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses TODAY (Sunday only) or next Sunday, November 2.**

LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING

Please make plans to attend our next meeting as we begin planning our Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas liturgies. Our meeting will take place this Monday, October 27th in the Rectory at 7:00p.m. Your attendance is important.

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

TIME CHANGES...*fall back*

*Remember that daylight-saving time ends ...
Turn your clocks back 1 hour before going
to bed Saturday night.*

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

**[AT] THE ORIGIN OF EVERY HUMAN BEING
THERE IS NOT SOMETHING HAPHAZARD
OR CHANCE, BUT A LOVING PLAN OF GOD.**

POPE BENEDICT XVI

***LAST CHANCE TO CONTRIBUTE TO
OUR BABY SHOWER
FOR THE PRECIOUS LIFE SHELTER***

While our baby shower will end this week, the benefits of it will not. Your gifts will help 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. You may still donate items such as receiving blankets, diapers, baby wipes, 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 or at the church office.**