

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

—1 John 5:5

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SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

It is not often that the author of one of the books of the Bible comes right out and tells us directly why he is writing what he is writing. In this Sunday's Gospel reading, taken from the conclusion of John's Gospel, the author tells us that he has chosen to record these events so "that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name."

The letter of John echoes this idea by saying that everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God" (5:1)—what we might refer to as being "born again." Our reading from the Acts of the Apostles for this Second Sunday of Easter shows us exactly what it looks like when believers are born again through faith.

HELP SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR MEETING TODAY.

Our parish St. Vincent de Paul ministry is in great need of new people who can take part in this ministry which reaches out to many poor families in our community. Meetings are easy to attend; taking place on the first and third Sunday of each month after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. You will find out how *you* can help make difficult times turn into manageable times for families in need.

ST. ANTHONY'S CLASS REUNION

St. Anthony Class of '69 will be having their 40th High School Reunion. For more information and to be included on the mailing list, please email Phil LeBlanc at Pleblanc@TopLineStaffing.com

REMEMBERING ST. MATTHEW'S IN YOUR PLANS

These are hard times for everyone, including our parish. Right now you may not be able to give as much as you would like, but please consider making St. Matthew's Church the beneficiary of your IRA. If your IRA or Roth IRA is inherited by individuals there will be taxes to pay, but St. Matthew's could receive your IRA tax-free.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER READINGS

The readings for next Sunday are listed below along with questions for your quiet reflection throughout this week.

FIRST READING: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

SECOND READING: 1 John 2:1-5a

GOSPEL: Luke 24:35-48

"Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures." Do I open my bible often and read a few verses (try Mark's Gospel?) Then I need to spend a few moments in quiet to listen to what God is saying to me in these verses for my daily life.

CARDINAL MCINTYRE FUND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

HISTORY OF THE CARDINAL MCINTYRE FUND FOR CHARITY

In 1948, shortly after he was appointed Archbishop of Los Angeles, Cardinal James Francis McIntyre recognized that certain institutions and agencies were facing hardships because of inadequate financing. These organizations were ineligible for funding through public sources such as the Community Chests (predecessor to the United Way) and included: family welfare, institutions for the aged, health and youth services, adoption agencies, care for the blind, hard of hearing, mentally retarded and handicapped. Needed also were funds for maternity care, emergency relief and expanded social services in distressed neighborhoods. Cardinal McIntyre established the Archbishop's Fund for Charity in 1951 as a charitable corporation under the laws of California for the collection of monies to be used in support of otherwise unprovided for, charitable works. The Fund itself operates no charitable programs. The Cardinal McIntyre Fund for Charity is not a substitute for welfare or other forms of public aid. No help is given on a long term basis. The fund provides parish priests with the means to help persons immediately.

THE PURPOSE OF THE CARDINAL MCINTYRE FUND

The goal of the Cardinal McIntyre Fund for Charity is service to the "neediest of the needy," those for whom no other resources exist. Service to individuals and families in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles is the Cardinal McIntyre Fund's highest priority. Provision of food, shelter, one-time assistance to families in crises: such as assistance with medical, funeral expenses, are appropriate as funds allow and as recommended by those who are familiar with the area/persons. The Fund is not a replacement or supplement for welfare or other forms of public assistance. It does not support persons' living needs on a continuing basis. Rather the Fund acts to solve immediate, pressing problems. Food and milk for three days, lodging for the night. Emergency medical care. Rent to tide over a financial crisis. A utility bill to keep the water heat turned on for the week.

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helping the poorest of the poor*
