

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

You alone, O Lord, bring security to my dwelling.

—Psalm 4:9

APRIL 26, 2009

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

Throughout the Easter season, all three of the Sunday readings are taken from the New Testament—the Christian scriptures. Together they explore what it means to believe in Jesus as the Christ, the One who fulfilled the prophecies of the Jewish scriptures.

Today's selections refer to our human weakness, yet they emphasize the forgiveness and peace that are available to those who put their faith in "Jesus Christ the righteous one" (1 John 2:2). In the Acts of the Apostles Peter invites everyone to "repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away" (Acts 3:19). The First Letter of John calls Jesus Christ "expiation for our sins" (1 John 2:2). Finally, in the Gospel Jesus greets the disciples with "Peace" and urges them to preach "repentance, for the forgiveness of sins" (Luke 24:27). Copyright, J.S. Paluch Co.

RCIA

(RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS)

Calling all non-Catholic adults who are interested in learning more about the Catholic church and calling all baptized Catholics who have not received the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation! You are invited to join our Sunday classes held immediately after the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. Please call Sister Sharon for more information 562.439.0931 x 5.

COMUNIDAD MEETING

Comunidad will meet on Tuesday, May 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the Fr. Gerald Meisel Parish Hall. Comunidad will celebrate *Cinco de Mayo* with the traditional reenactment of the Battle of Pueblo followed by a Mexican theme potluck and several rousing rounds of Lotteria. Please bring a dish to share. Also bring any items you would like to *re-gift* as fabulous Lotteria prizes. All are welcome.

FOURTH 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 4:8-12

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-2

GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

"I know my sheep and my sheep know me" Jesus tells us. He has given all of us a gift to share with and strengthen his flock. What are my gifts and how might I use them even more to serve him?



CARDINAL MCINTYRE FUND COLLECTION TODAY

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.

Contribution envelopes are available in the pews today. You may take one home and return it next weekend.

*100% of your tax deductible
contribution goes directly toward
helping the poorest of the poor*

REMINDER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE MINISTRY MEETING

The Peace and Justice Ministry group will be meet this Monday, April 27th at 7:00 p.m. in classroom #2.

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.