



PENTECOST SUNDAY

THERE ARE DIFFERENT KINDS OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS BUT THE SAME SPIRIT.

MAY 31, 2009

— 1 Corinthians 12:4



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The disciples gathered on the fiftieth day after the Resurrection were not keeping their first Pentecost. For them, Pentecost was the fiftieth day after Passover, a feast of the first fruits of the harvest. It was the second most important feast of the year. Today, Jews gather on the eve of the feast to study scripture and the law, and after the feast begins at sundown, spend the day in joyful social gatherings. The meaning of the celebration is the giving of the law on Mount Sinai, so for Christians the connection to the gifts of the Holy Spirit is obvious. In Sicily and in the Pantheon in Rome, today the descent of the Holy Spirit is enacted with a stunning ritual. Some churches there have an “eye” in the roof open to the sky, called an “oculus.” After the Gospel today, thousands of rose petals fall from the oculus onto the assembly.

Churches and homes are decked in greenery and flowers to express the new life the Holy Spirit brings on this, the “Birthday of the Church.”

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ADVISORY BOARD

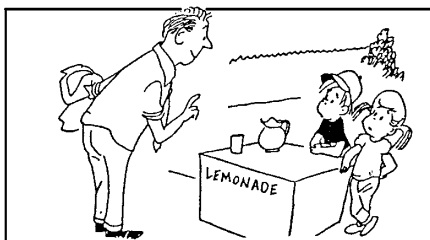
Catholic Charities is seeking to invigorate and expand its existing Advisory Board. They need people who understand the needs of the area, particularly the needs of the poor and most vulnerable. The Advisory Board assist in the annual fundraising event and they oversee Program Development. They also seek out partnerships with businesses and neighborhood communities, developing resources, relationships and collaborations for Catholic Charities. The Board meets quarterly and works with Program Staff and the Regional Director.

If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Catholic Charities at 562.591.1641 or atotta@ccharities.org.

JOIN US...

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

WELCOME SUMMER-TIME!



“It’s five-cents a glass or twenty-five cents for the whole franchise.”

COMUNIDAD UPDATES

MEETING

The next Comunidad meeting will be held this Tuesday, June 2nd at 7:00p.m. in the Fr. Gerald Meisel Parish Hall. Comunidad is pleased to have Fr. Jack Stoeger as our presenter. Fr. Jack will respond to the challenges faced by lesbian and gay Catholics with his *topic* “Give Me One Reason To Stay Here.” All are welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

AIDS WALK—LONG BEACH, JUNE 20TH.

Long Beach continues to have the highest rate of HIV/AIDS per capita in California, with the highest rate of new cases among Latina and African-American young women. Members of Comunidad will be collecting donations after all the Masses from now through June 17th to support St. Matthew’s AIDS WALK team. Please be as generous as possible to support services for persons in Long Beach living with HIV/AIDS. Also please consider joining the St. Matthew’s Aids Walk team.

LATE NITE CATECHISM 3 –June 27, 2009

The Memorial Medical Center Foundation announces the presentation of *Til Death do Us Part, Late Nite Catechism 3*. This hilarious interactive comedy, the latest, all-new sequel in the “Late Nite” series, has been hailed as Mari-pat Donovan’s very best yet. This delightful evening will support and raise awareness of the many important services provided by the Pastoral Care Department at Long Beach Memorial Medical Center. Tickets are now available by calling 562.933.1460.

INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

We offer year-round sessions to explore the Catholic faith. For more information, call Sr. Sharon at 439.0931 x 5.

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS

The readings for next Sunday, Trinity Sunday are listed below along with questions for your quiet reflection.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

SECOND READING: Romans 8:14-17

GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus tells the disciples to go out, to baptize, and to teach. What is God calling me to do? How am I answering His call?



Reverend Arthur Guillen

In Memoriam