

# THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

THE CUP OF SALVATION I WILL TAKE UP,  
AND I WILL CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD.

JUNE 14, 2009

— Psalm 116:13

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The origins of today's solemnity lie in thirteenth-century Belgium. In those days, people seldom received Holy Communion, and never the chalice. A nun in a troubled convent, Juliana of Liege, devoted her life to stirring up love for the Eucharist, lobbying for a feast day to honor the Blessed Sacrament with Masses and processions.

Juliana may have been inspired by the Ascension Day processions in nearby Bruges. Crusaders brought a treasure home to Bruges from Constantinople in 1204; a reliquary said to contain a cloth from Joseph of Arimathea with which he had helped prepare the body of Jesus for burial. The stain on the cloth was said to be the holy blood itself, and so the people of Bruges built a great basilica to house the relic. Bruges became a great center of pilgrimage because of this treasure, and the procession of the Holy Blood is still one of the greatest festivals in Belgium today. The bishop carries the relic through the narrow streets, and the people wear medieval costumes and act out scenes from the Bible.

## BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING TODAY

On the second Sunday of each month our parish nursing ministry is available in classroom #2 after the 10:30a.m. Mass and the 12:30p.m. Mass to check your blood pressure.

## SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

**SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 5:30 P.M. MASS. PLEASE ARRIVE  
BY 5:15P.M. AND SIT IN THE RESERVED PEWS**

One of the more notable activities of the Lord's public life was healing the sick. Healing was one of the explicit ministries entrusted to the 72 disciples when they went on mission. Communal services that celebrate God's healing mercy experienced through the sacrament of anointing the sick call to mind, for both the sick and the well, the healing power of God's love and the challenge of each of us to be instruments of healing in the midst of so much suffering in our fragile world. We hope that all who suffer serious illness, those who are elderly, and anyone about to have surgery will come to receive the anointing.

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

The readings for next Sunday, *Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time* are listed below along with questions for your quiet reflection.

**FIRST READING:** Job 38:1, 8-11

**SECOND READING:** 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

**GOSPEL:** Mark 4:35-41.

*When has the Lord helped me break through fear and experience a new confidence in Him? How can I learn to trust Him more?*

## CAN YOU HELP??

Our Manna Meals Group will be making bag lunches in the parish hall this Friday, June 19 at 8:45a.m. for the *St. Luke's Homeless Shower* outreach program.

We would be grateful for anyone who can lend a hand — many hands *really do* make quick work!

For information call Claire at 562.597.4030.

## ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO BECOME A DEACON?

*"If you want to be first make yourself servant of all"*

There will be an information meeting for all men who are interested in finding out more about becoming a permanent deacon in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Members of the Archdiocesan Diaconate Formation Office will be there to explain the role of the deacon in the Church, the diaconate formation program, and answer questions that you might have. Men must be between the ages of 30 and 60 years to enter the diaconate formation program.

If you are married, the decision as to whether to apply to the program or not, is a joint decision. Wives therefore are expected to attend the information meeting as well. Please feel free to also invite your pastor.

The information day will be held on Sunday, July 26 from 1:30 to 4:00p.m. at St. John Chrysostom, 546 E. Florence Avenue, Inglewood, CA 213.637.7383.

## THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF CARDINAL TIMOTHY MANNING

Cardinal Timothy Manning served the Church of southern California for over 55 years. As Auxiliary Bishop and Archbishop of Los Angeles, he ordained 349 priests and confirmed approximately 650,000 people. June 23, 2009 marks the 20th anniversary of the death of this holy and faithful priest and servant of the Gospel.

To mark this occasion, Monsignor Clement Connolly, Pastor of Holy Family Parish, South Pasadena, and long time secretary of Cardinal Manning, will present a public lecture on the *Life and Legacy of Cardinal Timothy Manning*.

Sponsored by St. John's Seminary, this lecture is scheduled on Tuesday, June 23, 2009, beginning at 7:15p.m. in the Parish Hall at Holy Family Church, South Pasadena. The parish is located at 1527 Fremont Avenue, South Pasadena (at Fremont and Rollin Street.) All are invited.

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