

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TRUTH SHALL SPRING OUT OF THE EARTH, AND JUSTICE SHALL LOOK DOWN FROM HEAVEN.

JULY 12, 2009

— Psalm 85:12

CALLED BY GOD

Today's scriptures invite us to listen to two calls. The first is the call issued by the Lord to the prophet Amos, the "shepherd and a dresser of sycamores" (Amos 7:14). The second is the call the Lord Jesus issued to the Twelve, whom he sent out "two by two" (Mark 6:7). These faithful people responded to the call, prophesying and preaching to the people to whom they had been sent. Each of us received a call when we were baptized. The second reading invites us to ponder that call as we are reminded that we are chosen in Christ and that, in love, God "destined us for adoption" (Ephesians 1:5). As adopted daughters and sons of God we are called to bring the presence of Christ into our marriages, families, schools, and places of work. Let us be inspired today to say "yes" to the call we hear once again through God's living word.

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THANK YOU

To all who contributed to our monthly food collection for the Catholic Charities pantry. Our next collection will be Aug. 1-2, and the first weekend of each month following that. Many people are deeply grateful for your generosity.

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.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

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

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:13-18

GOSPEL: Mark 6:30-34

After returning from teaching the good news to others, "the apostles gathered around Jesus" and he invited them to a "deserted place to rest awhile." Do I make time to read the Bible or a spiritual book, reflect on God's goodness in nature, or go down to the beach to "rest awhile and be renewed?"

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING TODAY

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

RENEW Theology-on-Tap 2009

If you are a young adult, married, single, dating between the ages of 18-39 you are invited to join us for the 8th annual summer speaker series, **Theology-on-Tap!**

WHEN:

July 21

"The Power to Move Mountains—The Power of Prayer"

Guest Speaker: Fr. David Loftus

July 28

"I'm Here, God, Now What? Where do I Go From Here?"

Guest Speaker: Floy Hawkins, MFCC

August 4

"The Good, The Bad and the Ugly—Relationships"

Guest Speaker: Juliette Marsh-Williams

August 11

"MONEY The Root to All Evil or In God We Trust?
Dealing with the Economic Crunch"

Guest Speaker: Fr. Jack Gibson, S.D.B.

WHERE: St. Dominic Savio Church- Parish Hall
13400 Bellflower Blvd. Bellflower, Ca 90706

TIME: 7:00-9:30pm (doors open @ 6:30pm)

For more information or if you would like to be part of the San Pedro Regional Theology-on-Tap Team, please contact Bettyrae Reyes at (562) 233-8955 or bettyraereyes@yahoo.com or Aela Mejia at aela.mejia@agile360.com. You can also check-out our WEB page at: <http://archdiocese.la/mya>.

ST. ANTHONY BASKETBALL CAMP

Lace up your sneakers, it's camp time. St. Anthony High School is hosting its Third Annual *Darrick Martin Basketball & Books Day Camp* on August 3-7. The free camp is open to students aged 7 through 17 years of age. Basketball skills are taught by NBA professional Darrick Martin, St. Anthony's Class of '88, but instruction also focuses on life skills such as goal setting, nutrition, study, computers, and college readiness. Camp begins at 8 a.m. from Monday through Friday and ends at 2:30 p.m. Lunch is provided. Parents may apply online at www.longbeachsaints.org or by contacting St. Anthony's at 562.435.4496. Enrollment is limited. **Applications must be received at St. Anthony's by Sunday, July 26th.**