

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BEHOLD, THE DAYS ARE COMING, SAYS THE LORD, WHEN I WILL RAISE UP A RIGHTEOUS SHOOT TO DAVID.

JULY 19, 2009

— Jeremiah 23:5a

ENCYCLICAL LETTER *CARITAS IN VERITATE*

OF THE SUPREME PONTIFF
BENEDICT XVI
TO THE BISHOPS
PRIESTS AND DEACONS
MEN AND WOMEN RELIGIOUS
THE LAY FAITHFUL
AND ALL PEOPLE OF GOOD WILL
ON INTEGRAL HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
IN CHARITY AND TRUTH

In this document you will read the Pope's teachings on how ethical values are needed to overcome the current global economic crisis as well as to eradicate hunger and promote the real development of all the world's peoples. He also states that "if human conception, gestation and birth are made artificial, if human embryos are sacrificed to research, the conscience of society ends up losing the concept of human ecology and, along with it, that of environmental ecology." In addition, he said that development programs and offers of aid that encourage coercive population-control methods and the promotion of abortion do not have the good of people at heart and that an anti-life mentality in the world's richest countries is related to the lack of concern for the poor.

This document was dated June 29 and released from the Vatican on July 7th. **Then entire Encyclical can be found online at <http://www.vatican.va>.**

LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING

Members of the Liturgy Committee are encouraged to attend a liturgy meeting on August 3rd at 7:00p.m. in the Rectory.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

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

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 4:42-44
SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:1-6
GOSPEL: John 6:1-15

Jesus multiplies our resources and efforts to spread the news of His kingdom. What are my gifts—material, spiritual, and my own innate talents—that I could further share in "helping the kingdom to come?"

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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.

ST. ANTHONY PARISH NEWS

Class Reunion

Class of '69 will be having their 40th High School Reunion. For more information and to be placed on the list, please email Phil LeBlanc at Pleblanc@TopLineStaffing.com or Jacki (Hughes) Stanfield at SA40thReunion69@aol.com.

Basketball Camp

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. 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.**