

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE EYES OF ALL LOOK HOPEFULLY TO YOU, AND YOU GIVE THEM THEIR FOOD IN DUE SEASON.

JULY 26, 2009

— Psalm 145:15

WEEKLY MIRACLE

This week marks the beginning of a kind of “liturgical detour.” We have been listening to Saint Mark’s Gospel during this liturgical year (*Year B*). Today we begin to hear a long section from John’s Gospel, starting with the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. This miracle story is a prelude to the Lord’s statements that we will begin hearing in a few weeks, where Jesus refers to himself as the “bread of life.” Each week we witness a miracle at Mass. We do not see a multiplication of loaves before us. What our eyes of faith allow us to see is the miracle of the transformation of common elements—bread and wine—into the Lord’s body and blood. Once we have received the Lord, the multiplication begins, for in the Eucharist we are strengthened to multiply our efforts to feed the poor, shelter the homeless, and bring comfort to the despairing.

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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 remainder of our speaker series, **Theology-on-Tap** at St. Dominic Savio Church Parish Hall, 13400 Bellflower Blvd. Bellflower, Ca 90706; 7:00-9:30pm (doors open @ 6:30pm).

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.

For more information please contact Bettyrae at (562) 233-8955 or bettyraereyes@yahoo.com

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS

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

FIRST READING: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

GOSPEL: John 6:24-35

In the Gospel the Israelites ask God for another sign. When have I asked God for another sign and what was my reason for asking?

MARKET BASKET COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Helping the community we live in

We all know someone who is financially hurting these days. Because so many people are in need, our local **Catholic Charities Pantry is in critical condition**. They are in need of dry or canned beans, rice, canned meat, canned fruits and vegetables, peanut butter and cereal (all non-perishable foods.) In order to help, our parish will sponsor a food drive on the first weekend of each month. Please bring your contribution of food next weekend and place it inside the grocery basket located in the gathering area outside the church. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, please place your donation inside an envelope marked *MARKET BASKET COLLECTION* and drop it in the Sunday collection basket. Through the concerted efforts of our Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Comunidad Outreach Group and our Peace and Justice Organization, along with all the generous parishioners of St. Matthew Church, it is a guarantee that this effort will be successful. If you can help in other ways, please call Linda at 493.9898 or Claire at 597.4030.

LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING

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

COMUNIDAD MEETING

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 4th at 7:00p.m. in the Fr. Gerald Meisel Parish Hall where we will screen *TRINIDAD*. Part observational film and part essay, *TRINIDAD* explores the diverse characters and personal histories of a group of people who have come together because of similar life experiences. Filmed in the small community of Trinidad, Colorado, *TRINIDAD* is compassionate and compelling. Due to the length of the film **we will begin our meeting at 7:00p.m. sharp**. A discussion will follow. All are welcome.

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.