

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

DID NOT GOD CHOOSE THOSE WHO ARE POOR IN THE WORLD TO BE RICH IN FAITH AND HEIRS TO THE KINGDOM?

SEPTEMBER 6, 2009

— James 2:5

Religious FORMATION

All teachers and aides in the Children's Religious Education Program are required to attend a meeting this Tuesday evening, Sept. 8th in classrooms 3 & 4. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. Please arrive on time.

CLASSES START NEXT WEEKEND

All children who are registered in our Religious Education program will start attending classes on either Saturday, Sept. 12 or Monday, Sept. 14.

ST. MATTHEW FEAST DAY

Our parish will celebrate St. Matthew's feast day on Sunday, September 20th. Part of our celebration will include a **50/50 raffle**. We welcome and encourage you to purchase raffle tickets after any of our weekend Masses between now and then. The *more* people who purchase tickets...the *more* money the lucky winner will take home! It could be *you!* *Join the fun!*

We will inform you of other feast-day information as the time draws nearer. In the meantime...*buy tickets!*

SUCCESS!

Thanks to many generous people, lots of Long Beach kids, who otherwise would not have school supplies, will now go to school feeling proud of their backpacks and pencil bags filled with needed items. Thank you for supporting this parish effort to share with those in need.

U.S. BISHOPS LAUNCH WEBSITE ON HEALTH CARE REFORM, THEIR POSITIONS AND CONCERNS

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops launched a webpage promoting its support of *"truly universal health policy with respect for human life and dignity."* The page, www.usccb.org/healthcare includes letters from bishops to Congress, videos, facts and statistics, frequently asked questions, and links for contacting members of Congress. The site features web videos of USCCB policy staff discussing the bishops' position on health care. The page also contains facts and statistics about Catholic health care in the U.S. which includes 624 Catholic hospitals, 164 home health agencies, and 41 hospice organizations.



A HEARTFELT THANK YOU FROM SISTER DOLORES BURLING

I can hardly believe that it has been a year since I retired from the staff of St. Matthew Parish! Before leaving, I was given a generous monetary gift to apply to a dream trip. Thanks to so many of you, my sister Agnes and I are now traveling to British Columbia. We fly into Seattle, take a ferry to Victoria, followed by a few days in Sooke, a lovely mountain resort to the West of Victoria. Thank you all so very much for this delightful journey!

RCIA

(RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS)

Non-catholic adults and baptized Catholics who have not received the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation 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.

LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN 62ND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

DATE: Tuesday, October 6, 2009

PLACE: Wilshire Grand Hotel, Los Angeles

PICK UP: St. Dominic Savio Church (13700 Bellflower Blvd.), 7:00a.m.

CONTACT PERSON: Ann Barnes—562.633.7424

ACCW DISTRICT MEETING

St. Pancratius Church, Lakewood on Friday, Sept. 25. Fr. Nick Assi will speak on *"Theology of Holy Land/To Whom Does it Belong."* For reservations call Verna Hammer at 562.633.2503.

COMUNIDAD MEETING

Apologies from Comunidad for providing incorrect information in last week's bulletin. The Comunidad meeting was held last Tuesday, Sept. 1, therefore *there is no meeting on Sept. 8th*. Again, apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused you.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:5-9a

SECOND READING: James 2:14-18

GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-35

REFLECTION: *What cross do I bear as I try to follow Jesus? Who in my life is bearing a cross that is painful to witness? How can I help support and encourage?*