

## TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE LAW OF THE LORD IS PERFECT, REFRESHING THE SOUL; THE DECREE OF THE LORD IS TRUSTWORTHY, GIVING WISDOM TO THE SIMPLE.

SEPTEMBER 27, 2009

— Matthew 9:13

~ Parish Life and Activities... ~

<p>LIFE ISSUES...</p>	<p>As in past years, we will highlight <b>Respect Life Month</b> with an on-going “baby shower” to benefit the moms and babies at the Precious Life Shelter, a facility which provides quality care and a safe living environment for homeless pregnant women 18 years and older. Throughout October you may donate items such as receiving blankets, diapers, baby wipes, nightgowns, sleepers, booties, etc. by placing them in the bassinet located in front of the Sacred Heart Altar. Monetary donations may be placed in an envelope marked “Precious Life Shelter” and dropped in the collection basket.</p> <p><b>Congress is working on three health care reform bills.</b> Two of these would provide for federally-funded abortion coverage. Please contact your senators and representatives by email <a href="http://www.house.gov">www.house.gov</a> and <a href="http://www.senate.gov">www.senate.gov</a>.) or phone Senator Boxer at 213.894.5000 and Senator Feinstein at 310.914.7300. A suggested message: A fair and just health care reform bill must exclude mandated coverage for abortion and uphold longstanding laws that restrict abortion funding and protect conscience rights.</p>
<p>GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION NEXT WEEKEND</p>	<p>This year is a very special year for Sr. Sharon and Sr. Dolores. It is the Golden Jubilee of their Religious Professions as Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary Community. <b>Our parish will celebrate this beautiful occasion with Sr. Sharon and Sr. Dolores next Sunday, October 4th at our 10:30 a.m. Mass where we shall give thanks to God for their presence in our lives.</b> Sr. Dolores ministered to our parish for eight years in Liturgy, RCIA, Faith Formation and Eucharistic Ministry to the Sick. Sr. Sharon came to our parish last year to share her time and know-how instructing our RCIA folks and planning informative Adult Faith Formation programs.</p>
<p>CROP WALK</p>	<p>The annual CROP Walk will be held on October 18th. Members of Peace and Justice will be outside the church after all the Masses to recruit walkers, accept donations and answer any questions. Your generosity in the past has given hope to many people who are helped through Catholic Charities and St. Francis Center. Please sponsor a member or better yet, put your walking shoes on and <i>walk the walk!</i></p>
<p>WELCOME FATHER DONALD RICHARDSON</p>	<p>Today we have the pleasure of hearing Fr. Donald Richardson speak to us regarding missionary work in the Diocese of Gallup, an area in northwest New Mexico and northeast Arizona whose population is 50% native American. The diocese includes many missions of the early Spanish Franciscans from 1540. There are thousands of miles of unpaved, dirt roads that are impassible in wet weather. Today the missionaries travel in 4wd vehicles to the far-flung “hogans” (homes) on the Navajo reservation. Your generosity will be very much appreciated.</p>
<p>COMUNIDAD NEWS</p>	<p>Comunidad / St. Matthew is holding its annual retreat for Gay and Lesbian Catholics October 16, 17, 18 at the Center for Spiritual Development in Orange CA. For more information contact <a href="mailto:Comunidad@ComunidadLB.org">Comunidad@ComunidadLB.org</a> or see our application at <a href="http://www.ComunidadLB.org">www.ComunidadLB.org</a>.</p> <p>The next Comunidad meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 6th at 7 PM in the Fr. Gerald Meisel Parish Hall. Come to learn about the St. Mary CARE Program and Clinics which provides to services to persons affected by HIV-AIDS. Carlos Ruiz, MA, MPH, Health Educator will be the presenter. He has been working with the CARE Program and Clinics for 10 years and will be describing what services are available and how to access them. All are welcome. Light refreshments will be served.</p>
<p>NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TWENTY– SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b></p> <p><b>1st READING:</b> Genesis 2:18-24; <b>2nd READING:</b> Hebrews 2:9-11 <b>GOSPEL:</b> Mark 10:2-16 [2-12])</p> <p><b>REFLECTION...</b> <i>How can I be more open to receiving the kingdom of God like a child (that is one who trusts completely and who, after falling down, gets up and tires again) Let us pray and reach out to married couples experiencing difficulties in their marriages.</i></p>