

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD OF GOD IS LIVING AND EFFECTIVE, SHARPER THAN ANY TWO-EDGED SWORD.

—Hebrews 4:12a

OCTOBER 11, 2009

~ Parish Life and Activities... ~

<p>RESPECT LIFE</p>	<p><i>“We are well aware that all too often....life is exalted as long as it is pleasurable, but there is a tendency to no longer respect it as soon as it is sick or handicapped. Based on deep love for every person it is possible instead to put into practice effective forms of service to life—to newborn life and to life marked by marginalization or suffering, especially in its terminal phase. The Virgin Mary received with perfect love the Word of life, Jesus Christ, who came into the world so that human beings might “have life abundantly” (Jn 10:10) Let us entrust to her expectant mothers, families, health-care workers and volunteers who are committed in so many ways to the service of life. Let us pray in particular for the people in the most difficult situations.”</i> Pope Benedict XIV on Life—Angelus, Feb. 5, 2006</p> <p>Respect Life Month continues with our 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. You may donate 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. Thank you for all your help!</p>
<p>MINISTRY TO THE SICK</p>	<p><i>“While I knew I would be sent to take the Eucharist to the homebound, I never knew just how fulfilling this ministry would be for me! I love it”</i></p> <p>We as baptized Catholics are called to transform the world by living out our Baptismal vocation, being and becoming the Body of Christ in the world. Did you know that there is a group of Eucharistic Ministers specially designated to minister Holy Communion to the ill and elderly of the parish? These volunteers visit homes, nursing facilities, or Community Hospital, according to parish need and personal preference. We could use your help...<i>can you help?</i> If you would like to hear more about this ministry, please call our coordinator, Mr. Walter Murdock at 562.788.3082 or email: wmurdock@ca.rr.com.</p>
<p>GUEST CHEF PROGRAM</p>	<p>The Guest Chef program continues on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Catholic Charities Shelter. If you would like to bake a casserole for 20, make cookies, or help serve dinner between 5:45 and 6:45 on the 3rd Thursday of the month—one or more times a year—please call Claire at 562.597.4030.</p>
<p>BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING</p>	<p>Our Parish Nursing Staff will be available after the 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Mass to check your blood pressure. Please take advantage of this life-saving offer!</p>
<p>REMINDER.. REMINDER... REMINDER... REMINDER...</p>	<p>MANNA MEALS helpers will meet in the Hall this Friday, Oct. 16 at 8:45a.m.</p> <p>LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING will take place this Monday, Oct. 12 at 7p.m. in the Rectory. We will discuss our Thanksgiving and Advent liturgies.</p> <p>CROP Walk will be held next Sunday, October 18th. Members of Peace and Justice will be outside the church today to recruit walkers, accept donations and answer questions.</p> <p>ST. ANTHONY HIGH SCHOOL You are invited to “Casino Night” on Saturday Nov. 14, 7-11p.m-\$35.00 per person. Purchase presale tickets by Oct. 15 and get an extra \$50 in chips. Important information about the annual “Saint for a Day” program for 8th graders happening on Oct. 15th and Admissions Info nights Oct 15th, 28th, Nov.12— visit: www.longbeachsaints.org or call 562.435.4496 x 1217.</p>
<p>NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS</p>	<p>TWENTY– NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p> <p>1st READING: Isaiah 53:10-11; 2nd READING: Hebrews 4:16-16 GOSPEL: Mark 10:35-45 [42-45]</p> <p>REFLECTION... <i>What can I learn from pain and suffering?</i></p> <p><i>Even “serving others” can sometimes be a cross, but Jesus modeled this and called us to do the same. Who is suffering that needs my prayers and encouragement?</i></p>