

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Through his suffering, my servant shall justify many. —Isaiah 53:11b

October 18, 2009

~ Parish Life and Activities... ~

RESPECT LIFE	<p><i>"I feel the duty to affirm yet again that not all that is scientifically possible is also ethically licit. Technology, when it reduces the human being to an object of experimentation, results in abandoning the weak subject to the arbitration of the stronger. To blindly entrust oneself to technology as the only guarantee of progress, without offering at the same time an ethical code that penetrates its roots in that same reality under study and development, would be equal to doing violence to human nature with devastating consequences for all"</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>—Pope Benedict XIV Address to Participants of the International Congress on Natural Moral Law</i></p> <p>Don't forget 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.. Please place 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>
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY	<p>TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY—Envelopes are in the pews. Please be generous.</p> <p>The Risen Christ sends his disciples to carry on the mission he received from the Father and he breathes his spirit on them. At Pentecost the People of God begins the missionary journey on the roads of the world, to the far corners of the earth. The Book of the Acts of the Apostles narrates the first steps of this journey outside Palestine and then, with the calling St. Paul the Apostle, as far as Greece and Rome. After two thousand years the words of Christ still resound in the hearts of his disciples: "Go therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit" (Mt. 28, 19). This is why all Christians are sent into the world to bring to completion the mission of the Master. This is why the Church is essentially missionary.</p>
SECOND COLLECTION	<p>NEXT WEEKEND we will take up a second collection to help defray the \$2,500.00 cost of our in-pew 2010 <i>Breaking Bread</i> books. These books are an essential part of our worships throughout the next liturgical year which begins on the First Sunday of Advent, November 29th.</p>
THANK YOU	<p>Thank you for the Golden Jubilee celebration you provided for Sister Sharon and me! It was wonderful to see so many of you on October 4th, to pray together at Mass, and to enjoy cookies and cream puffs afterwards. I thank all of you for your gifts, your time and energy in preparing the reception and your continuing commitment to Jesus Christ and the Church. I miss you and will always have happy memories of my eight years at St. Matthew Church.</p> <p>Gratefully, Sister Dolores Barling</p>
ATTENTION LECTORS	<p style="text-align: center;">Need help with pronunciation of words in the Sunday readings? Go to: http://netministries.org/Bbasics/BBwords.htm 1) Select the first letter of the word 2) Select the word 3) Hear the word pronounced correctly.</p>
HELP OUR NEIGHBOR PARISH	<p>ST. ANTHONY HIGH SCHOOL Important information about Admissions Info nights, Oct 28th and Nov.12— visit: www.longbeachsaints.org or call 562.435.4496 x 1217. Please come to "Casino Night" on Saturday Nov. 14, 7-11p.m-\$35.00 per person. 562.421.9142.</p> <p>KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Halloween Spaghetti Dinner Saturday, October 31st 5-9p.m. at Monsignor Gualderon Hall at 6th & Alamos Ave. L.B. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults. The dinner helps raise funds for the wheelchair Foundation and the Columbian Foundation</p>
NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS	<p style="text-align: center;">THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1st READING: Jeremiah 31:7-9; 2nd READING: Hebrews 5:1-6 GOSPEL: Mark 10:46-52</p> <p style="text-align: center;">REFLECTION... <i>Like he asked the blind man, Jesus asks us "what do you want me to do for you?" What "cloaks" do I need to cast aside to better follow Him? Who in my life is struggling—how can I reach out to this person?</i></p>