

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad indeed. —Psalm 126:3

October 25, 2009

~ Parish Life and Activities... ~

RESPECT LIFE	YOUR DONATIONS of receiving blankets, diapers, baby wipes, nightgowns, sleepers, booties, etc. have been generous and very much appreciated. The bassinet will remain in front of the Sacred Heart Altar through the end of this month. Remember that monetary donations may be placed in an envelope marked <i>"Precious Life Shelter"</i> and dropped in the collection basket. Thank you.
MARKET BASKET COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND	OUR CATHOLIC CHARITIES MARKET BASKET COLLECTION will take place next weekend. Your contribution of non-perishable foods (beans, rice, canned meat, canned fruits & vegetables, cereal, peanut butter) may be placed inside the grocery basket located outside the church. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, please place your donation inside an envelope marked <i>MAR-KET BASKET COLLECTION</i> and drop it in the Sunday collection basket.
SEASON FLU VACCINES AVAILABLE HERE IN DECEMBER	A LIMITED NUMBER OF SEASON (ANNUAL) INFLUENZA VACCINES will be available at St. Matthew's in December. This is slightly later than offered last year due to circumstances beyond the control of the City of Long Beach. If this is later than you care to wait, you might want to contact your healthcare provider or retail pharmacy. GROUPS RECOMMENDED FOR VACCINES ARE: Pregnant women; household contacts and caregivers for children younger than 6 months of age; healthcare and emergency medical services personnel; children from 6 months through 18 years of age; persons aged 19-49 years who have health conditions associated with a higher risk of medical complications from influenza (high risk medical conditions include heart or lung disease; metabolic diseases such as diabetes conditions that weaken the immune system (such as HIV, cancer, chronic steroid therapy, advanced liver or kidney disease, etc.); and muscle or nerve disorders.
SECOND COLLECTION	THIS 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.
CONCERN AMERICA	SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH , volunteers from Concern America will return with unique, quality handcrafts that provide us with the opportunity to purchase conscientiously. The gifts we find for special events, holidays, or to brighten our own homes are an exchange of caring with impoverished communities in developing countries. The inventory has been refreshed with a number of new crafts and designs. Inspired by nature, these beautifully crafted textiles, ceramics and wood products, honor indigenous traditions, and were selected to be reminders that when a Concern America product is purchased we are providing a source of income to materially poor communities; promoting human scale endeavors; eco-friendly work patterns; and fair working conditions. Concern America is an international development and refugee aid organization based in Santa Ana, CA You may view a selection of their crafts on their website, www.concernamerica.org .
ATTENTION LECTORS	Need help with pronunciation of words in the Sunday readings? http://netministries.org/Bbasics/BBwords.htm 1) Select the first letter of the word 2) Select the word 3) Hear the word pronounced correctly.
FALL BACK...	TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR <i>before retiring next Saturday night, October 31st.</i>
NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS	FEAST OF ALL SAINTS 1st READING: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14 2nd READING 1 John 3:1-3 GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12a REFLECTION... <i>Are there saints in my life? Who are they? Which of the Beatitudes do I find most appealing? Which of them do I try to emulate on a daily basis?</i>