

ALL SAINTS

SEE WHAT LOVE THE FATHER HAS BESTOWED ON US
THAT WE MAY BE CALLED THE CHILDREN OF GOD —1 JOHN 3:1

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~ Parish Life and Activities... ~

<p>WE LONG TO SEE GOD'S FACE</p>	<p><i>"LORD, THIS IS THE PEOPLE THAT LONGS TO SEE YOUR FACE."</i> This antiphon for today's responsorial psalm offers the focus for today's readings. As we on earth celebrate the triumph of all the saints—the ones officially canonized by the Church, and the countless others who have also reached heaven—we add nothing to their glory. But we give ourselves reason to hope. We, too, long to see the face of God and believe that we can one day be counted among those whose robes, as John tells us in the book of Revelation are washed "white in the blood of the Lamb."</p>
<p>MARKET BASKET COLLECTION TODAY</p>	<p>OUR CATHOLIC CHARITIES MARKET BASKET COLLECTION takes place today. 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>MARKET BASKET COLLECTION</i> and drop it in the Sunday collection basket.</p>
<p>CONCERN AMERICA</p>	<p>NEXT WEEKEND, NOVEMBER 7TH & 8TH, volunteers from Concern America will be here 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.</p>
<p>SEASON FLU VACCINES AVAILABLE HERE IN DECEMBER</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">A LIMITED NUMBER OF <u>SEASON (ANNUAL)</u> INFLUENZA VACCINES <i>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 may want to contact your healthcare provider or retail pharmacy.</i></p> <p>GROUPS RECOMMENDED FOR ANNUAL INFLUENZA VACCINE 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.)</p> <p>FOR YOUR INFORMATION: GROUPS RECOMMENDED FOR H1N1 INFLUENZA VACCINE 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; young adults 19 through 24 years of age and persons aged 25 through 64 years who have health conditions associated with higher risk of medical complications from influenza (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.)</p>
<p>NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p> <p>1st READING: 1 Kings 17:10-16 2nd READING: Hebrews 9:24-28 GOSPEL: Mark 12:38-44 [41-44]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">REFLECTION... <i>How can I contribute to lasting food sources through such programs as Catholic Relief and Bread for the World?</i> <i>Do I know someone like the poor widow who gives from what little she has?</i> <i>How can I learn to lean on the goodness of God?</i></p>