

# THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HEAVEN AND EARTH WILL PASS AWAY,  
BUT MY WORDS WILL NOT PASS AWAY —MARK 13:31

NOVEMBER 15, 2009

~ Parish Life and Activities... ~

<b>ENCOURAGEMENT</b>	<p>This Sunday's Gospel is our final selection from Mark for this liturgical year. It is taken from the end of Jesus' teaching in Jerusalem immediately preceding the account of his arrest and passion. In it Jesus gives his disciples hope to sustain them through his passion and death and any persecution or suffering that they would encounter after his resurrection.</p> <p>The words from the book of Daniel also provided hope and encouragement to the people of Daniel's time. The encouragement in these scriptures is meant for us as well, for none of us will escape tribulation in our lives. Followers of Jesus will be able to endure suffering with joyful hope, knowing that Christ's love will lead us along the way of discipleship and give us eternal life with God.</p>
<b>BLANKET AND COAT DRIVE</b>	<p><b>TODAY OUR SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL</b> will be collecting <i>gently used blankets, jackets and coats</i> to be distributed to the homeless of Long Beach. You may deposit your clean, warm, items in the marked box that will be located outside the church.</p>
<b>ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS</b>	<p><b>YOUR NON-AVAILABILITY DATES</b> for the months of December January and February are <b>due by Monday, November 23rd</b>. Also, <b>Year C lector workbooks are available</b> in the Rectory. Your donation of \$10.00 is requested to help defray the cost.</p>
<b>WE NEED FLOWERS</b>	<p><b>PLEASE HELP DECORATE</b> our Church for the Feast of Christ the King and Thanksgiving by <b>donating long stemmed Birds of Paradise and leaves</b>. You may bring them to the Parish office on or before Friday, November 20th.</p>
<b>THANK YOU</b>	<p>Thanks to all the folks who helped set up the Project Concern Craft items, who purchased them or contributed to the worthy cause. Thanks to your great effort, we were able to send \$1,000 to the continuing efforts of third world people</p>
<b>LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING</b>	<p>All Liturgy Committee members are reminded that there will be a meeting on <b>Monday, November 30th at 7:00p.m.</b> in the Rectory when we will make final plans for the Advent and Christmas Seasons.</p>
<b>CHRISTMAS TOYS NEEDED</b>	<p>Catholic Charities and St. Mary Medical Center will hold a Christmas party for 700 children on December 8th. <b>Toy donations are greatly needed for children ages 1 month to 12 years of age</b>. Please deliver them to Catholic Charities, 123 E. 14th St. <b>by Dec. 4</b>. Call 562.591.1641 for further information.</p>
<b>THANKSGIVING DAY MASS</b>	<p>We will celebrate our <b>bilingual Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00a.m. on November 26th</b>. We ask all those planning to attend to bring non-perishable food items or monetary donation. We want everyone to be a part of our offertory procession! After Mass, Mr. Paul Mousel will take our donations to the St. Francis Center where they will be distributed to those in need.</p>
<b>JOIN US</b>	<p>to pray the rosary every Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m. in the Church.</p>
<b>LIFE...</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i><b>God's love does not distinguish between the infant in the mother's womb or the child or the youth or the adult or the older person. In each one God sees His image and likeness. Human life is a manifestation of God and His Glory.</b></i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Pope Benedict XVI</i></p>
<b>NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>1st READING:</b> Daniel 7:13-14 <b>2nd READING:</b> Revelation 1:5-8 <b>GOSPEL:</b> John 18:33b-37</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>REFLECTION...</b> <i>In what ways can I "let go" of power and control and depend upon a "higher power" and recognize the freedom this gives me. In what ways am I called upon to testify to the truth of the Gospel message even at times when the message is unpopular?"</i></p>