

Spetember 8, 2013

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Walking the Path of Peace

The readings, this weekend, take us to a deep, deep place. The first reading realizes that the human mind is too small to contain God--if the entirety of God could be crammed into this little skull, it would be a very small god, indeed! So, how do we know anything of this God? Because with great love, God chose to reveal it to us--this for the author of the Book of Wisdom is what the Torah is--a book of words, each with an infinite depth of meaning--opening us onto the infinity of God--and giving us behaviors that can help us draw near to the Mystery that is beyond us. The second reading reminds us that no act can draw us near to God that is forced--the "drawing near" to God must always be voluntary, and it is done by drawing near to our neighbor--in the case of the second reading, a slave, and a run-away-slave at that! **The Gospel reading reminds us that the path of drawing near to God is hard--like a cross--and our families will perhaps not want it for us--for it is a path of peace, and peace is never as glorious as beating up the foe.** Rebellion was always in the air in the first half of the first century, when Jesus lived. Here, he begs people not to go to war--"count the cost, if nothing else! Look at how powerful they are! Are you crazy?" But, **walking the path of peace is all about building the space that allows us to draw near to the Divine Presence.** Where do you have a choice between "making peace" and "making a battle?"

- Fr., Bill Axe

8 Septiembre 2013

Veigésimo Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Caminando sobre el camino de la paz

Las lecturas de este fin de semana, nos llevan a un lugar bien profundo. La primera lectura se da cuenta que la mente humana es muy pequeña para contener a Dios- si es que la totalidad de Dios se puede contener en esta pequeña cabeza, ¿será un Dios bastante pequeño! Entonces, ¿cómo sabemos algo sobre este Dios? Porque con gran amor, Dios decidió revelarlo a nosotros- esto es para el autor del Libro de Sabiduría es lo que el Tora es- un libro de palabras, cada uno con un significado infinitamente profundo--llevándonos hacia la infinidad de Dios- y dándonos maneras de ser que nos puedan ayudar a estar cerca al Misterio que está más allá de nosotros. La segunda lectura nos recuerda que ningún acto nos puede acercar a Dios si es que es forzado- el "acercarse" a Dios debe de siempre ser voluntario, y se hace al acercarnos al prójimo- ¡en el caso de la segunda lectura, un esclavo, y un esclavo que se escapa! **El Evangelio nos recuerda que el camino para acercarse a Dios es difícil- como una cruz- y nuestras familias a lo mejor no lo querrán para nosotros- puesto que es el camino de la paz, y la paz no es tan glorioso como cuando se le golpea al rival.** La rebelión siempre estaba en el ambiente en la primera mitad del primer siglo, cuando vivía Jesús. Aquí, les pide a la gente que no se vayan a guerra- "¿cuenten el costo, si es que no hay más! ¡Vean qué tan poderosos son! ¿Están locos?" Pero, **caminando sobre el camino de la paz siempre se trata de crear los espacios que nos permiten acercarnos a la Presencia Divina.** ¿Dónde tienen la opción entre "haciendo la paz" y "haciendo una batalla?"

-Padre Bill Axe

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Let us Pray for our Sick

Receemos por los enfermos

- Allie Smith
- Anabel Manriquez
- Angelica Amezcua
- Arlasha Allen
- Barbara Harvey
- Bertha Antee
- Celestine Wright
- Charley Johnson
- Christina Paul
- Constantino Perez
- Darwin Varela
- Devina Molette-Ford
- Dominique Barksdale
- Edith Bell
- Edwin Raland
- Edwin Rivas
- Ethel Chachere
- Florence Baker
- Georgie Davis
- Gladys Green
- Gloria Sanguillen
- Guadalupe Morales
- Henre Dorsey
- Jack & Michael Stokes
- Jaime Rubalcava
- Juanita Rubalcava
- Lauren Lafargé
- Linda, Joseph, Denise, Theresa and Marie Guillian
- Lorraine Duperon
- Maria Perez
- Mario Ojeda
- Martha Dorsey
- Maura Fitzgerald
- Mary Just
- Michelle Porter
- Norma Barker
- Patrick Fitzgerald
- Paula Dupre Moore
- Peggy Anderson
- Rafael Segura
- Raymond Almeida
- Rita N. Ashe
- Rose Thierry
- Sandy Blanco
- Sevarina Legaspi
- Sheri Marshall
- Sylvia Smyles
- Teresa Casaus
- Timothy Akens
- Virginia Gadison
- Giovanni Garcia
- Sergio Villanueva Flores
- Roy Cunningham
- Della Walker
- Ethel Ware
- Billy Paul
- Elvia Herrera
- Oscar Barbosa
- Silvia Esquivel
- Mariana Reynoso



"Trust the past to the Mercy of God, the present to His Love, and the future to His Providence."

- St. Augustine



OUR MISSION - NUESTRA MISIÓN

To build and foster a Christian Community that offers the opportunity to experience God's unconditional love and acceptance to all who come into contact with it.

Crear y alimentar una comunidad cristiana que ofrezca la oportunidad de experimentar el amor incondicional de Dios y la aceptación a todos con quienes nos encontremos.

Dear Parish Family

Querida Familia Parroquial

Our Gospel today gives us some very daunting challenges. Does Christ really mean all these things he says to us? What are we getting ourselves into?? We are getting into the most radical commitment of our lives- to accept Christ as our Lord and Savior. We are committing to him and his mission to bring new life to the world, and to bring all our relationships into our life in him. We commit to work at having that mind in us that was in Christ Jesus.

Nuestro Evangelio nos da unos retos abrumadores. ¿Será que Cristo en verdad quiere decir todas estas cosas que nos dice? ¿En qué nos estamos metiendo? Nos estamos comprometiendo en el compromiso más radical de nuestras vidas- de aceptar a Cristo como nuestro Señor y nuestro Salvador. Nos estamos entregando a él y a su misión de traer nueva vida al mundo, y de traer todas nuestras relaciones hacia nuestras vidas en él. Nos comprometemos en el trabajo teniendo esa mente en nosotros que estaba en Cristo Jesús .

We are getting ourselves into bringing about a renewed world, where a new sense of family moves us beyond blood ties, a new sense of self takes us beyond personal fulfillment, a new sense of relationship to possessions carries us beyond "shop, shop, shop." So count the cost, know what's at stake, and commit this day to Christ the Lord.

Nos estamos comprometiendo en tener un mundo renovado, donde un nuevo sentido de familia nos mueve más allá de nuestros lazos de sangre, un nuevo sentido de ser nos lleva más allá de una realización personal, un nuevo sentido de relacionarse a las posesiones nos lleva más allá de la "compra, compra, compra." Así que cuenten el costo, sepan lo que está en juego, y dediquen este día a Cristo el Señor.

Have a good week,
Sr. Karen

Que tengan una semana agradable,
Hermana Karen

Together in Mission - Unidos en Mision

Thank you to all who have made a pledge to Together in Mission. We still have a long way to go to meet our goal.

Gracias a todos los que han completado su promesa a Unidos en Misión. Todavía tenemos mas de cumplir para llegar a nuestra meta.

It is very important that these pledges be paid so that our parish will reach and, hopefully, exceed our goal.

Es muy importante que estas promesas se completan para que nuestra parroquia alcanzará y, ojala, superar nuestra meta.

Once the pledge payments have exceeded our goal, we receive all of the additional funds for use in our parish ministries.

Una vez que los pagos de aspirantes han superado nuestro objetivo, recibimos todos los fondos adicionales para el uso en los ministerios de nuestra parroquia.

We are \$17,292.20 short of the goal in pledges; \$25,400.20 short in payments if we had the total amount pledged.

If you have not already made a pledge, please prayerfully consider making a pledge or one time gift to help the poor parishes in our Archdiocese.

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| GOAL / META | \$40,297.20 |
| <i>Pledges / Promesas</i> | <i>\$23,018.00</i> |
| <i>Payments / Pagos</i> | <i>\$14,798.00</i> |

Estamos \$17,292.20 debajo de la meta en promesas; \$25,400.20 corto en pagos si tuviéramos la cuenta total de lo comprometido. Si todavía no has hecho su promesa, por favor consideren hacer una promesa o un regalo para ayudar a las parroquias mas pobres en nuestra Arquidiócesis.

Sunday Contribution / Contribuciones del domingo

The Lord bless you and keep you. May He show his face to you and have mercy on you. May He turn his countenance to you and give you peace

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| Week ending Sunday, September 1 | \$ 8,770.00 |
| <i>Week ending Sunday, August 25</i> | <i>\$ 7,248.60</i> |
| <i>Week ending Sunday, August 18</i> | <i>\$ 8,167.23</i> |

El Señor te bendiga y te guarde. Que resplandezca su faz sobre ti y tenga misericordia de ti. Que vuelva a ti su rostro y te dé paz.

Night of Praise

Performing

Group Los Buhos
Agua Viva Group
Nazareth Group
St. Finbar Music Ministry

Saturday
September 28,
2013
5:00p.m.—
11:00p.m.

Entrance \$20.00 per adult
\$10.00 for children (5-10 years old)

Dinner and drink will be included with your entrance

Dinner 5:30p.m.—7:30p.m.



“Let everything that has breath Praise the Lord” Psalm 150:6

Noche de Alabanza

Sábado 28 de Septiembre del 2013

5:00p.m.—11:00p.m.

Entrada: \$20.00 por adulto
\$10 por niños (5-10 años)
Cena y refresco incluidos
con su entrada
Cena 5:30p.m.—
7:30p.m.

IGLESIA DE SANTA
AGUEDA

Con la participación de:

- **Grupo Los Búhos**
- **Grupo de Agua Viva**
- **Grupo Nazaret**
- **Coro de San Finbar**



“Que Todo Lo Que Respire Alabe al Señor” Salmo 150:6

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Becoming a Catholic-Christian is an adventure! Some of us are born into a Catholic family and baptized as infants. For others, the journey to God may take a different route. Each life story, each faith journey is unique. And God is there every step of the way. Where are you in this adventure? Are you looking for a place to belong? Perhaps it is time to begin "INQUIRING" about the Catholic faith. If this is you, please call the Pastoral Office at (323) 935-8127. We would like to hear your story.



RITO DE INICIACION CRISTIANA (RICA)

Conviértase en un cristiano católico es una aventura! Algunos de nosotros nacimos en una familia católica y bautizados como infantes. Para otros, el camino a Dios puede tomar una ruta diferente. Cada historia de vida, cada viaje de fe es única. y Dios está allí, en cada paso del camino. ¿Dónde estás en esta aventura? ¿Buscas un lugar en donde pertenecer? Tal vez es hora de empezar a "Preguntar" acerca de la fe católica. Si es así, por favor llame a la Oficina Pastoral al (323) 933-0963. Nos gustaría escuchar tu historia.

"GETTING THE CARE YOU WANT WHEN YOU NEED IT THE MOST"

Would you like to provide peace of mind to your family and loved ones while preserving your dignity if you cannot speak for yourself? Please join Karen Badon (parishioner) and La Fiaun Walker from Active Hospice Care on **Sunday, September 15th after the 8:30 and 10:00 a.m.** masses for a presentation on **Five Wishes** at the parish hall. Five Wishes is the first document that lets you voice your medical concerns as well as your spiritual, emotional and personal needs. We will explain the benefits of a living will, and you will have the opportunity to complete your Five Wishes in a legally binding document. This community service is provided at no charge to you.

Light refreshments will be served. If you have any questions, please call Karen Badon at (310) 339-5915.



Eucharistic Ministry Meeting Reminder

The next Eucharist Ministry Meeting will be on **Sunday, September 22, 2013** after the 10:00 a.m. Mass at the Conference Room. Please bring your favorite dish to share.

S.H.A.R.E. CORNER

♦ **September 14 Kirlin LeDe**

"NOBODY CAN DO EVERYTHING BUT EVERYBODY CAN DO SOMETHING"

Thank you Yvonne Shoulder's our wingless angels

who single handedly and quietly each time the 10 AM Choir is scheduled to donate the sandwiches for our Saturday guests steps up to purchase supplies to make and donate 100 plus sandwiches.

Yvonne, we appreciate your thoughtful kindness in reaching out to be the blessings for our guests. God is good all the time all the time God is good and we are grateful that He has blessed the S.H.A.R.E. Ministry with you Yvonne. Amen.

Thank you!!!!!! To Azalie and Yolanda our S.H.A.R.E. Ministry Leaders

who serve as role models in how to serve up dignity, respect and love to stimulate hope and up lift the spirits of our guests each week.

Volunteer brother's Rolando, Enrique and David, Concepcion and her grand daughter Sidney. David, Andrew, Felix, Natalie B , Berta, Gloria and Celeste spent their Saturday making flower bouquets, preparing the lunch bags, serving the meal, and passing on blessings of their time and talent to our guests.

We praise God for seeing our needs and sending all of you.

We were made aware of a possible situation for our prep for the Annual Christmas Day Dinner this year. Because Stella School's last day before the Winter break is Friday December 20 we will not be able to use the hall that week to prepare for the Dinner. This does present a big problem for us BUT NOT FOR GOD. As most of you know we usually use the hall a week or more before Christmas to collect food, collect and sort used cloth clothing, collect and

♦ **September 21 AACE Ministry Contact Mrs. Paul / Marion**

wrap gifts, use the refig to store and thaw turkeys and store refrigerated perishable foods. We will have 4 jam packed rushed days to be ready to serve on Christmas Day. This is do able with God and your support. We are wondering if anyone has a connection with someone who rents/owns POD storage containers who will donate one for us to use from November 30 through December 28. We will collect and store the used items in this area. This donation can provide free Advertisement for them (everyone in the church will see the storage container) and the church can provide them with a donation letter. If anyone is a aware of anyone who can help us by making this donation please call Margie at 323-934-8127. Thank you.

Letters for Vendor for the 2013 Holiday Boutique has been mailed to 2012 years participants. PLEASE NOTE

Vendor space/spaces are not reserved or held until the completed application and full suggested donation has been received. Inquiries can be made by calling Margie 323-935-8127

We can serve only because God has placed it on your heart to support the S.H.A.R.E. Outreach Ministry. Thank you.

On your journey this week note how God is using you to be a blessing for someone. God may not give you a neon sign that says "pass me on" He'll give you a very small you almost missed moment that the receiver and you the giver will feel and recognize and may be even make you wanna shout and perhaps even dance,

Blessings,
The S.H.A.R.E. Ministry

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RESOURCES TO HELP KEEP KIDS SAFE

In addition to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles' website, <http://www.la-archdiocese.org>, and www.virtus.org, the website of a child safety training program utilized throughout the archdiocese, the website of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children offers dozens of well-produced informational brochures covering a broad range of child safety topics. Go to www.ncmec.org to find helpful information about child safety.

For particular help you may call Suzanne Healy, director of Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650.



RECURSOS PARA AYUDAR A LOS NIÑOS

Además de la página de Internet de la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles, <http://www.la-archdiocese.org>, y www.virtus.org, la página de Internet del programa de entrenamiento en seguridad de los niños utilizada por la Arquidiócesis, la página de Internet del Centro Nacional de Niños Perdidos y Explotados ofrece docenas de folletos informativos que cubren una amplia gama de asuntos sobre la seguridad de los niños. Visite www.ncmec.org y encontrará más información sobre la seguridad de los niños.

Para obtener ayuda puede llamar a Suzanne Healy, directora del Ministerio de Ayuda al (213) 637-7650.

WOMEN CREATING SACRED MOMENTS

Holy Spirit Retreat Center invites you to a NEW Women's Series: *Women Creating Sacred Moments* will meet monthly, beginning on Thursday, September 26 from 10 AM to 1 PM. There will be time for reflection, conversation and varied prayer. The first workshop will be: Pen & Paper: Writing Together for Pleasure, an opportunity to express yourself freely in a safe environment. **The facilitator is Josie Broehm**, MFT, psychotherapist & spiritual director. The retreat center is located at 4316 Lanai Rd, Encino, 91346; registration: 818-784-4515, ext 370; for questions about the series, email jmcbroehm@aol.com. *Please bring your lunch.*

NAZARETH HOUSE

AUXILIARY LUNCHEON AND CARD PARTY

3333 Manning Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90064

Thursday, September 12, 2013

Reservations – please call Cathy Nichols

310 838-8689

Cost - \$15.00. Valet Parking will be available

Donations still being collected for our bazaar.

ARCHDIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

The Central District of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women invites all women of the parish to a day of prayer and fellowship with other Catholic women of the area. **EVERY CATHOLIC WOMAN IS A MEMBER AND THERE ARE NO DUES.** The meeting will be held on **Friday, September 20, 2013** at Transfiguration Catholic Church, 2515 W. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard Los Angeles, California 90008. The day begins at 9:30 a.m. and includes a speaker, Mass, lunch and concludes at 1:30 p.m. Reservations are not necessary. All are welcome to attend. **NO CHARGE.**

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKEND

for Healing after Abortion Rachel's Vineyard retreat is for men and women struggling with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion. The retreat is designed to help participants work through repressed grief and anger in a safe, nonjudgmental setting and come to acceptance, healing, and hope for the future. Developed in the Roman Catholic Tradition, it utilizes spiritual exercises and rituals to help grieve the loss of unborn children and to accept God's forgiveness. All inquiries and registrations are confidential. **October 11-13, 2013** Cost: \$215. per person. For registration or more information please call: 866-2-RACHEL 866-272-2435
www.rachelsvineyard.org

Immediate Action Needed!

Help us stop SB 131 (Beall)! Current law treats victims of child sexual abuse the same, regardless of where the abuse took place and regardless of whether the abuser worked for a public school, a private school or a religious organization.

A controversial bill winding its way through the state Legislature would change all that. Under SB 131, victims who were abused by employees or volunteers of private or non-profit organizations would be able to sue those organizations even if the statute of limitations was over. Victims who may have been abused in public schools or by government workers, on the other hand, get nothing. As the bill is currently drafted, not only are they prevented from suing the school, they can't even sue the actual perpetrator who committed the abuse.

The California Catholic Conference opposes SB 131, and opposes discrimination against victims and private employers. SB 131 is also opposed by a growing coalition of that includes private schools and universities, the Police Activity League, the California YMCA/YWCA, USA Swim, USA Gymnastics, other religious groups and the La Raza Roundtable de California. Visit www.cacatholic.org for more information and click "ACT NOW" for an email that you can send to your Assembly Member.

Mass Intentions - Intenciones

Saturday September 7 † Sábado 7 de Septiembre
5:30 p.m. Our Parish Youth (Blessings)

Sunday September 8 † Domingo 8 de Septiembre
Wis 9:13-18 / Ps 90:3-6, 12-13, 14-17 / Phi 1:9-10, 12-17 / Lk 14:25-33
7:00 a.m. Richard Cervantes †
- De parte de la familia Cervantes

8:30 a.m. Carmela & Novencia Garcia †
- Requested by Florina Garcia

10:00 a.m. Betty Cabasag †
- Requested by family

10:00 a.m. Andy & Trina Diaz (Renewal of marriage)
- Requested by Cristina Diaz

10:00 a.m. Vikki Rodriguez (Happy Birthday!)
- Requested by friends

12:15 p.m. Carlos Curiel †
- De parte de la familia De La Cerda

12:15 p.m. Guadalupe de la Cerda †
- De parte de la familia De La Cerda

5:30 p.m. Our Parish Family (Blessings)

Monday, September 9 † Lunes 9 de Septiembre
Colossians 1:24 -- 2:3 / Psalm 62:6-7, 9 / Luke 6:6-11
6:30 p.m. Our Parish Family

Tuesday, September 10 † Martes 10 de Septiembre
Colossians 2:6-15 / Psalm 145:1-2, 8-11 / Luke 6:12-19
6:30 p.m. Nuestra Familia Parroquial-

Wednesday, September 11 † Miércoles 11 de Agosto
Colossians 3:1-11 / Psalm 145:2-3, 10-13 / Luke 6:20-26
8:00 a.m. Our Parish Family (Blessings)

Thursday September 12 † Jueves 12 Septiembre
Sirach 24:17-21 / Luke 1:46-50, 53-54 / Luke 1:26-38
6:30 p.m. **Servicio de Comunión**

Friday, September 13 † Viernes 13 de Septiembre
1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14 / Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11 / Luke 6:39-42
6:30 p.m. Our Parish Family (Blessings)

Next Sunday Readings

-Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 15, 2013

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-32 or 15:1-10



Submit a bulletin Announcement

To be approved by Sr. Karen Collier:

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Fax: 323-939-3547 Att: Sr. Karen (Bulletin)



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Pastoral Office Hours

Monday - Friday • Lunes - Viernes

10:00 am - 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Saturday • Sábado

9:00 am - 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Sundays @ the Placita Office

Mass Times / Tiempos de Misa

Mon: 6:30pm (En) **Tues:** 6:30pm (Sp)

Wed: 8:00am (En) **Thurs:** 6:30pm (Sp)

Fri: 6:30pm (Bl) **Sat:** 5:30pm (En/Vigil)

Sun: 7:00am (Sp), 8:30am (En)

10:00am (En/Gospel)

12:15pm (Sp) 5:30pm (En)

Confession / Confesiones

Saturday/Sábado: 4:40pm