

# FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE REMAIN, THESE THREE;  
BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE.

— 1 CORINTHIANS 13:13

FEBRUARY 3, 2013

~ Parish Life and Activities... ~

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| <p><b>AN ONGOING MISSION</b></p>       | <p>In his hometown synagogue, Jesus' neighbors are amazed by his words. Nevertheless, they remind each other, "Is this not Joseph's son?" Surely the people know who he is. The carpenter's son. The young man who has learned in this very synagogue. The boy down the street. Conflict arises as Jesus begins to define himself in a new way. When he compares himself to the ancient prophets Elijah and Elisha the tensions grow. The tensions multiply when Jesus begins to tell of a new mission for God's people: the good news of the scriptures is intended for all. In his famous passage from the First Letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul reminds us of the eternal nature of love, Love does not come to an end. In today's readings, we are reminded that, like love, Jesus' mission cannot be contained. Jesus slips through the crowd of persecutors and moves on to new challenges. We are called to this same perseverance in the name of love.</p> |
| <p><b>GIVE BLOOD TODAY</b></p>         | <p><b><i>"The need for blood is constant...the gratification of giving blood is instant!"</i></b><br/> <b>TODAY, February 3rd, our parish is hosting a BLOOD DRIVE</b> on behalf of St. Mary Medical Center and the American Red Cross...please give. <b>Our parish nurses have variety of assessments available today to better monitor our health.</b> There are evaluations for vision, BMI (body mass index), blood sugar, blood pressure, cancer prevention, lung check and several others. It will take place in the Fr. Gerald Meisel parish hall between 8:00a.m.—2:00p.m.</p>   |
| <p><b>COMUNIDAD MEETING</b></p>        | <p>The next Comunidad meeting will take place this Tuesday, February 5 at 7:00p.m. in the Fr. Gerald Meisel parish hall. After a quick meeting at 7:15p.m., everyone will settle in for <i>MOVIE NIGHT</i>. A PERFECT FAMILY will be shown at 7:30, complemented by a variety of theater snacks to feast upon. All are welcome.</p>  |
| <p><b>PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY</b></p>   | <p>Today we are called to share our gifts with other parishes and schools in the Archdiocese. It is through the <b>TOGETHER IN MISSION CAMPAIGN</b> that we can most effectively support ministry outside of our parish boundaries. When you give to this campaign, you are providing for ministry, education and services in 35 parishes and 52 schools...<b>three of which are in Long Beach.</b> You are very directly, helping to bring the Good News, the Word of God, to thousands of people.</p>  |
| <p><b>MARKET BASKET COLLECTION</b></p> | <p>This weekend we are collecting non-perishable food items for the Catholic Charities food pantry. Many people are helped on a daily basis at Catholic Charities...without your generosity this would not be possible. Catholic Charities thanks you for your continued support of this ministry.</p>   |
| <p><b>LENTEN REFLECTIONS</b></p>       | <p>Beginning next Sunday and each Sunday of Lent thereafter, we will include in the bulletin, reflective questions that will explore the emotional content of Jesus' last hours. The Gospels say that Jesus spoke seven times while he hung dying on the cross. Each time he spoke has been called a "word." In each "word" you will have the opportunity to reflect on three things:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪THE SCRIPTURE WITH THE WORDS OF JESUS.</li> <li>▪YOUR OWN PERSONAL EXPERIENCE IN ORDER TO PLACE YOURSELF CLOSE TO JESUS AND TRY TO ENTER HIS EXPERIENCE.</li> <li>▪A PERSONAL VISUAL INTERPRETATION OF JESUS' WORDS.</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS</b></p>   | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b><br/> <b>FEBRUARY 10, 2013</b><br/> <b>FIRST READING: ISAIAH 6:1-2A, 3-8 SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11 [3-8, 11])</b><br/> <b>GOSPEL: LUKE 5:1-11</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Do I have a "friendship" with Jesus? How might I deepen that friendship?<br/>Have I truly said "yes" to discipleship?</i></p>   |