



## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THEN I HEARD THE VOICE OF THE LORD SAYING, "WHOM SHALL I SEND? WHO WILL GO FOR US?" "HERE I AM, "I SAID, "SEND ME!"

ISAIAH 6:8

FEBRUARY 10, 2013

### ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption. Ashes will be distributed at:

**8:00 MASS (English) & 12:15 P.M. PRAYER SERVICE (English).  
SPANISH SERVICES WILL BEGIN AT 5:00P.M.**

### YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY — LENTEN PRAYER AND REFLECTION ON THE SEVEN WORDS OF JESUS...

The Gospels say that Jesus spoke seven times while he hung dying on the cross. Each time he spoke has been called a "word." During Lent, we will provide a different 'word' each week. You will have the opportunity to reflect on:

- THE SCRIPTURE WITH THE WORDS OF JESUS.
- YOUR OWN PERSONAL EXPERIENCE IN ORDER TO PLACE YOURSELF CLOSE TO JESUS AND TRY TO ENTER HIS EXPERIENCE.
- A PERSONAL VISUAL INTERPRETATION OF JESUS' WORDS.

Please take time this week to meditate on the 'word' of Jesus (below). You are encouraged to compare your personal experiences with those of Jesus and to utilize the questions as a guide to enter his experience.

You are invited to share your ideas with other parishioners each Sunday (starting on the 17th) at 10:00a.m. (before 10:30a.m. Mass) in the rectory.

**"ABBA, LOVING GOD, FORGIVE THEM;  
THEY DO NOT KNOW WHAT THEY ARE DOING."** Luke 23:33, 34

*Have I ever sought or given forgiveness? What was the result of my efforts?*

(Have I ever participated in long-standing resentment against a group of persons such as terrorists, ethnic groups, long standing family or country feuds? Am I able to become a peacemaker instead of someone flaming the fire? )

If you care to enhance your meditations, there is a booklet available (\$15) which includes artwork and suggested music. Please call Sr. Sharon at 562.439.0931 x 5.

### TOGETHER IN MISSION

Next weekend we will be called to share our gifts with other parishes and schools within the L.A. Archdiocese. It is through the **TOGETHER IN MISSION CAMPAIGN** 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...**three of which are in Long Beach**. You are very directly, helping to bring the Good News, the Word of God, to thousands of people.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

*We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.  
Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.*

**Each Monday of Lent (beginning February 18) we will gather in the church at 6:30 p.m. to pray the Stations of the Cross.** The Stations of the Cross began originally as the practice of pious pilgrims to Jerusalem who would retrace the final journey of Jesus Christ to Calvary. Later, for the many who wanted to pass along the same route, but could not make the trip to Jerusalem, a practice developed that eventually took the form of the fourteen stations currently found in churches. Please include this beautiful devotion in your Lenten journey, allowing yourself to imagine his entry into the experience of those who are tortured, unjustly accused or victimized, sitting on death row, carrying impossible burdens, facing terminal illnesses, or simply fatigued with life.